

# May Party Replaces Forum

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**T**here will not be a Forum meeting in May since we will be celebrating LLI's 10th anniversary with our luncheon at Greenspring Village on May 2.

Party registration forms were published in the March newsletter; directions were in the April newsletter. Cash Bar opens at 11:30 am. Luncheon begins at 12:15 p.m. *Registration required.*

## Annual Membership Meeting Announced for June

According to Article IV of our bylaws a membership meeting must be held annually with a notice to all members at least 30 days in advance. This year's meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6, in the Forum Room of the Ernst Cultural Center on the NVCC—Annandale campus as a part of the "Forum" meeting that starts at 10:00 a.m. As usual, our speaker will appear first and the annual membership meeting will take place following a short break. Election of officers and Board of Directors members at large will be held (see separate article for the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates).

Please plan to remain after the break for this important business meeting. We will need at least 35 members in good standing to constitute a quorum.

## Future Forum Speakers

On Tuesday, June 6, Ms. Sonia Fuentes will present "My Life: My Journey from the Dock in New York City to the Governor's Mansion in Annapolis." As a child Ms. Fuentes emigrated from Nazi Germany arriving in the U.S. with her parents and brother in 1934. Following the June 6 meeting we will take a break until August 29. A speaker for that meeting will be announced at a later time.



**Class Rescheduled**  
Touring Washington 1900, originally planned for February 8, has been rescheduled for **Friday, May 12, from 1:30–3:00** in the Ernst Cultural Center, Seminar Room D. Dan Dennison will be emphasizing traveling to Washington and the tourist experience, arriving by steamboat and railroad, taking the electric railway to the hotel, and an introduction to sightseeing.

Those who registered and were *primaries* for the February class should plan to attend. Those who do not plan to attend May 12 should notify the class coordinator, Mary Underwood, or the LLI Office, so that wait-listed members may be invited.

## Arlene Wants to Know

One of the benefits of membership in LLI is making new friends. We like to show concern for fellow members by sending a card to anyone who is ill or has suffered a loss. If you are aware of any problem that a member (or member's family) is having, please let

me know and I will make sure they hear from LLI. You can reach me by phone at 703-569-0357 or by email at [arlenegribb@aol.com](mailto:arlenegribb@aol.com). Please include information identifying the nature of the problem so that an appropriate card is selected. Your help is greatly appreciated.

# Calendar of Events

# 10th Anniversary Name Game

## May

- 2 10th Anniversary Party
- 12 Board Meeting
- 12 Newsletter Deadline
- 18 Trip: to Historic Frederick, Maryland
- 22 Newsletter Mailing

## June

- 6 Forum
- 8 Trip: Baltimore Gardens (Harvey Ladew Topiary)
- 9 Board Meeting

## July

- No Forum
- 12 Board planning retreat
- 19 Lunch and play ("Footloose") – Shenandoah Theatre
- 21 Day Trip: Tudor Place and Textile Museum

## August

- 2 Day Trip: Ecology boat ride
- 4 Newsletter Deadline
- 14 Newsletter Mailing
- 29 Forum

## September

- 8 Board Meeting
- 8 Newsletter Deadline
- 18 Newsletter Mailing
- 26-29 Trip: Historic Cape May, New Jersey

## October

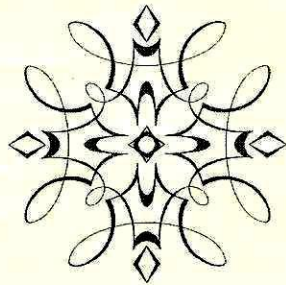
- 3 Forum
- 13 Board Meeting
- 13 Newsletter Deadline
- 23 Newsletter Mailing

## November

- 7 Forum
- 10 Board Meeting
- 10 Newsletter Deadline
- 20 Newsletter Mailing

## December

- No Forum; no newsletter
- 6 Board Meeting
- 14 Holiday luncheon



Last month the 10th Anniversary Name Game Quiz dealt with music, travel and locations, and, of course, LLI members. Here are the answers. How did you do?

1. Give her a "Von" and LLI's Gina Trapp would fit in well with the Trapp family chorus. Ask her to hum a few bars of "How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria?"

**1996 LLI 2006**



**Happy 10th Birthday!**

2. Staying near "where the hills are alive with the sound of music," LLI's Curt Kornblau left his native Vienna, Austria, and eventually settled in Vienna, Virginia. Curt told us "there's no music in the Beltway."
3. Italy without Sicily is like pasta without clam sauce. Ask Joyce if she has seen that medieval Sicilian city of Taormina.
4. Arlene and Sidney Sachs can tell us all about China, but not from a "Slow Boat" melody.
5. Even if you were not lucky enough to visit or live in New Jersey as a teenager, you surely donned your saddle shoes and jitterbugged to "The Jersey Bounce."
6. Good thing she's not on a book signing tour because Eleanor Shubinski-Mosser can claim the most letters in her family name.
7. To maintain this juvenile trend, the longest non-hyphenated entry is on the same page of our directory belongs to Kathy Schelbelhoffer.
8. Laura Charron keeps our LLI office running smoothly on all 12 cylinders.
9. This one was easy. LLI's ubiquitous "Man in Motion" is past president Lorin Goodrich. He might just do it all on "Goodrich radial tires."
10. The weatherman just couldn't hold off the December 9 snow and ice for 24 hours; we had to cancel the 2005 Holiday event. However, he reminds us that all the other December parties had perfect weather.

### LLI Board of Directors

**President:** Norma Hughes

**Secretary:** Libby Burge

**Treasurer:** Phil Runge

**Assistant Treasurer:** Warren Hynes

**Past President:** Lorin Goodrich

**President Emeritus:** J. Knox Singleton

**Members:** Richard DiBuono,

Burt Greenstein, Clinton Hall,

Colletta Hammond, Paul Hopley,

Jane Jones, Curt Kornblau,

Betty Mahon, Liddell McLeod,

Don Reynolds, Barbara Rolling,

Mary Underwood

**Administrator:** Laura Charron

### Newsletter Staff

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## President's Corner

Our very successful Winter/Spring 2006 academic program has nearly ended. We greatly appreciate and thank the many who have contributed to its success: faculty, course coordinators/study leaders, Curriculum and Registration Committee. The Curriculum Committee continues its work almost year round and has completed plans for an outstanding summer term consisting of 21 different courses and two exciting day trips. The course catalog is scheduled for mailing by May 5; class registrations must be received in the LLI office by June 6. Classes will begin June 26. The sooner you submit your registration forms, the better your chances are of getting into the courses and trips you select.

At the request of the President, board member Curt Kornblau is chairing a small committee to review LLI's current 2004-2006 Strategic Plan for the purpose of updating and continuing the Plan to 2008. LLI is your organization, and the committee would like input from LLI members on two questions: 1) What should LLI be doing that it is not doing already? and 2) What changes might be made in LLI's existing programs? Please feel free to comment on any aspect of LLI. Your response would be appreciated by the end of May and may be sent to the LLI office (attn: Curt Kornblau), or to him directly at (703) 938-1575; e-mail [ckornblau@yahoo.com](mailto:ckornblau@yahoo.com); or US mail to 9203 Old Courthouse Road, Vienna, VA 22182. The committee will consider all suggestions and will report its recommendations to the Board of Directors, at the Board's planning retreat in July.

Excitement is building over LLI's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at Greenspring!! Be sure not to miss it. See you there.

Norma Hughes

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## Membership Update

### New Members

Welcome! We hope you will participate in our classes and volunteer your talents and time to our various committees.

Mrs. Esther Dunlap, 1733 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, VA, 22043, 703-356-4385, [PD1733@verizon.net](mailto:PD1733@verizon.net).

## The Mayonnaise Jar and 2 Cups of Coffee

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.



The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was. The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things—your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions—and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car.

The sand is everything else—the small stuff. "If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness.

Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first—the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked."

"It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

## Candidates Announced for Board of Directors

**T**he Nominating Committee announces its slate of candidates for election to officer positions and to the Board of Directors at the June 6, 2006 annual membership meeting. Committee members are Lorin Goodrich (chair), Gladys Bucklew, Dick DiBuono, Arlene Gribben and Mary Underwood. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

*For President, NORMA HUGHES* (and a three-year term as Director): Norma is the current LLI president, a member of the Curriculum Committee, and has coordinated several LLI courses. Her current term as a Board member ends in June; hence she is nominated for another term on the Board as well as president. Norma retired in 2001 after 30 years with the Environmental Protection Agency as a Program Analyst. She enjoys participating in LLI's social activities, classes and programs, and loves to travel particularly in countries and locations "off the beaten path".

*For Vice President, DICK DiBUONO:* Dick has been an active member since joining LLI serving on the Board of Directors, chairing the Budget and Finance Committee and participating on several other committees. A semi-retired civil engineer, his other pursuits are genealogy, golf, and gardening, everything Italian, especially family and culture, taking LLI courses.

*For Secretary, GINA TRAPP* (and a three-year term as Director): Gina joined LLI in November 2004 and soon became a member of the Curriculum Committee. She also volunteers for other LLI activities. This will be Gina's first term on the Board if elected. She retired in September 2004 after working 30 years at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Gina has an avid interest in animals and enjoys travel and the theater.

*For Treasurer, PHIL RUNGE* Phil assumed the treasurer's position in February 2005. He has been an instructor in LLI for course such as computers, digital photography and "eBay". Phil has worked for a trade association and has been a consultant with several companies on technical and administrative matters.

*For Board member (three-year term), DEANNA deMEMBER:* Deanna retired from the U.S. Department of State in 2000 and joined LLI in 2001. She has served on the travel committee for the past two years. Deanna enjoys spending time with her many grandchildren, travel and listening to jazz. This will be her first term on the Board if elected.

*For Board member (three-year term), DOUG JOHNSON:* This will be Doug's first term on the Board if elected. Doug and his wife, Leona, joined LLI two years ago and have immensely enjoyed the programs and friends they have made. He retired six years ago after being a stock broker in Cleveland,

Ohio and he and Leona moved to Alexandria about 2 ½ years ago to "grow up" with their grandson. They now have a granddaughter back in Columbus, Ohio. Doug enjoys reading, travel and exercise. He is active in his Temple's activities.

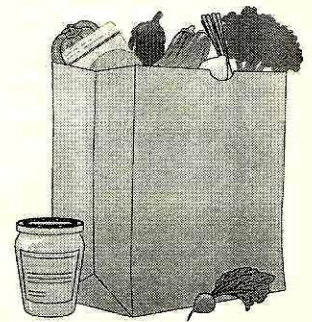
*For Board member (three-year term), DON REYNOLDS:* Don's current term on the Board ends in June; hence he is nominated for another term. Don has served as LLI's historian and is chairing the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events committee. Don's college studies were interrupted by World War II which took him from England to the Rhine via Normandy and Belgium. He worked with a World War II history team prior to returning to the United States. He has been a journalist for newspapers and magazines.

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## HELP WANTED

### LLI Food Outreach Coordinator

In June LLI's generous members will have contributed to eight different Northern Virginia organizations who feed the poor by bringing food donations to our monthly Forum meetings. Carol Weber, Betty Mahon, Martie and Chuck Klee, Sally and Don Reynolds, and Jane Jones have identified churches and agencies and delivered the donated food to those organizations. As the needs and numbers of the needy, working poor and homeless increase, all of the agencies have been so grateful for our donations. We do make a difference!

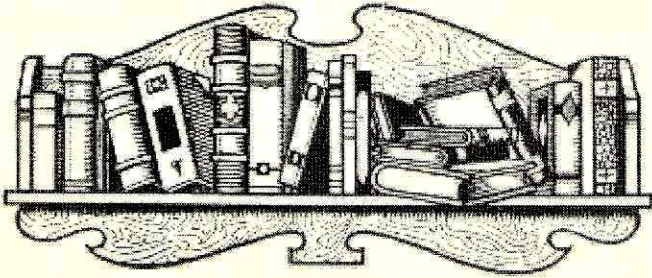


Would you like this program to continue? Your support in offering to deliver the food after Forum meetings is essential. Would you be willing to coordinate the program? Tasks include getting volunteers to deliver the food, contacting each agency to learn specific needs, sending information to Liddell McLeod for publication in the newsletter, and making announcements at Forum meetings.

Two people can share the job, which begins with the August 2006 Forum. For more information or to volunteer, call Jane Jones (703-799-7812).

# Special Interest Groups

## Favorite Books Club



On May 18 the book club members will discuss Tracy Kidder's book, ***Mountains Beyond Mountains***. This nonfiction work tells the story of Dr. Paul Farmer as he pursues his life's calling: to cure infectious diseases and to bring the lifesaving tools of modern medicine to those who need them most. Profound and powerful, the book takes the reader from Harvard to Haiti, Peru, Cuba, and Russia as Dr. Farmer changes people's minds through his dedication to the philosophy that "the only real nation is humanity."

If this type of reading interests you, join the group at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions, call Arlene Gribben at 703-569-0357 or e-mail at [arlenegribb@aol.com](mailto:arlenegribb@aol.com).

## Bridge Group



In May, the LLI Bridge Group will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays, May 10 and 24, at the Mason District Government Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (bring a bag lunch). Please call Bob or Gladys Bucklew, Chairpersons, at

703-631-7889 any date you wish to attend to afford us the opportunity to obtain sufficient card tables for attendees. All are welcome. Note that if there are "extra" people, Bridge play is rotated (four hands per game) among all present. Also, most of our players are "singles"; you do not need a partner to attend. We hope you can join us!

## Discussion Group

**Everyone Welcome** (no need to register)

**Date:** Friday, May 19, 2006, 10:00-11:30 A.M.

**Where:** Seminar Rooms A & B, Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC

**Topic:** What Effect Does Being a Debtor Nation have on Decisions to Sell Operations of Ports and Other Facilities to Foreign countries?

The proposed sale of the operation of six ports to Dubai opened up a debate of whether other countries should operate U.S. facilities. It brought to light the fact that other countries have already been operating many U.S. facilities without much public awareness. Even some toll roads are being operated by firms in other countries. How much of this has to do with the fact that we are now a Debtor Nation? Does it matter to you? If so, what can we do about it?

**Information:** Sue Swift (703) 448-0322

## Gourmand Group

The LLI Gourmands celebrated St. Patrick's Day on March 16 as 17 members enjoyed Irish dishes at Ireland's Four Provinces in Falls Church. Sarah Bell, who planned this event, even had some Irish door prizes for several "lucky" members. Elly Mehl and Norma Goer planned the April event—lunch at Le Canard in Vienna April 25. Contact Elly at 703-938-7336 if you wish to attend.

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## Gourmand Group Event

**Call by May 10 to join the Gourmand Group event on May 26.**

Eda Pickholtz has planned the May event at Cho's Garden, a Korean buffet, in Fairfax on Friday, May 26, at 1:00 p.m. Please call Eda (703) 280-5628 between 4-6 p.m. by May 10 if you wish to attend.

**Cho's Garden Korean Buffet** (\$12.99) is at 9940 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA, on the right past Fairfax Circle next to PJ Skidoo's. (Lee Hwy is also called Route 50W and Fairfax Blvd) in Fairfax.



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All members should check the web site for the latest information regarding current courses, cancellations, and additions.

### COMING SOON

A new handbook of LLI policies and practices will be included in the next membership directory scheduled for mailing in April.

**Deadline for the June newsletter input: May 12.**

