

Welcome Members, New and Renewed

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Welcome to new LLI members — we are glad you are with us. Welcome back to “old” members, nice to see your smiling faces again! As we begin our 1997-98 year, we enjoy the most diverse schedule of classes offered since our founding. Classes began on September 10th and will continue until December 5th. Of the 23 classes offered to members some have been filled; however, there is still space available in various classes. In addition to our expanded curriculum, there are plans for interesting activities this year which will be announced as the year progresses. We look forward to sharing an enjoyable year together, learning and growing.

News & Views

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President's Corner

*I hope all members share my excitement as we get underway with the second full year of operation. I am especially pleased with our faculty. Our program committee has done a wonderful job in assembling an impressive array of highly qualified leaders, with special credit due to **George Staten**. I hope many others will join George in identifying persons with special talents that might be called upon to share their expertise with us. A challenging and diversified set of courses and activities is the sine qua non of our growth and development, both as individuals and as an Institute.*

The latest demographics from the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission show that we already have more than 400,000 adults over 50 years of age in our area, and the number is growing steadily. So we have a tremendous challenge of working with our sponsor, the Northern Virginia Community College network, in bringing lifetime learning to many more residents. The potential is almost unlimited. We must reach out to more locations where more older adults live and where meeting space and parking are available.

*Finally, I must draw attention again to the fact that we are a membership organization and have no paid staff. Aside from paying modest dues and attending courses and activities, each member has a responsibility to help in some way in carrying on the necessary work of the Institute. We have now a small core of dedicated volunteers who are spending many long hours and doing a great job. Witness **Marie Klee** putting the first issue of this newsletter together and seeing to its distribution. They need help. If you can spare even one or two hours a month, call the office and leave the message that you would like to help in some way, either with some committee or in some task in the office. I feel sure that a place can be found for you, and it would be most appreciated.*

Knox Singleton

Lecture Series — October Speaker

The speaker for our October 6th lecture will be Dr. Ihssan Wali, the Cultural Attaché of the Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United States. Dr. Wali, a widely recognized educator and scholar, has served as a Lecturer of English on the faculty of Mass Communications at Cairo University and the Sadat Academy. For the last 16 years, Dr. Wali was Director of Education in the Egyptian National Commission for UNESCO. As Cultural Attaché, Dr. Wali, an art and museum expert, has been responsible for establishing cultural contacts between Egyptian and American museums and arranging art exhibitions and cultural events to introduce recent trends in Egyptian art to American society.

Remember, the lectures are held at 10:00 a.m. in the Forum on the mezzanine of the Ernst Culture Center on the NVCC Annandale campus. There will be no parking fee.

Monthly Luncheon Group

Following the lecture by Dr. Wali, the monthly luncheon group will meet at the Arabian House Café, 6138-B Arlington Blvd., Falls Church. This new restaurant is located in the Montgomery Ward Shopping Center. Telephone number: (703) 237-5517.

LLI Travel/Study Group

On September 4th, LLI travel/study course members, **Alan** and **Grace Mayer**, **Helen Clark**, **Carolyn Blackwood**, **Betty Mahon**, **Leah Porzel**, and **Nan** and **Blaine Niner** flew from Washington Dulles to Istanbul. There, they spent three days and then boarded the cruise ship, Aegean I, for a five-day cruise through the Greek isles. The group toured five islands and enjoyed visiting archeological digs of ancient towns. The ship docked in Athens where some of the group spent three days. Some folks say the highlight of Athens was the Acropolis, while others say it was "the goodies" in the hotel's Viennese restaurant! All agree that it was a wonderful trip. The travel/study course (#7323) will be meeting soon and making plans for a 1998 trip. If you are interested and would like to join, call the office to enroll in the class.

What Shall We Name It?

Put on your thinking caps, dust off your imagination and help us name our newsletter. We also welcome suggestions for a logo and motto for our LLI organization. Please send your ideas to the office, Attn: Newsletter.

Opportunities for Rewards

To make a difference in another person's life is truly a rewarding experience. Recently, some LLI members found this truth when they assisted ESL summer students on the Annandale campus. These students, enrolled in the total immersion program of the ESL department, came from Korea, Tunisia, South America and Italy. Opportunities to assist students are available throughout the year in various departments on campus. For information, please contact the LLI office.

Heard Recently That...

- **Marjorie Clark** visited friends in "Big Sky" country, Montana. Marjorie says the trip was fun, but it took her 13 hours to get to her destination. She said she could have flown to Hong Kong in that amount of time!
- **Helen Clark** attended her 50th high-school reunion in Kansas City, Missouri.
- **Marianne Freeman** visited family in Los Angeles and enjoyed a trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. She was well prepared for the sights in Mexico with the knowledge she has gained in three LLI courses on Central and South America.
- **Louise Sousk** went to Brasstown, N.C., for a week of classes on the technique of making round reed baskets. Hope she will share her knowledge with us!

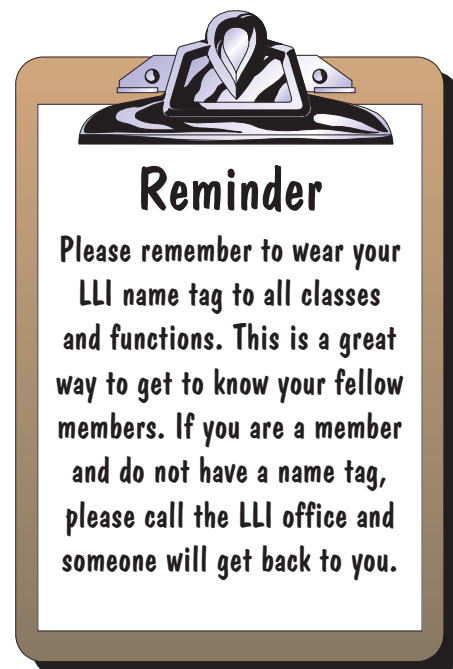
Want to share *your* news? Drop a note to the newsletter!

Membership List

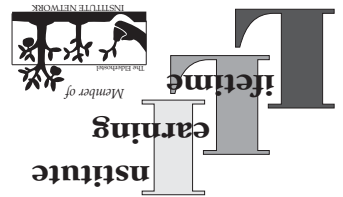
Enclosed with the newsletter you will find a current membership list. Please hold onto it. Updates of the list will be announced in future newsletters. If you need to change your address or phone number, please notify the LLI office.

LLI Board Meetings

Minutes of monthly LLI Board meetings are available in the office. If you would like a copy of the minutes, please call the office and a copy will be mailed to you. The next LLI Board meeting will be October 20th at 9:30 a.m. in a conference room off the Forum in the Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC, Annandale. All LLI members are invited to attend.



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October Events at Ernst Community Cultural Center

LLI Monthly Lecture Series

Speaker, Dr. Ihssan Wali,
*Cultural Attaché of the Embassy
of the Arab Republic of Egypt*
Monday, October 6
10 a.m., The Forum

1997 Paws for Fun

Cat Show
Saturday, October 4
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Women in Jazz

Benefit Concert
Friday, October 10
7 p.m.

The Virginia Craft and Fold Art Show

Saturday, October 25
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday, October 26
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fall Courses Still Available

Space juggling has opened up a few more seats in several Fall courses.
Check with the office to see whether there is room in a course of your choice.

LLI Is Your Organization

LLI is a member/volunteer organization. As we continue to grow, so do our needs. Consequently, we encourage you to take an active part in LLI's growth. We need *your* help to make LLI what *you* want it to be. With our limited resources stretched to capacity, this goal is difficult to achieve. In order to expand our horizons the organization needs the following assistance:

- Space Planning (assisting with arrangements for classroom space)
- Special event/field trips (researching events for possible field trips, helping to arrange trips)
- Hospitality Committee (helping co-ordinate refreshments and set-ups for LLI activities)
- Telephone Tree (phoning members to remind them of events, *etc.*)
- Office Staff (one hour a month answering phone and mail; occasional office assistance to committees)

If you can find time to help, please call the office.

Thinking of You

Do you know of a member who is celebrating a special occasion? Perhaps a birthday or anniversary? Or a member who is experiencing illness or a difficult time? Please call our "Sunshine Person" Barbara Evans at (703) 978-2122, and let her know. She will send a greeting to let our members know we are thinking of them.

Some New Course Titles Coming Up Next Year?

Luncheon Host **George Staten**, who this semester is conducting classes in *Reliving the Fifties*, *the Story of Language II*, and *the War of 1812*, is willing to serve as class leader for three new courses next year. They are *Stateless Cultures: Basques, Gypsies, Kurds, Lapps, and Kalmyks*; *Surveying Africa: New Perspectives and Old Problems*; and *Profiles of the Newly Independent States and Old Cultures of Central Asia*. If there is sufficient interest among those LLI members who did not take *The Story of Language I*, George will repeat that course, albeit on a different day of the week. With his new partner **Marjorie Clark**, George is already surveying new, close-in, affordable ethnic restaurants for the Monday monthly luncheon group. It is obvious that George has a deep interest in languages, culture, countries, and their cuisines — especially those neglected ones that often wind up on the floor after editorial triage.

Announcements

Have any news you want to share with your fellow LLI members? Know of events or entertainment you think members would enjoy? Send your announcements to LLI office, Attn: Newsletter.

Deadline for Newsletter

Please mail or fax items of interest to the LLI office, Attn: Newsletter. Items must be received no later than the 8th of the month. Please send your news on typed copy and include your name and telephone number on items submitted. All submissions subject to editing.

MATURALS

Welcome to the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) and the Fall 1997 session of **MATURALS** — Mature Adult Learners.

Opera, American and European History, treasure houses of America's past, and a seminal work in feminist literature — our Fall series covers a broad range of topics... among them several our attendees have told us would be of special interest to them.

- *Opera in the Twentieth Century*
- *The Holocaust in Southern Europe*
- *The Age of Reform — Populists, Muckrakers, and Progressives*
- *Thomas Jefferson's Library*
- *Virginia Woolf — "A Room of One's Own"*
- *The Newest Museum on the Mall: Celebrating the American Indian*

As always, all **MATURALS** programs are *FREE* and open to all interested members of the community, especially those of retirement age. All our session leaders are volunteers, making themselves available to us at no cost. We are especially grateful to the gifted faculty here at NVCC.

Also, since seating is limited, please register for only those sessions you are fairly sure you will attend. That way we can plan the seating space to accommodate everyone.

For more information on **MATURALS**, please call (703) 845-6301.

Holiday Luncheon

Watch this newsletter for details on our first annual member holiday luncheon.