

Guest Speaker for April Program

LLI members will welcome back Dr. Isshan Wali on Monday, April 6, at our monthly open-house program when she speaks on Islam and the Role of Women at the Forum in the Ernst Community Cultural Center at NVCC (Annandale Campus).

Our guest is the Cultural Attaché of the Embassy of the Arabic Republic of Egypt to the United States. Dr. Wali is a widely recognized educator and scholar. She has served as a Lecturer of English on the faculty of Mass Communications at Cairo University and the Sadam Academy. For the last 16 years, prior to her taking up her Washington

assignment, she was Director of Education in the Egyptian National Commission for UNESCO.

Last year, as many LLI members may remember, she spoke at one of our open house programs on Ancient Egyptian Civilization. At her 10:15 a.m. talk on April 6 she will discuss a subject about which many Americans have lots of questions and probably no small amount of misinformation. Islam and the Role of Women is a topic on which she has spoken on several occasions in recent months, receiving enthusiastic compliments.

News & Views

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President's Corner

The vision I have of the ultimate development of the Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia is that it should help provide a program of intellectual courses and social/cultural activities for all persons over 50 in Northern Virginia, now numbering over 400,000. This vision is a high ideal. However, it is said of ideals that they are like stars, you can't touch them with your hands; but using them as your guide, they will lead you safely to your destination. So, I will strive to keep this vision before you as we strive for its realization in terms of an increasingly comprehensive program with more members participating at more locations convenient to them. Since LLI is an entirely volunteer membership organization, it is up to each of us to contribute to the enrichment of our program, recruitment of more members, and to find additional places to meet. So please pass your ideas on to the appropriate committee chairpersons. If you don't know who they are, call the LLI office, 503-0600, and leave a message; someone will call you back.

Knox Singleton

April Luncheon Selection

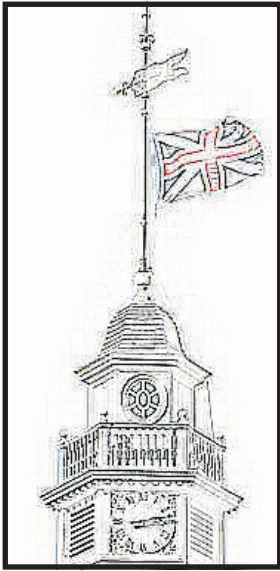
(Our 10th Luncheon Together)

Members of the LLI luncheon group will sample Korean foods, beginning at 12:15 p.m. on April 6, following the open-house program. Marjorie Clark and George Staten, who serve as the group's hosts, have found a pleasant place not too far from the college — about 4 miles. Called the Han Sung Oak, it is located on Columbia Pike at the Lake Barcroft Shopping Center between Annandale and Bailey's Crossroads.

The luncheons, most of them reasonably priced from \$5.95 to \$6.95, include soup, the entrée, a wide variety of side dishes including *Kimchi*, and a soothing pleasant liquid dessert. Better know dishes include *Bul Gogi* (grilled marinated beef), *Doeji Bul Gogi* (grilled marinated pork), and *Bibim Bab* (grilled marinated strips of beef and vegetables, topped with fried egg and spicy bean paste on the side). These are but three of some 21 luncheon specials.

Han Sung Oak
6341 Columbia Pike
Falls Church, Virginia 22041
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LLI Board Members Attend EIN Conference in Williamsburg



Williamsburg, Virginia was the setting for the March 15–17 Elderhostel Institute Network's 3rd Mid-Atlantic Conference of Institutes for Learning in Retirement. The conference was hosted by the Christopher Wren Association / The College of William and Mary. Representing LLI was our President, **Knox Singleton** and LLI Board Members **Phil Reeves**, **Louise Sousk**, **Ed McGuire** and **Martie Klee**.

During the two-day conference, leaders and enthusiastic members from many diverse institutes discussed goals and obstacles and shared successful ideas and practical information. Sessions were planned to be informative and draw out different viewpoints, stimulate creative thinking and promote exchange of ideas.

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Phil Reeves shared his expertise as a panel member in the Monday morning session, “Process and Perils of Strategic Planning.” **Ed McGuire** presented his ideas on creating new courses, in the Monday afternoon session, “How to Develop a Good Course for the ILR Setting,” while **Knox Singleton** participated as a presenter at the Monday afternoon session, “Dipping into the Melting Pot: Making Our ILR’s as Diversified as the World Around Us.”

Sue Thompson, Associate Professor of Physical Education at the NOVA Annandale campus,

added her thoughts and expertise to the Monday afternoon session, “Intergenerational Connections.” **Louise Sousk** attended sessions on “Wanderlust and Learning: How-to's of Study Travel Programs,” “Four Faces of Elderhostel,” “Looking After Social Needs,” and “Special Events for *Esprit de Corps*.” **Martie Klee** attended sessions on “Computer Support in an ILR Office, Registration, Data Management, Administration,” “Four Faces of Elderhostel,” “Formulating a Philosophy and Communications Plan,” and “Sponsorship Issues: Achieving Harmony.”

As you can imagine, the LLI members who attended the conference came away with their heads full of wonderful new ideas for the further growth and success of Lifetime Learning. In the near future, they will share with you their impressions and thoughts on the EIN Conference and — as always — welcome the input of *your* ideas for the growth of your organization.

Membership Committee Notes

by Marjorie Clark

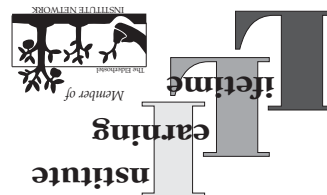
Name Tag Orange Disk Alert

These disks indicate new members and allow other members to welcome them, so if you see any members with an orange disk on their name tag, be sure to introduce yourself to them. The disks may be removed whenever the member wishes, but at least by the end of the semester.

Indisposed Members

If anyone is aware that a member is indisposed, please advise Barbara Evans (Tel. 978-2122) so she can send that member a card. (Barbara assists at the reception/registration desk for the Monthly Open House meetings.)

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LLI Board Meeting

The LLI Board will meet on Monday, April 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ernst Cultural Center on the Annandale NOVA campus. All LLI members are invited to attend.

"Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it."

"Bite-Size Einstein" by Mayer & Holmes

"It's never too late, in fiction or in life to revise."

Nancy Thayer

If You Sign Up, Please Show Up

When you sign up for a course, the curriculum committee, the course instructor, the space scheduling committee and the registration committee all prepare for your arrival at the class. If you find you are unable to attend a session for which you have registered, please call the office immediately, so those on a waiting list can be notified of an opening in the class. Emergencies do arise; so if you are unable to attend a session of your class, please notify either the class instructor or the class liaison.



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Annual Membership Meeting

by Knox Singleton

The date for the annual meeting of the membership has been set for **June 1, 1998**, coincident with our monthly Open House/Lecture series meeting. Also, please note that a very short special meeting of the membership will be held **May 4, 1998**, Open House meeting to conduct some necessary preliminary business.

Newsletter Note

Do you have ideas for items to put in the newsletter? A place you recently visited? A special occasion you or a fellow-member experienced? We are thinking of adding a "Poetry Place" and an "Essay Niche" to appear periodically in our newsletter. We know there are many talented members out there, so please, share with us your writing endeavors! Deadline for items to be submitted to the newsletter is the 3rd Friday of the month. Please send your submissions to the **LLI Office, Attn: Newsletter**, or better still, e-mail to: **marthahk@juno.com**. All submissions are subject to editing.

Suggested Readings for April/May Courses

#8402 Profiling Africa

A Short History of Africa,
Oliver Roland & J.D. Fage

#8403 The Story of the CIA

Informing State Craft,
Angelo Codevilla

#8409 English History III

The Oxford Illustrated History of Britain, ed. K. O. Morgan
History of England, G. M. Trevelyan

#8418 Discussion on Nutrition

Your Body Knows Best,
Anne Louise Giddelma

#8425 Cultures Without Borders

The Basques, Roger Collins
A History of the Gypsies of Eastern Europe & Russia,
David M. Crowe
A Modern History of the Kurds,
David McDowall

Remember the Maine?

by Yereth Knowles

How much do you know about this famous incident and the repercussions which occurred from this event? Join us for a late spring class when we study the Spanish-American War. We will study the origins and development of U.S. interest, influence and policy in the Greater Caribbean. The course will be a discussion of North American history and its relationship to the republic of Cuba and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Class dates: May 27–June 27, 1:30–3:00 at the United Church of Christ on Little River Turnpike. Interested? Call **Yereth Knowles**, 768-3296.

Witty Writings — Church Bulletin Bloopers

- The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.
- The Ladies' Bible Study will be held Thursday Morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.
- Potluck supper: prayer and medication to follow.