

Central European Scholar to Be Featured at Open-House Program

Members of the Lifetime Learning Institute who attend the foreign-speaker program as part of our monthly open-house event on June 1 will be treated to a talk on a country that did not even exist as a state in its own right until just a few years ago. Distinguished scholar, historian, linguist, and writer, **Dr. Miroslav Musil** will relate in broad-brush treatment the history, culture, geography, and scenic hospitality of his homeland, Slovakia, whose people — resident in Central Europe — have experienced the depth of European history close-up, sometimes too close.

Dr. Musil, currently Counselor for Cultural, Educational, Scientific, and Slovak-American Affairs, was born in Slovakia's capital, Bratislava on the Danube River. Fluent or near-fluent in English, French, Spanish, German, Russian, Czech in addition to his native Slovak, our June 1 speaker did his undergraduate work in England and France, graduate work at the Philosophical Faculty of the Comenius University in Bratislava, and post-gradual research in Paris, Vienna, Madrid, Geneva, and in his hometown. He has gained international practice and experience in a number of the United Nations missions, commissions, and institutes.

Dr. Musil is an accomplished writer with many publications to his credit — as well as documentary films. One of the latter deals with “the Count and General Moric



Benovski, a Slovak King on Madagascar, who was involved in the American Revoution.”

Please set aside Monday, June 1, to listen to Dr. Musil's talk, which he will illustrate with a

short video and hand-out literature. That's 10 a.m. at the Ernst Community Cultural Center in the Forum, on the first Monday in June. Maybe he will tell us about that Slovakia-Madagascar-American Revolution connection. It sounds intriguing!

And...
Don't forget to vote at the Annual Meeting and Election of Board Members!
See back page for more information.

Cuisine of the Month

For the LLI once-a-month luncheon group, your hosts have selected the San Antonio Bar & Grill for some Tex-Mex — something unusual for our discriminating gourmet enthusiasts, already in their second year of sampling ethnic restaurants.

The restaurant, open for about a year, is located in the Skyline Shopping Mall — ground zero for a number of LLI members and presenters. The menu is quite varied and supplemented with daily specials. When our restaurant hosts Marjorie Clark and George Staten sampled the cuisine recently, they found the food very tasty, the portions generous, service excellent, and the ambiance cheerful in its vibrant colors.

The address of the San Antonio Bar & Grill is 5177 Leesburg Pike (Route 7) just east of Bailey's Crossroads in the Skyline Shopping Mall on the south side of the Pike, nestled among several high-rise office buildings; across the street (South George Mason Drive) are several high-rise condominiums. Maps to the restaurant will be provided at the June 1 Open-House Program. Our reservation is for 12:15 p.m. Hope to see you there!

President's Corner

The April/May issue of "Civilization," the magazine of the Library of Congress, is devoted to voices heard from Forum 2000 held in Prague last autumn. The forum brought together the "most brilliant minds and bravest souls; statesmen, historians, writers, scientists, justifiers of the ways of God with man" that could be assembled from Europe, America, Africa, Asia and Latin America. The forum was organized by Vacalav Havel, whose photo appears on the cover of the magazine. He was recognized by these international voices as "arguably the greatest man – artist, anti-Communist, dissident, philosopher, statesman – of the last 50 years."

In the article written by Havel, he poses the question and then answers, "What can change the terrible tendencies of today's civilization? Only this: A change in humankind's attitude toward the world." And in a joint article by eight of the principals there is "A call for a spiritual faith that transcends the self, subduing fear and tutoring desire for goodness." I hear this call as applying to our never-ending efforts in LLI to learn more about this mystifying universe in which we live, and the way that each of us can utilize our unique talent to help meet the tremendous challenges we face, not only for ourselves but for the generations following.

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Letting Go

Afterthoughts on finishing the recent course on Caribbean perspective

by Yereth Knowles

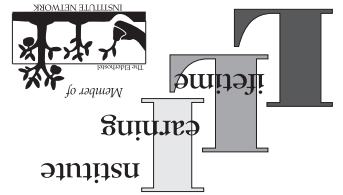
My to-date non-spectacular opinion: A class is as good as its participants. A group leader does not do it alone. It's a relationship. The better the students, the better the teacher. As the case may be, this instructor was indeed privileged to have interacted with groups of intelligent, experienced, attentive adults who attended my Latin American and Caribbean classes this year, last year, the year before. Some have traveled or lived in interesting places, and many contributed useful lives, doing meaningful things, gaining philosophic insight. Maybe life's experiences are what make the LLIs and LRIs worthwhile. My students had their own perspectives, stimulating me to reach for higher ground, causing me to read new sources, new books, the Internet for worthwhile information, broadening my knowledge. You know, graduate school, continuing education, AND teaching are made for the perpetual student — can't give it up. I am grateful, and I'd just like to say:



Now to the announcement: The course, *Remember the Maine*, was scheduled for late May, early June. Due to a family accident the class has been postponed. Those who signed up suggested that the class be held during the second week of August giving time to return from trips abroad, weddings, and kids and grandkids with busted legs, *et al.*

With hopeful cooperation and approval from Alan Mayer (re: locations) the class, now called *Historical Perspective of the U.S. and Spanish Caribbean (Puerto Rico, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic)* is scheduled to begin on August 12 at 1:30 p.m. for six Wednesdays. Place to be announced.

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*Please Attend LLI's Annual Meeting
and Election of Board Members
June 1*

*In addition to our speaker at the June 1 Open House,
LLI will have a short business meeting and election of
Board members. Please plan to attend and vote for
your Board members and get to know those who work
hard to help LLI function and grow.*

LLI Office Has "New" Look

Our LLI office has a few new pieces of furniture and has been "spruced up" a bit, giving it a more professional, cheery look. So, next time you are on the NVCC Annandale campus, give a call and someone will meet you at CS238 to give you a "behind the scenes" view of the place where LLI volunteers and Board members work.



Northern Virginia Community College Announces New President

Virginia Community College System Chancellor Arnold R. Oliver has appointed **Dr. Belle S. Wheelan** as NVCC's new president. Dr. Oliver said, "This action is based on the unanimous and enthusiastic recommendation of the NVCC Board, which is convinced that Dr. Wheelan is exactly the right person with the right vision and energy to take the reins of Virginia's largest community college and lead the College into the 21st century. He continued, "This is the first new president for the college in 30 years, filling a vacancy created by Dr. Richard J. Ernst after three decades of exceptional leadership."

Since 1992, Dr. Wheelan has been president of Central Virginia Community College in Lynchburg. Her previous positions have been, provost of the Portsmouth Campus of Tidewater Community College, and she joined VCCS in 1987 as dean of student development services for Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton, Va. Prior to that, she was director of academic support services for San Antonio College in the Alamo Community College District in Texas, where she also held other administrative positions following 10 years as associate professor of psychology.

Dr. Wheelan received a doctorate in educational administration with a concentration in community college leadership from the University of Texas at Austin, a master's degree in educational psychology from Louisiana State University, and a bachelor's degree from Trinity University in 1972. Dr. Wheelan has served on the board of directors for the American Association of Community colleges and is currently a member of that association's National Council of Black American Affairs. She has received numerous awards in her distinguished career.

Welcome, Dr. Wheelan! LLI/NVCC looks forward to meeting you as you assume your duties on July 1.

Reminder for Membership Renewal

Current membership will expire June 30, 1998. Please see the May issue of *News & Views* for the renewal application form.

LLI / NOVA Membership Renewal Application	
July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999	
Member: Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr. (circle one) Name _____	
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Address _____	
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<small>Checks should be made payable to LLI / NOVA Send to: LLI / NOVA - c/o Continuing Education 833 Little River Turnpike Annandale, VA 22003 Phone: (703) 503-0600</small>	
Individual: \$100 Couple: \$150	For Use by Membership Committee Only Date Joined _____ Amount Paid _____ Check # _____



Summer / Fall Field Trips

Louise Souk wants to remind you to get your reservations in for LLI's first series of field trips. Louise has planned some interesting and fun things to do as she launches this added activity to LLI's curriculum. To refresh your memory:

Newseum/Lunch/Pentagon Tour. Wednesday, July 15, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. A guided tour of the Newseum, the only inter-active museum on news, located in Arlington. The tour will take us behind the scenes to see and experience how and why news is made. There will be free time to explore the Newseum and nearby Freedom Park on your own.

Lunch will be at the Orleans House in Rosslyn. After lunch, we will enjoy a guided 1 3/4-hour tour of the Pentagon. The tour will include a film presentation on one of the world's largest office buildings. A photo identification for each person is required for admittance to the Pentagon. **Cost:** \$20.00 (lunch not included in cost).

Fredericksburg Trolley Tour / Lunch / Belmont

Tour. Tuesday, August 11, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. A guided trolley tour of the 40-block National Historic District where more than 350 original 18th and 19th century buildings and 35 monuments, markers and attractions will be highlighted.

Lunch will be at the Kenmore Inn. After lunch, we will proceed across the Rappahannock River, to Belmont, the Gari Melchers Estate and memorial Gallery. Melchers, who spent his early adult life painting in Europe, purchased Belmont with his wife, Corinne in 1916, spent the last 16 years of his life at the 18th century estate. He continued to paint in his studio at Belmont and is recognized for his society portraits and impressionist-inspired landscapes. We will enjoy a guided tour through the house and studio. **Cost:** \$45.00 (includes lunch).

NOTE: *Deadline for reservations for the Newseum and Fredericksburg Tours is Friday, June 26.*

Kreeger Museum/Lunch and Boat Tour. Wednesday, Sept. 9, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. There will be a 1 1/2-hour tour of the Kreeger Museum. The museum, home of David Lloyd Kreeger and his wife, who built this home overlooking Glover Archibald Park to display their art collection. A patron of the arts, Kreeger was Chairman of the Opera and the National Symphony. The home was opened to the public in 1994. After leaving this Washington treasure, we drive to Old Town Alexandria for buffet lunch at Armand's Chicago Pizzeria. We will walk one block to board our boat for a 40 minute narrated tour of the Alexandria waterfront. **Cost:** \$36.00 (includes lunch).

NOTE: *Reservations for the Kreeger/Alexandria Tour must be made before July 31.*

Remember, you may bring friends to join you on these field trips, as long as there is space available.