

Let's Get to Know One Another

In the last year the Lifetime Learning Institute has grown appreciably. When we began some three years ago, the three dozen or so charter members all knew one another. Now we count — at last reckoning — some 171 members; and we don't know one another as well as we used to. We would like to bring our membership back together, so we can share our aspirations; and our Institute can provide the forum and the means to meet our common goals. And collectively we are the Institute.

For that reason, our Board of Directors would like to invite you to share some personal information with us about your background, talents, interests, and your feelings about LLI and how we can better serve our members. We would like to be more than an impersonal way station en route to the supermarket. Rather, we would like to be a place where you can have fun while learning, enjoy conversation with friends, as well as to become a friendly platform for self-expression and the exchange of ideas; in short, a magnet for older, active adults.

LLI has to rely necessarily on its human resources — we have neither paid staff nor salaried instructors — for the directions we take, the programs we offer, the camaraderie we enjoy, and our social and recreational activities. Sharing information about ourselves enables us to catalog our resources and our dreams, and (comforting thought that it is) to extol our commonality in our older years. There are good feelings engendered in the process.

How many of us share the same birthday (we don't talk about ages)? It could well be that, in collecting background information, we will discover that some of us attended the same school, maybe at the same time. A long-lost alumnus or alumna? We may learn too that others of us lived in the same community, or even have mutual friends from way back and faraway. Among the men, I am almost sure that some of us back in World War II days were participants in the same campaigns or fought the Cold War together in Berlin. Best of all, maybe by means of our resources survey we will find out that someone else in LLI enjoys the same hobby we always thought to be so arcane or narrow that we would never meet in person a fellow enthusiast. The possibilities are endless.

This then is the introduction to the survey we are conducting. Please complete the form enclosed with your copy of *News & Views* (even if you filled out a much shorter version some months or years ago) and return it to the LLI Office before May 14.

News & Views

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President's Corner

Along with the transition of centuries and millennia that will be widely observed and commemorated during the Fall and Spring of Years 1999 and 2000, LLI will be experiencing a change of its own during that period. At the Annual Meeting of LLI members on June 7, 1999 five of the nine announced candidates for the Board of Directors will be elected. Then the new Board itself will elect its officers to serve for the year until the Annual Meeting in Year 2000.

Having served three years as president and reaching 80 years of age in August, I have decided not be a candidate for reelection to the Board for two reasons. The first is personal, a combination of health concerns and the desire to do a few things

that I have not been able to find time for with my many LLI duties. The second is that I think LLI could benefit from a change in leadership at this time.

I continue to be as enthusiastic as ever about the need for LLI and the potential for its future development. As a member I will continue to be an active participant and supporter within the limits of my available time and other restraints. I am deeply appreciative of the opportunity I have had to serve with many others in the initiation, organization and early development of LLI from the 38 people who joined as charter members in April 1996 to the present membership of some 170+. But, as the saying goes, "The Past is Prologue"; that should be just the beginning of what LLI can become!

Knox Singleton

Summer Session Sneak Preview

Presentations scheduled for the LLI summer program include

German for Everyone. Whether you know just a few words or a dictionary full, this 4-session course will offer insights into German language and culture and feature a German film with subtitles as well as German language songs, and give you the opportunity to improve your pronunciation and learn some more words. Monday afternoons — June 21; July 12, 26; August 9. **Class leader:** *Al Brothers.*

Great Books. Book 2 of the Great Books series: Shakespeare's *Othello*, Sophocles' *Antigone*, Toqueville's *The Power of the Majority*, and a few others. Monday afternoons — June 28; July 5, 19, 26; August 2, 9. **Class Leader:** *Helen Clark.*

Video Review and Discussions of the Century's Great Events. This course is designed to celebrate the new 21st century by looking back on the 20th — taking a look back before stepping ahead. More millennium courses in the fall. Tuesday mornings — June 15, 29; July 13, 27; August 10. **Class Leader:** *George Staten.*

French for Everyone. Open to everyone with an interest in French language and culture, even if the French words escape you. We'll listen to French songs, watch French video, read a short, short story in English or French (your individual choice). Maybe look at your slides and play show-and-tell. Perhaps, your being willing, we'll have a French *déjeuner*. Tuesday mornings — June 22; July 6, 20; August 3. **Class leader:** *George Staten.*

Conversational Spanish. Discussion of topics of interest in Spanish. Class presupposes basic versatility in the language. Tuesday mornings — July 6, 13, 27; August 3, 10. **Class leaders:** *Y. K. Shirley Bounds and Nina Lawrence.*

From the French Revolution to the 20th Century: Ideologies and Their Demise. Course includes discussion of revolution and revolt; Marxism to Maoism; Naziism and Fascism; and a new century of thought? Wednesday afternoons — July 7, 14, 21, 28; August 4, 11. **Class leader:** *Yereth Knowles.*

The Fascinating Story of English Words will take a look at the origins, changing meanings, and various uses of English words — some naughty, some nice. The course is intended as light summer fare — interesting, informative, entertaining (if not titillating). Thursday mornings — August 12, 19, 26. **Class leader:** *George Staten.*

Tour of the National Museum of African Art. Saturday, August 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. *Hosted by Doris Balinski*, a docent at the museum, former resident of South Africa and frequent visitor to other parts of the continent.

Tour of the Sackler Gallery. Sunday, July 25. **Hostess:** *Nella Taylor.* No other details at this time.

Bus Tours (arranged and hosted by *Louise Souk*)

- Friday, June 25. **Ladew Topiary Gardens and House** in Monkton, MD.
- Friday, July 30. **Tour of Annapolis and Naval Academy** and 40-minute boat tour of the Severn River.
- Friday, August 27. **Tour of Belle Grove Plantation** in Middleton, VA, Wayside Inn for lunch, maybe another plantation, too.
- Friday, September 24. **Tour of Tudor Place**, the Voice of America and the Navy Museum.
- Friday, October 15. **Baltimore Museum of Art** (impressionist portraits) and lunch at *Haussner's*.

Note: This is a heads-up preview. Class locations have not yet been firmed, and other details were not available at press time.

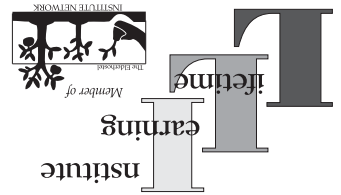
Class Leaders Needed, Also Slide & Talk Show Hosts

We are seeking an instructor to teach painting. We have had many requests from members requesting a class on how to paint on canvas. We're hoping that someone in our membership is qualified or knows someone who will teach this class for us. If you would like to teach this class or know someone who might, please contact Helen Clark at (703) 573-1671.

We are also looking for other kinds of talent within our membership. If you have a special talent or area of expertise you would like to share, please tell us about it and we will add you to our fall program. Hoping to hear from you all soon!

Have you taken a vacation lately that you would like to talk about? If you took videos, slides, or even just pictures of your trip and would like to let others view them and listen to your commentary, please contact Helen. We are trying to get a group together to present their trips, but before it can be scheduled we need to find all those who would like to participate.

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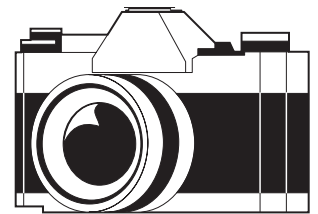
EIN's first Network-wide conference and 10th anniversary celebration will be held in Washington, D. C. on June 27-29, 1999 at the Renaissance Washington Hotel. Keynote speaker will be Betty Friedan, author of "The Fountain of Age," along with featured speakers from numerous organizations in the fields of education, political research, journalism, aging and health. If you would like to attend any of the workshops, please contact the LLI office, 503-0600, for more information.



May Open House Speaker

The Honorable Stasys Sakalauskas, Ambassador of The Republic of Lithuania has been invited to speak at the May LLI Open House at 10:00 on May 3, 1999. The meeting will be held in The Forum, Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC, Annandale Campus. Please park in the Cultural Center parking lot off Wakefield Chapel Rd. There is no charge for parking.

So Many LLI Photos — Hiding in Our Desk!



Fortunately, our photo file of LLI events is bulging at the seams! However, we need to place these photos in an album for safe-keeping and to display at our Open House Meetings. Once the photos are in place, the only work involved will be to keep it up to date. We need someone who will maintain this album and give it a little T.L.C. Your reward for this endeavor will be the fun your fellow members will have while they browse through the album, remembering shared events. Would you like to be the keeper of such a book? Please contact Martie Klee at (703) 644-4931. Thanks.

Lunch Bunch

This month's lunch following the May 3 Open House will be at *Mama's Italian Cuisine*, located near the intersection of Lee Highway and Arlington Boulevard (Rt. 50) in Fairfax, approximately 100 yards beyond Fairfax Circle. The address is 9715 Lee Highway, telephone (703) 385-2646. The restaurant features a salad, soup and pizza bar.



Macedonian Ambassador Ljubica Z. Acevska receives from LLI Vice-President Alan Mayer the Institute's Honorary Membership Certificate. The first ambassador to the United States from Macedonia spoke to a record audience of members, guests, campus students and the press at the LLI Open House Program on April 5.

Macedonian Ambassador Addresses LLI

Macedonian Ambassador, Ljubica Z. Acevska spoke at LLI's April 5th monthly lecture series at the Forum, NVCC, Annandale. Ambassador Acevska, the first ambassador to represent her country to the United States, presented an interesting and educational talk on events taking place in her country. Prior to NATO's involvement and subsequent refugee issues, Ambassador Acevska planned to present a survey of Macedonia. However, by the time of her presentation, all guests and members certainly were aware of the location of Macedonia, and the central theme of her talk was the plight of the Kosovar refugees. Macedonia has accepted many Kosovars, but being a poor country is overwhelmed by the thousands who have entered the country and need aid. The country is asking the world's help for relief in attending to the many needs of the Kosovars. All LLI members and guests were enriched by her presentation and they gave the Ambassador a standing ovation at the end of her presentation

LLI Annual General Meeting and Election of LLI Board Members

Mark your calendars! LLI will hold the Annual Membership General Meeting and Election of LLI Board Members at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 7, 1999. The meeting will take place in The Forum, Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC Annandale Campus. All LLI members are urged to attend this important function. There will be a question-and-answer period, a suggestion box and — of course — you will meet your new Board members. This is your opportunity to take an active role in your organization and to vote for the candidate of your choice. **Note:** Please park in the gated Cultural Center Visitor's lot; there will be no charge for parking.

LLI Board of Directors Election

The LLI Board is comprised of 15 members who serve a term of three years. This year, five Board members will have completed their terms, and the vacancies will be filled through the upcoming June 7 election. Some current members may run for reelection. As of this date, nine LLI members have entered the election process. Ballots containing the names and a brief statement from each candidate will be mailed to you on May 17. To encourage members to vote, a stamped, self-addressed envelope will be included for your return on the ballot. **BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE LLI OFFICE BY JUNE 3.** Members may also hand in their ballot at the start of the annual meeting June 7. All ballots will be counted during the annual meeting and the results will be announced at that time.

LLI is your organization! Please become involved, and participate as much as you can. **VOTE** and return your ballot on time. Thank you for your interest and participation. — LLI Nominating Committee.



LLI — Y2K Link-Up

By proclamation the LLI Board of Directors has unanimously declared the academic year September 1, 1999 through August 31, 2000 to be our "Millennium Year," featuring classes and activities associated with this momentous calendar event. In future years, the Board will select appropriate themes worthy of attention and commemoration.