

A reminder to attend LLI's Annual Membership meeting on Monday, June 7, 1999, at 10 o'clock. The meeting will be held in The Forum, in the Ernst Cultural Center on NVCC's Annandale campus. Please park in the gated Visitor Parking Lot; parking is free.

Results of the election for LLI Board members will be announced at the meeting, along with a question and answer period with LLI's Board. LLI is *YOUR* organization, so this will be a good opportunity to voice your opinion, offer suggestions for courses, changes, and directions. In addition, to the

meeting, LLI's out-going President, Knox Singleton, will be recognized for his dedication and perseverance in launching LLI and serving as its president for the past three years. Let's all join us in showing him a big "thank you" for his hard work with LLI.

**Knox Singleton
 to Step Down as
 LLI President**

Knox Singleton, LLI's mentor and president, is looking forward to having some "spare time," as he steps down as LLI's first President, but those of you who know him will attest to the fact that he will use up every moment of his "spare time." Knox, with a the help of 38 others, launched LLI in 1996 with a two-week sample program, and LLI was incorporated in 1996.

Knox's diligence and constant nurturing have been instrumental since the founding of LLI, as he nudged the organization along. His vision for LLI is becoming a reality as its membership, classes and activities continue to grow. His low-key approach and can-do attitude have been an inspiration for those who work with him. Knox will not be far from LLI, so we all look forward to still seeing a lot of him.



**Lithuanian Ambassador
 Speaks to LLI Members**

On Monday, May 3, 1999, Darius Degutis, from the office of the Lithuanian Ambassador, spoke to the LLI members and guests. A documentary film was also shown which highlighted the principal cities of Lithuania: Vilnius (the capital), Kaunas, and Klaipeda, as well as its countryside and some of its historical and cultural background.



Counselor Darius Degutis from the Lithuanian Embassy addresses LLI members.

Lithuania, located in Eastern Europe, borders the Baltic Sea and lies between Latvia and Russia. Its land boundaries are with Belarus, Latvia, Poland and Russia (Kalingrad). The area of the country is slightly larger than West Virginia. Lithuania regained its independence in September 1991 from the Soviet Union. The country's relations with Russia and the Russian people living in Lithuania are good. Also, the integration of Russians into the Lithuanian society is progressing smoothly.

Lithuania's foreign policy objective is to become part of NATO and the European Union. Lithuania is orientated towards the West with considerable influence from Poland. Its economic growth has been 4-5% per annum with 5-6% unemployment. LLI members were pleased to learn

that American Lithuanians are occupying key positions in government, military and various economic areas. The U.S. is the leading investor in Lithuania, providing economic growth and stability. Of special interest, is the fact that some 400,000 Lithuanians reside in the Chicago area and overall about 1 million in the United States. The population of Lithuania is 3.6 million.

Still Waiting to Make Your Acquaintance

Although at last count we had 35 replies, we are still waiting for the other 135 or so completed questionnaires. You remember them, the survey sheets tucked into your newsletter last month. We need to get to know our membership, tally their talents and know-how, as well as explore our commonalities — a base on which fellowship thrives and friendships develop.

LLI is a voluntary organization dedicated to learning in retirement, serving ourselves and our community. As such, LLI depends on its membership for the appeal, continued operation, course content, and ultimately for our success. If you haven't done so, please send in your completed questionnaire to the LLI Office (address on our masthead).

Let's Get to Know One Another...

For the success of our Institute depends largely on the collegiality and cooperation of its members, all of us older Americans looking to enrich our lives and those of others while working together in rewarding endeavors. Please help us get started by making your acquaintance. Please return the completed form to the LLI Office at the address on the newsletter. Attach any additional sheets needed to further explain your answers.

- Name: _____
- Title: Mr. Mrs. Miss Dr. Rev. Other _____
- Date of Birth: _____
- Place of Birth: _____
- Names and locations of schools, colleges, universities attended and diplomas, degrees, certificates and awards received along with dates: _____
- Languages you know (other than English) and level of proficiency (if "Fluently" / "Good" / "Fair" / "Poor" / "None"): _____
- Major and minor fields of study: _____
- Entrepreneurial activities in high school or college (clubs, drama, debate, sports, music, etc.): _____
- Membership in associations, societies, professional groups: _____
- Cities where you have lived as an adult for five or more years, including dates of residence: _____
- Career fields and work experience: _____
- Military experience (service branch, campaigns, projects, assignments, units, length of service, etc.): _____
- Talents and Skills (art [drawing, illustration, etc.], entertainment, computer literacy and graphics, music, drama, public speaking, health and medical specialties, writing, teaching, gourmet cooking, possession of pilot's license, etc. all optional): _____
- Hobbies, favorite pastimes, leisure pursuits: _____
- What courses, classes, lectures or activities would you enjoy leading as part of an LLI program? _____
- In which of the following non-classroom activities (committees and support groups) would you be willing to participate as a needed volunteer devoting several hours a week that end every week? (Please check)
 - planning classes, finding class leaders
 - art and design
 - publicity/promotions
 - travel arrangements
 - facility support
 - help with registration
 - photography (still, video)
 - membership activities
 - long-term planning
 - budget & finance
 - grants and funding
 - office management
 - membership recruitment
 - providing the newsletter
 - planning, staging, social events
 - recruiting the monthly speakers

What courses, classes, lectures or activities would you like to see LLI present as part of its program? _____

What work have you done or are you currently doing? _____

Organizational or fraternal group, cooperative or organization that would be willing to be available to LLI for the conduct of classes and activities? If yes, please give date and point of contact. (Maybe certain reciprocal arrangements would favor the most and why? _____)

Most enjoyed LLI event (1 = most enjoyed / 8 = least enjoyed) _____

How did you get acquainted with our colleagues? _____

Survey getting acquainted with our colleagues.

Art Show Call for Entries Announced

A juried art competition and subsequent exhibition, "Like Drops of Water From a Lotus Flower," will be held in August at the Bell Atlantic Gallery in the Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC, Annandale. The exhibition will focus on alternative definitions of success to the traditional idea of the American Dream, "characterized by a rejection of the American obsession with money, materialism and consumption in favor of having more time to identify and do the things which really make one satisfied in life," according to Ed Liskey, who is coordinating the exhibition. Entries of slides must be postmarked by July 2, and no fee is charged to submit work. Entries may consist of up to 10 slides of no more than five works of art, plus a short written explanation of how the work addresses the theme. For more information, contact Liskey at (202) 265-6280, Ext. 24.

Summer Day Trips

Mark on your calendars these dates for LLI's summer day trips:

- **Friday, June 25** — *Harvey Ladew Topiary Gardens and House* tour and lunch in Monkton, Maryland.
- **Friday, July 30** — *Annapolis* tour and **U.S. Naval Academy** tour along with a 40 minute boat tour of the Severn River.
- **Friday, August 27** — Tours of *Belle Grove Plantation, Glen Burnie Manor House and Gardens* with lunch at the famous Wayside Inn — both in the Winchester, VA, area.

Instructor Appreciation Luncheon

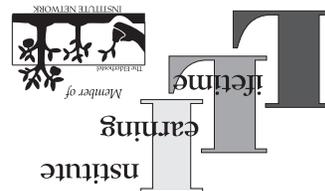
There is still time to sign up for LLI's annual Instructor Appreciation Pot-Luck Luncheon to be held at The Forum, NVCC, Annandale at noon Tuesday, June 1. Instructors donate a great deal of time in preparation for the courses they teach and this is our opportunity to show our appreciation for their efforts. Please join your fellow LLI members on June 1 to thank your LLI instructors for their dedication to LLI. Of course, without them, there would be no classes! For reservations call: A-K, Jo Hirsch, 821-1734 — L-Z, Bo Kelley, 978-2993, or call Ann Rourke, 978-2923. Park in the gated Visitor Lot; parking will be free.

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Shaping the Fall Program

If you would like to lead a course on a subject, discipline or hobby you know well or in which you have great interest or if you know someone who would enjoy doing it, please contact Helen Clark (573-1671) or George Staten (578-1275), co-chairs of the Program Committee. We're going to start work on the programs in late June. Do volunteer. Thanks.

STRIVE Needs Volunteers

Mary Shaw, NVCC's Annandale Public Information Officer has sent the following item: STRIVE, whose classes operate through NVCC's Annandale Office of Continuing Education, is seeking volunteers. Strive provides opportunities for young adults with learning disabilities to transition from school to post-secondary training and employment. Volunteers are needed to serve as teachers, counselors, job coaches, job development and placement counselors and recreation and computer technicians among other needs. For more information, contact Dr. Jean Robinson at (301) 292-6700.

News & Views Takes a Break

There will be no LLI newsletter in July, so if you need information, or have information to share, please call the LLI office 503-0600.



*Have a Wonderful and
Safe Summer!*

There Was a Party and Almost No One Came

After receiving the RSVPs and counting the acceptances, she bought the champagne, made and iced the cakes, set out the silver and her best china and waited for the doorbell to ring...and she waited. Only four of her expected 16 guests showed up. Our hostess was crestfallen. She was out of her time, money; and her self-esteem had been dealt a severe blow.

Something similar has been occurring at LLI. With increasing frequency are instances where our volunteer instructors — many of whom have gone to elaborate lengths to prepare their courses and

incurred out-of-pocket expenses — wait expectantly for their students to come to class. But they find that half of those who have enrolled are

no-shows.

Sometimes the percentage of absentees — even at the first class — runs as high as 75 percent!

This semester

the number of no-shows has been so high that to attribute the absences to sudden illness, unexpected guests and car-breakdowns is to ignore the odds.

At the May 14 Board meeting, your LLI directors discussed this lamentable situation. Not having a ready solution at hand (the issue is difficult to resolve), they decided to appeal to you, the membership, to register only for those activities that you truly plan to attend. If, however, you are faced with a *force majeure* — compelling reason — not to go to a class that you have signed up for, please notify the instructor as soon as possible. Leaving it up to your good discretion to do the right thing, we thank you for your attention. See you in class!



LLI CLASS MEMBERS Do THE TWIST

At the last session of *Reliving the Sixties* some class members show that older adults haven't forgotten how, as they demonstrate to the dozen or so other attendees, how the twist — all the rage in the 60s — was done. Pictured here are (*upper photo*) Loren and Janet Goodrich and (*lower photo*) Marjorie Clark and Richard Risk. George Staten, who hosted the three-session class, provided the music.



President's Corner

Since I will be retiring as LLI President at our Annual Meeting on June 7, this will be the last time that I will be called on to write this Corner. But before I leave, I want to pay tribute to the officers, members of the Board, and a few of the many other LLI members who have done most of the work in moving LLI from the 38 charter members who joined in May 1996 to the 172+ members who are participating in the program today.

Alan Mayer, Vice President: In addition to serving in my stead on many occasions, he has served as a major liaison with NVCC. He has conducted classes on State and County governments (based on his experience of ten years as a delegate to the Virginia Assembly). Alan has made space arrangements for our classes in 12 different locations, and coordinated LLI's study/travel program.

Gordon Hamlet, Secretary: As a retired CPA, Gordon has handled the many papers having to do with our corporate status, liability insurance. He is responsible for setting up office phone and fax equipment and serving as stint as Treasurer and member of the Budget and Finance Committee. As a computer guru, he has helped in the installation and maintenance of the LLI office computers, and has taken the major responsibility for setting up and providing instruction in the LLI computer learning program.

Jack Barringer, Treasurer: Jack has done a superb job in his meticulous handling of all aspects of LLI's financial accounts. He has provided detailed monthly reports to the Board, served on the Budget and Finance Committee, the Executive Committee, and on the Strategy Committee.

Taking the other board members in alphabetical order:

Laura Charron: A master of office administration and has been heavily involved in helping to keep program development, membership and course registration records in order, as well as preparing and handling of publications and mailings, keeping office equipment in proper operation, handling telephone, fax and e-mail communications.

Helen Clark: As chair of the Program Committee from LLI's beginning, spending untold hours in searching for new program ideas, recruiting instructors, and working out class schedules compatible with space and time constraints. Helen has also

led the Great Books Reading and Discussion program from the beginning.

Marjorie Clark: As chair of the Membership Committee, Marjorie has worked hard to help coordinate and support a group of services concerned with keeping the members informed and happy and our membership records current.

Lorin Goodrich: Lorin has done a very fine job of providing logistical support to our instructors at the various class locations. Lorin has also been a leading member of the Strategy Committee in conducting and analyzing surveys of member participation.

Martie Klee: Martie has done a prodigious amount of work in equipping the office and setting up the administrative routine. She initiated and continues to edit the *LLI News & Views* and has instructed a number of classes and has been the supporter of a wide range of member activities.

Ted Krivourcha: Ted has chaired the Publicity Committee and is largely responsible for the steady growth in membership. Ted also recently chaired the Nominating Committee, lining up candidates for election to the Board of Directors at our annual meeting.

Jean Packard: As a former Chair of the Fairfax Board of Supervisors and leader in many important community organizations, Jean was the primary author of our bylaws and continues to be a most valuable counselor on many LLI concerns.

Phil Reeves: A former university professor in educational administration, Phil has performed invaluable service as Chair of the Strategy Committee and coordinator of course registrations for the past three years.

Ann Rowke: Ann has been a ready volunteer to serve anytime she has been called upon, whether it be as temporary Secretary to the Board, or making arrangements for an instructors appreciation luncheon.

Louise Sousek: Louise's forte has been in initiating and coordinating member services with a primary emphasis in arranging a series of day excursions to local area attractions or two to three day trips to exciting places further afield.

George Staten: George has been a stalwart mainstay whose contributions to the LLI program are too numerous to detail. His contributions as a highly trained and indefatigable, multifaceted instructor, and indispensable member of the Program Committee, initiator and supporter of the monthly luncheon program give some idea of his invaluable service.

Aside from the hardworking Board members, there are many other members who contribute substantially to the ongoing operation of LLI. I will mention only three or four by name:

Yereth Knowles: Former Board member, retired college professor and a wonderful, unlimited and untiring teacher.

Richard Risk: Former Board member, continuing chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, video discussion leader, and idea generator.

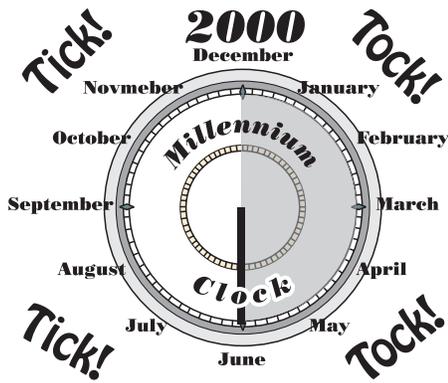
Nan Liner: Member of the steering committee and first keeper of membership records.

Leah Porzel: Long time and continuing faithful coordinator of hospitality services.

There are dozens more who are vitally important helpers, teachers, office workers, and the like. Since we have no paid staff, we are entirely dependent upon members voluntary support. This should be kept in mind by all members at all times, if LLI is to continue to grow in the wonderful educational and social experience that we have enjoyed so far. I am looking forward to being around to help as one of those members.

Knox Singleton





LLI-Y2K Connection — It's Official Now

Starting this summer and continuing through the fall semester, LLI will join the Millennium Group by featuring classes and activities — looking back on how far we have come in the past century and the outgoing millennium and trying to predict where we are headed in the 21st Century and Third Millennium. See our Proclamation, signed on May 1, below. The clock is

The Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia PROCLAMATION

Be it publicly declared that

Whereas, according to the conventional time markers of our civilization, the 20th Century and the Second Millennium of the Common Era will pass into history at the stroke of midnight on December 31, 1999 and humankind, in its journey through time and space, will have arrived at the threshold of the future;

Whereas, it is customary and commonsensical to apply the lessons of history to the challenges of the future — for the past is but prologue; and knowing where and how past societies have coursed their paths is the quintessential planning tool for tomorrow's work and tomorrow's directions; and

Whereas, there are none better prepared to lead the way into that future than those who have gathered experience and wisdom along the journey during this outgoing century and who have had the privilege of extended years to study and ponder the triumphs and sorrows of our forefathers in the earlier centuries of this millennium than the most senior of the three living generations;

Therefore, The Lifetime Learning Institute with its membership of older Americans dedicated to learning, sharing and caring, sponsored by the Northern Virginia Community College, resolves to duly observe and appropriately commemorate the transition period from September 1, 1999 to August 31, 2000 with programs, public events, classes and courses, lectures, and theme-oriented social and recreational activities, thus ushering in the 21st Century and the Third Millennium.

Proclaimed May 1, 1999

Knox Singleton [signed]
LLI President

Alan Mayer [signed]
LLI Vice President

George Staten [signed]
LLI Millennium Consultant

*Looking back
into history*



*Looking ahead
to the future*