

Fall Program Unveiled

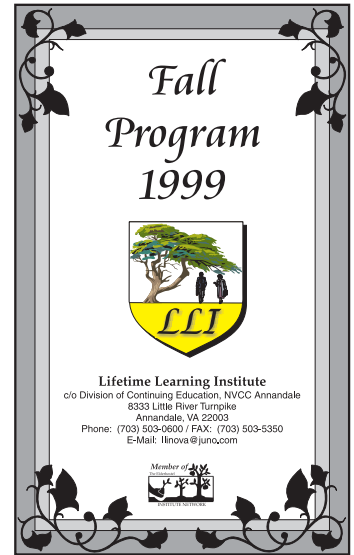
Thirty-five presentations, classes and courses make up LLI's Fall program (not counting trips and the monthly open-house events).

Among the new offerings are the American Colonial Experience; a Millennium trilogy; a Civil War sampler featuring the art of Homer Winslow, the story of the war's nurses, and the fortifications around Washington (the course will be given at Alexandria's Fort Ward Museum); an LLI Foreign Film Festival (all with English subtitles); hands-on oil painting; physics in everyday life; weather forecasting; and 55 Alive — Safe Driving for Seniors.

LLI is once again offering foreign-language classes — French, German and Spanish; personal computing (both for beginners and advanced students); discussion programs; history, government and politics; and many more.

The popular presentations on world-class cities begun last semester is continuing. This Fall we will have video-and-talk presentations on Lisbon, Paris, Zurich, and Munich.

These and other events will be held at 10 different sites, the newest being the Greenspring Village retirement community in Springfield. The campus has many specialized activity rooms. As always, our program consists of classes and courses of varying lengths — from a single session presentation to courses with 9, 10, and even 11 sessions. They start and conclude at different dates. Check the LLI catalog for dates, days, and times. Register early to get the selections of your choice as classes fill up early.



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SEPT. 13 OPEN HOUSE

Dr. Brown to Speak on Central Europe

On September 13 at the Monthly Speakers Program and Open House, Dr. Brack Brown from the Central European Studies Department, George Mason University, will speak on Central Europe — Really Central, Really European. His address will take place in the Forum of the Ernst Community Cultural Center, beginning at 10 a.m. He will speak to the questions: Who and where are the Central Europeans? How did they end up in the Soviet bloc? Of what concern are they to us? Are they democratic, stable, friendly, and prosperous? Is there any likelihood of the Central Europeans slipping back into the Russian orbit?

Mark your calendars. This interesting talk will take place on Monday, September 13, at the Cultural Center Forum on the NVCC Annandale Campus. There is free parking for attendees in the gated lot opposite the Culture Center. Meet you there!

LLI Y2K Activities

In keeping with the May 1 Proclamation, LLI, with the onset of the Fall program, will begin to celebrate the Millennium with classes, courses, and activities. The celebration will continue through the Spring term.

Leading off the program is the **Last 1000 Years**, a sweep through world civilization in the Second Millennium. This 5-session course will be followed by two 2-session mini-courses. The one deals with the **Great Events and Personalities** of the last 10 centuries. Participants will have the opportunity to tell their own stories: events in which they played a supporting role or witnessed first hand. The final mini-course in the trilogy is the most intriguing and problematic: **What Lies Ahead?** George Staten, class guide, and his classmates will peer into the crystal ball, forecasting what the future may hold in the various fields of human endeavor — from medicine to space, from travel to housework.

A number of classes have taken the Millennium into account from **Women in History: The New Millennium**, to the **Evolution and Future of Weather Forecasting**, led by Mary Zimmerman and Charles Bristor respectively. Plans are getting underway to arrange for a millennial party — just before or right after the transition into the Third Millennium: Looking even further ahead, there is scheduled a 5-day Elderhostel seminar arranged by Louise Sousek. Called **Prepare for the New Millennium: A Professional Potpourri**, the seminar will be held at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. In the Lehigh Valley, there are many historical and cultural sites to visit. This is a trip and study adventure we don't want to miss. It will start in June 2000.



local opportunities

Lifetime Learning in Volunteering

*E*ach of the 15 Elderhostel programs that I and/or my wife Marjorie have attended has been very educational and enjoyable. But we fully agree that the most educational, and by far the most personally meaningful and rewarding, was the Elderhostel Service program that we did with Global Volunteers in April 1993 when we went to Poland to teach English. We were in the first group of Elderhostels to do this, and we have never had a more satisfying experience.

While this experience was admittedly somewhat exceptional, there are many opportunities in Northern Virginia that offer similar educational and satisfying contacts with people of different cultures from our own. One opportunity comes from invitations by English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers on the NVCC Annandale Campus for LLI members to meet with small groups of students who seek to practice their conversational English skills. These students come from many different countries, most on student visas, others as immigrants or refugees seeking to make a new home in America. Coming from foreign countries, they are very interesting and educational to talk with about their various cultures and backgrounds, and they are very appreciative of the chance to talk with LLI members.

Some of these contacts may lead to enduring friendships and in-depth knowledge about the people and culture of other countries — a truly educational and rewarding experience. LLI member Richard Risk and I met recently with an ESL class and talked in small groups with students from Peru, China, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Morocco, Colombia, Venezuela, Taiwan, South Korea and Vietnam. It was very stimulating, and each of the students seemed to enjoy our visit.

Another opportunity is presented by LLI's relationship with the Center for Multicultural Human Services in Falls Church. This Center now offers LLI the free use of its space and computer equipment for the only on-hands computer training that we have been able to arrange. The

Center has offered LLI courses enabling our members to learn a great deal about our multicultural community. In return, the Center has suggested that it would be very helpful if some of our members volunteered to help some of its clients in various ways, such as helping them to learn or improve their English. Again, this is a great educational opportunity for LLI members to learn more about people from foreign countries through direct contact with those who have only recently left or been driven out of their native land.

These are only two of the many volunteer educational opportunities. There are others which would provide a real sense of helping to build the kind of caring local and worldwide community that we would all like to see, and at the same time enhance the image of LLI as a vital institution looking beyond its own basic intellectual interests.

Any member who is interested in participating in an exciting LLI educational volunteering program, please call me. If I'm not in, perhaps away on a short trip, leave a message, and I will get back to you as soon as possible. I consider this lifetime learning option important!

Knox Singleton
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Why Not a Poet's Corner?

At one time or another everyone has tried writing a little verse; why shouldn't we? As Lifetime Learners, we've had a lot of experience on which to draw and acquired some perspectives that only come with maturity.

Let's put our thoughts down on paper — succinctly, as poetry allows us to do. Any topic you deem pertinent. The Millennium would do just fine. In our last 1999 edition, we'll set aside a poet's corner — our own little i — where we can share a little verse — written smiles and printed glances — with our fellow members.

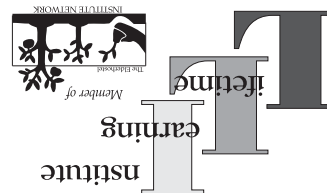
Send your contributions anytime soon to your acting editor George Staten for publication in our special Millennium edition to appear later this year. Maybe next year we can print your short, short stories. It will still be the Millennium!

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Register Now!

LLI's Fall courses — some about to start — will fill up quickly. Please sign up for your choices as soon as possible, preferably before September 10. Otherwise, you may go on a wait-list.

Renew Now!

If you have let your LLI membership lapse, please send in your check with your renewal application. We're sure you'll find some interesting activities among our 34 offerings.

New Helmsman

George Staten is now the acting editor of your newsletter *News & Views*. If you have news items, contributions, or comments, please send them to him. If the items are intended for appearance in the next issue, please get them to George around the 18th of the preceding month, but positively no later than the 24th. We want to distribute the newsletter before the 1st of the month, in time so members may read about the upcoming Open-House. George will try to steer a straight course, but he needs your help to keep it steady.

Day Trips and Longer Excursions: Informative and Entertaining

The Fall program includes several bus and sightseeing tours, courtesy of Louise Souk:

September 24: A tour of Tudor Place, Voice of America studios, and the Navy Museum. Friday. \$26 not including lunch.

October 15: A visit to the Baltimore Museum of Art. Friday. \$30 not including lunch.

December 7–9: Trip to historic Brandywine Valley. Tuesday - Thursday. \$294 per person; includes most meals. See catalog for further details on these events.

Get your deposits in early!



discussions and proposals

LLI Board Meets at Greenspring Retreat*

Thirteen members of our Board of Directors and our committee chair from Budget and Finance met in an all-day retreat on August 20 to discuss ways to improve our organization within the framework of our funds and anticipated membership growth. The discussions and proposals mainly concerned the LLI program, the *raison d'être* and *sine qua non* of our Institution; the committee functions, particularly those involving our member recruitment efforts and information tasks; our resources, in short, funds to expand our activities; and the volunteer opportunities available to LLI members to supplement their LLI experiences.

Our new Board President Alan Mayer convened the group, noting that we are "at a critical juncture" and must continue to maintain our Institute, while enhancing LLI's activities in the future.

The Program Committee chairs followed with their proposals and needs. Helen Clark addressed the need to recruit additional instructors. Resulting discussion involved having Alan Mayer and Lorin Goodrich approach NOVA (Annandale) to request the identification of emeritus and active NVCC faculty members and having the Program Committee explore other resources such as our own membership and speakers' bureaus and museum docents.

George Staten noted that the Program Committee has already begun perking up the program with the innovative use of video and taped audio recordings to sustain attention and relieve the instructor, scheduling classes at museums, planning an LLI Foreign Film Festival as a continuing program feature as well as the World-Class Cities Series, offering various language programs; and the millennium theme, to be followed in ensuing years by other thematic topics. George also asked the Board to consider the purchase of educational videos to expand our subject offerings, make it easier to recruit class leaders, and keep student interest from lagging.

Membership

Representing Membership and Administration, Marjorie Clark, Laura Charron, and Martie Klee cited problems arising in their area because of the number and kinds of functions under their aegis such as recruiting and outreach and the need for office help. Special events also occasions stress on the office staff, as does the newsletter that requires an inordinate amount of time and degree of specialization. The discussion that ensued on the responsibility for member recruitment resulted in the decision to have the Executive Committee identify core functions for the committees, and develop an organizational chart to reflect the assignment of these functions. As for recruitment it was suggested to combine this function with both publicity and our internal information tool, the newsletter (*News & Views*). George Staten agreed to serve as acting editor.

The matter of special events can be addressed through early planning, and appointment of *ad hoc* committees reflecting the needs of the events, and recruiting from within the membership people to perform specific tasks — often one-time requests.

Resources

Richard Risk and Lorin Goodrich spoke to the status of the budget and use of funds. Richard explained that the current budget is based on a goal of 225 members by June 30, 2000, predicated on the pattern of growth LLI has



LLI Board members who attended the Retreat at the Greenspring Community for all-day discussions on August 20 are (back row, left to right) Jack Barringer, Lorin Goodrich, Philip Reeves, Knox Singleton, and Marjorie Clark; (center row, l. to r.) Gordon Hamlet, Ted Krivoruchka, Helen Clark, Alan Mayer (Board president), George Staten; (front row, l. to r.) Laura Charron, Martie Klee, and Louise Sousk. (Richard Risk, chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee took the photo.)

experienced. There are sufficient funds for limited acquisition of educational materials and classroom aids, if the Board deems the purchases worthwhile. However, the priority should be borrow, rent, and those alternatives failing, buy the materials. Goodrich said that the costs of space rental were running well ahead of budget projections, with little likelihood the situation will improve.

Opportunities

The final topic addressed to the Board at its special retreat session was New Opportunities presented by Lorin. He explained that such expenses could enrich the volunteers and benefit LLI as an organization by strengthening ties with other organizations such as NVCC and the Center for Multicultural Human Services. He also described an opportunity for LLI to participate in a conference sponsored by the North Carolina Center for Creative Retirement this Fall.

Louise Sousk gave Board members an overview of several tours that she has organized and an Elderhostel, focussed on the Millennium, available exclusively to LLI members, to be held next June at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania.

Attending the retreat were Jack Barringer, Laura Charron, Helen Clark, Marjorie Clark, Lorin Goodrich, Gordon Hamlet, Ted Krivoruchka, Martie Klee, Alan Mayer, Phil Reeves (who organized and chaired the retreat), Knox Singleton (member emeritus), Louise Sousk, George Staten, and Richard Risk, chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee.

* The Greenspring Retirement Community's fine accommodations provided a fruitful environment for the Board's deliberations. Several Fall classes are scheduled to be held in this new campus-like setting.

The First Three Features in LLI's Foreign Film Festival

In Al Brothers' Foreign Film Festival presentations, to be held in the Annandale United Methodist Church (Room 105) on September 29 and October 13 and 27, starting at 1:30 p.m. are

9/29 **Nóz w wodzie** (*Knife in the Water*), Poland, 1962, 1 hr. 34 min.

10/13 **Yol** (*The State*), Turkey, 1982, 1 hr. 54 min.

10/27 **Die weiße Rose** (*The White Rose*), Germany, 1982, 1 hr. 47 min.

Your next issue of *News & Views* will list the remaining feature and dates of showing. All films have English subtitles. You don't have to look at them if you don't want (or need) to.

Program Errata

Please take note: The Day Trip Registration forms on page 21 and 23 of the Fall Program 1999 — the one with the gold-colored cover — list the **Course DT-1015, Baltimore Museum of Art** as taking place on September 24 and the **Course DT-924, Tudor Place, etc.**, as occurring on October 15. The dates for the trips have been reversed. If you are signing up for just one of the trips, be sure to *indicate clearly* which trip on the right date. If you plan to sign up for both, it won't make any difference. The trips are correctly listed on pages 13 and 14 in the body of the Program.

There is another error, but this one won't cause as much of a problem. On page 2 of the Program, Karen Campbell's **Theater — Fun and Games** class in the Music Room of Greenspring Village, the times given are 10 - 11:30 p.m. — obviously wrong. It's a morning class starting at 10 a.m.

Fall Program Updates

Course 9902 (Study/Travel IV): There will be four sessions. This is correct. The listing in the Program omitted the November 8 session.

Course 9927 (Meteorology: Evolution and Future of Weather Forecasting): This course will be held in Seminar Rooms A and B of the Cultural Center (CE Building) on the Annandale Campus.

Course 9931 (Canada, Our Good Neighbor): The October 21, November 4 and 11 meetings of this course will be held in Seminar A and B of the Cultural Center (CE Building) on the Annandale Campus. The October 28 meeting will take place in the Forum, also located in the Cultural Center.

Did You Know...

...that the Annapolis State House was built between 1772 and 1779, serving as our Nation's capital from November 1783 to August 1784? Or that George Washington resigned his commission as commander of our country's Revolutionary War forces in Annapolis at the very spot where Justice Thurgood Marshall's statue now stands?

You would have known such historical tidbits had you taken Louise Sousk's day trip to Annapolis and the U.S. Naval Academy on July 30, she informs us. Despite sweltering weather her contingent of Lifetime Learners enjoyed the history, the walking tour of the Academy and a pleasant boat ride. The lunch was good, too, we've learned. Polyplaudits, Louise!

What Our Lifetime Learners Have to Say About the Ladew Garden Tour

A jewel of a place tucked into the rolling hills of northern Maryland. — Jan Wands.

The tour of the Ladew Manor House and Topiary Gardens was outstanding. The lunch was also excellent. You missed a special trip if you did not join us. With thanks to Louise Souk who organized this tour. — Virginia Fernbach.

The garden tour was led by a landscape designer who enjoyed sharing her knowledge of plants. — Judy Smith.

Enjoyed learning about Mr. Ladew's many talents as well as his painting, collecting and designing. — Joan Kierce.

I love old houses, antiques and horses. This tour pulled all of them together with the beautiful topiary gardens to ice the cake. Thank you, Louise, for finding this delightful spot for us. — Leah Porzel.

This was a very meaningful trip, well organized. — Ann Rourke.

Please Share Your Talents

LLI needs you to share your talents with the membership. If you are well-versed in a topic, academic discipline, or special activity that would be of interest to our Lifetime Learners or if you know someone likewise conversant in a topic, perhaps a friend or neighbor, please call our program coordinators Helen Clark or George Staten. Similarly, if you would like to help out in some capacity on one of our committees — long-term or just for a few hours a month — let our staff know. Call our office at (703) 503-0600.

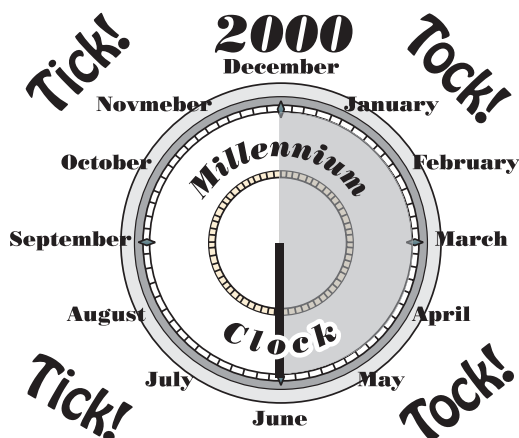
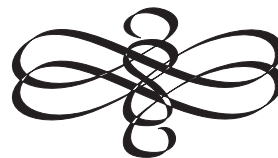
The President's Corner

As LLI begins its fourth year, we find ourselves at an important juncture. Our founder, leader and chief benefactor, Knox Singleton, has retired from the Presidency and taken on an emeritus role. He leaves with the immense gratitude and admiration of his colleagues for his vision and persistence. His was a remarkable achievement.

As we look to the future, we face many challenges. We are an all volunteer organization that depends on the expertise and generosity of its members to make it work. A few have been carrying heavy burdens and need more help before they burn out. Our program, which is consistently excellent, needs continual updating. We need to find new courses and instructors to make our offerings attractive and appealing. Finding places for our courses and additional office space is high on the list of things to be done.

At our Board Retreat on August 20, we identified these and other challenges. We are now in the process of finding ways to turn wishes into reality. All members can help in this process. If you have not filled out a volunteer survey form, please do so soon. You can obtain them at one of our Forum activities or by calling the office. If everyone pitches in, then we can all have more time to do all those fun things that come from an active and productive retirement life.

Alan Mayer



Monthly Luncheon

Following the **Open House Program** at the Forum on **Monday, September 13**, the LLI luncheon group can go to lunch at *Squire Rockwell's*, courtesy of our luncheon chaperon, John Bogart. The restaurant is located on Route 236 several hundred yards west of the Campus, going toward Fairfax. Prices are reasonable, the menu varied.

1999 Fall Curriculum

History

- (7) American Colonial Experience
- (4) Canada — Our Good Neighbor
- (4) Civil War Sampler — Art & History
- (2) Events, Personalities of the Millennium
- (5) Last 1000 Years
- (2) Next Millennium: A Futurist's View
- (3) Native Americans
- (4) India / Pakistan
- (11) South America — Transition to Democracy (emphasis on Argentina, Brazil, Chile)
- (4) Story of the Balkans
- (3) Women in History
- (10) World's Religions

Science & Technology

- (6) Advanced Personal Computing
- (6) Introductory Personal Computing
- (9) Issues in Earth Science
- (2) Meteorology
- (2) Physics in Everyday Life

Foreign Languages

- (7) Continuing French
- (8) Continuing German
- (10) Conversational Spanish
- (6) Foreign Film Festival

Travel

- (4) Study/Travel (Overseas tour)
- (4) World's Great Cities (video; talks)
- Brandywine Valley Holiday — 3-day Trip

Health, Safety, Personal Development

- (4) Massage and Meditation
- (3) Theater — Fun & Games
- (2) 55 Alive — Safe Driving
- (10) World Religions

Writing & Literature

- (6) Great Books and Discussions
- (4) You Can Get Published

Gov't & Politics, Int'l Relations

- (4) Canada — Our Good Neighbor
- (3) Executive Office of the President
- (8) Great Decisions
- (4) India / Pakistan
- (11) South America: Transition to Democracy
- (3) Native Americans
- (4) Story of the Balkans

Visual & Performing Arts

- (4) Civil War Sampler — Art & History
- (4) Introduction to Oil Painting
- Baltimore Museum of Art Tour — 1-day Trip
- (6) Foreign Film Festival

Other

- (2) Tea Time
- (2) Making Baskets

(x) = Number of sessions

From Our Summer Classes...

The Fascinating Story of English Words

An intrepid group of Lifetime Learners — verbalists all — met three times this summer to trace the backgrounds of 100 or so words (some nice, some naughty — and a few haughty ones, too) as they emerged from the depths of linguistic history, changing meaning and form.

The group decided to coin a few words of their own.

Class Neologisms

1. **adipatz** fat head
2. **costalot** house
3. **dollarize** to put a price on another woman's clothes (pejorative)
4. **geneclanology** study of clans or tribes
5. **glutnik** an ostentatiously heavy eater
6. **grovotnik** an unborn child
7. **intelambulate** to exchange witty remarks while walking
8. **internut** an overly active "surfer"
9. **jingle jar** a glass food container used to store loose change
10. **loquatics** practice of talking while under water
11. **megaglotnik** super linguist
12. **megalore** an astounding treasury of information
13. **megawit** a very witty person
14. **serenditty** a literary composition
15. **vocabulate** to show off one's vocabulary
16. **webnut** an internet junkie

The mintmasters of these vocal gems, which Lifetime Learners are expected to use and promote, were some of the participants in our summer's *Fascinating Story of English Words* class. They are: John Barringer (word #4); Marjorie Clark (5); "Tito" DeLuzuriaga and his wife Grace (1, 10, 14); Eugene Farkar (16); Evelyn Lidell (8); Betty Mahon (2, 6) and the class leader George Staten (3, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15). We also learned what *groak* meant!



Video Review and Discussion of the 20th Century

A group of Lifetime Learners took a 99-year journey back in time to retrace the events of this now waning century. We watched the early happenings flicker by on a huge auditorium screen. The more recent occurrence we saw in living color. Many of the participants retold their own experiences as actors or witnesses to our century's moments of glory or distress. An exhibit used in the course is on display here.