

Senator Gartlan to Address November Forum

Our November 1 Forum in the Cultural Center will feature Senator Joe Gartlan, Dean of the Northern Virginia delegation. Senator Gartlan will talk on “The Changing Face of Virginia Politics.” Speaking on Monday, the day before the general election in Virginia, Senator Gartlan (D – 36th Senate District) will provide interesting insight into the workings of the Virginia General Assembly.

Senator Gartlan is retiring in January after serving in the Virginia State Senate for 28 years. Regarded as one of its most influential members, Senator Gartlan serves on five standing committees including Courts of Justice (Chairman), Finance, Privileges & Elections, Rehabilitation & Social Services, and Rules. He also

sits on numerous commissions and legislative study committees. He has been a leading advocate on environmental and human service issues.

Senator Gartlan was born in Glen Head, New York in 1925. He received bachelor’s and law degrees from Georgetown University and

practiced law in Virginia until his retirement several years ago. He lives on Mason Neck in southern Fairfax. His home on the Potomac River was severely damaged during Hurricane Dennis. He and his wife, Fredona, have five children and numerous grandchildren.

The Monthly Luncheon (AYCE*)

Following the open-house talk at the Forum in the Annandale Campus Cultural Center on November 1, the lunch group — as many of you who would like to attend — will gather at

**Grezey’s
 Yorktown Shopping Center
 Gallows Rd. & Arlington Blvd.**

for a social get-together over lunch. Grezey’s features a choice of soups, a salad bar, and sandwiches — all for \$7.95. John Bogart will be our host.

*AYCE = All You Can Eat

News & Views

There will be no December issue. Articles and announcements for the January publication should be sent to arrive at the Editor’s home (George Staten) not later than December 15 for the January issue to appear on or about January 15.

Highlights of the October 8 LLI Board Meeting

The Treasurer’s report presented by John Manion was approved. Available cash as of October 8, 1999 was \$16,847. Since all current members have paid their dues, he does not expect much additional income, at least until the February Kick-Off meeting, when the new semester begins.

Richard Risk, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, presented a proposed revision to the budget. The revisions were necessary because of increased costs of space, publicity expenses and proposed purchase of teaching materials. During the discussion it was agreed that:

- The increased amount for space rental would be adequate because the cost will be somewhat less than originally anticipated owing to cancellation of several classes;
- Sufficient advertising can be purchased for \$300;
- \$400 for teaching materials will be enough to supplement the materials purchased by George Staten;
- \$2000 will be adequate to cover the cost of office supplies for the rest of the year; and
- The furniture and equipment account can be reduced by \$1500 since that reduction and the cost of the new computer (\$1000) will still leave \$1000 which should be sufficient for all expected purchases.

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Board Highlights

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In the President's report, Alan Mayer made these announcements:

- Warren Hynes and Phil Reeves have been appointed as the audit committee for the last fiscal year.
- Doris Balinsky has become a member of the Forum and Program Committees.
- Memphis Norman is preparing a report on our Institute's staffing which is due in October and a strategic plan which is due in the Spring.
- Mary Davis has been recruited as Coordinator for Volunteers and is now matching names with a list of requirements provided by Martie Klee and Laura Charron.

Phil Reeves reported on a visit with LRI President, Dr. Ray Berry. Alan Mayer, Memphis Norman and he met Dr. Berry at the George Mason University Learning in Retirement Institute (LRI) offices on September 24.

The following points were reported:

- The Learning in Retirement Institute has grown without a recruiting program to more than 600 members, leading to some concern about the fact that all members no longer know one another.
- LRI has an annual budget of \$150,000 and has increased annual dues to \$220.
- Memberships are offered on a rolling basis, meaning a period of membership extends for 12 months from whatever date a person joins the organization or renews membership.
- The GMU Institute has an 18-member board and is experiencing some difficulty in recruiting persons for leadership positions.
- Programs are developed one year in advance; *e.g.*, the Institute is now working on the program for Fall 2000 (each member of the program committee is expected to organize two or three courses for each semester).
- The instructors for the courses comes from GMU faculty (40%), the membership (30%) and from other sources (30%). GMU faculty members are recruited through GMU department chairs.
- LRI awards an annual scholarship of \$1500 to a GMU student.
- The Institute has a web page (www.gmu.edu/departments/LRI) on which its catalogue is published. Sixty percent of their members have e-mail, which is used to communicate with the majority of the membership.
- LRI has a paid staff of three part-time persons, one of whom works approximately 30 hours per week.

After some discussion about the desirability of awarding an LLI Scholarship to a student at NVCC, a motion to approve an annual scholarship with a value of between \$1,000 and \$1,500 to be funded through donations from the membership was unanimously approved. A Scholarship Committee to implement this decision was appointed. The members are Alan Mayer, Lorin Goodrich, Knox Singleton and Phil Reeves.

Lorin Goodrich reported on an October 4 meeting with college officials who, he told the Board, are very supportive of LLI. The meeting covered campus facilities, LLI member contributions to NVCC and possible social events. Lorin noted that it is difficult to get classroom space for LLI classes until after all registrations for NVCC classes have been completed.

Alan Mayer reported that Dr. Belle Whelan, NVCC President, and Dr. Robert Vaughn, Head of the Division of Continuing Education, are exploring the possible acquisition of space in elementary schools that are scheduled to close. He has requested them to dedicate space for LLI if this opportunity materializes. The gated parking lot on the Annandale Campus will be available for LLI parking indefinitely, it was learned.

The February 7, 2000, Kick-Off session in the Forum will follow the same format as the September 1999 event. It will emphasize introduction of our Institute to potential members and of LLI instructors to all. Leah Porzel will handle the hospitality arrangements. Gordon Hamlet will gather postal data. Laura Charron will then select the ZIP codes to which invitations should be sent using the labels obtained from Elderhostel. Helen Clark and George Staten, program committee co-chairs, will develop exhibits for this function.

Louise Sousk, speaking about trips, made a motion to establish a \$5 surcharge for non-members who participate in day trips. It was approved unanimously. The deadline for the Brandywine overnight trip has been extended until November 10. Louise is developing another overnight trip for the first week in April. This one will be to Civil War sites in Virginia. Louise Sousk reported that coffee mugs with an LLI logo can be obtained for \$4.75 each with a minimum order of 36. A motion to spend \$175 for the purchase of mugs and to present

LLI Board of Directors

President: Alan Mayer

Vice President: Lorin Goodrich

Secretary: Philip Reeves

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Members: Jack Barringer,

Laura Charron, Helen Clark,

Marjorie Clark, Gordon Hamlet,

Ted Krivoruchka, Martie Klee,

Jean Packard, Ann Rourke,

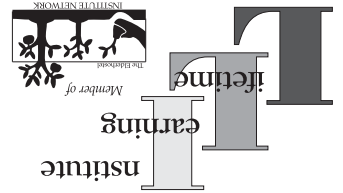
Knox Singleton (*emeritus*),

Louise Sousk, George Staten

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Open-House Events Update

Mark your new millennium calendar for **Monday, March 13, 2000**. At our March Open-House program George Staten and some of his Millennium Group trekkers will present a view of the future. **Note:** This event was originally scheduled for January 10. Not to worry. The predictions will be as valid as they would have been two months earlier.

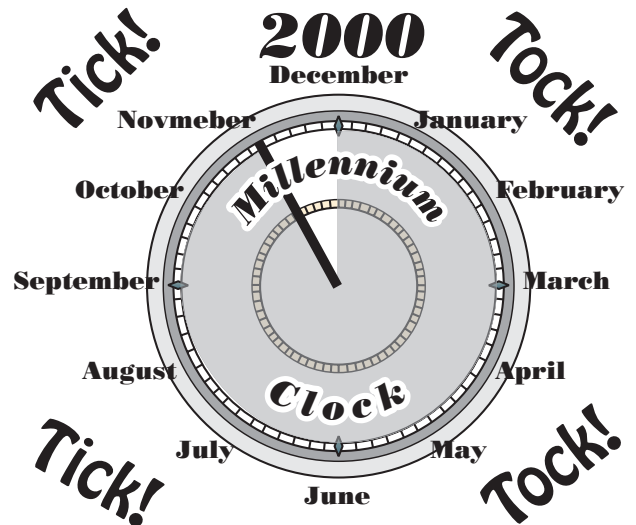
Postponed Class Has New Date

Tea Time, Course 9919, could not be held on **October 20** and will take place on **November 3**. Same time, same location. There'll be a fresh pot brewing!

Mark Your Calendar

The **Annual LLI Holiday Luncheon** will be held on **Friday, December 3, 1999**, at the **Squire Rockwell Restaurant**. Make your reservation early by completing the form in this issue.

More information inside



these mugs and a certificate of appreciation to guest speakers was passed unanimously.

The Program Committee presented a time-line for the Spring 2000 courses. The number of courses will be reduced from the 34 the offered in Fall 1999 to approximately 25 in light of too many courses being cancelled for insufficient enrollment.

Marjorie Clark announced that LLI now has 189 members, 76 of whom are new members. She requests all members to provide their e-mail address if they have one, and it will be added to the membership lists. Future membership updates will be published in the newsletter.

Lorin Goodrich noted that there have been some expressions of concern that LLI classes are too dispersed. He will attempt to reduce the number of sites from 13 to 10. Ted Krivoruchka displayed a copy of a half-page advertisement that will appear in the magazine, *The Retired Officers Association*. He also discussed placing notices of LLI activities in numerous local publications. Knox Singleton stated that there are still opportunities for persons wishing to volunteer to work with the Center for Multicultural Human Services and the Alzheimer's Disease Association. Specific information will appear in the next newsletter.

George Staten announced that the future deadline for submission of material for the newsletter would be the 15th of each month. This will allow extra time for delivery of bulk mail material. Future issues will be marked "Time Sensitive Material" to encourage the post offices to expedite delivery. The first newsletter next year will be distributed early in January to publicize the February 7th Kick-Off meeting. Due date for input is December 15.

Ann Rourke stated that she believed LLI should be able to get funding support from philanthropic organizations. She volunteered to investigate sources of grants and, if feasible, to initiate a request for funding.



The last three films in Al Brothers' Foreign Film Festival presentation will be

- Nov. 10** **El Norte** (*The North*), Mexico, 1984, 2 hr. 20 min.
- Nov. 24** **Ofelas** (*Pathfinder*), Norway, 1987, 1 hr. 22 min.
- Dec. 8** **Skyggen af Emma** (*The Shadow of Emma*), Denmark, 1988, 1 hr. 38 min.

All three films have English subtitles and will be shown in Seminar Rooms A&B, next to the Forum, at 1:30 p.m.

Poetry Corner

Salute to the New Chiliad

*A thousand years, a thousand fears,
Ten centuries long, ten thousand cheers;
Bolts of lightning, the clang of swords,
Claps of thunder, the voice of lords.
Yet forward roll the months and years,
Stopping not for mirth or tears.
Life gets better, sometimes even worse.
People laugh and people curse;
But the play is set, our part is cast,
We're here to stay, our world will last.*

*Despite the night, there's always still tomorrow's light.
For everyone we mourn, two or three are born.
Wars are waged, and greed and hate cause much pain.
Yet when the evil's passed, some love and hope remain.
With these – our tools – we strive to build a better place
Where'll reign for times to come both peace and grace.
Easy's not the task, but not to try is downright hateful,
When the prize at stake is a world most grateful.
For the stage is set and our role directed,
We're here to stay in a world resurrected.*

*George L. Staten
October 1999*

[Submitted to break the ice. Please send in your original millennium contributions. — *The editor.*]

Mr. Joseph K. Hoffman addresses an attentive audience of LLI members and guests at the October 4 open-house program in the Cultural Center at the Annandale Campus. The executive director of the Interstate Commission of the Potomac River Basin spoke about the impact of our recent drought and the subsequent hurricane on our water resources.



Ernst Community Cultural Center Calendar for November

Updates & Reminders

Dancin' Unlimited 14th Annual Jazz and Tap Festival

Saturday Nov. 13 8:00 p.m.
 Sunday Nov. 14 4:00 p.m.

Theater: Featuring some of the best jazz and dance companies in the area. Advance tickets: \$8 for seniors. Tickets at the door: \$10 for seniors. For more information, call (703) 751-751-4889.

Old Dominion Depression Glass Show

Saturday Nov. 13 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Gymnasium: Thirty dealers exhibit their wares (pottery, glass, china and the decorative arts from the 20s to the 50s). Drawings, educational displays, food and drink. \$3.00 general admission. For more information, call (703) 941-4327.

1999 Annual Tapestry of Arts — "A Family Celebration"

Sunday Nov. 14 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cultural Center: Judaic artists display their works for sale. Admission: \$3.00 per person, \$10 per family. For more information, call (703) 569-4236.

Burke Civic Ballet — "The Nutcracker"

Friday Nov. 19 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday Nov. 20 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday Nov. 21 2:00 p.m.

Theater: This year's 6th annual presentation includes children and professional dancers. Admission: \$10 for children and seniors. For more information, call (703) 425-5599.

Capital Wind Symphony

Sunday Nov. 21 7:30 p.m.

Theater: The Symphony seeks to showcase the talents of the area's outstanding musicians. Admission: \$5 for seniors. For more information, call (703) 780-9294.

LLI Name Tags?

Marjorie Clark of Members Records has asked that new LLI members who have not received their name tags to leave a message on the LLI Office answering machine (503-0600). They should give their name and request a name tag be sent. Thank you.

Correction: Munich Video Talk

Maria Murphy's video-talk on Munich — part of the *Worlds' Great Cities Series* at the Goodwin House West — will take place on **Monday, 10:00 a.m., November 15 in the Auditorium** — *not* on Tuesday, as printed in the LLI Fall Program.

Please Note

This issue of LLI's *News & Views* includes the membership list as of October 15, 1999. Please review your own listing to see whether it is correct. If it is not, give us a call with the correction at (703) 503-0600. If no live voice responds, leave the correction on the answering machine's tape.

LLI Annual Holiday Party

To celebrate the holidays, the Lifetime Learning Institute has arranged for a Holiday Luncheon to be held on December 3 at 12:00 noon. The luncheon will be at the Squire Rockwell Restaurant, 8700 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. (Cost: Members \$8.00, Non-members: \$11.00)

The Board of Directors invites every one to join us for this event. We hope you will be able to attend. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come basis and are required in the LLI office by November 26.

RSVP is accomplished by completing the form below and mailing it and your check payable to LLI c/o NVCC Continuing Education, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003

Holiday Luncheon

Squire Rockwell, Annandale, VA
 December 3, 1999 (RSVP due November 26, 1999)

Date: _____

Member: _____

Cost: \$ 8.00

Non-Member: _____

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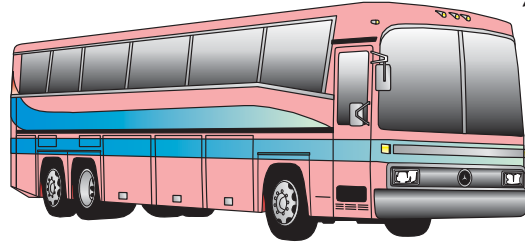
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Our First Fall Day Tour

Lifetime Learners who took the September 24 day-trip to Tudor Place, the Voice of America, and the U.S. Navy Museum had a lot of great things to say about their tour, arranged and conducted by Louise Sousk.

"Although I'm a 'native Washingtonian,' you took me," wrote **Betsy Lynch** to Louise, "to places that I've never visited. It was a delightful day. Thank you." **Helen Clark** said, "Enjoyed all the stops on the trip — lovely day" and **Marjorie Clark** echoed the sentiments, "All three stops were very worthwhile — plus lunch." "Very enjoyable! Tudor Place and the Voice of America were first time tours for me; they were very interesting," commented **Laura Charron**. "It's amazing how much we did on a one-day tour." "It was fun and educational [to see] places I'd not been to in Washington," adds **Leah Porzel**. "This was a lovely day, everything was worthwhile and interesting," **Carolyn Kloetzli** wrote. "An informative and well-planned day." — **Eda Pickholtz**; "What an enjoyable



day...Congratulations to all involved!" — **Kathleen Palmer**; "Interesting! Delightful! Instructive!" — **Grace and Tito deLuzuriaga**; "Great job," — **Gordon Hamlet**, "enjoyed the whole day!" "Delightful participants" — **Gen Thiem**. "Enjoyed the whole day" — **Mildred Terbrack**. "A great [well] organized trip as usual," added **Virginia Fernbach**.

For those who did not go and have not been before, Louise Sousk, who puts together our day-trips and overnights, tells us that Tudor Place, built for Martha Washington's granddaughter, remained in the family until the mid-1980s when it became foundation property and was opened to the public. The group had lunch in the Georgetown Park Eatery, Louise added, to complete the picture of a great day.

From LLI's Millennium Trilogy



At a presentation of the Last Thousand Years in the first of a three-course trilogy highlighting LLI's Millennium celebration, Institute members and Goodwin House West residents inspect a colorful, 15-foot-long timeline tracing 6000 years of human history.



Following a lecture by George Staten on the Last Thousand Years given in the Goodwin House West retirement home's auditorium, LLI member Tito DeLuzuriaga points on a cultural map of the world to his Philippine home island as his wife Grace looks on.

NVCC Annandale Lists November Presentations

November 8, Monday. Diana Crighton, chef, consultant to museums, cultural critic and author of a popular series of books on excursions in the English countryside. Topic: Traveling in England. 12 noon, Forum, Cultural Center.

November 10, Wednesday. John McHale, retired FBI agent and for 16 years head of its Organized Crime Intelligence Unit at FBI Headquarters in Washington. Mr. McHale will speak on the topic of his forthcoming book *The FBI and the Mafia*. 11:00 a.m., Seminar Rooms (next to Forum), Cultural Center.

November 15, Monday. Dr. Peter Henriques, Department of History, George Mason University, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington by speaking on the final illness and death of our nation's first president. 12 noon, Forum, Cultural Center.

Please join us! Dr. Terry Alford, professor of history at the Annandale Campus arranges these noon lectures. He has expressed an interest in having LLI members participate.

submitted by Knox Singleton

LLI to Establish NVCC Student Award

At its October meeting the LLI Board voted to establish an award of up to \$1500 for students on the NVCC Annandale campus. The award will be funded by individual contributions from LLI members and friends. The purpose of the award is to recognize students who have demonstrated outstanding skills and leadership in fostering multicultural relationships and understanding among a diverse student body. The initial award, which will be given at a spring honors program, will help to establish LLI as a working contributor to campus life.

Initial meetings have been held with campus officials to develop criteria and the selection process. LLI members who would like to make a tax deductible contribution may send checks payable to *LLI Student Award Fund* to the LLI Treasurer, NVCC Division of Continuing Education, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003.

Knox Singleton

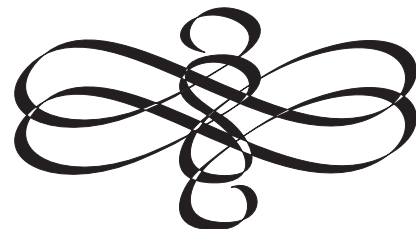
The President's Corner

The aging process is a wondrous thing. As the birthdays pile up and the decades roll by, there is a growing awareness that there is more sand at the bottom of the hour glass than there is at the top. Certain physical changes become more evident. The body parts show signs of wearing out. As my now deceased brother-in-law used to say, "If I knew I was going to live this long I would have taken better care of myself." Or my favorite, "Age is a state of mind, but the aging process stinks."

Which bring me to the subject of LLI. The state of mind in our growing organization is excellent. We are a healthy, vibrant group anxious to exercise our minds and talents in our joint endeavor. Our course offerings, all led by volunteers, continue to be diverse and interesting. The operation of our office, production of our publications, and arrangements for tours and social events take considerable time and effort by a loyal group of our members. Nearly one third of our members have volunteered to help out in one way or another. The rest, I am confident, are waiting to be asked.

So yes, we are getting older. But together we are engaged in an exciting and enriching endeavor that will keep our minds healthy and which will make our retirement life truly our "golden" years.

Alan Mayer



Who's Paying the Bills?

FY 2000 Budget

July 1, 1999 — June 30, 2000

Income from membership		
(Estimate 225 members, currently at 189)		\$18,700
Interest income		300
	Total Income	<u>19,000</u>
Expenses		
Conferences	500	
Classroom space costs	2,900	
Honorarium/Parking/Elderhostel dues/ Liability Insurance/Repair parts/Publicity	1,800	
Office Supplies	2,000	
Postage	1,700	
Outside Printing	2,600	
Newsletter and Program Design, Typesetting	1,000	
Furniture & Equipment	2,000	
Furniture & Equipment Service	2,000	
Telephone	1,500	
Refreshments	1,400	
Reception/Other Expenses	1,000	
Teaching materials/Video tapes	400	20,800
	Subtotal	(1,800)
Less carryover from previous year		-1,902
Income in excess of expenses		<u>\$102</u>

Charter Trip Income and Expenses are projected to be \$30,400.

Here is a summary of LLI's Financial Status for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999

Regular Operations		
Income from 173 members (including half-year memberships)		\$15,775
Expenses		-15,406
	Income over expenses	<u>\$369</u>
Charter Trips		
Income	19,830	
less prepaid FY 2000 trips	1,513	
FY 1999 Income		18,317
Expenses FY 1999		-16,924
	Income over Expenses	<u>\$1,393</u>
Reconciliation of cash account as of June 30, 1999		
Total cash (checking and savings)		\$17,025
Less prepaid dues (\$1,350) and prepaid charter trips (\$1,513)		-2,863
	Subtotal	14,162
Less designated funds from two special contributions (\$11,500) plus accrued interest (\$760)		-12,260
Unrestricted funds balance June 30, 1999		<u>\$1,902</u>

From time to time members ask "where does our money come from and where does it go?" Where it comes from is the easier to answer. It comes from you in the form of annual membership dues. In our fiscal year 2000 (ending June 30, 2000) our goal is to have 225 members (currently it is 189) and a projected income of \$18,700.

To see where our money goes, see listed below our expense categories. Our money **does not go for salaries**. Our staff and instructors are all volunteers. The bulk of expenses (75%) involve classroom rentals, newsletter and catalog production, mailings and administrative expenses (copier rental, telephone, supplies, etc.).

If you have questions about the budget contact Richard Risk at (703) 578-9898, chair of the Budget and Finance Committee.

driving alone at night?

How to Avoid Being Carjacked!

- Don't ever let yourself be caught between two cars. Carjackers often work in pairs attempting to corner your vehicle.
- Don't ever pull off the road at night by yourself in a dark, unpopulated place.
- Carry a cell phone.
- Stay calm. Don't try any tricks. If you are in an accident, you are vulnerable.
- Remember that most criminals want easy victims...DON'T LET YOURSELF BECOME ONE!
- Make sure you find out how to react *before* you are in the situation! These situations are unfortunately real and dangerous. Thinking about it when it happens is too late!
- ALWAYS make sure you do not stop until you are *certain* that help is present. (Even if you are in a slight accident, head straight for the police station, and don't stop until you are there. Carjackers often slightly damage vehicles by bumping them from the rear to try to get the driver to get out.)

If this was good enough to read, pass it on.