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Open-House to Hail Millennium Passed and the One Yet to Come

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he LLI Millennium Program will take place at the Forum beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 13. It is part of our monthly open-house program. All members, their guests, and potential members are encouraged to attend.

The program will consist of three parts: the first will highlight the events and personalities of the last 1000 vears. The second will deal with what lies ahead predictions. The third part is the Pageant of Centuries. George Staten, who presented the millennial trilogy last semester, has put together the program. Lots of facts, some humor, and fun, he promises.



program to the Skyline Academy for Learning Enjoyment, where it drew a crowd of 150 celebrants.

There will be light refreshments.

Remember it is still the millennium! See you all at the Forum, Annandale Campus, Monday, March 13, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please remember to park in the Cultural Center's "gated" parking lot. Thanks.

Lunch **Bunch**

The location of the luncheon following the March 13 speakers is

Main Street USA

7131 Little River Turnpike Annandale, VA 22003

(located across the street from Giant)

The restaurant, which is centrally and conveniently located for all LLI members. features a varied luncheon menu. Maps to the restaurant will be available at the meeting. We will meet at the restaurant at 11:45 a.m. For questions or further information, call John Bogart at (703) 273-2547.

News from the **February Meeting of the** LLI Board of Directors

Seventeen attendees tendered checks at the February 7 Kickoff assembly for the new winter/spring term, Ann Rourke reported at the February 11 B.O.D. Meeting, and thus became new LLI members. She added that more than 140 people attended this twice-yearly event at the Forum.

Twenty of those attending expressed interest in joining an investment club; 28 said they would like to join a theater group; 20 showed interest

in board and card games; and 11 would like to participate in an LLI sponsored club to discuss pertinent issues. The LLI Executive Committee will develop a plan to get these groups up and running.

Board President Alan Mayer announced that as of February 10, LLI membership had risen to 216, making our incremental goal of 225 within easy reach.

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The President's Corner

Ola! What a marvelous Spring Kickoff we had on February 7! Nearly 150 people showed up for this fun and informational event as we showcased our program for the next semester. I sensed a lot of enthusiasm as members and first-time visitors heard about our offerings. At the end of the day, there were 150 registrations for our 27 courses and we gained 17 new members.

Our monthly Forum in March at the Ernst Cultural Center will be on the second Monday, March 13. Please note. George Staten will have an entertaining program looking back at the last 1000 years and gazing forward at the next Millennium. Our Forums for April and May will return to the first Mondays of the month.

On April 3, Delegate Vince Callahan will speak to us about this year's Virginia General Assembly. Delegate Callahan is the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and one of the most powerful figures in the new Republican majority. On May 1, we will have a foreign policy address on "Globalization, America in a Changing World." June 5 will be our annual meeting. A speaker from the CIA is being invited.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a new Member Survey. Please fill it out and send it in. This is an all-volunteer organization, and we need help in big and small ways from our members. It won't commit you to anything. It will give us a clue as to how we can spread the workload. We know we have the talent. We need to know where and how you may help out.

Later this Spring we will be awarding our first LLI Student Award to a deserving student at NOVA. The lucky recipient will receive a check for \$1000 from our organization. That pays for almost one semester of study at the college. So far, we have contributions of \$750 from our members. If you haven't written a check as yet, please consider this worthwhile program. It's tax deductible.

Alan Mayer

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classes and space

Jack Barringer reported that 150 members had already registered for classes with the prospect of more registrations almost a certainty because some classes do not begin until much later. Three classes have waiting lists; heading that list is Introduction to Computing with 23 over the limit.

Class ceilings are frequently based on physical limitations — room space and equipment. Our Vice-President, Lorin Goodrich, told the Board that the need to find additional space for computer classes is critical. He has already begun to make inquiries about the possibility of holding additional computer classes at the Annandale Campus since the Kay Havercamp Center is fully committed. Goodrich also reported that the (old) Goodwin House East in Alexandria had offered space for our courses, but, on checking the facility, he learned that visitor parking may present a problem. In this connection, George Staten suggested that the new main Alexandria Library on Duke Street across from the old Cameron Station military facility might help us out. It has meeting rooms and a large parking lot.

topics for the Forum

George gave an overview of the planned March 13 event at the Forum — a recapitulation of the last 1000 years and a look ahead. (See article elsewhere in the newsletter.) When asked whether the monthly open-house at the Forum might be an appropriate occasion for talks on preparing for the cares and problems of terminal illnesses and death itself, most of the Board members replied negatively; rather advocating topics that are uplifting and educationally upbeat, for they would attract greater attendance at our open-house events. They felt

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Overnight Trip to Richmond Needs More Takers

The planned April 7-8 bus tour to Richmond to learn of "Battles, Belles, Heroes & Rogues" is in trouble if more LLI members and their friends do not sign up in the next week or so.

History, entertainment and a dinner cruise are among the many features offered in this tour package put together by Louise Sousk. Consult the Spring Program 2000 for additional details.

You do need to get your check into the LLI office promptly. Call the office or Louise if you have questions. Louise's number is (703) 323-9144.



Coordinator Sought for *News & Views*

An LLI member is being sought who will coordinate the production of our newsletter and take on the chores of editing incoming copy, soliciting news stories from the membership, and working with the desktop publisher. Interested volunteers should call the LLI office at (703) 503-0600.



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that gloomy, disturbing topics dealing with the end of life should be considered for discussion groups or classes, for which those interested could register. In this connection, Helen Clark of the Program Committee said she would try to develop such a course for the summer term. It would be a prelude — as it were — to a PBS television series on "Death and Dying," slated for airing this fall.

grants and dollars

Ann Rourke reported that she had completed a draft request for \$20,000 to be submitted to the Cafritz Foundation. The request is predicated on the need for LLI to better serve the community.

Richard Risk, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, told the Board that his Committee has three tasks: review of the budget status, preparation of the budget for 2001, and continued research on the dues structure. The 2001 budget will be prepared in April for review at the May Board meeting and presentations to the LLI membership at the June business meeting.

John Manion, our Treasurer, gave his financial report, indicating that there is a \$13,264 balance in the checking account and a \$12,471 balance in our investment account as of February 11. He said a money market fund account has been established with an initial deposit of \$2,500. The current rate of return is 5.4 percent. The remainder of the reserve funds will be transferred into this account to take advantage of the rate of return, which is greater than that received from the LLI bank account. Manion's report was approved.

excursions and odysseys

Louise Sousk said that only 18 people had signed up for the overnighter to Richmond (April 7/8) and LLI is committed to a minimum of 36. She reported that 21 people have signed up for the day trip to Sotterly Plantation. The odyssey to New York City planned for December is developing. Sousk has found a hotel in the midtown area with acceptable rates. Her tour committee will offer a trip each month, April through December.

miscellaneous

Alan Mayer said that the member survey form needs to be revised to make it a more useful tool. George Staten will work on the project. He will proceed on the basis of input from other Board members.

Planning LLI courses for this summer is underway. Gordon Hamlet and Lorin Goodrich are exploring the feasibility of establishing an LLI web page. Hamlet will examine the office computer to see whether it can be adjusted or upgraded to speed up its operation.

Knox Singleton announced that NOVA has completed preparations for publicizing the LLI Student Award. To date \$750 has been received from the membership to support this program. Lorin Goodrich emphasized that volunteers and persons attending the monthly Forum events should park in the lot designated for the Cultural Center (*i.e.*, the gated lot). Future invitations should make this parking arrangement clear.

Note: Memberships expire after one year at the end of the month in which the dues were paid. In other words, if membership dues were paid in January 2000, the membership would terminate on January 31, 2001.

Student Award Fund: \$750 Contributed, \$250 More Needed

LLI has established a \$1,000 student award to be presented in May to a currently enrolled NVCC student who has, during two or more semesters on the Annandale Campus, through leadership, community service and personal example, made an outstanding contribution to the development of the sense of unity among the multicultural student body, the College faculty/staff, and the surrounding community.

The LLI objective in this award is to promote a greater sense of identification of LLI with the College, to recognize our mutual interest in promoting the education of all ages and races, and to serve the entire community in which the College and LLI are vital institutions.

If you have not already done so, please consider joining this very worthy cause. Tax-deductible contributions of whatever amount are most welcome. Checks should be made payable to LLI/NOVA, noted for the Student Award, and mailed to the office before April 1.

Knox Singleton

Highlights from the Executive Committee

Among the issues discussed and the decisions made at the LLI Executive Committee, on February 17, following by a week the February Board of Directors meeting are as follows:

- ✓ For the purposes of the dues structure study, it will be assumed that an expenditure of \$5,000 for an administrative coordinator will be authorized for a one-year period.
- ✓ LLI will explore with campus authorities the use of college equipment for large reproduction runs. LLI will research options for the purchase of a small copier for office use. Our current copier is to be removed because of unsatisfactory performance.
- ✓ The March newsletter (this issue) is being prepared by George Staten and Al Brothers. Since the former has resigned from his editor role, LLI is urgently seeking volunteers to manage future newsletters.
- ✓ LLI has been approached for its counsel on how best to establish a similar organization at NVCC's Loudon campus.
- ✓ There have been positive developments to solve the problem of a long waiting list for the introductory computer class, Lorin Goodrich reported. He has negotiated use of a computer laboratory on the Annandale campus. Those on the wait-list for the advanced course will be invited to attend, with special arrangements for their advanced status.

Some of the items discussed were elaborations of what was reported at the Board meeting on February 11, cited elsewhere in this newsletter.



Dying in America; End of Life Issues

LLI Participation in the Discussion

There is a Bill Moyers PBS Series planned to run this fall from 9:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. on September 10, 11, 12, and 13 to discuss the many different issues surrounding the current practices and personal experience of dying in America and what improvements are desired. In preparation for this series, efforts are being

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made to promote nationwide discussion groups beforehand that will feed into and augment the PBS series. Fairfax County Board Supervisor Sharon Buloya

Supervisor Sharon Bulova has formed a planning group with representatives from various institutions to promote these discussions throughout the area. Knox

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Singleton is representing the Lifetime Learning Institute. LLI members who are interested in discussing this topic are invited to a meeting from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 24 in Seminar Room A of the Forum at the Cultural Center on the Annandale Campus (park in the gated lot). Call him on (703) 532-2409 or e-mail at **jknoxsing@aol.com** to register for the

LLI members participating in the March discussion will later have an opportunity to participate in a national teleconference to be held at WETA in Shirlington, VA, on April 18 from noon to 1:30 p.m., presented as a part of the "On Our Own Terms: Moyers on Dying" outreach campaign.

discussion or for more information.

Knox Singleton

February 7 Kickoff Starts New Semester

— a visual roundup —



Jack Barringer (seated), LLI registrar, chats with guests.



John Bogart, LLI class leader for the travel program.



LLI members exchanging pleasantries: (l. to r.) *Genevieve Thiem, Jean Packard, Doris Balinsky, Alan Mayer, Lorin Goodrich, and*



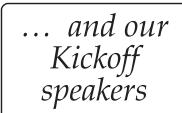
Ann Rourke accepting checks from new members.



Leah Porzel, refreshment hostess.



Knox Singleton, LLI founder and first president, with Dr. Surgit Kaur, a member of the LLI faculty.





Alan Mayer, our Board President and master of ceremonies for the Kickoff.



Helen Clark, Program Committee.



Louise Sousk, our trip organizer.



George Staten, Program Committee.