

U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle/Near East

February 2002
Volume 6 – Number 1

News & Views

Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia ♦ c/o NVCC Continuing Education ♦ 8333 Little River Turnpike ♦ Annandale, Virginia 22003 ♦ Phone (703) 503-0600 ♦ FAX (703) 503-5350

At our January 7 Forum, American University Professor Samih K. Farsoun laid out the background of religious movements of all religions world-wide. Some of the issues covered were: internal and external factors, post-World War II, the Cold War, how nationalism led to anti-colonialism, formation of the Arab League, movements against U.S. interests – especially oil (BP in Iran and Aramco-Saudi Arabia-nationalized), Communist attempts, and infiltrating Middle East countries, plus creation of the State of Israel, the Palestine question, etc.

Our February Forum speaker will be a representative from the U.S. State Department, who will provide the background of U.S. foreign policy during the past 50 years in the Middle and Near East. It is essential to understand what the world situation, vis-à-vis the Middle East, was post-World War II and the Cold War period, in order to more fully comprehend U.S. foreign policy during the last half century.

It is my intention to conclude this series of Forum presentations at our March 4 Forum with a speaker from the legislative segment of the U.S. Government, who will cover our political process and its impact on U.S. foreign policy during the past 50 years in the Middle/Near East.

Ted Krivoruchka

LLI Members Are Invited...

...by the Learning in Retirement Institute at George Mason University to attend the following course at no cost:

#705 – Transportation Safety and Security, Wednesdays, January 30 – February 20, 2002; noon – 1:30 p.m.; at the Tallwood Annex (just off GMU's Fairfax Campus), 4210 Roberts Road, Fairfax

To Register for one or more sessions call (703) 503-3384.

In a nation on the move, the safety of travelers and goods is of utmost importance. How safe is it to travel in the United States? What are our most pressing transportation problems and how are we addressing them in both the short and long term? What is the federal role in safety and security? Expert speakers will address the risks of travel and explain the benefits and costs of the possible solutions. There will be time for questions.

The Lunch Bunch

The **Lunch Bunch** will gather after the February Forum at the **Malibu Grill**, 5715 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, phone (703) 379-1605. This Brazilian steakhouse comes well recommended, and features an added all-you-can-eat entrée with an extensive salad bar for \$9.95. Directions from NOVA: Right on Route 236 (Little River Turnpike) toward Annandale; turn left on John Marr Drive (at K-Mart); then right on Columbia Pike to Bailey's Crossroads. Staying on Columbia Pike, go under Leesburg Pike (Route 7); the restaurant is on the right immediately beyond the overpass. Call John Bogart (703/273-2547) for further information.

Monday Forum Refreshments Needed

Those delicious pastries we all enjoy at the Monday Forums appear by courtesy of our fellow members. With the increase in attendance we need six to eight contributors each month. Please call Jane Jones, (703) 799-7812, to indicate which month you would be willing to bring some baked goods. If you are in a hurry, or can't cook, we gladly accept store-bought goodies. **Men — your contributions also are welcome!**

Jan. 30: "Overview of Transportation Safety," George L. Mocharko, retiree, National Transportation Safety Board

Feb. 8: "Safety of Airports, Aircraft and Air Traffic Control," Quinten Johnson, on special assignment to the Office of the Secretary of Transportation

Feb. 13: "Highway Vehicle Safety," Kim Hazelbaker, Senior Vice-President, Highway Loss Data Institute

Calendar of Events

February

- 4 Forum
- 4 Classes begin
- 8 Board Meeting
- 8 Newsletter Deadline
- 13 Bridge Group (tentative)
- 15 Financial Forum, Topic: Comparative Review of Personal Financial Planning, Investment, and Wealth Management firms
- 15 Newsletter Mailing
- 16 *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*
- 27 Bridge Group (tentative)

March

- 4 Forum
- 8 Board Meeting
- 11 Newsletter Deadline
- 13 Bridge Group (tentative)
- 18 Newsletter Mailing
- 27 Bridge Group (tentative)

April

- 1 Forum
- 10 Bridge Group (tentative)
- 12 Board Meeting
- 14 Theatre Club: *Mamma mia*
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 19 Day Trip: Trolley Museum, Calvert House Inn, and Riversdale
- 22 Newsletter Mailing
- 24 Bridge Group (tentative)

May

- 5 Forum/Summer Kickoff
- 10 Board Meeting
- 12 Theatre Club: *Hot Mikado*
- 13 Newsletter Deadline
- 17 Carroll County Farm Museum, Country Inn, and the Union Mills Homestead and Grist Mill
- 20 Newsletter Mailing

June

- 3 Forum/Annual Meeting
- 14 Philadelphia Trip
- 14 Board Meeting

September

- 9 Forum — New Speaker Series begins

February 20: "The Role of the Driver in Highway Safety," Lt. Susan Culen, Fairfax County Police. "Design and Testing of Roadway Hardware," Richard Powers, a highway design engineer with the Federal Highway Administration.

...by the **Vienna Community Center** to attend their class on "Personal History – Documenting Your Life Stories," Thursdays, January 3-March 21, 2002, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Since LLI's memoir-writing class was canceled, Cheryl Harlan, Vienna Community Center's Program Coordinator of Life Enhancement for the Mature Adult, thought theirs might be a good option. Although the winter session has begun, LLI members are welcome to come and have a "look see" to get a feeling for the class. If you are interested in visiting or enrolling, or just have questions, please call Cheryl at (703) 255-7801. Class Coordinator: Herman Carter.

Our lives are filled with unique experiences, which make future generations more knowledgeable, when shared through written autobiographies. This is an opportunity to record the story of your life for your children, grandchildren, and generations to come. Memory stimulators and activities to help you to be a creative writer will be supplied. Each week a different topic is given to class members to write about. Everyone gets a chance to read a one-to-two-page story each week. This class is good for both new and experienced writers. Class size is about 20 participants. Fee: A one-time per semester \$2 cash donation is payable in class to purchase snacks, coffee, and tea, to be served at each class.

Are You a Good Record Keeper? LLI Needs Your Help!

During the first six years of LLI's operation many files and documents have accumulated in our little campus office to the point where we now need to refine our system for retaining records. We could use the help of a member who has experience in such matters. Please call Lorin Goodrich at (703) 425-9574 or Laura Charron at (703) 281-6189 if you can lend us a hand.

Summer / Fall Courses

By now you all will be ready to attend courses in our Winter/Spring semester. But it is already time to start thinking of the future — what courses can we provide in the Summer and Fall semesters? Please put on your thinking caps and tell us if: a) you have expertise in a field that you think would be of interest to our members; b) you have a friend, ex-colleague, or professional acquaintance who is an expert in a specific area, gives good presentations, and would be willing to teach a course; c) you have heard of, or attended, an excellent course at some other facility, and would like LLI to offer that course, or to use the same person for another course; or d) you know of faculty members at NVCC or elsewhere who could be approached to teach a course.

Please clip and retain with your membership list

Membership Update

New Members

Welcome to:

Mr. Donald J. Bartell, 9517 Kirkfield Road, Burke, VA 22015; Tel.: (703) 323-5546

Natalie Becker, Apt. 802, 3101 South Manchester St., Falls Church, VA 22044; Tel.: (703) 931-4730

Joyce D. Henderson, 3635 Camelot Drive, Annandale, VA 22003; Tel.: (703) 560-7256

Ms. Bea Kirby, 5305 Southampton Drive, Springfield, VA 22151; Tel.: (703) 978-8157; E-mail: BeaKirby2@aol.com

Mrs. Dena G. Leep, 3311 Holly Berry Court, Falls Church, VA 22042; Tel.: (703) 560-2272; E-mail: DRGLEep@aol.com

Mrs. Lillian Levy, 6130 Crozet Court, Springfield, VA 22150; Tel.: (703) 922-9448; E-mail: Earl99@worldnet.att.net

Ms. Nancy B. Maher, 6444 Montrose St., Alexandria, VA 22312; Tel.: (703) 354-3672

Ms. Patricia McAleavy, Apt. 104, 7523 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003-2931; Tel.: (703) 256-6857; E-mail: PattyMcAleavy@aol.com

Mrs. Margery M. Miner, 8519 Virginia Avenue, Annandale, VA 22003; Tel.: (703) 978-5463

Bob & Helen Podell, 8620 Appleton Court, Annandale, VA 22003; Tel.: (703) 978-4579; E-mail: Rpodell@cox.rr.com

Mrs. Eleanor M. Rooney, 2430 Villanova Drive, Vienna, VA 22180; Tel.: (703) 573-5505

Mrs. Mary-Louise Walker, 3214 Amberley Lane, Fairfax, VA 22031-2702; Tel.: (703) 560-8263

Mrs. Margaret (Peggy) M. Wyatt, 5021 Althea Drive, Annandale, VA 22003; Tel.: (703) 978-7796; E-mail: JackandPeggy2000@starpower.net

Deletions

Milton Berger; Louise Bloom; Ethel Leeper; Mary Lluy; Richard Pepper

Corrections

D'Ella Clark, E-mail: daclark8110@aol.com

Helen Clark, E-mail: h.a.clark@worldnet.att.net

Lois Czapiewski, E-mail: lo.czap@horizon.net

Nancy Jarvis, (703) 455-3414

Alan Mayer, Fax No. (703) 354-0239

Mrs. Richard Pepper: Mrs. Marie E. Pepper

Liz Snively, E-mail: jns-ginger@comcast.net

President's Corner

I hope you had an enjoyable holiday season and that the new year has started off with good health and happiness for you and your family. It was very gratifying to have such a large turnout for our holiday luncheon at the Fort Myer Officer's Club. Over 100 members and guests had a great time, thanks to the combined efforts of coordinator Marie Baglio, Laura Charron, Marjorie Clark, Kathy Dennehy, Virginia Fernbach, Colletta Hammond, Bo Kelley, Don Reynolds, and Phil Waggener. We have reserved the same room at the Club for next season, so mark your calendars now for Tuesday, December 17, 2002.

LLI 2002 activities are well under way. One hundred and eighty-five members and guests attended the January 7 Forum, which I understand is a record. The speaker, Professor Farsoun from American University, was extremely well received, and several people have asked that we invite him for a return engagement. We are experiencing a robust interest in our course offerings for the Winter/Spring term. Please refer to the enclosed errata sheet for changes in class schedules, locations, etc.

As we begin a new calendar year the Board of Directors wants to repeat its previous invitation to contact any one of us with suggestions for improving our programs or, of course, to voice your concerns. You will find that we are good listeners. While at a restaurant recently I opened a fortune cookie that contained the following thought: "Helping others is helping yourself." Since LLI owes its success to the contributions and efforts of its volunteers, it is evident that a great many of you subscribe to this philosophy – let's continue to maintain that spirit throughout the year.



LLI Board of Directors

President: Lorin Goodrich

Vice President: Richard Risk

Secretary: Mary Davis

Treasurer: John Manion

Past President: Alan Mayer

President Emeritus: J. Knox Singleton

Members: Doris Balinsky, Helen Clark, Marjorie Clark, Virginia Fernbach, Gordon Hamlet, Warren Hynes, Gladys Keating, Nan Liner, Memphis Norman, Donald Reynolds

Newsletter Staff

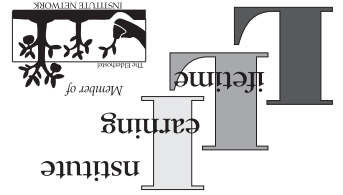
Newsletter Editor: Liz Snively (703) 683-6426 / jns-ginger@comcast.net

Graphic Design/Desktop Publisher: Alfred Brothers

Time Sensitive Material Please Expedite

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Permit No. 2192
Merrifield, VA

Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia
c/o NVCC Continuing Education
8333 Little River Turnpike
Annandale, Virginia 22003
Phone (703) 503-0600 / FAX (703) 503-5350
E-Mail: llinovva@hotmail.com



Day Trips

Correction – May 17 trip to the **Carroll County Farm Museum, Antrim 1844 Country Inn, and the Union Mills Homestead and Grist Mill** – please note phone number corrections for trip leaders: Anne Austin (703) 569-5994 and Louise Sousk (703) 323-9144.

New – October 16-18, 2002: **Woodrow Wilson Birthplace, Museum of American Frontier, D-Day Memorial, Thomas Jefferson’s Poplar Forest, Tour of Historic Lynchburg, Virginia.** Details will follow in a later newsletter.

Recommended Reading

If you attended the January 7 Forum but didn’t have a chance to take down the titles of the books about Islam and Afghanistan that Professor Farsoun recommended, they were: *Islam* by Karen Armstrong, and *Unholy Wars* by John Cooley.

Winter/Spring Program 2002 — Erratum

Please note that a “Friday Morning” heading was missing from the program. Course 2632, Garden Tour and Lecture on Plant Conservation in the 21st Century, is scheduled for Friday, April 26, 10-12 noon (as indicated in the catalogue) — you may have overlooked this as it is listed under Thursdays.

Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

Just a reminder to refer to page iii of the Winter/Spring course catalog for our policy on class cancellations. These guidelines also apply to all other LLI activities, such as the monthly Forum, the Discussion Group, the Financial Forum, and the Bridge Group.



Faculty members who have participated in the past have greatly enjoyed LLI students.

In addition, we would like volunteers to coordinate courses using some excellent video materials which have been donated to, or purchased by, LLI. We have a Teaching Company course on Classical Mythology, and several videos on military topics, especially WWII, as well as Vietnam and the Civil War.

Please contact the LLI office at (703) 503-0600 if you have ideas that we should consider.

Please Remember, Don't Forget

To check the mailing label on this newsletter for the expiration date of your LLI membership and send in your renewal when due to ensure that you continue to receive mailings and are eligible to participate in classes and other activities.

To wear your LLI name tag when you attend classes and other functions so that we may get to know each other.

When you mail anything to the LLI office, please be sure to write out the name – Lifetime Learning Institute. Mail addressed just to "LLI" is being misdirected to the ELI (Extended Learning Institute) office, resulting in late delivery to us.

To call Barbara Evans, (703) 978-2122, if you know of anyone who is indisposed, so that she may send a get-well or thinking-of-you card on behalf of LLI.



And Here's an Offer You Can't Refuse!

The Fairfax Symphony has made a Special Introductory Offer to LLI members: \$15.00 Orchestra Seats for one of the following concerts:

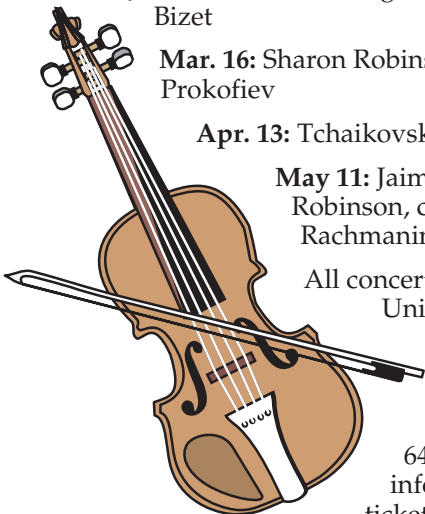
Jan. 19: Schubert, Wagner, Grondahl, Ravel, and Bizet

Mar. 16: Sharon Robinson, cello; Brahms, Haydn, Prokofiev

Apr. 13: Tchaikovsky, Strauss, Korngold

May 11: Jaime Laredo, violin; Sharon Robinson, cello; Verdi, Danielpour, Rachmaninoff

All concerts in the George Mason University Concert Hall at 8 p.m. Free Concerttalk by WGMS host, James Bartel, at 7 p.m. Call Qing (Ching) Fan at (703) 642-7200 for additional information on obtaining tickets.



Special Interest Groups

Bridge Group

The *Bridge Group* meets twice monthly, on the second and fourth Wednesdays, at the Mason District Government Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (bring a bag lunch). Because the meeting dates cannot be confirmed with the Government Center until a month in advance, please call Bob or Gladys Bucklew, Chairpersons, at (703) 631-7889 if you wish to attend. Such calls not only confirm the meeting date for you but also afford us the opportunity to obtain sufficient card tables for attendees. All are welcome. **Note:** the group is composed primarily of single individuals as opposed to couples. We play four hands per game and change partners at the conclusion of each game. We hope you can join us!

Discussion Group – Everyone Welcome!

Date: Friday, February 1, 2002, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC, Seminar Room A.

Topic: Are the Freedoms Americans Enjoy Being Eroded?

Resource Person: Richard Risk

Information: Gladys Bucklew (703) 631-7889

Financial Forum – Informal Group Discussion – Everyone Welcome!

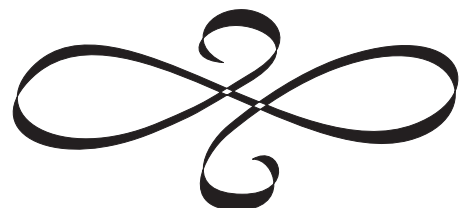
Date: Friday, February 15, 2002, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC, Seminar Rooms A& B.

Topic: Comparative Review of Personal Financial Planning, Investment, and Wealth Management firms, which will include services offered, objectives, costs, web sites, etc. The session will include what credential(s) to look for and how to find out if someone is a Certified Financial Planner. One firm requires no minimum net worth or asset size, while others require specific amounts. There seems to be much to learn about this evolving industry.

Presenters: LLI members, Sue Swift and Virginia Fernbach. Opinions expressed are strictly those of the member speakers and do not represent endorsement by LLI. We have had some very informative sessions and hope to see you there.

Theater Group

Reminder: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Sunday matinee, February 17, 2002, at the West End Dinner Theatre in Alexandria. Call Helen Clark at (703) 573-1671 if you have any questions.





The Elderhostel
Institute Network

11 Avenue de Lafayette

Boston, MA 02111-1746

(617) 422-0784

Fax (617) 426-0549

Greetings from Boston:

We are delighted that your ILR Board of Directors has chosen to renew their affiliation with the Nation's largest and most prestigious educational network for older adults – the Elderhostel Institute Network (EIN). Over the coming year we will continue to offer your ILR the services that have brought EIN praise and respect for our commitment to excellence in lifelong learning.

In belonging to a national organization like EIN, your ILR and you as a member of that ILR, are linked to the prestige of the Elderhostel movement, while participating with other ILRs in a unique educational experience. In doing so, you are helping to ensure that these outstanding learning opportunities will continue to be available to future generations.

Thanks to the worldwide recognition of the Elderhostel name, and their ongoing financial support, EIN has access to new educational programs and initiatives, while our high visibility ensures that we can promote the *Learning in Retirement Movement* on both national and international levels.

From the Elderhostel offices in Boston Debbie and I, who are the staff of EIN, gather curriculum resources, locate new educational initiatives, compile and distribute the latest news from ILRs across the Network and serve as a central resource that ILRs can turn to when questions arise. In addition, our Web site - <http://eh.elderhostel.org/ein> - contains a wealth of information and articles that are designed to provide help to both you and your ILR.

But, since resting on our laurels is not part of our philosophy, we are always searching for new ideas that will help ensure the continued excellence of all the ILRs. We welcome your thoughts and suggestions too. In addition, your ILR regional representative, Ian Goodwin, who is your voice at the national level, would also be delighted to hear from you. You can reach Ian at the ILR, Old Dominion University, PO Box 68010, Virginia Beach, VA – email: gipian@webtv.net

Working together, we are all helping to educate society about the tremendous value and joys of lifelong learning. Consequently, the 21st Century does indeed hold great promise for the *Learning in Retirement Movement!*

Cordially,

Nancy Merz Nordstrom
EIN Program Manager
Nancvm@elderhostel.org

Cordially,

Debbie Rodgers
EIN Program Associate
debbier@elderhostel.org

“(EIN) affiliation is crucial to our image locally...members join partly because of the national organization...we are not just a local program...but part of a worldwide network that is recognized worldwide.”
...WCTC LIR, Waukesha County Technical College, WI