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LLI March 4 Forum speaker is former Congressman Don Ritter, a seven-term United States Representative from Pennsylvania, who currently serves as Chairman and President of the National Environmental Policy Institute and as Chairman of the Afghanistan-America Foundation. The Honorable Mr. Ritter was one of the leading congressional proponents of U.S. assistance to the people of Afghanistan during the Soviet invasion and occupation. He will discuss the role of the U.S. Congress in Middle East policy formulation.

The Forum will start promptly at 10:00 a.m., with refreshments available at 9:30 a.m., and the Cultural Center parking lot has been expanded – look for “LLI Parking” signs.

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.



The Lunch Bunch

The **Lunch Bunch** will gather after the March Forum at **Esposito's**, 9917 Lee Highway, Fairfax, phone (703) 385-5912. This cozy family Italian restaurant comes well recommended. The food is great and the price is under \$10.00. Directions from NOVA: take Route 236 toward Fairfax City; turn right on Prosperity Avenue to Arlington Blvd., (Route 50). Turn left on Arlington Blvd., proceed one-quarter mile beyond Fairfax Circle; the restaurant is on the left at the Rebel Run intersection. (For those who went to Skidoo's recently, Esposito's is across the street.) Call John Bogart at (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!**

Calendar of Events

February

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)
29 Mailing of Summer Catalog

May

6 Forum/Summer Kickoff
8 Bridge Group (tentative)
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
22 Bridge Group (tentative)
22 Spring Fling – recognition event

June

3 Forum/Annual Meeting, Election of New Members to Board of Directors
14 Board Meeting
11-13 Trip: Philadelphia
17 Summer Classes begin

September

9 Forum – New Speaker Series begins
30 Fall Classes begin

October

7 Forum
16-18 Trip: "Frontier to Normandy" – Fall tour to Southwest Virginia

November

4 Forum

December

17 Holiday Luncheon

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, March 1, 2002, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Building CF-NVCC, Seminar Room A.

Topic: National ID Card – Benefits and Risks; Privacy and the Internet

Resource Persons: Dr. Carl Steiner and Lorin Goodrich

Information: Gladys Bucklew (703) 631-7889

Financial Forum — Informal Group Discussion — Everyone Welcome!

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

Topic: 40-minute video presentation, "Financially Correct," prepared by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, followed by a group discussion of the Enron fiasco, its impact on the accounting profession, and the need for changes.

Presenter: LLI member, Warren Hynes. Opinions expressed are strictly those of the member speaker and do not represent endorsement by LLI. We have had some very informative sessions and hope to see you there.

Theatre Club

If you want to attend either of these performances, you will need to move quickly. Tickets are going fast!

Sunday, April 14 – 2:00 p.m., National Theater — *Mamma Mia*. Tickets: \$33.00 per person; only three tickets left. This heartwarming hilarious tale of a young girl about to be married, and her mother confronting the past, captivates the audience with 22 unforgettable songs from the internationally acclaimed pop group, ABBA.

Sunday, May 12 – 2:30 p.m., Ford's Theater — *Hot Mikado*. Tickets: \$18.00 per person; only nine tickets left. This wild adaptation of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado* is bursting with swing, jazz, and zoot suit flash. It's an explosion of laughter, song, and dance filled with adventure and romance. Great fun for everyone!

Please clip and retain with your membership list

Membership Update

New Members

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President's Corner

Another well-attended Forum on February 4: One-hundred-and-ninety-eight members and guests heard Mr. Jon Alterman from the State Department discuss U.S. policy in the Middle East. It was a very interesting presentation, enhanced by your cogent questions. On March 4 we can expect another stimulating talk on Middle Eastern policy from the perspective of the U.S. Congress.

As many of you have observed, attendance at our monthly meetings has increased substantially, presenting us with certain logistical challenges, which we plan to address. We have worked with the college to expand the Cultural Center parking lot for our meetings so there will be ample parking. I apologize for any inconvenience you may have experienced during the last two months. Additionally, we plan to improve the sound system in the Forum room by equipping our speakers with clip-on wireless microphones. A hand-held microphone also will be available for use during the question-and-answer period.

By the time you read this newsletter most of you will have received a letter encouraging you to contribute to the LLI Student Award fund. This award, initiated two years ago, has become a much sought after honor and has heightened LLI's image throughout NVCC. Please be generous – contributions are tax deductible.

Finally, the annual process of seeking members to be considered for election to the Board of Directors has begun. Five of the 15 current Board members' terms will expire in June. Each term is for three years. I have appointed Immediate Past President Alan Mayer to chair the five-member Nominating Committee that will be contacting members soon, but why wait to be called? Contact Alan at 703-354-0239 (e-mail: alanmayer@cavtel.net) to nominate yourself or someone else. Serving on the Board is a rewarding experience since members have

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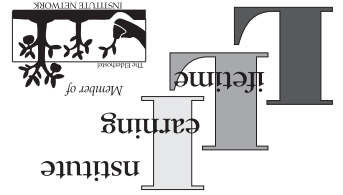
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WANTED

Used eye glasses, frames, lens, and cases, to be sent to the Philippines for impoverished children. Please bring to the March 4 Forum, or call/e-mail Alan Mayer (703)354-0239, alanmayer@cavtel.net. This is a project of the Annandale Rotary Club.

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.

**Mark Your Calendars –
October 16, 17, 18 Fall Tour**

Woodrow Wilson’s Birthplace and the Museum of American Frontier, Staunton, VA; D-Day Memorial, Bedford, VA; Peaks of Otter, Skyline Drive; Jefferson’s Poplar Forest, Bedford County, VA; and Historic Lynchburg Tour. Details on cost and reservation deadline will follow in a later newsletter.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra

The January 19 performance, which had to be cancelled due to bad weather, has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 13, and January 19 tickets will be honored. The Symphony continues to offer orchestra-level seats to LLI members at \$15.00 (less than half the regular price) for the following concerts:

- March 16:** Sharon Robinson, cello; Brahms, Haydn, Prokofiev.
- April 13:** Schubert, Wagner, Grøndahl, Ravel, and Bizet
- 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.

