

April Forum to Feature Fulbright Program in the Middle/Near East

LLI April 1, 2002 Forum speakers are Sarah G. Fuller, the Program Coordinator for the Fulbright Foreign Student Program and the Israeli-Arab Scholarship Programs at AMIDEAST, and Dr. John Sedlins from the Near East and South Asia Fulbright Program Office of Academic Exchange Programs, U.S. Department of State. They will provide valuable background information on students coming from various countries, especially Middle/Near East countries, to study in the U.S.

We also will gain knowledge about the impact the Fulbright program has, or hopefully will have in the future, on building a bridge between the U.S. and the various cultural and religious groups in the Middle East. It is appropriate to ask whether the Fulbright American education program has helped many to return home and make a difference in the lives of people in their own countries and communities. Finally, there is a need in the U.S., and in the Muslim world, to gain greater knowledge of each other.

The Forum will start promptly at 10:00 a.m., with refreshments available at 9:30 a.m.

Parking

In recent weeks, several members have experienced difficulties in exiting the Cultural Center (gated) parking lot. This may have been because they left the Forum meetings early or perhaps because of a mistake in an on-campus class. In any case, if you somehow get stuck in the gated lot, parking tokens are available in the Continuing Education Office, Room 202, on the second floor (elevator stop Upper Level) of the Ernst Building. Ask anyone behind the desk.



Cell Phone No-No

Please turn off your cell phone while attending a class or Forum.

The Lunch Bunch

The **Lunch Bunch** will gather after the April Forum at the **Family Restaurant**, 3051 Nutley Street, Fairfax (tel: (703) 560-9322). This Greek-American restaurant features a varied menu at reasonable cost. They have a great selection of daily specials and sandwiches. It is located next to CVS in the Pan Am Shopping Center. Directions from NOVA: Take Route 236 west to Prosperity Avenue; turn right at the Exxon station, and proceed on Prosperity to Arlington Blvd. (Route 50); turn left on Route 50 and go one-quarter mile to Nutley Street. Turn right and proceed to the Pan Am Shopping Center second entrance, and look for the CVS store. Call John Bogart (703/273-2547) for further information.

LLI Nominating Committee Appointed

Appointments to the LLI Nominating Committee have been made. The committee's task is to come up with a list of members who would be willing to serve on the Board of Directors. Terms are for three years with five of the 15 Board members' terms expiring each year. Committee members are Alan Mayer (chairman), John Bogart, Mary Davis, Virginia Fernbach, and Martie Klee. Please contact any of the members if you are interested in serving. It is a rewarding experience. Elections will take place at the annual meeting on June 3.

Calendar of Events

April 2002

- 1 Forum
- 5 Discussion Group
- 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)
- 26 Financial Forum. Topic: 40-min. video presentation, "Financially Correct"
- 29 Mailing of Summer Catalog

May 2002

- 3 Discussion Group
- 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 – Annual Volunteer Recognition Event

June 2002

- 3 Forum/Annual Meeting, Election of New Members to Board of Directors
- 7 Discussion Group
- 14 Board Meeting
- 11-13 Trip: Philadelphia
- 15 Theatre Club: Joey & Maria's Italian Wedding
- 17 Summer Classes begin

July 2002

- 5 Discussion Group

August 2002

- 2 Discussion Group
- 11 LLI Picnic
- 14 Trip: St Michaels – Eastern Shore, Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum & Lighthouse

September 2002

- 6 Discussion Group
- 9 Forum – New Speaker Series begins
- 30 Fall Classes begin

October 2002

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

November 2002

- 4 Forum

December 2002

- 17 Holiday Luncheon

Course Schedule Change

The April 15 session of Course 2603, "History Presentations by NVCC Faculty," has been rescheduled to Monday, May 6 at 1:30 p.m. in Seminar Rooms A, B, and C of the Ernst Cultural Center. The remaining three sessions in this series of discussions with the history faculty are: Tuesday, March 26: "Images of Women in the American Media;" Monday, April 22: "Karl Marx;" and Monday, May 6: "The Impact of Marxism on the Soviet System."

Recommended Reading

If you are interested in reading about women in the Islamic world, Professor Mary Zimmerman at her February 26 class (Course 2603) recommended the following: *Dreams of Trespass* and *The Veil and the Male Elite* by Fatima Mernissi, *Guests of the Sheik* by Elizabeth Warnock Fernea, *At the Drop of a Veil* by Mariane Alireza, *A Woman of Egypt* by Jehan Sedat, and *Daughter of Persia* by Sattareh Farman Fermainan & Dona Munker.

Mark Your Calendars

This year's Spring Fling – Annual Volunteer Recognition Event (for faculty, all volunteers, and members) – will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2002 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Forum Room (Ernst Cultural Center) at NOVA. Light refreshments will be served and there will be entertainment. Please come and honor the faculty and many volunteers who do so much to promote LLI. It's a great opportunity to visit and socialize with your LLI friends. All members are welcome; a flyer with a registration form will be included in the next newsletter. Anyone wishing to help with this event should call Marie Baglio (703) 532-4285 or Bo Kelley (703) 978-2993.

Summer and Fall Programs

Planning for our summer program is almost complete – we have some interesting classes for you. We are still requesting input for fall courses, so put on your thinking caps and tell us what topics you'd like us to offer, e.g., classes you might have taken elsewhere that you enjoyed, speakers you can recommend, etc. This is your program and we would like to provide courses that you want! Please send your comments in writing to the LLI office or to Doris Balinsky at dorbal@juno.com.

Membership Update

Note: LLI is planning to issue a new Membership List in April 2002. Please review your current listing and provide any corrections/additions/deletions to the office by telephone at (703) 503-0600, by e-mail at llinova@hotmail.com, or by snail mail at Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia, c/o NVCC Continuing Education, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003. Some changes have been listed in recent newsletters, so be sure to check there also. Thanks for your help!

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New Members – Welcome!

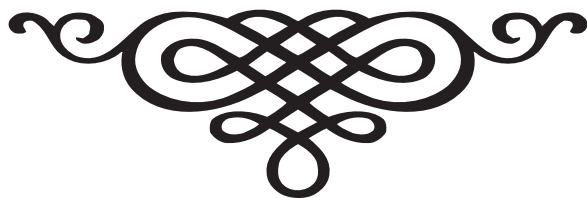
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President's Corner

We are on a roll! One hundred eighty-five members and guests were treated to a thought-provoking presentation on Afghanistan by former Congressman Ritter at the March 4 Forum. Several people have asked that he be invited back. Many thanks to Doris Balinsky and Ted Krivoruchka for making the arrangements.

Your response to our appeal for contributions to the Student Award Fund has been most generous. As of March 8 we had received 73 contributions totaling over \$3,000. Thank you so much. And for those who would like to contribute but haven't done so yet, there is still time.

You may have seen newspaper articles concerning the funding uncertainty for the new NVCC Medical Education Campus in Springfield. While money issues are being settled Dr. Connolly, Provost, is proceeding with program planning. I am pleased that seven of our members are involved in a Senior Programming Focus Group. Thank you Doris Balinsky, Arlene Gribbon, Ruth Hogue, Gladys Keating, Judith Lieberman, Mary Montgomery, and Phil Reeves for participating.

See you on April 1.

Lorin Goodrich

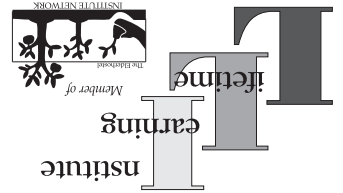
Would You Like To Write Your Personal History?

The Vienna Community Center is hosting the Second Annual *Writing Your Personal History Symposium* on Thursday, May 2, 2002, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The fee is \$2.00, payable at the door. Bring a brownbag lunch and come and learn the success stories of people who have documented their life stories and those who are in the process of writing tales of their life. Learn how to get started and remain motivated from concept to completion. The agenda will include a keynote presentation by published author and teacher Robert W. Middlemiss. Selected memoirs will be presented by members of The Vienna Community Center's Writing Your Personal History class, which has been meeting for over a decade. A writing exercise will be conducted to put you in touch with forgotten memories, and a question-and-answer session will end the program. **Advance registration is required. To enroll,** send your name, address and phone number – and include the course number: 442480 and title: *Writing Your Personal History Symposium* – to The Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna, VA 22180.

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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 April 1 Forum, or call/e-mail Alan Mayer (703)354-0239, alanmayer@cavtel.net. This is a project of the Annandale Rotary Club.

Keep Fit!

The Vienna Community Center has numerous courses for seniors, including Dynamic Walking, Meditation, Body-Mind series (including massage, acupuncture, etc). Contact Cheryl Harlan at the Center (703) 255-7801 for details and costs.

Day Trip Reminder

We still have spaces available for the May 17 trip to Carroll County Farm Museum, Antrim 1844 Country Inn (for lunch), and the Union Mills Homestead and Grist Mill. Lunch is included in the fee: Members: \$50 Non-members: \$55. For a detailed description, see page 16 of the Winter/Spring Program 2002. The registration form is on page 27.

Attention Bird and Wildflower Lovers!

At Great Falls Park, Virginia, there is a bird-watching walk every Sunday (52 weeks of the year) at 8:00 a.m. The leaders and participants are very considerate when it comes to helping novices find birds. Bring binoculars! And at 10:00 a.m. on the third Sunday of the month (March through October), Marion Lobstein of the NOVA Manassas campus leads a wildflower walk at the same location. Both groups meet outdoors on the lower level of the Visitor center. Free! (except for entrance fee to Great Falls Park after 9 a.m.).

Come out and enjoy the Spring!



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, April 5, 2002, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Building CF-NVCC, Chestnut Hill Room

Topic: Cheney's Energy Committee and Secrecy As Related to the Environment

Information: Tom Buchanan (703) 281-4894

Financial Forum – Informal Group Discussion – Everyone Welcome!

Date: Friday, April 26, 2002, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC, Seminar Rooms A & B. (Rescheduled from March 15 because the Cultural Center was closed due to Spring break.)

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.

Note: The last Financial Forum for 2001-2002 will be May 24. The programs will resume in September.

Theatre Club

Reminders:

Sunday, April 14 — 2:00 p.m., National Theater – *Mamma Mia*. Directions: Easiest way to get to National is by Metro – take the Orange or Blue Line to the Federal Triangle station, which is directly across the street from the theater.

Sunday, May 12 – 2:30 p.m., Ford's Theater – *Hot Mikado*. Tickets: \$18.00 per person; and there are only a few 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! This will be the last production at Ford's for several years; they are closing for renovation.

Community Concerts Association of Fairfax Concert Series

CAA offers Kennedy Center quality concerts in its 2002-03 four concert series for \$35.00. (Admission to a single concert is \$20.) The CAA subscription drive runs from March 23 to April 20. The 2002-03 series includes:

Sunday, Oct. 6, 3:00 p.m., *Alborada*, a five-member South American family of musicians who play Andes folk melodies.

Saturday, Nov. 9, 8:00 p.m., *Piano Four*; four nationally-recognized pianists will play classical compositions.

Sunday, Jan. 19, 3:00 p.m., *Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats* — a world-class troupe of acrobats that has had rave reviews.

Sunday, April 13 or 27, 3:00 p.m., *Program to be announced*. Under consideration is a quality national or international group.

Note: New subscribers will be admitted free to the current series' last concert, Festival of Four, April 20, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. at Fairfax High School. The concert features 3 guitarists and one flutist playing classical, folk, and flamenco music.

For a series application call Helen Clark at (703) 573-1671.

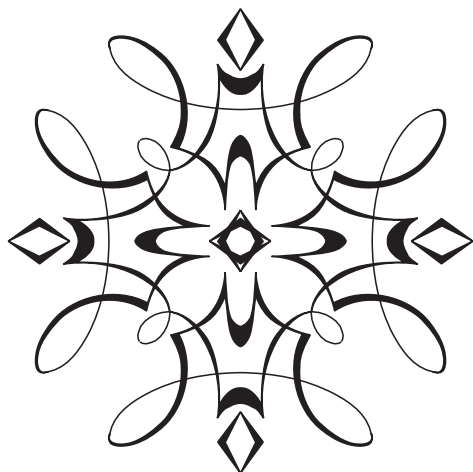


Invitation from LRI at George Mason University

A series of lectures on Transportation Policy Issues will be presented at the Learning in Retirement Institute at George Mason, Tallwood Annex, 4210 Roberts Road, Fairfax, on Mondays, from 2 to 3:30 PM, starting April 1 and ending May 20. LLI members are invited to attend one or all sessions at no charge – please call Joanne at (703) 503-3384 (or e-mail: jlingerf@gmu.edu).

The lectures will be as follows:

- **April 1:** John Mason, Mayor, Fairfax City, “Overview of Local Transportation Issues”
- **April 8:** Alan Pisarski, Transportation Consultant, “National Travel Patterns: Trends and Outlook”
- **April 15:** Delegate Vincent Callahan Jr., “Northern Virginia Transportation and VDOT Issues”
- **April 22:** William Menczer, Director, Office of Policy Development, Federal Transit Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, “Urban Public Transport”
- **April 29:** Patrick Kane, Community Planning Consultant and Adjunct Professor, University of Virginia, “Connectivity”
- **May 6:** Ann Mesnikoff, Washington Representative, Sierra Club, “Motor Vehicle Fuel Economy Standards”
- **May 13:** John Eberhard, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, “Safe Mobility for Older People”
- **May 20:** Arrigo Mongini, formerly Deputy Associate Administrator for Railroad Development, Federal Railroad Administration, US Department of Transportation, “National Rail Passenger Service: Status and Outlook”



Social Security News

Meet the New Commissioner

Jo Anne B. Barnhart was sworn into office in November 2001, but she's no newcomer to Social Security. Commissioner Barnhart served more than four years as a member of the Social Security Advisory Board, an independent body created to advise the Congress on Social Security issues and policies. She is also a former Social Security employee.

Now, with the agency in her charge, she is responsible for the retirement, survivors, and disability programs as well as the Supplemental Security Income program. Get to know her a little better by checking out her biography at <http://www.ssa.gov/pressoffice/barnhart.htm>

New Service for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you can apply for retirement, survivors, Medicare, and one-time bereavement benefits immediately by calling Social Security's toll-free TTY/TDD number, 1-800-325-0778. Call Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and file a claim for benefits using a TTY/TDD machine. You'll communicate directly with a representative without the need for a local relay system. To find out more, see SSA's news release at <http://www.ssa.gov/pressoffice/ict-press.htm>

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