

Are Our Individual Rights Being Eroded?

You won't want to miss the November 4 Forum meeting

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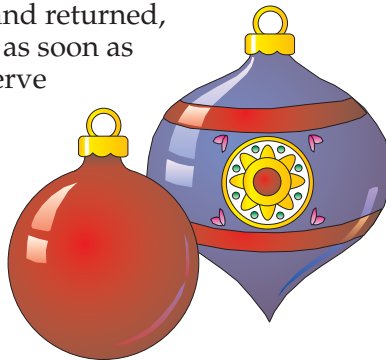
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David Draschler of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) will present his organization's concerns over what is happening to our individual rights particularly during the past year. For example, are citizens being arrested and detained without merit? Should there be a national identification system? Join us for a lively discussion at our November 4 meeting in the Forum room of NVCC's Annandale Campus Cultural Center.

Refreshments will be available at 9:30 a.m., followed by the program at 10:00 a.m. Parking is available in the Cultural Center lot – look for the LLI signs. Call the LLI office at (703) 503-0600 if you have questions.

Holiday Luncheon

Be sure to calendar **Tuesday, December 17** for our annual Holiday Luncheon, which will be held in a spacious banquet room at the Fort Myer Officers' Club. This year's cost will be \$18.00 for members and \$23.00 for non-members. There will be a cash bar and entertainment. As we did last year, we are hiring a bus – at a cost of \$8.00 per person – to accommodate those who prefer not to drive. A registration flier is enclosed in this newsletter and should be completed and returned, with payment, as soon as possible to reserve your seat(s). Details about the luncheon and Fort Myer security measures will be provided in the December newsletter.



The Lunch Bunch

Reservations have been made for the November 4 *Lunch Bunch* at the newly-renovated *MAMA's Restaurant*, 9715 Lee Highway in Fairfax (telephone (703) 385-2646). The restaurant is known for its Italian specialties and salad bar. Directions from NOVA: turn left on Little River Turnpike to Prosperity Avenue, right on Prosperity to Arlington Blvd., left on Arlington Blvd. to the restaurant, which is on the left a block beyond Fairfax Circle.



In Memoriam

Irv Drill,
our newly-found, outstanding guest
faculty
on "Jazz," passed away on
September 17.
His encyclopedic commentary
on jazz artists, integrated with
selected playing of classic jazz
performances
from his vast record collection, will
linger
in our memories
for some time to come.

Membership Renewal

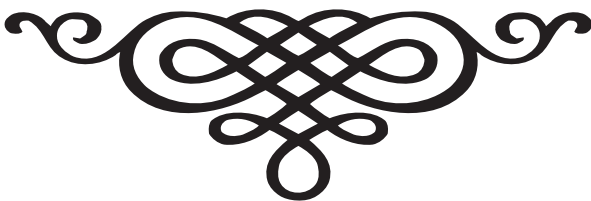
Please check the mailing label on this newsletter for the expiration date of your LLI membership and send in your renewal when due to ensure that you continue to receive mailings and are eligible to participate in classes and other activities. The form appearing on page 33 or 35 of the "Fall 2002 Program" course catalogue should be mailed to the LLI office with a check in the amount of \$100 for each person wishing to continue with LLI.



Membership Update

Corrections

New E-mail Addresses



Something to Think About!

"The problem with getting old is that you are not going to outgrow it."

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President's Corner

A few weeks ago I attended a meeting of the "Elder Educators' Consortium," comprised of representatives from life-long learning institutes in the metropolitan area (Montgomery College, Prince Georges Community College, American University, George Mason University, and LLI). This informal group meets twice a year to exchange operational and program ideas. Although LLI has the fewest members and is the youngest of the institutes, I am proud to report that we offer the widest array of educational and social programs. This is truly an affirmation of the numerous contributions made by so many of our members.

Occasionally we make special mention of LLI members who have made a difference. One of our charter members, **Phil Reeves**, is a prime example. He is featured in the October 2002 issues of The Golden Gazette as the "Volunteer of the Month." CONGRATULATIONS, PHIL! The article lists Phil's many volunteer activities, but only mentions that he takes courses at LLI. However, so many of us have had the good fortune to have worked with Phil and to have benefited from his contributions to LLI's success. This quiet, modest gentleman served on the Board of Directors for five years while also working in several important areas such as course registration and strategic planning, as well as serving as secretary. In a letter to the editor of The Golden Gazette, our President Emeritus, Knox Singleton, pointed out that "He (i.e., Phil Reeves) certainly helped a lot in setting the tone for a great set of dedicated volunteers that have made LLI/NOVA the dynamic and still thriving membership-driven organization that it continues to be."

And speaking of volunteers – how about our outstanding faculty this fall? They work hard to bring you an educational experience because they enjoy it. Your continued attendance conveys your appreciation, but another way would be to send them a note. Such notes can be mailed to the LLI office; we will make sure that they are forwarded to the intended recipient. LLI typically sends a letter of appreciation to each instructor, but hearing from you would reinforce LLI's thanks.

Please mark your calendars and make your reservations early for the December 17 holiday luncheon at Fort Myer (see flier in this newsletter). Marie Baglio will be coordinating this affair once again, but has decided to take a break from overseeing future social events. Accordingly, we need a coordinator for our spring 2003 faculty/volunteer appreciation event. Please call Virginia Fernbach at (703) 751-8369 if you are willing to take on this assignment. You will have lots of help.

Finally, congratulations to LLI members **John Manion** and **Mary Miglia** who will be married on November 2. We wish them many years of happiness.

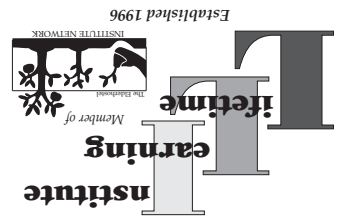
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Poor Circulation Problem!

LLI's librarian, Betty Mahon, reports that the very worthwhile inventory of our library is suffering from low circulation. If you haven't checked anything out, ever or lately, stop by the library table at the November 4 Forum meeting, introduce yourself to Betty, and see what you've been missing.

Consumer Alert Issued by Federal Trade Commission

If you get a lot of e-mail, you probably know all too well that you can't believe everything you read. Recently you may have seen an e-mail with wrong information. The e-mail says that the four major credit bureaus can give anyone your personal information – your credit report, mailing address, phone number, even your Social Security number. It then suggests you call and "opt out" to keep your information from being released. In response to this widely circulated e-mail, the Federal Trade Commission has issued a Consumer Alert with all the facts. If you want the real story, visit this link: <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/alerts/optalrt.htm>

Some Advantages of Being Over 70

1. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
2. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
3. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.
4. People call at 9:00 p.m. and ask, "Did I wake you?"
5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
6. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
7. Things you buy now won't wear out.

To be continued



Special Interest Groups

Bridge Group

The LLI Bridge Group will meet once in November (**Wednesday, November 13**) and once in December (**Wednesday, December 11**) at the Mason District Government Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (bring a bag lunch). Please call Bob or Gladys Bucklew, Chairpersons, at (703) 631-7889 if you wish to attend so that we will have sufficient cards and card tables. All are welcome. Note that if there are "extra" people, play is rotated (four hands per game) among all present. Also, most of our players are "singles;" you do not need a partner to attend. We hope you can join us!

Discussion Group — Everyone Welcome!

Date: Friday, November 1, 2002, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Building CF, Chestnut Hill Room, NVCC

Topic: Multiple Problems: Terrorism, Iraq, Middle East Conflict. Where will they all lead?

We have a lot of problems in the world. How much responsibility does the U.S. have to solve them? Events are changing so rapidly it is hard to predict what the situation will be at the date of our next meeting. Please bring current clippings from the newspapers and magazines as well as your opinions.

Information: Sue Swift (703) 698-8159

Favorite Books Club

The Favorite Books Club will meet on the third Wednesday of each month at the Mason District Government Center (6507 Columbia Pike) from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Members vote on books the group will read, and one person leads the discussion each month. The November 19 selection is: "Death Comes for the Archbishop," by Willa Cather; Reviewer: to be selected. There will not be a meeting in December.

If you have questions, please call Nan Liner at (703) 824-9762 or e-mail NOL8@juno.com.

Financial Forum — Everyone Welcome! (No sign-up necessary)

Date: November 15, 2002, 10:00-11:30 am.; **Important:** please note that the Financial Forum will be in Seminar Rooms A & B, Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC, Annandale for this meeting and the January program.

Topic: Timely topics, which will be led by several LLI members in a round-table discussion format, are planned. Details will be given at the November 4 Forum meeting. As always, opinions expressed do not represent endorsement by LLI. We hope to see you there. We always have good member interaction.

Spanish Conversation and Discussion Group

The group will meet weekly to practice language skills, improve vocabulary, and polish grammar.

Dates/Time: Thursdays through December 12, 2002, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Location: Food Service Building (CM6), Chestnut Hill Room, NVCC Annandale Campus

Leader: Judith Diaz (703) 893-2048

Theatre Club

Les Misérables – Wednesday matinee, November 27, 2002, 2:00 p.m., National Theatre, 1312 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC; \$16.50 per person. Based on Victor Hugo's classic novel, *Les Misérables* is an epic saga that sweeps through three turbulent decades of 19th century France. See the enclosed flier. **Important:** Our original allotment of tickets has sold out, but we have obtained a few more. Sign up quickly if you are interested. You may be wait-listed.

Male Songbirds Needed!

Martie Klee had a good response to last month's article about forming an "LLI Chorale," eighteen choristers have signed up, but only one man. We aren't seeking a Pavarotti or Domingo! If you can carry a tune (more or less) and like to sing because it makes you feel good, you're what we are looking for. Aw c'mon, give it a whirl! Call Martie Klee at (703) 644-4931 or e-mail at marthaklee@earthlink.net.



Help! Course Leader(s) Needed

We need one or two volunteers to lead the popular "Great Decisions" course next spring. Tom Buchanan, who expertly served in this capacity for several years, is taking a break. Please call Program Committee Chair, Doris Balinsky (703) 941-1794, or President Lorin Goodrich (703) 425-9574, if you are interested. We would like to have two LLI members work as a team and share the responsibilities.

Portugal Anyone?

The Study/Travel Group has chosen Portugal as their next destination. They will leave on May 15, 2003 on



a Go Ahead Vacations tour, Portugal North to South. If you are interested, please contact Alan Mayer at (703) 354-0239 or e-mail alanmayer@cavtel.net.

The basic tour is twelve days, with an optional three-day extension in Madeira. LLI receives a substantial discount based on the number of people who sign up. In addition, Go Ahead Vacations has an October-only promotion: everyone who signs up on a given day for a trip with Go Ahead has their name put in the hat; at the end of the day one name is drawn and the winner receives a free ticket for the tour for which they signed up.

Space is limited, so if you are interested don't delay. You can get more information by going to the web site www.goaheadvacations.org

The Study/Travel Group has scheduled a meeting on Thursday, November 14 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 3, Chapel Square Center to discuss other possible trips during 2003. A trip to Norway in February to see the Aurora Borealis is in the works (see next article), and a tour of China in the fall is being considered. Everyone is welcome

The Aurora Borealis in Norway

This is a customized trip designed for LLI members and friends by Anne, our tour guide on the Scandinavian trip last summer.



The trip includes: two days on a coastal steamer up to the North Cape – the northernmost tip of Europe; overnight at a “farm hotel;” a dog sled safari; a visit to a Sami (Laplander) camp and to the Sami capital; a

snowmobile or bus ride across the tundra; an overnight stay at the Ice Hotel; and two nights in Oslo. Cold-weather gear is provided for the outdoor activities portion of the trip.

Dates: February 4-14, 2003

Cost: \$2500-\$2650 per person, depending on options. This includes everything except for a few dinners and lunches.

There will be a meeting at 10:00 a.m. on November 14, 2002 in Room 3 of the Chapel Square Center. Anne, our tour guide, will be present to discuss the trip. A deposit will be required at that time.

If you are interested please call Sally Souder at (703) 256-8161 or e-mail salsouder@aol.com

Should We Form an LLI Travel Club?

Each fall, members of LLI get together to plan a trip for the next spring/summer. This is done by selecting the most popular place from those proposed by the participants. However, what happens when a few of our members want to go to an unusual place, a place previously visited by LLI, or at a different time of the year? Under the present method, there would not be a LLI group traveling together, thus missing out on group study before going there as well as the wonderful camaraderie during the trip.

I am proposing that we change the way we do our study/travel in future. Instead of holding a series of meetings to find a place to visit, we would maintain a list of those places to



which our members would like to travel and the season of the year in which they would prefer to go. This list would be available at the monthly meetings at NVCC. When a dozen people indicate an interest in traveling to a specific place during a given time period, they can get together, invite others, plan the trip, pick the tour company, and schedule the study phases of the program. This way, we will have study/travel classes going on year round.

I am willing to maintain such a list and to send out e-mails with the trips and counts on a regular basis. A second list of names – members who already have gone to each place – also could be maintained, thus providing local resources for the classes. If you think this is a good idea, please e-mail me at sachs@nova.org.

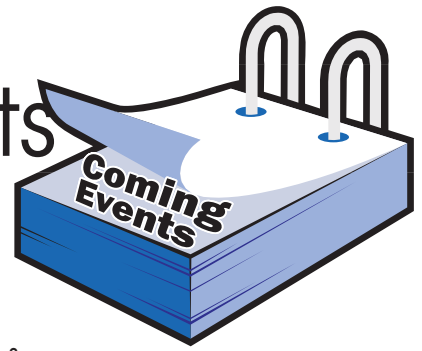
Sidney Sachs

We'll Travel With You

Packing for Peru? Dreaming of days in Denmark? If you're thinking about visiting or moving abroad, you may wonder what will happen to your Social Security payments. You'll be glad to know that most of the time you can get your Social Security even when you're outside the United States for 30 days or more – but it depends on where you are going and whether you're a citizen. Also, we'd like to note that you usually cannot receive Supplemental Security Income benefits while you are outside the United States. We have a web site with all the information you need to know about getting Social Security while you're outside the United States. So whether you're flying to Finland, sailing to Singapore or angling in Australia, you'll know what to expect from Social Security.

http://www.ssa.gov/international/your_ss.html

Calendar of Events



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November 2002

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December 2002

(No December Forum)

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- 6 Discussion Group
- 6 Trip: Gunston Hall Plantation buffet dinner and candlelight tour
- 11 Bridge Group
- 12 Spanish Conversation/Discussion Group
- 13 Board Meeting
- 17 Holiday Luncheon, Fort Myer
("Winter Update" mailed in Dec., no January newsletter published)

January 2003

- 6 Forum
- 10 Board Meeting
- 13 Newsletter Deadline
- 20 Newsletter Mailing

February 2003

- 3 Forum
- 10 Newsletter Deadline
- 14 Board Meeting
- 17 Newsletter Mailing

March 2003

- 3 Forum
- 10 Newsletter Deadline
- 14 Board Meeting

- 17 Newsletter Mailing

April 2003

- 4 Trip: Historic Hampton House, Mrs. K's Toll House & Brookside Gardens
- 7 Forum
- 11 Board Meeting
- 14 Newsletter Deadline
- 21 Newsletter Mailing
- 28-May 2 Trip: Myrtle Beach, SC

May 2003

- 5 Forum
- 9 Board Meeting
- 12 Newsletter Deadline
- 13 Tour & Tea, National Cathedral
- 19 Newsletter Mailing

June 2003

- 2 Forum
- 4 Trip: College Park Airport Museum & National Cryptologic Museum
- 13 Board Meeting
(no newsletter published in June)

July 2003

- (No Forum; no newsletter)
- 10 Trip: Richmond Museum of Fine Arts, White House of the Confederacy, and the Valentine Museum

August 2003

- (No Forum)
- 11 Newsletter Deadline
- 18 Newsletter Mailing

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- 8 Forum, Fall Kickoff
- 12 Board Meeting
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- 17 Trip: Charlottesville, Ash Lawn, & Monticello
- 22 Newsletter Mailing

October 2003

- 6 Forum
- 7-9 Trip: New York City
- 10 Board Meeting
- 13 Newsletter Deadline
- 20 Newsletter Mailing

November 2003

- 3 Forum
- 10 Newsletter Deadline
- 14 Board Meeting
- 17 Newsletter Mailing

December 2003

- (No Forum)
- 12 Board Meeting

