

# Timely Topic for March Forum – Don't Miss This One!

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# News & Views

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**W**ith the deadline for filing our income taxes fast approaching, what better subject for our March 3 Forum meeting than current issues in tax policy? They will be addressed by our guest speaker, Bill Gale, Chief Economist and Co-Director of the Tax Policy Center of the Brookings Institute.

As usual, our meeting will be held in the Forum room of NVCC's Annandale Campus Cultural Center. Refreshments will be served 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.

## Class Reminder

Yereth Knowles received a complaint that Springfield Village was too far to drive for her class, "Latin American Neighbors" (3W26A), so she advises that she has another class, "The Effects of Globalization on South America" (3W25P), which started Wednesday, February 12, 2003 and will continue until April 16, 1:15-2:45 p.m., in Room 8 of the Little River United Church of Christ, across from NOVA. Though it follows a previous course on

"globalization," newcomers as well as other thoughtful folk are welcome. If you need additional information, please call Yereth at (703) 912-3371.

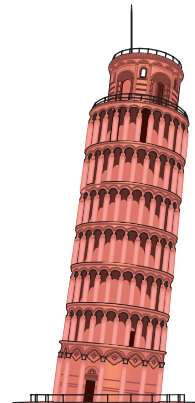
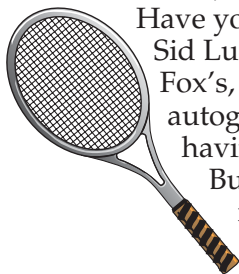
## And Would You Be Interested In

**Sports Memorabilia?** Are you still hanging onto that program from your first college or professional football, basketball, or baseball game?

Have you tucked away Sid Luckman's, Nellie Fox's, or Bob Cousey's autograph? Are you having trouble parting with that Don Budge model wooden tennis racquet, the old wood handmade by Senecas lacrosse stick, or the



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## A Class In...

Babe Ruth endorsed mitt? If you would be interested in a sports memorabilia class next fall, please call one-time sports editor and present collector Don Reynolds at (703) 352-7494.

## Lunch Bunch

The March 3 luncheon following the Forum meeting will take place at *Neighbor's Restaurant*, 262 Cedar Lane Vienna, VA — phone (703) 698-8010, known for its tasty home-style cooking, either buffet or from the menu, reasonably priced at under \$10.00.

**Directions:** From NVCC, turn left on Rte. 236 to Prosperity Ave.; right on Prosperity to Arlington Blvd.; left on Arlington Blvd. to Cedar Lane; right on Cedar Lane over Rte. 66 to the shopping center on the left before Park St.

The distance is less than two miles.

# Calendar of Events

## March 2003

- 3 Forum
- 7 Newsletter  
Deadline
- 14 Board Meeting
- 17 Newsletter Mailing
- 23 Theatre Club:  
"1776", Ford's  
Theatre

## April 2003

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

## May 2003

- 5 Forum
- 8 Spring Fling  
Appreciation Event
- 9 Board Meeting
- 12 Newsletter  
Deadline
- 19 Newsletter Mailing
- 20 Tour & Tea,  
National Cathedral

## June 2003

- 2 Forum
- 4 College Park  
Airport Museum &  
National  
Cryptologic  
Museum
- 13 Board Meeting

— (No newsletter  
published in June)

## July 2003

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

## August 2003

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

## September 2003

- 8 Forum, Fall Kickoff
- 12 Board Meeting
- 15 Newsletter  
Deadline
- 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)
- 11 Holiday Luncheon,  
Fort Belvoir
- 12 Board Meeting  
("Winter Update"  
mailed in Dec., no

## President's Corner

Over 150 members and guests attended the February 3 Forum meeting to hear Gary Crawford, Executive Director of the Ford's Theatre Historical Association Ford's Theatre Foundation, provide some of the little-known facts about the life and assassination of Abraham Lincoln. We are pleased that he has offered to return next February to further enlighten us. It was great to see many of our new members attending their first meeting... thanks to all of the "seasoned" members who made them feel welcome.

Thank you for the positive vote on the proposed amendments to the Bylaws. The feature added to the nominating/election process for Board of Director positions will facilitate the annual transition. The Nominating Committee is actively seeking candidates to fill Board positions that will become vacant in June. Please consider joining the Board — you will find it a rewarding experience.

According to the amended Bylaws a statement of financial condition must be presented to the LLI membership following the Board's review of an annual audit. The required report for FY 2002 appears as an insert to this newsletter. The report shows that the Institute is on a sound fiscal footing, thanks in large part to the many members who selflessly contribute their time and talents. Through their devotion LLI can continue to offer a wide variety of programs at a bargain annual cost of \$100.00 per member. Many thanks to the Audit Committee, comprised of Gordon Hamlet (past LLI member) and George Pearsall, for providing the Board with a professional audit report. Warren Hynes and John Manion (current and past treasurers, respectively) assisted the auditors in organizing records and by answering their questions. We appreciate their time.

LLI Vice President Richard Risk will preside at the March 3 Forum meeting.



### LLI Board of Directors

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## Are You Going to See “1776”?

If you have ordered tickets through LLI for the March 23 matinee at Ford’s Theatre, you may pick them up from Helen Clark at the March 3 Forum meeting.

## From Social Security e-News

Are there any government benefits out there for you? If so, where do you start your search? Check out the *GovBenefits* website — it’s the newest screening tool designed to help you find out about direct payments, loans, insurance, training and other services that may be able to help you. *GovBenefits* can key you in on whether you qualify for any of more than 130 programs run by 11 agencies, including Social Security. If you think you might be missing something in terms of government benefits, hop on the *GovBenefits* website.

<http://www.govbenefits.gov>

## Helpful Web Sites for Veterans

<http://ww2.vet.org>

Search for other veterans. Post your service information so others can find you. Leave an on-line legacy for your children and grandchildren.

<http://www.memoriesofwar.com>

This site is devoted to preserving history by recording the stories of W.W.II veterans.

<http://www.usmc.mil/reunions/reunions.nsf/approved>

Locate local and national reunions from all branches of the military.



# Special Interest Groups

## Bridge Group

The LLI Bridge Group meets twice monthly, *i.e.*, usually the second and fourth Wednesdays, at the Mason District Government Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (bring a bag lunch). However, for the month of **March**, we will be playing the **second Thursday, March 13** (no room available for March 12), and the **fourth Wednesday, March 26**, in the Small Conference Room. Please call Bob or Gladys Bucklew, Chairpersons, at (703) 631-7889 in advance of any date you wish to attend to confirm the meeting date for you and enable us to have sufficient cards and card tables for attendees. All are welcome. Note that if there are "extra" people, play is rotated (four hands per round) 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

**Date:** Friday, March 7, 2003, 10:00–11:30 a.m., Seminar Room A, Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC

**Topic:** What is the current role of the U.N.? In 1945 the U.N. was to be the world's answer to peace. Is it fulfilling this dream or is it another League of Nations? Please bring current clippings from newspapers and magazines as well as your opinions.

**Information:** Sue Swift (703) 698-8159

## Favorite Book Club

**Date:** Thursday, March 20, 2003, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Mason District Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale.

**Book selection:** "Balzac and the Chinese Seamstress" by Dai Sijie. This novel is a quick read (184 pages) about two city boys during China's Cultural Revolution, and is among the "best books of 2002" (independent booksellers lists). It has won five prizes; the rights to the novel have been sold to 19 countries; and it soon will be made into a film. Martie Klee has agreed to review this book.

Please join us, with or without lunch, and bring ideas of other books the group might enjoy reading.

**Information:** Contact Nan Liner at (703) 824-9762 or e-mail at NOL8@juno.com

## Financial Forum – All Members Welcome!

The January 17 Financial Forum that was cancelled due to the snowstorm has been rescheduled.

**Date:** Friday March 21, 2003, 10:00–11:30a.m., Seminar Rooms A&B, Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC.

**Topic:** Worried About Outliving Your Assets? Probability theory is providing new and better answers to dealing with this pressing concern. Come and find out what one company's strategy is for helping retirees make more informed financial choices. The T. Rowe Price Retirement Income Manager Program will be discussed, including the sophisticated Monte Carlo computer analysis program used to determine recommended portfolios.

**Presenter:** Jae Shin, Client Relations Mgr., T. Rowe Price

**NOTE:** As always, opinions expressed do not represent endorsement by LLI.

**LLI Coordinator:** L. Virginia Fernbach

## LLI Singers

The LLI Singers are in rehearsal again and male voices are badly needed. If you like to sing because it makes you feel good and can (sort of) carry a tune you're what we are looking for. C'mon, you in-the-shower Pavarottis, give it a whirl! Call Martie Klee (703) 644-4931 or e-mail marthaklee@earthlink.net. We now have a definite rehearsal schedule that will accommodate those LLI members who have a morning or afternoon class.

**Date:** Tuesday, February 18, 2003, and every other Tuesday thereafter, 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Choir Room, Little River United Church of Christ, across from NOVA. Bring a snack lunch if you need to.

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## Membership Update

**New Members: Welcome! We hope you will participate in our classes and volunteer your talents and time to our various committees.**

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