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Attend the April Forum and Find Out!

News & Views

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Two veteran legislators will give us an overview of happenings at the recent General Assembly. Over 1500 pieces of legislation were enacted in the 46-day 2003 session, which ended on February 22. Billed as a cantankerous session, many controversial issues were addressed such as the budget shortfall, inheritance tax relief, abortion, and guns, to name a few.

Delegate Jim Dillard (R-House District 41) is an influential member of the House, having served in it for over 30 years. He is Chairman of the Education Committee and a member of the Appropriation and Privileges & Elections Committees. He is one of five House conferees on the budget bill where the critical decisions are made on what's in and what's out of the final document.

Senator Leslie Byrne (D-Senate District 34) served three terms in the House of Delegates (1986-1992), one term in the U.S. House of Representatives (1993-1994), and has been a member of the Senate of Virginia since 2000. She was one of the senators who was doubled up during the 2001 redistricting when she

Lunch Bunch

The April Lunch Bunch will meet at **Squire Rockwell's**, 8700 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, (703) 560-3600. The restaurant is located near NVCC and features a buffet special, salad bar, and menu selections at a reasonable cost.

Directions: From NOVA turn left on Little River Turnpike to Prosperity Ave. Turn right on Prosperity. The restaurant is located behind the Exxon Station on the corner (driving distance: one-half mile).

was placed in the same Senatorial District with a neighboring Democratic Senator. She is a member of the General Laws, Privileges & Elections, and Rehabilitation & Social Services Committees.

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event

Thursday May 8, 2003, we will hold our Spring Fling, an important annual event at which all LLI volunteers are recognized and thanked for making LLI the great organization it is today. We invite you to come and honor the faculty and all other contributing members. This is a great opportunity to socialize with your LLI friends, new and old; enjoy delicious refreshments; and be entertained by the LLI Singers. You may make a reservation by using the form in the enclosed flyer. If you have any questions, please call Dorothy Cavagnaro (703) 464-0510.

LLI's Annual Picnic

To escape the intense heat of summer that we have experienced at our previous picnics, we have decided to hold it at an earlier date this year: Sunday, June 8, 2003, at the Mason District Park. The Fairfax City Concert Band will provide entertainment following our event. We have been advised that they play classical music, big band, and even some Duke Ellington. No Rock! Look for details and the registration flyer in the next newsletter.

Attendance Commitment

If you sign up, please show up — for a class, a trip, or an event. If your plans change and you can't attend, please have the courtesy to call the instructor or the trip/event coordinator and let them know you can't make it.

Calendar of Events

March 2003

- 18 LLI Singers rehearsal
- 20 Favorite Book Club
- 23 Theatre Club: "1776,"
Ford's Theatre

April 2003

- 1 LLI Singers rehearsal
- 4 Historic Hampton
House, Mrs. K's Toll
House & Brookside
Gardens
- 4 Discussion Group
- 7 Forum
- 9 Bridge Group
(tentative)
- 11 Board Meeting
- 11 Newsletter Deadline
- 15 LLI Singers rehearsal
- 17 Favorite Book Club
- 21 Newsletter Mailing
- 23 Bridge Group
(tentative)

28-May 2

Trip: Myrtle Beach, SC

- 29 LLI Singers rehearsal

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
- 8 Annual Picnic
- 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
- 4 Spy Museum and U.
S. Botanic Gardens
- 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 December;
no January newsletter

President's Corner

Spring is finally here...it couldn't come soon enough! The weather had quite an effect on our class schedule and we appreciate your understanding with the several disruptions. But let's look ahead to the next few months.

- * Several of the current session's courses are still underway or just beginning. Please check your schedules and plan to attend the classes for which you registered several months ago. We appreciate your taking the time to complete the course evaluations.
- * The Program Committee currently is planning course offerings for our summer and fall sessions. Please contact Norma Hughes (703) 960-6279, e-mail: nah.home@verizon.net or Doris Balinsky (703) 941-1794, e-mail: dorbal@juno.com with your suggestions for topics and/or your willingness to teach a course.
- * Two special events are coming up this spring. On May 8 faculty and volunteers will be honored at an afternoon social and, on June 8, our annual picnic will be held at the Mason District Park. More information on both activities appears elsewhere in this newsletter.
- * The Nominating Committee is working very hard to provide a slate of candidates for the 15 Board of Directors positions that will become vacant in June. Please offer your services when one of the committee members calls you (Chairman Richard Risk, Mary Davis, Barbara Evans, Warren Hynes, or Marie Klee). Of course, you also can help them by initiating the contact. This is your opportunity to influence LLI's direction.

Let's have a large attendance at the April 7 Forum meeting to hear two of our representatives in the state legislature and show them seniors really care. The recent General Assembly session was interesting, to say the least, and we certainly can learn a great deal

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Last Chance for Portugal

Several late cancellations have created the opportunity for more places on the exclusive LLI tour of Portugal (May 15-26). If you are interested in going on this trip, please immediately contact Alan Mayer at (703) 354-0239 or e-mail alanmayer@cavtel.net. The study phase of Study/Travel will commence on March 26.



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Student Award Program

The Student Award Committee soon will commence interviewing candidates for LLI's expanded student award program. Each of two deserving students on the NVCC Annandale campus will receive a \$2000 award at the end of the spring semester. The Student Leadership grant will be presented to an outstanding student leader. In addition, LLI is instituting a new \$2000 scholarship for a deserving student enrolled in one of NVCC's medical education programs.

Tax-deductible donations to the Student Awards Fund still are being accepted. Make your check payable to LLI/NVCC with the notation "Student Award Fund."

Rescheduled Class

Class 3W28A – *Egypt's Influence on Modern Day Religions*, that was cancelled because of snow, has been rescheduled in the same location, Ernst Cultural Center Seminar Rooms C and D, NVCC, Wednesday, April 24, 2003, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Class size is unlimited so even if you haven't registered you are welcome to attend.

Reminder to Instructors

If you are an instructor for one of LLI's courses and **you need to make a change, or cancel, at the last minute: do not call the LLI office** – check your Faculty Orientation booklet (under *Schedule Changes*) and call one of the people listed under item 2.



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). We **plan to play April 9 and 23** but have not yet confirmed room reservations. 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 tables for attendees. All are welcome. Note that if there are "extra" people, Bridge 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

Date: Friday, April 4, 2003, 10:00–11:30 a.m., Seminar Room A, Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC

Topic: What are your major concerns about the administration's economic policy? Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the country's economic future? How will it affect you and your family? Please bring current clippings from newspapers and magazines as well as your opinions.

Information: Sue Swift (703) 698-8159

Favorite Book Club

Due to bad weather we have delayed the **discussion of "Dairy Queen Days"** until **Thursday, March 20, 2003**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Mason District Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale.

April Date: Thursday, April 17, 2003, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Mason District Center.

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.

Come early or late and leave the same way. It will be fun to enjoy an almost Spring day talking about books!

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

German Conversation Group

Our group is still in the process of getting established, so dates, times, and locations are not firmed up yet. Our intention is to meet once or twice a month and practice our German. If you speak German or studied it in school and would like to brush up, think about joining our group. Call **Arline Sachs** for specifics of our next meeting at (703) 971-2092, or e-mail her at sachs@nova.org.

LLI Singers

Date: Tuesday, March 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. Everyone is welcome, but we really need more male voices. Professional training is not a requirement; we just want people who like to sing and who can carry a tune (more or less!). Come and give us a try! Call **Martie Klee** (703) 644-4931 or e-mail marthaklee@earthlink.net.



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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