

Come to the May 5 Forum and Learn Why "What You See Is Not Necessarily What You Get"

Our guest speaker, Antonio Mendez, "The Master of Disguise," who was slated to address our snowed out January Forum, was with the CIA for 25 years. An undercover agent for part of the time, he later created personae for agents going undercover overseas. Mr. Mendez has written two books and worked to create the Spy Museum. He also serves as an advisor to the TV program, "The Agency." You might want to bring your checkbook – he will be signing and selling his books after his presentation.

Would You Like to Join the LLI Singers at a Chorus Elderhostel?

Remember Fred Waring and his wonderful chorus? Some members of the LLI Singers are planning to attend the Elderhostel program "Join The Chorus Of Fred Waring's America!" being held August 10-15, 2003 on the campus of Penn State University. Accommodations will be on campus at the charming, historic Nittany Lion Inn, within walking distance of museums, theatres, and downtown shops. Participants in the program will learn to sing the "Fred Waring Way," using his techniques and philosophies, ending the week with a concert. The only requirements are that participants love to sing and enjoy the company and fun of fellow LLI members! Please contact Martie Klee (703) 644-4931 for more information if you are interested in "singing along."

Lunch Bunch

The May 5 Lunch Bunch will meet at **Vinnie's Restaurant** in the King's Park Shopping Center, located at Braddock and Burke Lake Roads, 8944 Burke Lake Road, Springfield, VA, phone: (703) 978-1212. The food is excellent and reasonably priced. **Directions from NOVA:** from the parking lot turn left to Wakefield Chapel Road, left on Wakefield Chapel to Braddock Road. Right on Braddock to King's Park Shopping Center on the left. Enter the shopping center; the restaurant is located near the Giant.

Ten Musical Fingers Urgently Needed!



The LLI Singers are in need of someone to provide piano accompaniment during our rehearsals and for our performance at the Appreciation Event on May 8. If your proficiency falls somewhere between "Chopsticks" and Van Cliburn, and if you can transpose to a key that suits our unprofessional voices, you're just the person we're looking for! Rehearsals are every other Tuesday from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Little River Church of Christ Choir Room, across Route 236 from the NVCC Annandale Campus. Future rehearsals are scheduled for April 29 and May 6. Please call Martie Klee (703) 644-4931 if you can help or know someone who might be interested.

Calendar of Events

April 2003

28–May 2

Trip: Myrtle Beach, SC

29 LLI Singers rehearsal

May 2003

2 Discussion Group

5 Forum

6 LLI Singers rehearsal

8 Spring Fling
Appreciation Event

9 Board Meeting

12 Newsletter Deadline

15 Bridge Club

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15 German Conversation
Club

19 Newsletter Mailing

20 Tour & Tea, National
Cathedral

28 Bridge Club

June 2003

1 Theatre Club: Beauty
and the Beast

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

10–15 Elderhostel, Penn
State Univ.: “Join the
Chorus of Fred
Waring’s America”

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

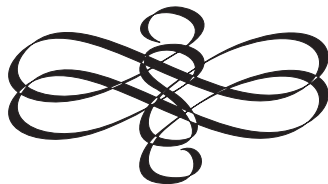
December 2003

(No Forum)

11 Holiday Luncheon,
Fort Belvoir

12 Board Meeting

— (“Winter Update”
mailed in Dec., no
January newsletter
published)



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President's Corner

During the month of May LLI will honor our many volunteers, including our outstanding faculty, lecturers, and volunteer leaders who share their time and talents. Although we cannot adequately thank all our volunteers, we hope the May 8 Appreciation Event will help us recognize the efforts of so many. The event's Planning Committee, chaired by Dorothy Cavagnaro, has worked hard to arrange an enjoyable afternoon that will include entertainment, socializing, and, of course, refreshments. The entertainment will consist of another appearance by our “LLI Singers” and a video presentation entitled “Celebrating LLI: The Way We Were And The Way We Are” — a fitting tribute to our wonderful Institute.

We hope you have enjoyed our course offerings during the past few months, despite the weather disruptions. During the latter part of May you will be receiving your course catalog for the summer session, offering about a dozen courses along with several trips. Many thanks to the Program Committee for continuing its fine work. The Committee now turns its attention to the curriculum for the fall session. Please contact Committee Chair Norma Hughes if you have course suggestions or would like to teach a course. She can be reached at (703) 960-6279 or via e-mail at nah.home@verizon.net.

I hope to see you at the Forum on May 5. Also, please mark your calendars to attend the June 2 Forum meeting since, in accordance with our bylaws, it will serve

Cookies and Helpers Needed!

Jane Jones is looking for volunteers to help her set up the refreshments table at the May 5 and June 2 Forums,

and she also needs cookies for both events. Please call Jane at (703) 799-7812 to offer your services.





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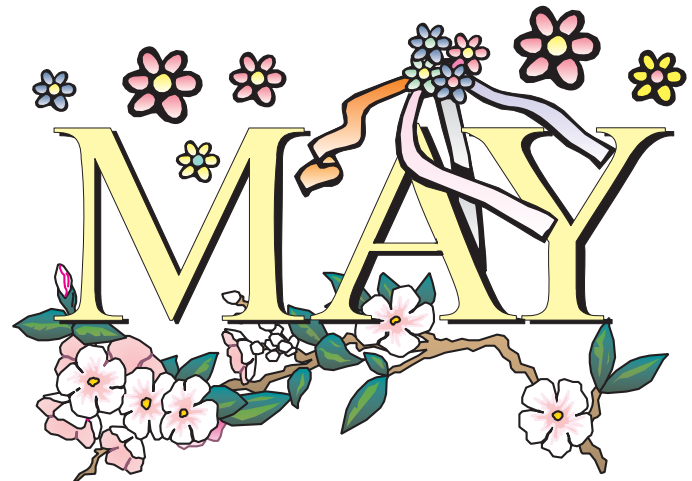
LLI's Library Receives Additional Videos

The "Great Decisions" course has ended and the videos used during its sessions may be borrowed from the LLI library. Produced by the Foreign Policy Institute, the videos devote about 30 minutes to each of the following topics:

- Alone or Together: The US and The World (Unilateralism vs. Multilateralism)
- Afghanistan: A Fragile Peace
- The Uneasy US-Saudi Alliance
- The US and Nigeria: Thinking Beyond Oil
- International Food Wars: Growing Controversies
- China In Transition: Is Real Change Imminent?
- Europe: State Of The Union (European Integration)
- The Global Struggle For Women's Rights

Class Update

Class 3W28A – *Egypt's Influence on Modern Day Religions* – that was cancelled because of snow has been rescheduled in the same place: Seminary Rooms C & D of NOVA's Ernst Cultural Center – on Thursday, April 24, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. Class size is not limited so, even if you didn't register, you are welcome to attend.



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 a.m. to 2 p.m. (bring a bag lunch). For the month of May, we will be playing in the Small Conference Room the **second Thursday, May 15, and the fourth Wednesday, May 28**. 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 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, May 2, 2003, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Seminar Room A, Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC

Topic: Why is America disliked (and even hated) throughout much of the world? Is it because they fear our power? Is it because they envy our wealth? What are some other reasons? Do foreigners distinguish between the American government and the American people? Please bring current clippings from newspapers and magazines as well as your opinions.

Information: Sue Swift (703) 698-8159

Favorite Books Club

Date: Thursday, May 15, 2003, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Mason District Center.

Book selection: Betty Mahon will review the very popular book, *The Girl With a Pearl Earring* by Tracy Chevalier. Betty plans to include some special attention to Vermeer's work in her review. You are welcome, no matter when you read the book! Come early or late and leave the same way.

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

German Conversation Club

Date: Thursday, May 15, 2003, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., Seminar Room A, Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC.

Information: Arline Sachs 703-971-2092 or sachs@nova.org

LLI Singers

Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2003, and May 6, 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.

Theatre Club

We have requested 20 tickets for the musical, *Beauty and the Beast* at the National Theatre on

Date: Sunday, June 1, 2003, 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$42.00 (upper balcony)

See enclosed flyer for details.



Membership Update

New Members: Welcome!

We hope you will participate in our classes and volunteer your talents and time to our various committees.

Don Baynes, 8301 Harland Drive, Springfield, VA 22152; tel.: (703) 451-6387

Susan Voss, 9220 Dellwood Drive, Vienna, VA 22180; tel.: (703) 938-2341 (h); (703) 828-5006 (w)

Correction:

Ann Teague — e-mail: Anteague@aol.com



Mark Your Calendars!

THEATER BUFFS WON'T WANT TO MISS THE JUNE 2 FORUM TO HEAR SPEAKER RICK DAVIS, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF GMU'S THEATER OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT, TALK ABOUT THEATER IN THE METRO AREA.

Annual Summer Picnic

The LLI Picnic will be held at the Mason District Park at 5:30 p.m., Sunday June 8, 2003. We expect a more comfortable temperature than in prior years! The featured performance of the Fairfax City Concert Band will start at 7:30 p.m. The flyer enclosed with this newsletter includes the reservation form.

Food: Grilled hot dogs will be provided, as well as condiments, paper products, cups, and utensils. In addition, we will have a potluck supper.



Registrants whose last name starts with the letters A-K are asked to bring fruit or a dessert; those with letters L-Z are asked to bring a salad or casserole dish. Whatever you provide should be sufficient to feed at least four people. Please bring your dish and the appropriate serving utensils to the picnic site (a sheltered area)

by 5:30 p.m. We will eat around 6:00 p.m.

Beverages/Other: Please bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. No alcohol is permitted in the park. Also bring your mosquito repellent – just in case. The wooden benches in the amphitheater do not have back support so we suggest bringing a folding chair or stadium seat.

Clean-up: Your help is requested in cleaning up your own area and discarding all disposable items before 7:15 p.m. Trash bags will be provided.

Directions to: Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA.

From the Beltway: Take exit 52B, Little River Turnpike (Route 236), drive east for approx. two miles; turn left on John Marr Drive (going North); turn right on Columbia Pike (Route 244) and travel less than a mile to the Park, which is on the right just before Sleepy Hollow Road.

Via other routes: Travel west on Little River Turnpike; turn right on John Marr Drive; and see above; **or:** drive north on Backlick Road; turn right on Little River Turnpike, left on John Marr Drive; and see above; **or:** travel west on Columbia Pike past Sleepy Hollow Road, and turn left into the Park.

Once you enter the Park, turn right at the fork. The Picnic Shelter will be on your left en route to the parking lot. Car-pooling is encouraged. If the lot is filled, return to the fork in the road and go to the parking lot near the athletic field.

Please be sure to stop at LLI's welcome table when you arrive so we can check you in and give you a name tag! If you have any questions, please call Sally Reynolds (703) 352-7494.

Special Discounts for Symphony Subscriptions 2003 – 2004 Season

Alexandria Symphony Orchestra – (703) 548-0885. www.alexsym.org Kim Allen Kluge, Music Director. *Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center*. The theme for the next season of five concerts (September 22, 2003 to May 22, 2004) is "Where Does the Music Take You?" LLI members who are new subscribers are being offered five percent off the senior rate and at the old prices. Ticket range is \$105.00 to \$275.00. Current subscriber seats are being reserved until April 18 and then will be made available to the general public. To obtain the best seats, you should call as soon as possible after that date. This is a special one-time offer. You can check the website for the program or call the symphony office to receive a copy. When you call, you need to identify yourself as an LLI member and, if you subscribe, write Lifetime Learning Institute on the application. If you have any questions, please call LLI member, Virginia Fernbach (703) 751-8369.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra — (703) 642-7200, subscriptions; (703) 218-6500, single tickets. www.artFax.org William Hudson, Music Director. *Center for the Arts, George Mason University*. (September 20, 2003 to May 22, 2004) Any LLI member (first-time subscriber) who subscribes before July 1 will receive a ten percent discount on a six-concert subscription by verifying in writing that they are an LLI member and a first-time subscriber. There are various subscription packages. Single-performance tickets will not be discounted unless ten or more are purchased at one time. LLI contact: Lorin Goodrich at (703) 425-9574.



Do Not Dial Area Code 809!

Information from Scam Busters

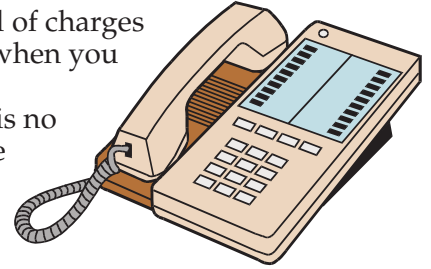
There is a major scam that is spreading very quickly, can easily cost you \$2400 or more, and is difficult to avoid unless you are aware of it. It has been identified by the National Fraud Information Center; Verizon brought it to the attention of Scam Busters. There are many permutations of this scam.

How it works: You will receive a message on your answering machine or pager which asks you to call a number beginning with area code 809. The reason varies: it can be to receive information about a family member who has been ill; to tell you someone has been arrested or died; to let you know you have won a wonderful prize, etc. In each case, you are told to call the 809 number right away. Since there are so many new area codes nowadays, people unknowingly return these calls. If you call from the U.S., **you will apparently be charged \$2,425.00 per minute!** Or you'll get a long, recorded message. The point is they will try to keep you on the phone as long as possible to increase the charges.

Unfortunately, when you receive your bill, you'll often be charged more than \$24,100.00!

Why it works: The 809 area code is located in the British Virgin Islands (the Bahamas). The code can be used as a "pay-per-call" number, similar to 900 numbers in the U.S. Since 809 is not in the U.S., it is not covered by U.S. regulations of 900 numbers,

which require that you be notified and warned of charges and rates involved when you call a "pay-per-call" number. And there is no requirement that the company provide a time period during which you may terminate the



call without being charged. Further, whereas many U.S. homes have 900 number blocking to avoid these kinds of charges, this does not work in preventing calls to the 809 area code.

Scam Busters recommends that, no matter how you get the message, if you are asked to call a number you don't recognize that has an 809 area code, disregard the message. Be wary of e-mails or calls asking you to call such a number. Trying to fight the charges after the fact can become a real nightmare, because you actually did make the call. If you complain, neither your local phone company nor your long distance carrier will want to get involved, and most likely will tell you they simply are providing the billing for the foreign company. You'll end up dealing with a foreign company that argues it has done nothing wrong.

See You at the Movies?

The Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia is presenting the 3rd International Jewish Film

Festival, May 1-15, 2003. Thirteen films will be shown at the Cinema Arts Theater in Fairfax and four at George Mason University. Tickets are \$5.50 for seniors, and only \$2.00 for special senior matinees at 10:00 a.m. For information, or to reserve tickets, please call JCCNV at (703) 323-0880, ext. 11.



Social Security News

Here's good news if you work while getting Social Security survivor's or retirement benefits and haven't yet reached your full retirement age. You're able to earn more money in 2003 without having your Social Security benefits reduced. You can earn up to \$11,520 in 2003 and keep all of your Social Security benefits. (The amount was \$11,280 last year.) If you make more than \$11,520, \$1 will be taken out of your Social Security benefits for every \$2 you earn over the limit. If you reach full retirement age during 2003 (that's 65 and 2 months for people born in 1938), \$1 will be taken for every \$3 you earn above \$30,720 until your birthday month. After you reach your full retirement age, you can keep getting your full benefit no matter how much you earn.