

A Double Bill for June 2: A Discussion of Theater and LLI's Annual Business Meeting

News & Views

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Guest Speaker: If you enjoy the various theater experiences afforded by living in this area, come and hear Rick Davis, associate dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts and artistic director of the Theater of the First Amendment at George Mason University, who will be our guest speaker at the Forum on June 2. Rick holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from the Yale School of Drama and will be telling us about theater in the Washington metropolitan area. This is sure to be an interesting and informative presentation.

Election Reminder – Board of Directors Candidates: According to LLI's By-laws, an election must be held at the annual business meeting to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors. Information about the election and the candidates was mailed to all LLI members earlier this month; they also were announced at the May 5 Forum meeting. Candidates for the Board vacancies are: John Davis, Norma Hughes, Jane Jones, Martha (Martie) Klee, Barbara Rolling, and Noreen Wayland.

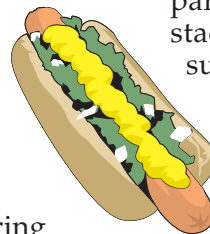
Nominations to fill officer positions are: Lorin Goodrich, President; Noreen Wayland, Secretary; and John Davis, Treasurer. At press time no candidates for Vice President have been identified. Nominations for Board vacancies and all officer positions will be accepted from the floor at the June 2 meeting.

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on June 2 at the **Old Country Buffet** restaurant located in the Fair City Mall; 9650 Main St.; Fairfax, VA, (703) 764-0708. The restaurant features a varied menu of luncheon specials, salads, desserts, beverages, etc., for under \$7. **Directions:** from NOVA take a left on Little River Turnpike toward Fairfax, pass Pickett Road and turn right at the Fair City Mall sign. The restaurant is located on the left, in the middle of the shopping center.

Have You Made Your Reservation for LLI's Annual Summer Picnic?

The flyer enclosed with the May newsletter included the reservation form, however, the **deadline has been extended to June 2**. Cost: \$5 for members; \$10 for non-members. The Picnic will be held at the Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA at 5:30 p.m., Sunday June 8, 2003. If your last name starts with the letters A-K please bring fruit or a dessert; letters L-Z are asked to bring a salad or casserole dish. (Don't forget the appropriate serving utensils.)



Whatever you concoct should be sufficient to feed at least four people. Please also bring your own non-alcoholic beverage (alcohol is not permitted in the park). We also suggest a folding chair or stadium seat, and mosquito repellent. Be sure to stop at LLI's welcome table when you arrive so we can check you in and give you a nametag! If you have any questions, please call Sally Reynolds (703) 352-7494 or the LLI office, (703) 503-0600. For directions, please refer to the May newsletter.

Calendar of Events

May 2003

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
- 15 Board Retreat

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
- 11 Fall Catalog Mailing
- 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

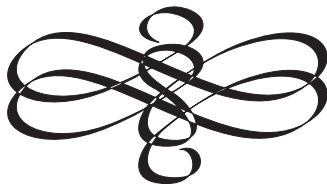
- 6 Forum
- 7-9 Trip: New York City
- 10 Board Meeting
- 13 Newsletter Deadline
- 20 Newsletter Mailing

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

The May 8 Volunteer Appreciation celebration was a winner, with 92 people attending. Many thanks to the Planning Committee for their efforts and to the members who helped on the day of the event. This was our annual occasion to take stock of our many accomplishments during the period April 30, 2002 through April 30, 2003: LLI offered 84 courses at 18 different locations involving 63 faculty members/lecturers and 10 course coordinators. Eleven domestic and foreign trips were conducted. Four new special interest groups were formed, and membership increased from 308 to 330. It is also notable that attendance at the nine Forum meetings during this past year averaged 137.

These numbers speak volumes about how it is possible to operate a life-enriching institute with many talented and generous volunteers. The numerous Volunteer Leaders were recognized on May 8 and we thank everyone who has worked with them.

Central to LLI's operation is the work of your Board of Directors. Seven of the 15 members will be leaving the Board this June. On LLI's behalf, I sincerely thank them for their service. Doris Balinsky, Mary Davis, Warren Hynes, Gladys Keating, Nan Liner, Alan Mayer, and Memphis Norman are truly dedicated members who have made noteworthy contributions. I suspect we will continue to benefit from their talents.

"Historic" Material

LLI's history is off and running but we still have plenty of time to record events for our Tenth Anniversary presentation. We don't want to overlook worthy activities, but to assist our historians — Memphis Norman and Don Reynolds — it is important that anyone taking photographs makes sure to place people at monuments (*i.e.*, no photos of monuments alone, please!), and clearly identifies — by date, event, and location — each packet of pictures submitted.



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Board of Directors Approves FY 2004 Budget

At its May 9 meeting the Board of Directors prepared and approved a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 (see separate enclosure in this newsletter). The budget will be discussed during the business portion of the June 2 Forum meeting. LLI is in sound financial condition, largely due to the substantial amount of volunteer time contributed by so many members to its operation. A wide array of educational programs is offered at a bargain price.

Update from EIN

New EIN Fax Number: 1-617-556-3948

New EIN Website:

www.elderhostel.org/ein/intro.asp (user name and password not required)

Part-Time Help Needed

The family of a gentleman with some memory loss who resides at Emerald Court, Little River Turnpike, is interested in volunteer or paid part-time sitters. Please call (703) 425-8585 if you can help.



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 June**, we will be **playing in the Small Conference Room the second Thursday, June 12, and the fourth Wednesday, June 25**. 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, 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 – Everyone Welcome!

Date: Friday, June 6, 2003, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Seminar Room A, Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC

Topic: Should Law Enforcement officials be able to use DNA Dragnets to search for crime suspects? Advocates feel it will solve many crimes where DNA is found. Critics fear such sweeps could lead to coercion, as police persuade vast numbers to take these tests. A lawyer with the American Civil Liberties Union said requiring people to give DNA samples without other evidence linking them to the crime would be an unconstitutional search and seizure. Please bring current clippings from newspapers and magazines as well as your opinions.

The Discussion Group will not meet in July. The next meeting will be August 1, 2003.

Information: Sue Swift (703) 698-8159

Favorite Books Club

Date: Thursday, June 26, 2003, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Mason District Center. (**Note:** Change from third to fourth Thursday is being made to accommodate those interested in taking the tour of Old Town Alexandria.)

Book selection: *Seabiscuit* by Laura Hillenbrand, to be reviewed by Virginia Fernbach.

Summer Reading Selections — July: *The Passions of Artemesia* by Susan Vreeland;

August: *Bel Kanto* by Ann Partchett; **September:** *Undaunted Courage* by Stephen Ambrose.

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

German Conversation Club

During June and July the Club will meet in the afternoon of the second Monday of each month. As of press time, the location had not been confirmed. Please contact Arline Sachs 703-971-2092 or sachs@nova.org if you are interested in participating.



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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The Senility Prayer

God, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones that I do, and the eyesight to tell the

Fairfax Community Concerts

Community Concerts Association of Fairfax, a non-profit organization that has been bringing high-quality national and international music performers to Northern Virginia over the past 34 years, has announced its 2003-04 series, as follows (all performances are on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. in the Fairfax High School auditorium):

October 5, 2003, *Antonio Pompa-Baldi*, pianist who won a silver medal at a Van Cliburn competition.

November 2, 2003, *Philadelphia Virtuosi Orchestra*. They gave such a world-class performance in 2000, that they have been invited back with an all-new program.

January 18, 2004, *Voronezh Trio*. These talented Russians have entertained European audiences and now are in the U.S. presenting a variety of classical, popular, and folk music concerts.

April 4, 2004, *Mr. Jack Daniels Original Silver Coronet Band*. This group has entertained throughout the country since 1978 with its rendition of a small town America musical history.

The four-concert series costs \$40 for adults, \$20 for students. Family subscriptions are available at \$100 for parents or grandparents bringing grandchildren. Parking is free. (As for the quality of these concerts, many of the artists over the years have performed at the Kennedy Center at much higher prices.)

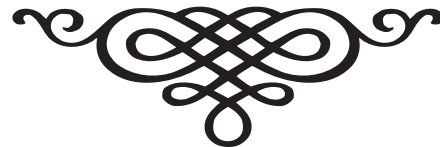
Eizenstat's Report – 50 Years After the Holocaust

Date: Tuesday, June 10, 7:30 p.m.

Location: Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike (703) 323-0880.

Cost: Free to JCCNV members and members of LLI and LRI. Pre-registration requested; please refer to Code **153/ELZ/JUN11**

Stuart Eizenstat will discuss his newly-published book, *Slave Labor and the Unfinished Business of World War II*, relating to his account of how the Holocaust became a political and diplomatic battleground fifty years after WWII. Mr. Eizenstat has served as U.S. Ambassador to the European Union, Undersecretary of Commerce, Undersecretary



In Memoriam

Dorothy H. Cavagnaro, LLI's "Afternoon Tea Lady," who taught LLI food and nutrition classes and arranged tours and teas at Greenspring Gardens and the National Cathedral, died on her birthday, April 24. Dorothy's final contribution to LLI was to coordinate the 2003 Volunteer Appreciation event. Donations to the Dorothy H. Cavagnaro Memorial Scholarship can be made to the "NVCC Educational



Foundation." Her name should be indicated on the check, which should be mailed to John Ruffino, Northern Virginia Community College, 4001 Wakefield Chapel Road, Annandale, VA 22003.

Robert D. Moeser, an outstanding volunteer faculty member, who taught practical photography courses, passed away on April 30. Bob helped many LLI members get more from their cameras than they thought possible.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of both these dedicated volunteers.

On Foot in Kiwiland – An Elderhostel New Zealand Trip

February 4-25, 2003

We were a group of 30 Elderhostelers who participated in a new Elderhostel New Zealand (NZ) walking tour. This was a Level 2 (up to four hours physical activity daily) trip, which encompassed hiking world-renowned mountain trails, through pristine beech woods and rain forests, on lakeshores and beaches, over rolling green hills and into thermal areas, during which we learned about NZ history, native flora and fauna, volcanic activity, pastoral farming, geology, and Maori (Polynesian native New Zealanders) culture. We also heard lectures on the NZ parliamentary system, politics, economy, and NZ-USA relations. Cities visited included Auckland, Tauranga, Rotorua, Dunedin, Te Anau, Omarama, Lake Tekapo, Hanmer Springs, Christ Church, Picton, Blenheim, and Wellington. We traveled by plane, bus, and boat and visited sheep farms (not tourist farms but owned by friends/acquaintances of our guides), wineries (some of which were astonishingly large), universities, Parliament, museums, theater, yellow-eyed penguin and Royal Albatross (nine to twelve-foot wing span) nesting colonies, and, of course, many parks. The food throughout the trip was absolutely outstanding – we gained weight even though we were getting lots of exercise!

We, in groups of four, were hosted by local people for two dinners. One set of our hosts was comprised of two retired school administrators (one looked like Robert Duvall and served the best Chardonnay and barbecue we've ever tasted) and their friend, a retired surgeon, in Tauranga. We had a most interesting and amiable political discussion with these gracious hosts. The other hosts were a fifth-generation sheep farmer, his wife (who held a local political position equivalent to a County Commissioner), and their 21-year-old son (a college junior in Dunedin who was home on summer break) near Lake Tekapo. This family has huge land holdings with about 12,000 Merino sheep (they produce the finest wool), some cattle, and thirteen sheep dogs. These home visits were close to the top of our favorite activities – very informative about the people and the surrounding area, as well as delightful ways to spend an evening.

Another favorite activity was visiting a family-operated, 880-acre farm with about 3,000 sheep and several hundred beef cattle. The



seven-year-old daughter could have been a model for the nursery rhyme, "Mary Had a Little Lamb." She had a black lamb named Romeo who wore a blue bow around his neck and literally followed her everywhere, including following our bus for about two blocks when she accompanied us on it to another part of the farm to view the sheep dogs at work. The sheep dogs (and, again, they had about a dozen or more) are a marvel to behold when in action. This owner also sheared a sheep for us, which was equally interesting.

For anyone who likes the outdoors, this is a wonderful trip. NZ has a total population of just under four million people, with slightly more than one million people located in and around Auckland, and the NZ citizens are very friendly. February is late summer there and vacation time, but we rarely felt as though we were in a crowd of people. NZ's clean air and water are immediately noticeable and most welcome. For hikers, there is no concern about predators, i.e., no snakes, bears, cougars, et al, and very few bugs (we had a few mosquitoes in one area and sand fleas in two locales).

The flora are outstandingly beautiful, especially trees. It appeared to our eyes that 90 percent of the population had a flower garden, and the several city botanical gardens we visited were lovely, even in late summer. On the more isolated trails (and several of these we could only reach via boat) the birds are rather tame and one can get quite close to them.

While the west coast of the South Island is one of the wettest places on earth, we were blessed with magnificent weather (we hiked rain or shine) and only had drizzle on two days. Temperatures ranged from the low 40s at night to 80 degrees on a couple of days, but most of the time the daytime temperatures were 55 to 70 degrees.

Last, but not least, I have to give major credit to our two NZ host guides (a retired middle school administrator and retired attorney who have guided many types of tours) and their trainee (retired school administrator) for their preparation of this program. They were all you would want in guides – patient, friendly, efficient. We had a marvelous time and all of our travel went smoothly.

Bob & Gladys Bucklew