

Calling All Sleuths to the April 5 Forum!

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Jim Grebas, Program Manager of the Cold Case Homicide Unit, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, will be the guest speaker at our April 5 Forum. He will talk about how the program began from an historical perspective, and then will transition into the program and how it is set up today, finishing with a video of one of their resolved cases. Jim's responsibilities include the investigative oversight for the entire Cold Case Program, which currently has 59 active investigations, 13 dedicated agents in the field, and five staff members. Within the last year, the unit has resolved numerous death investigations, several involving initiative operations, such as undercover operations. During his 16-year tenure with NCIS, Jim has conducted a variety of criminal investigations in the U.S. and the European theatre. His area of speciality and experience is in the "crimes against persons" arena. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of South Carolina, and subsequently was employed as a Special Agent by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.



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.

Lunch Bunch

After the Forum, the LLI Lunch Bunch will meet at the **Family Restaurant** in the Pan Am Shopping Center. The restaurant (tel.: (703) 560-9322), which features tasty food at very reasonable prices, is located at 3051 Nutley St., Fairfax (next to the CVS store). The owner is setting up a table for 20 in the smoke free area. **Directions:** From NOVA turn left on Little River Turnpike, right on Prosperity (at the Exxon Station), left on Arlington Blvd, right on Nutley to the shopping center (look for the CVS sign). The restaurant features tasty food at very reasonable prices.

Annual Volunteer Appreciation

Thursday, April 29, 2004 – 2:00 p.m.

The LLI volunteers will be recognized on Thursday, April 29, at the Volunteer Appreciation for their contributions during the past year. This springtime tradition, which will be catered by Chef for Hire, gives the membership an opportunity to say "thank you" to the faculty and all other volunteers. Plan to attend to socialize with your LLI friends or meet new ones while you enjoy delicious refreshments and fun entertainment. Make your reservation now by using the form on the enclosed flyer. **Important:** If you make a reservation and later find that you need to cancel, please be sure to notify the LLI Office at (703) 503-0600 or the Event Coordinator, Helen Clark at (703) 573-1671.

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. Please keep in mind that, for some events (e.g., the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation), an outlay of LLI funds is involved, making an accurate count very important.

Calendar of Events

April 2004

- 2 Discussion Group
- 3 Adventures in Eating luncheon
- 5 Forum
- 8 Newsletter Deadline
- 9 Board Meeting
- 12 German Conversation
- 13 LLI Singers rehearsal
- 16 Trip: Civil War in Washington
- 19 Newsletter Mailing
- 27 LLI Singers rehearsal
- 29 Faculty/Volunteer Appreciation event

May 2004

- 3 Forum
- 10 German Conversation
- 13 Trip: Gettysburg Battlefield Tour; Eisenhower Farm
- 14 Board Meeting
- 17 Newsletter Deadline
- 24 Newsletter Mailing

June 2004

- 1-3 Trip: Pittsburgh
- 7 Forum
- 14 German Conversation
- 10 Trip: Scotland
- 11 Board Meeting
- 13 Annual Picnic
- No newsletter

July 2004

- No Forum; No Newsletter

- 9 Trip: Building Museum; Organization of American States

August 2004

- 9 Newsletter Deadline
- 10 Trip: Air & Space Museum
- 16 Newsletter Mailing
- 30 Forum, Fall Kickoff

September 2004

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

October 2004

- 1 Trip: Library of Congress; Ntl. Postal Museum
- 4 Forum
- 8 Board Meeting
- 11 Newsletter Deadline
- 18 Newsletter Mailing

November 2004

- 1 Forum
- 12 Board Meeting
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 22 Newsletter Mailing

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Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, presents the following slate of candidates for election to the LLI Board for a term of three years. According to the by-laws, one-third of the Board is elected each year, which means there normally are five positions to be filled. This year, however, there are seven slots due to the fact that Noreen Wayland, our secretary, is moving to North Carolina and Richard Risk, who has been serving as Acting Vice President, has stepped down from that position and will leave the Board as of the annual meeting. The election will be held at the June 7 meeting, and additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Candidates for the five positions are: Libby Burge, Richard DiBuono, Burton Greenstein, Clinton Hall, Collette Hammond, Elizabeth Mahon, and Don Reynolds. (Don, who currently is a Board member, will serve a two-year term.) Biographical information on each candidate will appear in the May newsletter.

Candidates for Officer positions are: President, Norma Hughes; Vice President, no candidate; Treasurer, John Davis; Secretary, Libby Burge.

Date Change: Travel Presentation at NOVA

At the March 1 Forum a flyer was distributed announcing a presentation on March 31 about the Queen Mary 2 cruise ship. The date has been changed to April 14; all of the other information in the flyer is unchanged.

Schedule Change: Study/Travel Course (4W35A)

The April sessions have been rescheduled to Thursdays, April 8, 22, and 29. The March 31 and May 6 dates remain the same. Call Alan Mayer at (703) 354-0239 if you have any questions.

LLI Board of Directors

President: Lorin Goodrich
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Our deepest condolences to Mary Montgomery on the death of her son, March 5, 2004, at the age of 43.



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What's the Connection?

Many LLI members are confused about the connection between your LLI program and EIN. Perhaps the following information will provide clarification: the Elderhostel Institute Network (EIN), a division of the Elderhostel organization, was started in 1988 to promote the concept of "Lifelong Learning Institutes or LLIs." LLIs, often sponsored by colleges and universities, offer non-residential programs to local residents, with curriculum designed and sometimes taught by members themselves. The Network (EIN) consists of more than 300 affiliate LLIs, of which our program is one, all linked for mutual assistance and encouragement and to enhance service to the individual members, which now number approximately 100,000. The Network also assists colleges and universities in starting new LLIs.

Newsletter Deadline Change

The deadline for the May newsletter has been changed from Monday, April 12, to *Thursday, April 8*, to accommodate the editor's travel schedule.

For Those Book Worms Among Us

Don't miss the **American Association of University Women's Used Book Sale** at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Road, Falls Church on Friday, April 2 (9 a.m.–9 p.m.) or Saturday, April 3 (9 a.m.–4 p.m.). It's for a good cause: Scholarships for Women, so fill up those empty bookcases!



Special Interest Groups

Adventures in Eating Group

Date: Saturday, April 3, 2004; 12:30 p.m.

Restaurant: Esposito's (Italian), 9917 Lee Highway, Fairfax, Virginia

If you are interested in becoming a member of the group and would like join them for this outing, please call Louise Souss at (703) 323-9144 to reserve your place. Reservations are limited.

LLI Bridge Group

We are not meeting on Wednesdays in April because the Bucklews have a conflict. Therefore, the LLI Bridge Group will meet **Thursday, April 15** and **Tuesday, April 27**, 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 in advance of each date you wish to attend to confirm the meeting date for you and to afford us the opportunity to obtain sufficient decks of cards, score sheets, card tables, *etc.*, 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 — Everyone Welcome!

Date: Friday, April 2, 2004 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Location: Seminar rooms A&B, Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC

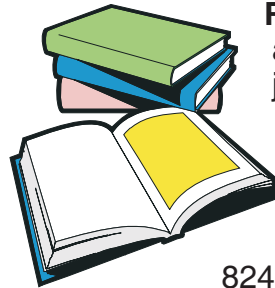
Topic: Why has the topic of "Same-sex Marriage" escalated to the point where some people want a Constitutional amendment defining marriage? What is marriage? Does it have a civil or religious function or both? Does a "Civil Union" grant the same legal rights as marriage? Whatever your views on this, it is sure to be a lively discussion. Please bring current clippings from newspapers and magazines as well as your opinions.

Information: Sue Swift (703) 698-8159

Favorite Books Club

Date: Thursday, April 15, 2004, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Mason District Center

Book selection: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen.



Reviewer: Nan Liner. All are welcome, even if you just want to come and see if you'd like to read the book!

Information: Contact Nan Liner at (703) 824-9762 or e-mail at AOL8@juno.com

German Conversation Club

We usually meet the second Monday of each month. If you're interested, please call **Arline Sachs** at (703) 971-2092.

LLI Singers

Rehearsal Dates (second and fourth Tuesdays): April 13 and 27, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Choir Room of the Little River United Church of Christ, on Little River Turnpike across from the entrance to NVCC.



Don't Know Who Said It,
But Like the Sentiment!

*Life is not a journey to the grave
with the intention of arriving safely
in a pretty and well-preserved body,
but rather to skid in broadside,
thoroughly used up, totally worn
out, and loudly proclaiming, "Wow!
What a ride!"*

LLI Members Will Lead “Great Decisions” Classes

LLI appreciates the time that six of its members will be devoting to serve as leaders of the various “Great Decisions 2004” (Course 4W30P) sessions this spring:

Meryl Bullard: “Diversity in Islam” (May 6)

Yereth Knowles: “Latin America Overview” (May 13)

Ted Krivoruchka: “Media & Foreign Policy” (April 1); “U.S. & Europe” April 22; “Public Diplomacy” (May 27)

George Pearsall: “Weapons of Mass Destruction” (April 15)

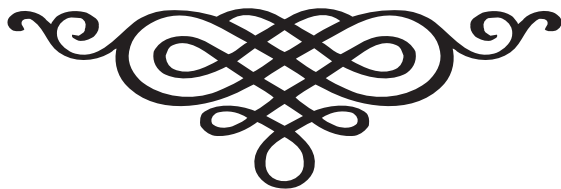
Genevieve Theim: “Philippines” (April 8)

Jack Wyatt: “Middle East Reform” (May 20)

This is the first time that so many members will be serving as leaders for this popular course. We thank course coordinator Helen Clark for making the arrangements. Member involvement is the foundation of LLI’s success!

Help Find the Helpers

The Davises have had a hard time finding people to do the small miscellaneous tasks that crop up from time to time around the house. We’re sure there are LLI members who have been fortunate enough to locate a good handyman, and we are asking you to share their names with us. We envision developing some sort of database that could be accessed by the LLI membership. We still have to work out just how we will set this up, but it’s not too early to start collecting names of persons who will perform small jobs. If you know of such individuals, please give their names and phone numbers to John Davis by phone (703) 354-0927 or e-mail: john.davis133@verizon.net.



President’s Corner

Over 140 members and guests enjoyed Ambassador Husain Haqqani’s talk at the March 1 Forum. He made an insightful presentation on the Middle East situation and various foreign policy matters. We hope to have him back some time next year.

April is “National Volunteer Month” and it is fitting that LLI will recognize the contributions of so many at a special event on April 29. LLI could not function without the willingness of our members and others to give of their time, energies, and talents. They are the reason that LLI has so much to offer.

- > Our volunteer faculty allows us to offer a wide array of courses. We thank the NVCC faculty members, outside experts and the many LLI members who teach and coordinate courses.
- > LLI members willingly assume various leadership responsibilities or gladly assist whenever possible. You respond every time we ask for a coordinator or helper.
- > And we have a talented and diligent Board of Directors who assume many challenging and long-term assignments. LLI has been very fortunate to have members who are so dedicated. Believe me, the president’s job is so much easier and rewarding when he or she can depend on such solid and sustained support.

We are looking forward to the April 29 celebration for our volunteers. If you have volunteered during the past year please join us to receive the recognition you so richly deserve. And if you haven’t been able to volunteer, please come and express your appreciation to your fellow members. Refer to the enclosed flyer to make your reservation.

At the March 1 Forum I reported that the Nominating Committee has developed a great slate of candidates for the Board of Directors and officer positions. The Committee’s report appears elsewhere in this newsletter. Brief biographies of the candidates will appear in the May newsletter and an election will be held at the June 7 annual business meeting. The committee’s chairman, Martie Klee, along with Libby Burge, Don Reynolds, Liz Snively, and Louise Sousk started their search last September. They have done a first-class job of coming up with seven candidates - almost one-half of the Board’s positions.

The current Board of Directors has been experiencing some personnel changes: Secretary Noreen Wayland is moving to North Carolina in early April so Board members Gladys Bucklew and Liz Snively will fill in through the June 7 annual business meeting; also, the duties of the vice president have been transferred from Richard Risk to Norma Hughes for the remainder of this Board’s tenure. We wish Noreen well in her new home, and thank her for her expert assistance. An especially big “thank you” is extended to Richard for his steady support as vice president - he remains on the Board until the changeover in June.

I hope to see you at the Forum on April 5 and at the volunteer recognition event on April 29.

Lorin Goodrich

Share The Wealth!

LLI members are creative, talented, full of ideas, and love to share their knowledge – and the



Curriculum Committee is always looking for new courses and instructors. So, if you would like to teach a course and have one in mind, or if you know someone who might, the committee wants to hear from you. All you have to do is complete the enclosed *LLI Course Proposal* form and submit it to the committee for consideration in connection with the fall and winter sessions.

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...to read these featured book excerpts:

Help with Age-Related Vision Loss – Facts & Tips by Scott Hearing, O.D., Director of the Low Vision Clinic at the Stuart Eye Institute in Stuart, Florida. Dr. Hearing has been practicing low vision for nearly 20 years. His current areas of interest include the development of high technology head mounted low vision systems. Dr. Hearing recently has been appointed to the position of Adjunct Professor of Ophthalmology at the West Virginia University School of Medicine. He can be reached at www.drhearing.net or mrhearing@cs.com.

What?...An Honest Look at Aging – Look At Me And Stop Mumbling by Charlotte Epstein, who is 83 years old (as of January 2004) and the author of 18 books and several dozen articles and short stories.

The Worst Inventions of Modern Times, excerpted from *Years of Minutes* by Andy Rooney. Copyright 2003 by Essay Productions. (According to Mr. Rooney hot-air hand dryers in public washrooms, dust jackets on books, pop-top cans, Venetian blinds, and ballpoint pens are the worst; the rubber band is the best.)

Save the Date

June 13, 2004 is the date to mark your calendars for the LLI annual picnic at Mason District Park, to be followed by a concert given by the Navy Sea Chanters. The almanac says the weather will be lovely. You could make the day even lovelier by volunteering to lend a hand. Please contact Virginia Edgell (703) 780-4537 or vcedgell@aol.com if you can help.

LLI Web Site

If you do not remember when the class you signed up for is starting or where it will be meeting, check out the calendar on the LLI web site:

<http://groups.msn.com/LLINOVA/>. From there you can click on the class to get information about where the class is meeting. If you need further directions to the location, MapQuest is available from the class page.

Please email our webmaster Sidney Sachs at sachs@nova.org with any updates to be included on our web site.

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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Membership Renewal Reminder

Please check the mailing label on this newsletter for your membership renewal date. You must renew in order to register for courses and to participate in LLI's many other activities. Please complete the form in the Winter/Spring 2004 course catalogue and mail it to the LLI office with a check in the amount of \$100 for each person wishing to continue with LLI.

