

# And the Speaker Is...?

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# News & Views

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**B**ob Beyer had a very interesting guest speaker scheduled for our May 3 Forum meeting, but the gentleman cancelled his appearance just as the newsletter was being finalized. Bob is hard at work finding another speaker, so come to the Forum and see who the mystery guest turns out to be.

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.

## Annual Summer Picnic

The LLI Picnic will be held at the Mason District Park at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, June 13, 2004. The featured performance of the Navy Sea Chanters 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-M are asked to bring main dishes or salads; those with letters N-Z are asked to bring fruit, or desserts. 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. We will eat around 6:00 p.m.

**Beverages/Other:** Soft drinks and ice will be provided. Please be reminded that alcohol is not permitted in the park. It might be wise to bring mosquito repellent. The wooden benches in the amphitheater do not have back supports so we suggest bringing a folding chair or stadium seat.



## Lunch Bunch

The LLI Lunch Bunch gathering on May 3, 2004, will be at **Lo's Hunan Restaurant**, 3075 Nutley Street, Fairfax (703) 280-2897. The restaurant features a wide variety of tasty Chinese dishes at reasonable cost. **Directions:** From NOVA turn left on Little River Turnpike, right on Prosperity to Arlington Blvd., left on Arlington Blvd. to Nutley, and right on Nutley to Pan Am Shopping Center. The restaurant is between the CVS and Microcenter stores.

**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:** Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA

**From the Beltway:** Take Beltway Exit 52B, Little River Turnpike (Route 236), drive east for approximately 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 enroute 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 Virginia Edgell (703) 780-4537 or Sally Reynolds (703) 352-7494.

# Calendar of Events

## April 2004

- 27 LLI Singers rehearsal
- 29 Faculty/Volunteer Appreciation event

- 9 Trip: Building Museum; Organization of American States
- 22 Trip: Manassas Battlefield

## May 2004

- 3 Forum
- 7 Discussion Group
- 10 German Conversation
- 10 Adventures in Eating luncheon
- 12 Bridge Group
- 13 Trip: Gettysburg Battlefield Tour; Eisenhower Farm
- 14 Board Meeting
- 17 Newsletter Deadline
- 20 Favorite Books Club
- 24 Newsletter Mailing
- 27 Bridge Group

## August 2004

- 9 Newsletter Deadline
- 16 Newsletter Mailing
- 30 Forum, Fall Kickoff

## September 2004

- 9 Trip: Annapolis, MD House & Garden Tour
- 10 Board Meeting
- 13 Newsletter Deadline
- 20 Newsletter Mailing

## October 2004

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

## June 2004

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

## November 2004

- 1 Forum
- 12 Board Meeting
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 22 Newsletter Mailing
- 30-Dec.1&2 Trip: Norfolk

## July 2004

- No Forum; No Newsletter



### LLI Board of Directors

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## President's Corner

*Almost 140 members and guests enjoyed the Naval Criminal Investigative Service presentation at the April 5 Forum meeting. We thank Norma Hughes for arranging the program and dealing with last-minute speaker changes. Norma and Marvin Burge were very helpful in overcoming some audio-visual equipment obstacles.*

*The "Winter/Spring 2004" academic term is winding down. It has been a successful session thanks to the faculty, course coordinators/study leaders, Registration Committee, and the Curriculum Committee. This latter group continues its fine work almost year round. It has done another outstanding job planning an interesting summer term of 16 different courses, including: art, music, storytelling, medical information, the White House, and the Civil War. In addition, two exciting educational day trips are scheduled for July and September. You should be receiving your course catalog before the end of April so please submit your registration requests in time for them to reach LLI's office by May 17. The May 3 Forum meeting affords a good opportunity to hand in your completed forms.*

*The Curriculum Committee already is planning the "Fall 2004" term, which will start the week of September 20. You can help by submitting your ideas via the course proposal form that was included in the April newsletter. We welcome your suggestions and/or your volunteering to serve on the committee.*

*See you at the May 3 Forum meeting*

*Lorin Goodrich*



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## Campus Parking

### ***For Classes and Other LLI Activities***

Please use the Cultural Center parking lot. If the entrance gate is down press the button in the yellow box to raise it. We try to arrange for the exit gate to be raised by the time classes and activities end, however, if the gate is down when you are ready to leave please go to room CE 202 (Cultural Center Building) to obtain a token at the counter on the right side of the room. Tell the staff that you are with the Lifetime Learning Institute. The exit gate will raise when the token is inserted in the yellow box slot. We apologize for this inconvenience, but it is a small price to pay for free parking on campus.

### ***Handicap Parking***

Members with physical handicaps who have state-issued license plates or temporary hang tags on their vehicles are allowed to park in any appropriately designated space on campus. Some of these parking spaces are located in the "C" faculty/staff lots that may be closer to the classroom buildings and Cultural Center.

## Notable Quotes

*Oliver Wendell Holmes* served as a Supreme Court Justice from age 61 to 91. After Holmes retired, Franklin Delano Roosevelt asked him why he was reading Plato at the age of 91. "To improve my mind," Holmes responded.

And *Somerset Maugham* said, "Old age is ready to undertake tasks that youth shirked because they would take too long."



# Special Interest Groups

## **Adventures in Eating Group**

**Date:** Monday, May 10, 2004

**Restaurant:** Aegean Taverna (Greek), 2950 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington (corner of Clarendon and Garfield)

**Parking:** Validated parking in garage on Filmore St., one block down from Garfield St. and next to Harry's Tap Room, corner of Clarendon and Filmore.

**RSVP Deadline:** Friday, May 7 – Penny Valavanis – pennyvalavanis@erols.com or (703) 931-2534. Reservations are limited.

**Note:** Please wear your LLI name tags and bring your calendar to facilitate planning the next luncheon.

## **LLI Bridge Group**

The LLI Bridge Group will meet **May 12 (second Wednesday) and 27 (fourth Thursday)** at the Mason District Government Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (bring a bag lunch). Because the meeting dates can only be confirmed with the Government Center one month in advance, please call Bob or Gladys Bucklew, Chairpersons, at (703) 631-7889 any date you wish to attend to ensure we have the room for that day. Such calls not only confirm the meeting date for you but also afford us the opportunity to obtain sufficient 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 — Everyone Welcome!**

**Date:** Friday, May 7, 2004 10:00–11:30 a.m.

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

**Topic:** Oil Prices? Energy Crisis? Back to the Future, 1973 Revisited. Why are we still so dependent on imported oil? Are oil prices really exorbitant? What are our prospects for

the future? What about alternative energy sources? 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 20, 2004, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Mason District Center

**Book selection:** *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd. Betty Mahon will review this story of a neglected young girl who finds a sanctuary of true family and home. All are welcome.

**Information:** Contact **Nan Liner** at (703) 824-9762 or e-mail at nol8@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 Web Site**

If you do not remember when the class you signed up for is starting or where it would 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 the 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** (sachs@nova.org) if any update to be included on our web site.



# Board of Directors' Candidates

The Nominating Committee reported in the April newsletter that it had identified candidates to fill the seven upcoming vacancies on the Board of Directors. Regrettably, Clinton Hall had to withdraw his candidacy, but we are pleased to advise that Ed Sadtler has agreed to become a candidate.

The election for the following candidates (Officers and Board members) will be held at the June 7, 2004, Forum meeting:

**For President, Norma Hughes** — Thirty years with the U.S. EPA, retired 2001. Joined LLI in 2002: served on the Curriculum Committee. Five children, eleven grandchildren. Enjoys people and travel.

**For Vice President, no candidate**

**For Secretary, Libby Burge** — Retired from Fairfax County Juvenile Court in 2001. LLI member since 2000. Serves on Mailing and Nominating committees. Loves ballroom dancing, opera and symphonic music, yoga, and travel.

## From Social Security e-News

*High Marks for Computer Security:* A Congressional report card rates Social Security's computer security efforts among the best in the federal government. This report card, issued by the House Government Reform Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, gave the Social Security Administration a grade of "B+," the third highest among federal agencies. And Social Security has been among the top-ranking government agencies each of the four years the report has been issued.

"For more than 68 years, Social Security has honored its commitment to the American people to maintain the confidentiality of our records," said Jo Anne Barnhart, Commissioner of Social Security. "Through hard work and dedication, we have earned a well-deserved reputation as an agency worthy of the confidence and trust of the American people."

*Our Website Among Best in Government:* Our website, Social Security Online, is ranked as the third best overall in government, up from sixth place last year. This rating is courtesy of Brown University's annual report on state and federal e-government. The report states that our site includes useful information, a host of databases and statistics, foreign language translations, and hundreds of frequently asked questions arranged by category. The Brown University report also mentions that our website offers 17 online services, including online applications for benefits and retirement planners. And the website was praised for being accessible to people with disabilities and for having fun information, such as a kid's page and the most popular baby names.

**For Treasurer, John Davis** — Came to Washington in 1953 to go to school. Research physicist and operations research analyst until retirement in 1994. Treasurer of his church three years. Treasurer LLI one year.

**For Board Member, Richard DiBuono** — Joined LLI January 2003. Served on Curriculum Committee. Proud father of one and grandfather of two. Retired civil engineer. Loves life and all it offers.

**For Board Member, Burton Greenstein** — Retired from DOD. Intelligence Analyst on Soviet military and economic affairs. Ten years as docent at National Archives. LLI member since 1997. Enjoyed teaching a cycle of three history courses.

**For Board Member, Colletta Hammond** — Bachelors in Education, Corlow College; graduate work, Dayton University. Taught 41 years in elementary schools in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Retired from Fairfax County schools in 1997.

**For Board Member, Elizabeth "Betty" Mahon** — Raised in suburbs of New York City. Became a Navy wife and had a family. Worked in many positions from Kwajalein to Puerto Rico. Member LLI since 1995.

**For Board Member, Don Reynolds** — Current Board member, BS/Journalism, Rider University; advanced study, Cornell; WWII European historian, sports and "serious" journalist; packaged goods marketer; instructor LLI Sports Memorabilia Course.

**For Board Member, Ed Sadtler** — Joined LLI early in 2004; currently is space coordinator for the Curriculum Committee. Retired May 2003 from career in retail with Hecht's Department Stores.

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## Writing Your Personal History

The Vienna Community Center is presenting a Writing Your Personal History Symposium on Thursday, May 6, 2004, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Advance registration is necessary; the ticket fee is \$5.00. You may purchase your ticket at the Front Lobby of the Vienna Community Center or send a check, payable to the Town of Vienna, to 120 Cherry Street S.E., Vienna, VA 22180. You may pick up your ticket at the entrance the day of the program. There also will be a two-hour workshop on Writing your Ethical Will during the Symposium. If you register for the Symposium, please take along a bagged lunch; beverages will be provided.

## **Titles for *Short Stories***

*(Course 4W11A)*

Rosalind Newman, class leader of the **Short Stories** class, has submitted the following reading list for her class:

### **May 4**

#### **D. H. Lawrence:**

The White Stocking  
Odor of Chrysanthemums  
The Prussian Officer  
Tickets Please

### **May 11**

#### **Katherine Mansfield:**

The Woman at the Store  
Prelude  
Bliss  
*Je ne parle pas français*  
Miss Brill

### **May 18**

#### **Robert Louis Stevenson:**

Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde  
The Body Snatcher  
Markheim

### **May 25**

**To be arranged**

# *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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**Mr. Michael C. Donohue**, 3701 S. George Mason Drive, Falls Church, VA 22041; tel.: (703) 820-8490

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## **Corrections**

## **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.

## **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.

