

What Did the U.S. Supreme Court Decide (or Defer) Last Session?

Come to the LLI Forum on Monday, August 30, 2004, to hear Loyola (Baltimore) College law professor James O'Hara's observations on some of the critical issues the Supreme Court faced during its last session. Prominent cases covered campaign finance, the Pledge of Allegiance and Guantanamo Bay detainees. Certain constitutional issues were deferred. Professor O'Hara will be teaching a course entitled "The U.S. Supreme Court—Some Issues; Some Justices" during the fall term. We hope to see you at 10:00 a.m. (refreshments at 9:30) at the Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC Annandale campus. The Forum is on the second level. Parking is available in the Center's lot (look for "LLI Parking" signs).

Hurricane or Snow Problems?

If there is inclement weather, listen for TV or radio reports from the Fairfax County Public School System (FCPSS). When Fairfax County closes schools, LLI cancels all classes and other activities (except for bus tours). LLI also cancels morning classes when Fairfax County delays opening for two hours and afternoon classes if the county announces early dismissal. You will be notified of a schedule for makeup classes.

For bus tours, contact the tour leader listed in the program booklet.

ALERT: *Regardless of the location,* all LLI class and event cancellations are determined by the FCPSS

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet August 30 around noon at **Ribsters Restaurant**, 7243 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, (703) 354-4742. The Monday special chicken platter is under \$10.

Directions: From NOVA take right on Little River Turnpike to Annandale. Restaurant is on right side opposite Crown Gas Station.

announcements. NVCC may hold classes when LLI does not.

Save the Date... for the Holiday Luncheon

Mark your calendar now to attend the Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 9th, at the Fort Belvoir Officers' Club. You will receive a registration form this fall with all the details, including directions for those driving and bus transportation for those who are not. To help plan for this festive holiday event, contact Bonnie Hopler at (703) 978-9381 or pbhopler@cox.net.

LLI Members Honor Commitments

Registration is a commitment. If you have signed up for a class, event, or trip, and later find that you cannot attend, please notify the instructor or trip/event coordinator as soon as you know you will not be there. LLI wants to accommodate those on wait lists and to avoid unnecessary expenditures of

Calendar of Events

August 2004

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; 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
30-Dec. 1&2 Trip: Norfolk

December 2004

— No Forum; No Newsletter
9 Holiday Luncheon
10 Board Meeting; Wint. Updt. Deadline
17 Wint. Updt. Mailing

January 2005

3 Forum
7 Newsletter Deadline
12 Board Meeting
17 Newsletter Mailing

February 2005

7 Forum
11 Board Meeting; Newsletter Deadline
21 Newsletter Mailing

President's Corner

I trust everyone had a great summer, and I hope to see all of you at the Forum meetings and classes this fall. The new fall catalog of courses has been mailed to all LLI members. By now each of you has had the opportunity to select from the wide variety of classes Paul Hoppler and his Curriculum Committee have assembled. Please be sure to register for your classes without delay, as they fill up quickly - registration deadline is Monday, August 30.

On July 15, your newly constituted Board of Directors held its annual all-day retreat during which we concentrated on reviewing the current state of LLI, assessing our future well being and how to ensure the membership's continued interest in our programs. A major portion of our meeting focused on questions and recommendations raised in the recently completed Strategic Plan (see the article elsewhere in this issue). During our discussions the Board generally accepted the recommendations and agreed that LLI is in good shape and on the right track; however, we must periodically reevaluate our progress and activities to assure we continue to proceed in the right direction.

The Board continues to be challenged to find ways in which to encourage more members to become involved in LLI's ongoing operations. While it is encouraging that our membership has steadily increased, fewer members seem to be willing to become involved and assume important assignments, even for short periods of time. As you can see on the enclosed organization chart, there are numerous opportunities to contribute and we greatly appreciate the many members listed who have continued to give of their time and talents over several years. However, as it becomes necessary to fill vacancies that may come up (including board vacancies in 2005) more LLI members are needed to step forward and become involved.

As LLI enters its ninth year, we look forward to more interesting activities and courses. In addition to the September Forum on August 30, we have plans for more outstanding guest speakers. The Curriculum Committee, the Trip Committee, and the Holiday and other Special Event committees are in the process of planning their respective activities for the year, and would welcome your participation and/or ideas. We are a very active organization and offer our membership a great array of educational opportunities for a mere \$100 a year. Where else can you get such a great bargain? Of course, this is made possible by the dedicated members who volunteer whenever needed. As we approach our tenth anniversary, we would hope more members would make this their year to pitch in and lend a hand.

I'll see you on August 30 at the Forum.

Norma Hughes

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LLI Web Site Address Correction

There was an error in the June newsletter feature on the LLI Web site address.

The correct address is <http://lli.nova.org>. (That's a *period*, not a slash, between "nova" and "org".) Once again, thanks to Sid Sachs for his management of the web site.



Special Interest Groups

LLI Bridge Group



The Bridge Group meets twice monthly at the Mason District Government Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (bring a bag lunch). Meeting dates have been confirmed with the Government Center as follows:

Wednesdays, August 25,

September 8 and 22, and October 6; and **Thursday**, October 28. Because of recent regulation changes by the Mason District Government Center, it is not always possible to reserve rooms on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, but those days will continue to be our first choice when making reservations. Please call Bob or Gladys Bucklew, Chairpersons, at (703) 631-7889 any date you wish to attend to confirm the meeting date for you and 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, Sept. 3, 2004 10:00-11:30 a.m.

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

Topic: What do you think of the 9/11 Commission Report? Do you think they did a good job? Do you feel their recommendations should be implemented? If so, is the President and/or Congress moving fast enough to implement changes? Please bring current clippings from newspapers and magazines as well as your opinions.

Information: Sue Swift (703) 698-8159

Favorite Books Club

The book club begins its fall session on September 16 at 11:30 a.m. at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Books to be read this fall will be chosen at the August 19 meeting. To obtain information about September's selection, email **Libby Burge** at lburge@cox.net.

German Conversation Club



Beginning in September we will meet on the third Monday of each month.

NOTE: We will not meet in December.

If you are interested, call **Arline Sachs** at (703) 971-2092

Marie Baglio, a "Legend" in Our Midst



Have you read *The Rule of Four*, a recent best seller by Annandale natives Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason? The *New York Times Book Review* called this mystery novel "profoundly erudite...the ultimate puzzle book." Authors Caldwell and Thomason were featured in the July 15 *Annandale Times* where both men noted that their Annandale teachers greatly influenced their love of the

written word. According to Thomason, Marie Baglio at Belvedere Elementary School is "pretty much a legend." Congratulations, Marie. We are honored to have a celebrity in LLI...especially when the celebrity comes from the art of teaching!

Newsletter Editor's Note: When you learn of LLI members who receive special recognition for their accomplishments, please send the stories for future newsletters.



Report from the LLI Board's Annual Planning Retreat

The 2004 Board of Directors of LLI held their all-day Annual Planning Retreat on July 15, 2004 at Green Spring Village. They were joined by Warren Hynes, Finance Committee; Marty Klee, Volunteer Coordinator and EIN Representative; Louise Sousk, Trip Coordinator; Liddell McLeod, Newsletter Editor; Virginia Fernbach, Handbook Committee; and Laura Charron, LLI Administrator.

To begin the meeting each Director received a new Board of Directors Handbook created by Virginia Fernbach, Gladys Bucklew, and Jane Jones. It will assist Board members with paper flow and keep important documents at their fingertips.

Curt Kornblau presented the new Strategic Plan which he and Memphis Norman developed with input from committee chairmen, the general membership, and statistical data from LLI records. The Plan concluded that no drastic changes are necessary, but the Board should not sit on its laurels.

Throughout the day's meeting the Board discussed questions raised by the Plan and made several comments and decisions.

- The membership will continue to elect LLI officers.
- The size and tenure of the board will remain the same without term limits. Board members need not have computer access. Board meetings will continue to be held once a month. The Orientation in June for new Board members will be held.
- The size of the membership will not be capped at this time, but there will be no special drive to increase membership. Efforts will be made to retain members.
- An annual report to the membership similar to the one presented at the Faculty/Volunteer Appreciation event will be published in the Newsletter
- There will be no additional classes between program sessions as there are a number of ongoing activities throughout the year.
- Special interest groups will not be supported financially except on special occasions.
- At this time LLI has no plans to expand its community service beyond NVCC grants and scholarships, but will look into other opportunities with the Provost.

At the end of the day the Plan was approved in principle. The Strategic Plan Committee will compile a final draft for formal approval at the next Board meeting.

Operations/Succession

President Norma Hughes announced the appointment of Colletta Hammond as Membership Chair and Betty Mahon as Events Coordinator. Tom Buchanan and Fred Fisher were approved to serve on the Audit committee for fiscal year 2005 term. Lorin Goodrich, Immediate Past President, agreed to serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for 2005.

Volunteer Activities

Marty Klee noted a new volunteer survey to be included in the new member packet is being prepared by Laura. To further encourage volunteer participation, the Board agreed to set up a table at the Forum to see if greater results could be generated. Mary Montgomery will chair the Newcomer Coffee in October and one will be held in February as well to acquaint our new members with LLI.

Marty reported that LLI provided four volunteers for the Virginia Supreme Court Judicial Performance Evaluation Project.

10th Anniversary

Don Reynolds, Historian, revealed the committee's plans for the 10th Anniversary of LLI in 2006. Each member will receive a commemorative gift. There will be three celebration events throughout the year, teaser events at each Forum and historical features in the Newsletter.

Finances

John Davis, Treasurer, presented the financial statements for the twelve months ending June 30, 2004. There is an estimated net gain of \$2,529.71 from budgeted and unbudgeted activities in fiscal year 2004.

Laura Charron, LLI Administrator, reported a membership of 333. Based on that number John Manion, Budget and Finance Committee Chair, presented a fiscal year 2005 budget of \$33,150. Projected increases in expenses are additional classroom rental, an increase in the administrator's salary, purchase of electronic equipment, and higher postage for the catalogs.

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 Fall 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.



Retreat Report

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On a motion by John Manion, a Special Reserves Fund of \$12,000 was established to be used exclusively for truly major purposes, not for lesser needs or shortfall, with approval of 60 per cent of the Board required. \$12,000 approximately equals an initial seed gift contributed at the inception of the Lifetime Learning Institute.

Academic Programs

Norma reported the summer program held 16 offerings, 7 of which were over-subscribed. Several of the wait-listed programs will be offered in the future. The fall program will have 33 classes, one day trip (with transportation) and two local trips (without transportation). Laura Charron will lead a trip to the Naval Observatory on October 21st. Registration will be by flyer.

Campus/Renovation

LLI will soon be affected by the NVCC renovation. During the next two years, three buildings will be closed. This necessitates the procurement of additional classrooms off campus. Expenses for classrooms will rise. Lorin and Norma are looking into the Washington Post's "Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management" to provide extra funds.

Trips / Special Events / Interest Groups

Louise Sousk obtained approval for two overnight trips in 2005, one to Charleston, March 28 to April 1; the other led by Mary O'Day to the Hudson River Valley (date unknown).

Bonnie Hopler, who will chair the Holiday event, has agreed to serve in the same capacity for the spring Faculty/Volunteer Appreciation event.

Gladys Bucklew reported an increase in participation in the Bridge group which required the purchase of a fourth card table.

Marty Klee reported the LLI Singers are in danger of disbanding unless an accompanist who can transpose music can be found

During the final thoughts wrap-up Gladys recommended the various committee heads meet once or twice a year to compare thoughts.

Note: Members may arrange to read a copy of the Retreat minutes by calling the LLI office (703) 503-0600.

Submitted by Libby Burge

