

# How Does the Organization of American States Work?

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Come to LLI's Forum on Monday, October 4, 2004, to learn more about how the Organization of American States (OAS) operates. Dr. James Kiernan, director/editor of *Americas* magazine will talk about OAS functions, its challenges and how it relates to other international organizations (e.g. World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Inter-American Development Fund and the U.N.). Several LLI members had a glimpse of this important organization's operations last July during a brief tour; this will be an opportunity for all of us to learn more.

We hope to see you at 10:00 a.m. (refreshments at 9:30) at the Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC Annandale campus. The Forum room is on the second level. Parking is available in the Center's lot (look for "LLI Parking" signs). PLEASE CONSIDER CARPOOLING SINCE PARKING MAY BE LIMITED. THANKS.

## LLI Announces Winner of 2003–2004 Leadership Grant

At the August 30 LLI Forum Past President Alan Mayer presented a \$2,000 grant to Gurleen Tiwana (known to friends as "Twiggy"). A family emergency prevented Twiggy from attending the presentation ceremony on June 7 when LLI first announced the winner of the 2003-04 student leadership grant. LLI awards a student leadership grant annually to a student enrolled at the Annandale Campus who has made an outstanding contribution to developing collegiality among the multi-cultural student body. Originally from India, Twiggy achieved a GPA of 3.8 while at NVCC; she is currently enrolled at UVA, where she is studying finance.

### Lunch Bunch

The *Lo's Hunan Szechuan Restaurant*, known for tasty, low-cost Chinese dishes, is expecting the Lunch Bunch after the Forum on October 4. **Directions:** From NOVA go left on 236 West (toward Fairfax City), turn right on Prosperity Ave. Go 2 miles. Turn left on Arlington Blvd. Past Cedar Lane, turn right on Nutley St. Turn right into the first entrance of Pan Am Shopping Center. The restaurant is between the CVS and Microcenter stores. (Address: 3075 Nutley St., Fairfax, VA 22031; phone: (703) 280-2897.)

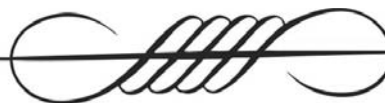


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Left to right: Dr. Barbara Saperstone, Provost, Gurleen "Twiggy" Tiwana, and Alan Mayer.

# Calendar of Events

## 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

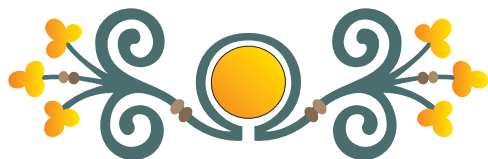
- 3 Forum
- 7 Newsletter Deadline
- 12 Board Meeting
- 17 Newsletter Mailing

## February 2005

- 7 Forum
- 11 Board Meeting; Newsletter Deadline
- 21 Newsletter Mailing

## March 2005

- 7 Forum
- 11 Board Meeting; Newslett. Deadline
- 21 Newsletter Mailing
- 28-Apr. 1 Trip: Charleston, SC



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# President's Corner

I am delighted to report that 195 members and guests attended the August 30 Forum. Our second largest attendance was a great start to the fall 2004 season. I extend a special welcome to the guests who became members. I also want to express appreciation for everyone's participation in the Curriculum Committee's "10-minute exercise" that identified classes you previously enjoyed and collected great ideas for new classes. I extend apologies to all who experienced parking problems that day. For the first week of NVCC's fall term student parking was declared free and open throughout the campus. LLI's usual reserved parking was a victim of that policy as students used much of our space. Carpooling may help avoid future problems associated with parking.

Registration notifications of fall courses have been mailed. Almost 70% of our 350 members registered for at least one course. The Registration Committee completed their enormous task in a very short time. Many thanks to our Administrator, Laura Charron and her assistants, Sally Reynolds, Marjorie Clark, Debbie Birnberg and Burt Greenstein. Some classes were greatly oversubscribed. The Curriculum Committee will attempt to schedule a repeat of courses for those with significant wait lists.

In appreciation of the support we receive from the NVCC faculty and staff, LLI donated materials used in the Great Decisions series that were part of our curricula this past spring and summer. Two video cassettes and several resource books were given to the Annandale campus library.

The Board of Directors recently voted to make minutes of board meetings more accessible to the membership by placing a copy of the most recent approved minutes on the Administrator's desk at each Forum. Members may also read board minutes on file in the office. LLI board meetings are open meetings; a member may attend as an observer and may submit agenda items for consideration. If you wish to do so, please call the President one day in advance of a meeting to be advised of the upcoming agenda.

See you at the Forum on October 4.

Norma Hughes



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## **Fashion Show**

Fairfax Symphony volunteers are hosting a fashion show at the Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax, on Thursday, October 21, at 11:00 a.m. It will feature fashions from the Lemon Twist Shop in Arlington. For information or reservations call (703) 827-0600.

## **Space Available in Transportation Options Course**

**Course 4F27P**, *Transportation Options for Seniors in Fairfax County*, has space available. You may still register, or simply attend the class on Thursday, September 30 at 1:30 p.m. in Ernst Cultural Center, Seminar Rooms A and B.



# Special Interest Groups

## LLI Bridge Group



The LLI Bridge Group will meet October 6 (Wednesday) and 28 (Thursday) 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 any date you wish to attend to insure 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, 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 (no registration required)

**Date:** Friday, Oct. 1, 2004 10:00-11:30 a.m.

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

**Topic:** Immigration? Can illegal immigration be stopped and do Americans really want to stop it? With our huge country and permeable borders is it really possible to prevent it? Some people claim that illegal immigrants fill jobs that nobody else wants. Should we provide services for them such as schools, health care, welfare, etc.? What about legal immigration? Are the limits on legal immigration too low, too high or just right? Please bring current clippings from newspapers and magazines as well as your opinions.

Planning ahead for November, our topic then will be about China.

**Information:** Sue Swift (703) 698-8159

## Favorite Books Club



**Date:** Thursday, October 21, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mason District Center.

**Book Selection:** *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold. Elaine Cherry will lead a discussion of this story of the brutal murder of a young girl and her family's grief. All are welcome.

**Information:** Contact Libby Burge at (703) 451-2534 or email at [lburge@cox.net](mailto:lburge@cox.net).

## German Conversation Club

We meet on the third Monday of each month.

**Note:** We will not meet in December 2004.

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

## LLI Jazz Club

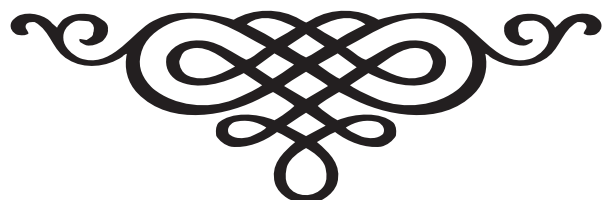


**Date:** Wednesday, October 6

The first meeting will be held at 12 Noon in Seminar C & D. This will be our initial brain

storming session which will guide the direction for the group.

So, bring your ideas, comments, articles and think about if you want this Jazz Club to focus primarily on "Classical Jazz" or a broader direction. A selection by The Great Satchmo will be featured. For questions, call Virginia Fernbach (703)751-8369.





## The Great Christian Schism: East & West

Since LLI was not able to schedule John Rybicki for our fall classes, interested members are invited to attend his course at Greenspring Village instead. It will be held each Wednesday in November (Nov. 3, 10, 17, and 24) from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the Greenspring Village Theater-Village Square. The course explores the conflicts and heresies that arose in the earliest centuries of the Christian Church, the incidents that led to the final break in 1054 and the later failed attempts to reconciliation. If you plan to attend, please call Ellen Gale at (703) 569-3370 for registration and parking instructions.

### Holiday Luncheon

The festive HOLIDAY LUNCHEON will be on December 9th at the Fort Belvoir Officers' Club. **Please save the date.**

## Nominating Committee Seeks Board Candidates

The following LLI members have been appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee to come up with a slate of Board of Director's candidates for the June 2005 election — Lorin Goodrich (Chairman), Helen Clark, Martie Klee, Curt Kornblau and John Manion. Please contact any of the members if you are interested in serving.

The Committee will be seeking candidates for officer positions and Board member-at-large vacancies. We have an urgent need for someone to volunteer to assume a position of Assistant Treasurer since our current treasurer, John Davis, will be leaving next Spring.

## Do You Know an LLI Member Who Should Receive a Card?

One of the benefits of membership in LLI is making new friends. We like to show our friendliness and concern for fellow members by sending a card to anyone who is ill or has suffered a loss. If you are aware of any problem that a member (or member's family) is having, please let me know and I will make sure they hear from LLI. You can reach me by phone at (703) 569-0357 or by email at [arlenegribben@aol.com](mailto:arlenegribben@aol.com). Your help is greatly appreciated.

*Arlene Gribben*

## Marianne Moerman — Award Winner

In June LLI member Marianne Moerman received the James B. Hunter III Volunteer Excellence Award from the United Way of Arlington County. The *Arlington Sun Gazette* reported that the award honors those who "most embody the spirit of serving their community." This year's awards were given to three individuals and one group. Marianne was the first award-winner to be nominated by two organizations: TACTS and the Arlington Street People's Assistance Network. She has logged more than 11,000 volunteer hours in the last decade. What an inspiration! Congratulations, Marianne.

## One Step in Preventing Identity Theft

Tired of shredding all those "pre-approved" credit card applications that arrive daily in your mailbox? As you probably know, credit bureaus sell names and addresses to credit card companies who in turn mail offers of credit to consumers. If you do not want to receive such solicitations, you can call this toll-free number: (888) 567-8688. "Pre-approved" credit applications that sit in your mailbox all day long while you are not home are targets to identity thieves. By stopping these mailings, you are helping to prevent yourself from becoming a victim of ID theft. It is important to note that this toll-free number has a limited purpose: it enables consumers to "opt-out" of receiving pre-approved offers of credit. It has no effect on other junk mail.



## 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 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.



# 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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