

No December Forum — Plan Ahead for January Forum

January 3, 2005, is the date of our next Forum. The scheduled speaker is former U.S. Secret Service agent Jerry Parr. Mr. Parr will talk about his experiences on presidential security detail during the Reagan and Carter administrations. He will also give us a glimpse of what is involved in protecting candidates during presidential campaigns and preparations for the President's inauguration.

Student Award Fundraising Underway

By now you should have received in the mail a letter asking your support for this year's Student Award Fund. I hope you didn't throw it away with all the other requests for money that seem to come in the mail everyday. We think this appeal is special and deserves your support for the following reasons:

- The recipients of previous years' awards have been uniformly outstanding students who need a helping hand. You get to see and meet them at our Forums to judge for yourself.
- The Community College is one of the primary educational institutions in our community providing technically trained workers at a relatively low cost. The provision of these skilled workers is one of the urgent needs to keep our economy growing in Northern Virginia.
- Provision of the Student Awards is one way LLI can show its appreciation to NVCC for the many services and support they provide us without charge. It strengthens our partnership.
- Practically all of the money raised goes directly to the recipients. The only administrative expense is the cost of mailing.
- It's tax deductible.

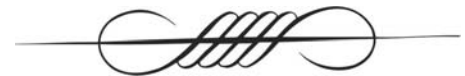
Last year we raised over \$6,200 with nearly a 50% response from our membership. This year we hope to do better. Please take a moment to write a check and put it in the self addressed, stamped envelope we sent you along with our letter appeal. Next spring when we make our awards, I know you will feel a

Lunch Bunch

After the January Forum, the Lunch Bunch will meet at the **Da Vinci Family Restaurant** on 6347 Columbia Pike (in the Barcroft Shopping Center), phone (703) 916-1147. The restaurant features daily specials and a buffet @ \$6 or \$7. **Directions:** From NOVA take a right on Little River Turnpike toward Annandale. Take a left before or after the Giant to get on Columbia Pike. Right on Columbia Pike to Barcroft Shopping Center. The restaurant is located left of Harris Teeter.

Think China

Have you ever thought that someday you might want to visit China? Do it now before it is too late to enjoy the Three Gorges on the Yankzee river. As the dam fills, less will be visible and more interesting sites will be under water. Join other LLI members when we take our trip next fall. We are leaving on October 23, for 21 days, including a 5-day cruise, traveling with Grand Circle. We will have an introductory course about China before we go. Everyone will be welcome to attend even if you don't travel with us. Contact Arline or Sidney Sachs at (703) 971-2092 for further details and our group number for registration. Check out the information on the LLI web page at <http://LLI.nova.org>.



Class Registration Deadline

January 3 will also be the deadline for registering for "Winter/Spring 2005" courses. Look for your catalog by the middle of December.

Calendar of Events

President's Corner

December 2004

- No Forum; No Newsletter
- 9 Holiday Luncheon
- 10 Board Meeting
- 10 Winter Update Deadline
- 17 Winter Update Mailing

January 2005

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

February 2005

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

March 2005

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

April 2005

- 4 Forum
- 8 Board Meeting
- 8 Newsletter Deadline
- 18 Newsletter Mailing

May 2005

- 2 Forum
- 13 Board Meeting
- 13 Newsletter Deadline
- 23 Newsletter Mailing

June 2005

- 6 Forum
- 10 Board Meeting

July 2005

- No Forum
- Planning Retreat

August 2005

- 5 Newsletter Deadline
- 15 Newsletter Mailing
- 25 Trip: Canadian Rockies (11 days)
- 29 Forum

September 2005

- 9 Newsletter Deadline
- 9 Board Meeting
- 19 Newsletter Mailing

October 2005

- 3 Forum
- 14 Newsletter Deadline
- 14 Board Meeting
- 23 Trip: China (3 weeks)
- 24 Newsletter Mailing

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We have a wonderful LLI. Our volunteers, who help in so many ways, are the mainstays of the organization: chairing and serving on committees, assisting with mailings and registrations, and serving on the Board, are just several examples. I am happy to announce that two more members have recently volunteered to assist: Phil Runge is the Board's newly appointed Assistant Treasurer and Sally Wise is the new editor of the course catalogues and member of the Curriculum Committee. We say "thank you" over and over to all our volunteers.



As the Holidays approach, I and the Board of Directors wish everyone good cheer, good health and happiness for the rest of this year and the coming new year. I hope to see everyone at the LLI Holiday Luncheon on

December 9 at Fort Belvoir.

Happy Holidays,
Norma Hughes

Heart of the Canadian Rockies

A Grand Circle escorted tour departing Thursday, August 25, 2005

LLI members are planning an 11-day escorted tour beginning in Vancouver and ending in Calgary. Highlights include a 2-day Rocky Mountaineer Train Journey (overnight stay in a hotel) and 5 nights in the Canadian Rockies, home to Canada's most enchanting scenery. The itinerary of Vancouver, Jasper, Banff (lunch at Château Lake Louise), and Calgary includes 5 tours plus exclusive Grand Circle Discovery Series Events. The charge per person is \$2,245.00 plus \$80.50 tax (airfare included).

A Gold Leaf upgrade on the Rocky Mountaineer is \$495.00. For more details, you may call Grand Circle at 1-800-221-2610 or visit their web site at www.GCT.com. Five additional optional tours include "Gems of the Rockies" (\$35.00) featuring Moraine and Emerald Lakes and the unique Spiral Tunnels. An extension for visiting Vancouver & Victoria begins on August 22 and costs \$425.00 plus tax.

If interested in joining the LLI tour, please call Virginia Fernbach (703) 751-8369 to find if slots are still available.

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Words to Live By

The following quotation is from *The Once and Future King* by T. H. White. The wizard we usually know as Merlin is speaking to the boy Wart, who is destined, of course, to become King Arthur.

“The best thing for being sad,” replied Merlyn...“is to learn something. That is the only thing that never fails. You may grow old and trembling in your

anatomies, you may lie awake at night listening to the disorder of your veins, you may miss your only love, you may see the world about you devastated by evil lunatics, or know your honour trampled in the sewers of baser minds. There is only one thing for it then — to learn. Learn why the world wags and what wags it. That is the only thing which the mind can never exhaust, never dream of regretting.”



Special Interest Groups

Classical Music Appreciation

There will be no December meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2005 at the home of Ferne Beyer, 7318 Spring Court, Springfield, VA. At each monthly meeting we listen to and discuss classical music selections prior to attending a free concert where they will be performed. Please join us! For more information call Lynne Smaldone at (703) 525-9623.

Discussion Group — Everyone Welcome (no need to register)

Date: Friday, Dec. 3, 2004 10:00–11:30 a.m.

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

Topic: The Soaring Trade Deficit — Is It Good or Bad for the U.S. Economy?

Last year our trade deficit was \$496 Billion, this year it is projected to be \$590 Billion. Some economists say this is nothing to worry about, that it indicates a strong economy. But many analysts worry that as the trade deficit gets larger, the more dependent the U.S. becomes on the money that foreigners are effectively lending Americans to buy imported goods. Some say this will lead to a falling dollar. Other say it is only the high price of oil that is causing the imbalance. What do you think? Please bring current clippings from newspapers and magazines as well as your opinions.

Information: Sue Swift (703) 698-8159

Favorite Books Club

There will be no December meeting. We meet again in January.

Date: January 20, 2005, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Mason District Governmental Center.

Book selection: *It Takes a Village*. Virginia Fernbach will lead the discussion of Hillary Rodham Clinton's book in which she seeks a better tomorrow for our nation's children. All are welcome.

Information: Contact Libby Burge at (703) 451-2534 or e-mail at lburge@cox.net.

German Conversation Club

There will not be a meeting in December.

The monthly meetings will resume in January, and continue to be held on the third Monday of each month. If you are interested, call Arline Sachs at (703) 971-2092.

LLI Bridge Group

The LLI Bridge Group will meet only once in December: Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2004, at the Mason District Government Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (bring a bag lunch. Please notify Bob or Gladys Bucklew, Chairpersons, at (703) 631-7889 that 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!



Auditors Needed for Next Summer

According to the bylaws a two-person audit committee reviews LLI's financial statement after the close of the fiscal year (June 30). Your Board of Directors is hoping that members who have a strong background in accounting and/or financial auditing would be willing to serve on the committee. CPA certification not required. The next annual audit will be conducted during the summer of 2005. LLI's treasurer and others will be available to provide background information.

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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Mary Ann Snyder, 4246 Worchester Dr., Fairfax, VA 22032, (703) 323-5570, maryannsnyder@aol.com

Corrections

Hazel Cowles has a new telephone number: (703) 671-0153

Eleanor Shubinski-Mosser: The correct FAX number is (703) 280-1148.

Carolyn Sladek: The FAX number listed should be deleted.