

Public Opinion Polls: Lessons Learned from the 2004 Election

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Do you remember the widespread criticism of inaccurate polling during the 2004 presidential election? Did the polling results from 2004 discredit current survey methodologies? According to the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, the public opinion polls performed accurately for the most part. While survey research faces many challenges today, survey methodology continues to adapt and to play a key role in the political process. With a particular focus on the 2004 election, Michael Dimock of Pew Research will discuss what the polls did, and did not, get right and what the future of public opinion polling looks like.

The Forum will be on the second floor of the Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC Annandale. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin promptly at 10:00. *Note:* The usual parking is available in the Cultural Center lot, but early arrival is recommended to accommodate temporary route changes

Lunch Bunch

After the Forum, join the Lunch Bunch at the **Family Restaurant** in the Pan Am Shopping Center, 3051 Nutley St., Fairfax (703-560-9322). Pan Am is located at the corner of Nutley and Route 29, just off Route 66. The restaurant is recommended for its wholesome food and very reasonable prices. **Directions:** From NOVA take left on Little River Turnpike, right at Prosperity Ave to Arlington Blvd. Turn left on Arlington Blvd. Turn right on Nutley and continue to the Pan Am Center. Restaurant is next to CVS store.

necessitated by construction on the Wakefield Chapel Road side of the campus. As soon as you enter the campus from Wakefield Chapel Road look for a "detour" sign to turn right. Take the next left and proceed until you see our "LLI Parking" signs. Turn left into the Cultural Center lot. Contact Lorin Goodrich at 703-425-9574 or by e-mail at lorin.goodrich@erols.com if you have questions.

Memphis Norman – In Memoriam



Long-time member **Memphis Norman** died in early January.

Memphis made many highly significant contributions

to LLI. He served on the LLI Board of Directors, chaired several committees and taught a number of courses. He wrote the initial Strategic Plan, which helped set directions for LLI in its formative stages. In the past year, Memphis organized a Power Point pictorial history of LLI for our forthcoming 10th anniversary celebration;

he participated in the development of the current strategic plan; and he led a course on human cultural diversity in the U.S.

Dr. Norman (doctorate in public administration from University of Southern California) hailed from Mississippi where he made history in the early civil rights movement. (He was brutally beaten during a lunch counter sit-in in Jackson.) He joined LLI upon retiring from the Office of Management and Budget after a long distinguished career of federal service. He taught at Catholic University as well as LLI.

LLI and his many friends will miss Memphis. Plans for a local memorial service are incomplete. Details will be announced in the newspaper in a few weeks. His body will be taken to Mississippi for burial.

Calendar of Events

February 2005

- 7 Forum
- 11 Board Meeting
- 11 Newsletter Deadline
- 14 Valentine's Poetry Open House
- 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
- 6 Trip: National Library of Medicine
- 8 Board Meeting
- 8 Newsletter Deadline
- 18 Newsletter Mailing
- 26 Volunteer Appreciation Event

May 2005

- 2 Forum
- 13 Board Meeting
- 13 Newsletter Deadline
- 20 Trip: Mosby's Tour
- 23 Newsletter Mailing

June 2005

- 2 Trip: Fredericksburg
- 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
- 20-23 Trip: Mid-Hudson River Valley (4 days)

October 2005

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

November 2005

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

December 2005

- No Forum; No Newsletter
- 9 Board Meeting
- 9 Winter Update Deadline
- 19 Winter Update Mailing

President's Corner

The year 2004 was a successful one for LLI, which we owe to our volunteers for making it happen. Many, many thanks to all the course instructors, the Curriculum Committee, the Trip Committee, the Special Events Committee, the Newsletter editor, and all those members who managed and assisted with the many mailings and administrative needs. We began 2005 with 202 members and guests attending the January Forum, and by this time you should have submitted your course and trip registrations for the Winter/Spring term. I anticipate this will be another outstanding year for LLI/NOVA and look forward to seeing all of you at the Forum on February 7.

Norma Hughes

Hurry! Deadline Is February 1 for Canadian Rockies

Space reserved for the LLI Group will be released as of Feb. 1. You still have a chance to sign up with a great group of LLI members for this wonderful trip through the magnificent Canadian Rockies — lunch at Chateau Lake Louise. Last year, an LLI member saw a number of grizzlies in Jasper. We can only hope. Departing August 25th, 2005, the cost is \$2245.00 and includes:

- Roundtrip airfare from Dulles (to Vancouver and return from Calgary)
- Scenic 2 — day rides aboard the Rocky Mountaineer train
- 5 sightseeing tours
- Exclusive Discovery Series
- 16 meals
- A resident Grand Circle Program Director
- Private motor coach land travel and more...

There are 5 optional excursions, a Goldleaf upgrade for the train (\$495) and a 3-night extension — Vancouver and Victoria. (\$425) Go to www.gct.com for the itinerary. Click on Canada, then "Heart of the Canadian Rockies". For details about signing up, call Virginia Fernbach (703) 751-8369.

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Afternoon Delight



How do I love thee? Poetry expresses it best. Come share light refreshments and join members of the poetry class as we celebrate Valentine's day. Read or recite or just listen to favorite poems of love, true and false, humorous and heartbreaking. All LLI members are invited to join the fun. Registration not required.

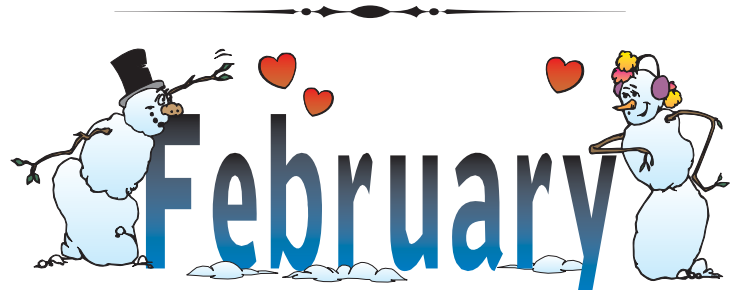
Leader: Richard Risk; **Date & Time:** Monday, Feb. 14, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.; **Place:** Little River United Church of Christ (Room 8), Annandale.

LLI Office E-mail

The LLI Office email address is working again:
llinova@juno.com

Class Cancellations

If there is inclement weather, LLI classes and other activities are canceled if the Fairfax County school system cancels school for the day. Listen for radio and TV announcements. LLI morning classes are canceled if the County announces a 2-hour delay in class openings. LLI afternoon classes are canceled if the County announces early dismissal. You will be notified of a schedule for "make-up" classes. Check the program booklet for complete details.



Special Interest Groups

Jazz Club Needs You!

A Coordinator is needed. You do not need to be knowledgeable about the subject. You just need to like and enjoy the good Classical Jazz that the group prefers. If interested and we hope you are, please leave your name and number at the Office (703) 503-0600. Minutes from the October meeting, which should be helpful, are available in the Office.

Favorite Books Club



The next book club meeting will be on February 17, 2005, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Mason District Governmental Center. All are welcome

To learn the book selection call or email Libby Burge: (703) 451-2534 and lburge@cox.net

German Club

In January and February the German Club will meet on the fourth Monday from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. in the Food Service Building (CF), Chestnut Hill Room, NVCC Annandale Campus. Contact Arline Sachs if you have questions: (703) 971-2092 or sachs@nova.org.

Bridge Group



The LLI Bridge Group will meet February 9 (Wednesday) and 24 (Thursday), 2005, at the Mason District Governmental 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, play is rotated (four hands per game) among all present. 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 need to register)

Date: Friday, February 4, 2005, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Where: Seminar rooms C & D, Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC

Topic: Is the FDA Doing its Job?

Recently, a few drugs have had to be withdrawn from the marketplace because of adverse effects after being on the market for many years. Why did it take so long? Who is the client of the FDA, the pharmaceutical industry or the consumer? Do you have confidence in the FDA? How do you feel about drug advertisements? Please bring current clippings from newspapers and magazines as well as your opinions.

Information: Sue Swift (703) 698-8159

News from the LLI Gourmand Group

The LLI Gourmands celebrated the New Year with an authentic Cuban lunch expertly prepared by Judith Diaz at her Rotunda residence. Members feasted on picadillo and rice, fried plantains, tossed salad, bread and Sangria with flan for dessert. The February event is tentatively being planned for the Pink Bicycle Team Room in Occoquan. Mary Underwood and Sarah Bell are co-chairing this activity for the present.



Last Chance for Tulip Time Trip to Holland/Belgium

Due to a late cancellation, the LLI Study/Travel trip has one vacancy. The group leaves on April 23 and returns May 5. If you are interested or need details call Alan Mayer at (703) 781-7454 or email alanmayer@verizon.net.

2 Years into Retirement: A Reappraisal

Where do I go from here?
New job?
New school?
Another vacation?
Florida? California?
Things are not as simple as they
appear.
The house is paid for.
The cars are paid for.
Investment real estate is too dear.
Insurance is in place.
Bonds are stable.
Stocks are doing their usual dance.
Friends are doing better than I am.
Vacations no longer feel like
vacations.
Someone said, "Go overseas. Work
in one
of the third world countries. Do
what
you should."
But things are not as simple as they
appear.
Help is not help.
Play is not play.
Work is not work.
Food store? Bakery? Restaurant?
They all sound good.

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I look around me.
Everybody seems to be in a rush to
be
Someplace else.

LLI Class Information

New Class Offering

"Unfinished business" on Central America, Cuba and Haiti

Focus is on historical background, U.S. interests and influence. Seminar style with lectures and discussion.

Mondays, Feb. 14, 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4th (8 sessions); **Instructor:** Yereth K. Knowles; **Time:** 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.; **Place:** Greenspring Village: Town Center class room; Space for LLI members. To register, call Yereth at (703) 912-3371

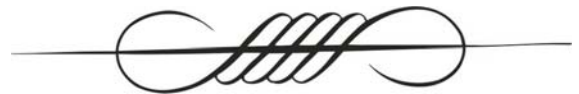
Class Updates

Course 5W28A — The travelogue scheduled to be given by Arline Sachs on March 10 about Israel will be given jointly by Arline Sachs and Carol Wilson and will therefore include more than just northern Israel and Jerusalem.

Senior Exercise day/date correction: the senior exercise program starts Thursday, Feb. 10, not Feb. 12. Call the LLI office 703-503-0600 to register.

Registration Confirmations

Registration confirmations for the Winter/Spring classes have been completed. Laura Charron gratefully acknowledges the following volunteers for the many hours they spent assisting her in the registration process: Debbie Birnberg, Bev Portman, Mary Davis, Sally Reynolds, Richard DiBuono, Martie Klee, and Luci Charron.



Future Forum Speakers Announced

- March 7** Dr. Jonathan Gilbert: "Alternative Medicine and Ways to Restore Your Body"
- April 4** Marcia Smith: "U.S. Space Program—Public & Private Initiatives"
- May 2** Jeffrey Fulgham: "National D-Day Memorial: Honoring Valor, Fidelity and Sacrifice"

Please send ideas for future Forum subjects and/or speakers to Lorin Goodrich (lorin.goodrich@erols.com) and (703) 425-9574).

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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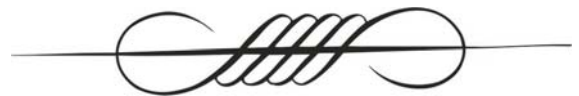
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Membership Renewal Reminder

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 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.

