

April 4 Forum: An Update on U.S. Space Initiatives

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The Federal government spends more than \$35 billion a year on military and civilian space activities. Marcia Smith, a Specialist in Aerospace and Telecommunications Policy with the Congressional Research service, will provide an update on government-funded space programs, focusing on President Bush's plan to send astronauts back to the moon and on to Mars, and on the fate of the Hubble Space Telescope. Commercial space activities, including the nascent "space tourism" market will also be discussed — are YOU ready to go?

The Forum room is located on the second floor of the Ernest Cultural Center, NVCC Annandale. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

PARKING is available in the Cultural Center lot. Look for detour signs when entering the campus from Wakefield Chapel Road. Drive to the next intersection, turn left, go beyond the fenced construction area, and turn left again. Proceed to the end of the row of parking spaces, turn right and look for our "LLI Parking" sign. **NOTE:** If the spaces in the usual Cultural Center lot are filled you can park in spaces directly behind the lot. The gate at the lower end of the Cultural Center lot will be open to accommodate the overflow.

Campus Parking for the Handicapped



NVCC does not issue special permits for using the parking spaces designated for the handicapped on the Annandale campus. Appropriate parking permits issued by any state and the District of

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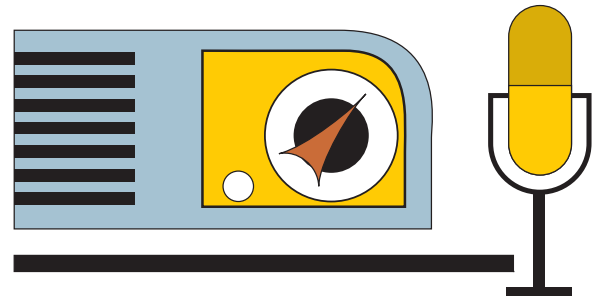
Lunch Bunch

The LLI Lunch Bunch will meet on April 4 after the Forum meeting at **P. J. Skidoo's Restaurant** at 9908 Lee Hwy Fairfax, VA 22031. The phone number is 703-591-4516. This moderately priced restaurant is known for its beef, assorted sandwiches and entrée items.

Directions from NOVA: Take Route 236 toward Fairfax, turn right on Prosperity to Arlington Blvd. Take a left on Arlington Blvd. past Fairfax Circle and look for large Skidoo sign on right before Rebel Run traffic light.

10th Anniversary Celebration Committee Searching for Words to Old Commercial Jingles

We already have the words for the following: *Chiquita Banana*, *BrylCream*, *Wheaties*, *Super Suds*, and *Tasty Yeast*. We want more. Does anyone remember all the words to *Coca Cola's* song "I'd like to teach the world to sing?"



We need the lyrics, not just product names. However, don't hesitate to suggest a product if you think someone may remember the words. Dust off those radio memories and contact Don Reynolds, 10th Anniversary Chair at saldonreyn@aol.com or 703-352-7494.

Calendar of Events

President's Corner

We enjoyed another very interesting speaker at the March Forum, thanks to Lorin Goodrich, who makes the contacts and schedules our guest speakers.

Attend the April Forum and you will be treated to a presentation on a completely different and fascinating subject – the US space program.

On April 26 we will honor our volunteers who help make LLI the dynamic organization it is. Course instructors and coordinators are visible, but so many help behind the scenes with registrations, mailings, planning and arranging courses, trips and other activities. All LLI members are invited to attend this event on April 26, which begins at 10:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast, followed by a special speaker and recognition program thanking our volunteers and showing them how much they are appreciated. We truly could not manage without them.

Norma Hughes

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 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 arlenegribb@aol.com. Please include information identifying the nature of the problem so that an appropriate card is selected. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Arlene Gribben

April 2005

- 4 Forum
- 6 Trip: National Library of Medicine
- 8 Board Meeting
- 8 Newsletter Deadline
- 18 Newsletter Mailing

23–May 5

- Trip: Holland/Belgium
- 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
- 14 Picnic: Fort Hunt

July 2005

- No Forum
- 13 Planning Retreat
- 20 Trip: National Museum of the American Indian

August 2005

- 5 Newsletter Deadline
- 5 Trip: George Washington Masonic Nat'l Memorial
- 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
- 7 Trip: Virginia Arboretum
- 14 Newsletter Deadline
- 14 Board Meeting
- 23 Trip: China (3 weeks)
- 24 Newsletter Mailing

November 2005

- 4 Trip: Baltimore and Evergreen House
- 7 Forum
- 11 Board Meeting
- 11 Newsletter Deadline
- 21 Newsletter Mailing

December 2005

- No Forum; No Newsletter
- 2 Trip: Mt. Vernon
- 8 Holiday Party
- 9 Board Meeting
- 9 Winter Update deadline
- 19 Winter Update mailing



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Future Forum Speakers

May 2 — Jeffrey Fulgham

“National D-Day Memorial: Honoring Valor, Fidelity and Sacrifice”

June 6 — Art Gliner

“Laughter and the Good Life”

August 29 — Garrett Cochran

“The On-Going Reorganization of the Intelligence Community-Pros and Cons”

Appreciation Event

We hope you'll save the date of April 26th to attend our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event. All members are invited to this special event, an opportunity to say “thank you” to our volunteer faculty, board, committees, and others. See the enclosed flyer to sign up. We'd love to see you there!

Looking for Ways to Help?

Stop by the new *LLI Volunteer Opportunities Table* at the next Forum. You will find a list of LLI volunteer needs along with a short description of the duties involved on specific tasks.

Deadline for May newsletter input is April 8.



Special Interest Groups

Discussion Group — Everyone

Welcome (no need to register)

Date: Friday, April 1, 2005, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

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

Topic: *What Will Be the Future of Medicare?*

While the Administration has been drawing attention to the Social Security funding problem, an even bigger crisis is looming in the funding of Medicare (and Medicaid). Health Care costs as a percentage of GDP have been rising at an ever increasing rate and with the expanding population of the over 65 age group this presents an even bigger problem for Medicare. How can Medicare costs be brought in line so that seniors can continue to receive health care without bankrupting the system? Please bring current clippings from newspapers and magazines as well as your opinions.

Information: Sue Swift (703) 698-8159

Music Appreciation Group

This group meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. We listen to and discuss classical and/or modern works prior to attending a free concert at which they are performed. The next meeting will be held on April 20 at 1:00 p.m. in the Chestnut Hill Room, CF Building, on the Annandale campus. For further information, call Lynne Smaldone at 703-525-9623.

Bridge Group



The LLI Bridge Group will meet on Wednesdays, April 13 and 27, 2005, 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!



Favorite Books Club

Date: April 21, 2005, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Mason District Center.

Book Selection: *Breakup*. Marilyn Bernard will review Dana Stabenow’s mystery that takes place in Alaska during the spring thaw when neighbors are feuding, the bears are hungry, and jet engines fall through the roof. All are welcome.

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

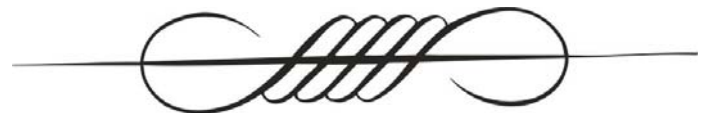
German Club

The German Club will meet Monday, April 18, from noon – 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.

Sprechen Sie
Deutsch?

Gourmand Group

The LLI Gourmands, snowed out in February, had “high tea” at the Pink Bicycle Tea Room in Occoquan on Thursday, March 10. Thirteen members donned vintage hats and enjoyed a selection of teas, soup, sandwiches, desserts and conversation. Afterward some browsed, shopped and walked around town to work off those delicious calories. And the sun shone! The April outing is in the planning stages.



A poem by LLI member Eda R. Pickholtz

My Neighbor, My Friend

It had been a terrible year.
My neighbor's daughter,
An accomplished, trophy-winning
 horsewoman,
Had been thrown from her horse
During an important woman's race
Ending in a coma.
Then a year of retraining
To talk, to read, to write, to drive.
The strain was too much
For my friend next door.
She was put on many medications
Which didn't work together
(Medical science is not exact)
And she had her own fall
On a hard bathroom floor.
She wanted no visitors, no pity
To cope with her blindness herself.
She needed her sight.
She was a writer, a china painter,
A needlepointer, a collector, a baker, a
 churchgoer.
She had helped raise her grandson from
 birth.
She helped all neighbors, all friends.
Fed birds and even the squirrels.
I knew she was still with me
When I could smell her coffee brewing
 every morning.
One morning I smelled the coffee no
 more.
This was an unjust end
To my neighbor, my friend.

Plan Ahead for Summer

Fort Hunt Park is the place to be on June 14 at 2:00 p.m. That's when the annual LLI picnic will be held. Fort Hunt Park is easily accessible from the George Washington Parkway just 3 miles upriver from Mount Vernon. Leah Porzel welcomes all volunteers who can help plan the fun. Please call her at 703-533-7973 or leahporzel@aol.com.



Membership Update

Directory Corrections

Norma J. Reck: 9609 Lindenbrook Street; Fairfax, VA 22031-1120

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It's Important to Remember

Name Tag

Please wear your tag when attending LLI classes and other functions so that we can know each other by name.

Membership Renewal — An Unbeatable Bargain

Please check the mailing label for your renewal date each month. When the date is approaches, send your check for \$100 per person to the LLI Office. Don't lose your eligibility to register for classes and other LLI gatherings.

Mailing Address of LLI

When addressing your mail to the LLI office, please spell out the name — Lifetime Learning Institute. This will help avoid accidental delivery to the Extended Learning Institute (ELI). While correct delivery will eventually occur, in the case of class registrations and trips, early delivery is critical to avoid being wait listed.

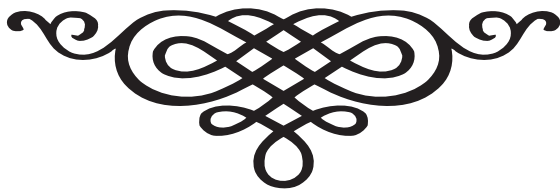
More Day Trips in the Works

The trip planning committee has recently added more day trips for LLI members. Note that the trips are all listed in the "Calendar of Events" found on page 2 of the newsletter. New in the calendar are the October trip to the Virginia Arboretum, the November trip to Baltimore and the Evergreen House, and the December trip to Mt. Vernon. Watch for more information as the dates approach.

Bon Voyage!



...to all LLI members and friends who will be visiting Holland and Belgium in late April and early May.



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.

Interesting Web Sites Identified in February Elderhostel Newsletter

Kansans City: Paris of the Plains: The jazz Age in Kansas City 1920-1940

<http://www.umkc.edu/lib/spec-col/parisoftheplains/webexhibit/>

This site presents an online exhibit about the cultural history of Kansas City in the 1920s and 1930s. It features information and images on topics such as city planning and buildings, famous people, music and musicians, politics, and technology. From the Miller Nichols Library of the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Some Enchanted Evenings: American Picture Palaces

<http://xroads.virginia.edu/~CAP/PALACE/>

This site features illustrated essays about the architectural development of movie theaters, from nickelodeons to grand palaces during the 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s, in light of the rise of mass consumer entertainment. Also includes a bibliography.

All About Poetry

<http://www.usedbooksearch.co.uk/links/poetry.html> and www.poetrykit.org

For links to more poetry web sites than you could shake a sonnet at, and for complete works of Kipling, Poe, Stevenson and a huge collection of the best. Thanks to U3A Signpost number 41 – March 2004 at signpost@worldu3a.org for this information.

William Still Underground Railroad Foundation, Inc.

<http://www.undergroundrr.com/>

This site focuses "on protecting and insuring the accurate depiction of the historical events pertaining to the UGRR [Underground Railroad] and Anti-Slavery Society." Contains a biography of abolitionist William Still (author of "Underground Railroad"), an article about the Still family history, information about programs at the foundation, current events, biographies of other abolitionists, and links to other Web sites.