

August 29 Forum: Reorganizing the Intelligence Community

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Welcome back! We hope you will take time from your summer activities to attend the Forum meeting on Monday, August 29. Former CIA officer Garrett Cochran will speak about the on-going reorganization of the U.S. government's intelligence capability. He will address several questions, including (1) what did the law passed in late 2004 call for? (2) What have been the objections to it? (3) Where do matters now stand? Mr. Cochran will be teaching a course this fall at LLI — "Weapons of Mass Destruction — An Iraq Estimate."

The Forum room is located 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 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 parking spaces, turn right and look for our "LLI Parking" sign. NOTE: If the spaces in the Cultural Center lot are filled you may park in the spaces directly behind the lot that is marked "B-15". Be sure to look for the "B-15" sign attached to the light pole. The gate at the lower end of the Cultural Center lot will be open to accommodate the overflow into "B-15". **WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT THE CAMPUS POLICE WILL NOT TICKET VEHICLES PARKED IN LOT "B-15" DURING THE MORNING OF AUGUST 29.**

Community Outreach

Join us in supporting an LLI food outreach program! As the economic needs of low-income and homeless individuals and families continue to increase, we can help to make a difference by contributing food

Lunch Bunch

Join other LLI members for lunch after the Forum on Monday, August 29 at noon, at the **Pan Am Family Restaurant** in the Pan Am Shopping Center on 3051 Nutley St. Fairfax. Phone: 703-560-9322. The selection of food is great and the prices are very reasonable. **Directions from NOVA:** Take a left on Rt. 236 to Prosperity Ave. Turn right on Prosperity to Arlington Blvd then left on Arlington Blvd. to Nutley St. Right on Nutley to shopping center. The restaurant is next to the CVS.

to community organizations struggling to meet the needs of their clients.

How can LLI do this? At each of the monthly Forum meetings we will have a food collection cart and we invite you to bring one item (or more) of non-perishable, canned or packaged food. Our contributions will be delivered to a different service agency each month.

After the August 29th Forum, the food will go to United Community Ministries (UCM). Since 1969, UCM has provided services to people in the southern Route One area of Fairfax County. Among its programs are the food bank, Bryant Early Learning Center, Workforce Development Center and other programs providing financial, emotional and social support.

UCM provides food to 50-70 families daily. Last year they distributed nearly 250,000 pounds of food! Current needs are pastas, rice, tomato sauce, beans, tuna, juice boxes, canned soup and fruit, cereal, macaroni and cheese, and baby food (stages 1 and 2). Will you help us start the new program? Please direct your comments or questions to Jane Jones, (703) 799-7812.

Calendar of Events

President's Corner

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

- 8 Board Meeting
- 9 Newsletter Deadline
- 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



Class Change Note

American Colonial History (5F11P) —
Because of a conflict with the Hudson Valley Trip, there will be no class September 20.

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It's been a hot and steamy summer, but I hope enjoyable for everyone. I look forward to seeing all of you at our Forum meetings and classes this fall. The new fall catalog of courses has been mailed to all LLI members and by now you should have selected from the variety of classes and day trips, which Paul Hopler and the Curriculum Committee have assembled for you. Please register for your courses without delay as they fill up quickly – registration deadline is Monday, August 29.

The Board of Directors held their annual all-day planning retreat on July 13, during which we reviewed the current state of LLI in relation to the Strategic Plan, assessed our future well being and considered ways to ensure the membership's continued interest in our programs. A report of the retreat is presented elsewhere in this issue. Major attention was given to the report and recommendations of the Membership Task Force regarding a potential number limit in membership, and the results of the survey that was distributed to all members in April 2005. Based on the responses received, action to "cap" the membership is not necessarily the consensus at this time. The Board unanimously agreed that further consideration and follow-up will be given to all recommendations offered by the Task Force. The Board also agreed that LLI is in good shape financially and on the right track program-wise. 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, even for short periods of time. Membership involvement is the absolute backbone of our organization, as you can see by the organization chart in this issue. We greatly appreciate the members who have continued to give of their time and talents over successive periods of time, but vacancies do come up (including ones on the Board) and LLI members are needed to step forward to play an active part in the success of our LLI – please do not hesitate to become one of our valued volunteers.

As LLI enters another year, we look forward to providing more interesting activities and courses. In addition to the September Forum on August 29, we have plans for more outstanding guest speakers. The Curriculum, Trip, and Special Events Committees are actively planning activities for the year and the Tenth Anniversary Committee is planning several events to honor and celebrate LLI/NOVA's ten-year milestone. We are a very active organization and offer a great array of educational and social opportunities for a mere \$100 a year. In recognition of our tenth anniversary, I hope that more members will make this their year to pitch in and lend a hand.

Don't forget to attend the Forum on August 29.

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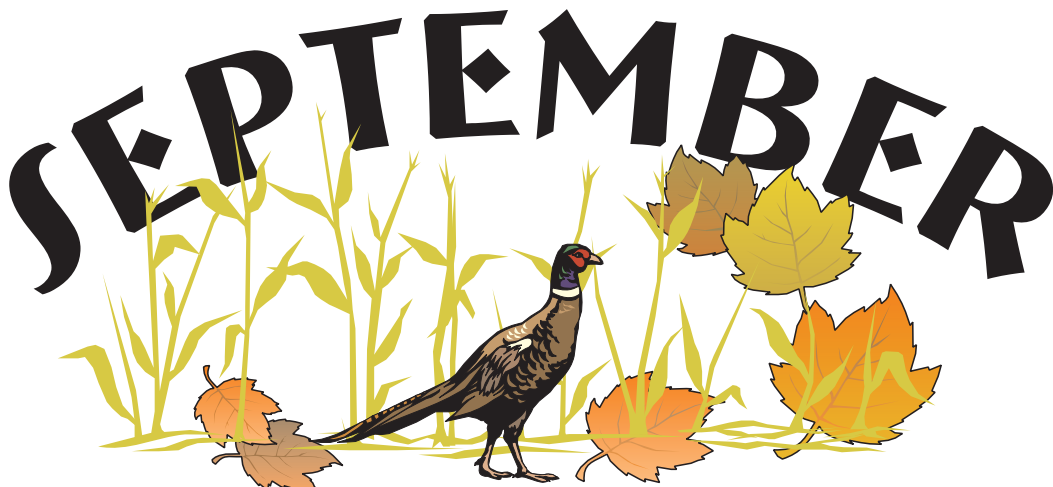
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Interested in Leading a Mythology Class?

Several members have asked LLI to offer a course on mythology. All we need is for one or two people willing to serve as leaders. The Curriculum Committee has identified a great video teaching aid that LLI will purchase for you to use.

The video titled "Classical Mythology" includes an introduction to the primary characters and most important stories of classical Greek and Roman Mythology. It is anchored by subject-matter expert, Professor Elizabeth Vandiver, and the video encompasses many accounts, including the most famous of all classical myths, the Trojan War.

Deadline for Oct. newsletter input is Sept. 9.



Special Interest Groups

LLI Gourmands

In June nine LLI Gourmands participated in an Italian cooking class, organized by Becky Perry, at the home of a George Washington University professor of Italian history and culture. We enjoyed a 3-hour lunch (which we helped prepare) and took home recipes of our gourmet meal. On July 12, Louise Souk and Edward Mark hosted a patio picnic for 17 members and their spouses. The Gourmands dined on various cool salads and a cold soup. Penny Valavanis has made arrangements at the Heart in Hand Restaurant in Clifton for a lunch on Saturday, August 27. Gourmands who wish to attend, and who have not already contacted Penny, should do so as soon as possible.

Favorite Books Club

After a summer break, LLI's Favorite Books Club members are ready to start having some more stimulating book discussions. On Thursday, September 15, the group will review the best-selling novel "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini. Quoting a Fairfax County Public Library flyer: "Set in Afghanistan and in America, the novel traces the friendship between an Afghan youth and a servant's son. The two boys are inseparable until a fateful kite-flying contest. The novel spans several decades in Afghanistan through the end of the monarchy and the Soviet invasion to the rise of the Taliban, as well as the present day immigrant community in the U.S."

Members will have a table set up with club information at the August 29 Forum.

If you're interested in joining, or just want to come on a book-by-book basis, please stop by and talk with the club representatives. Also, you can contact Arlene Gribben anytime at (703) 569-0357 or e-mail to arlenegribb@aol.com.

Bridge Group

The LLI Bridge Group is meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays, August 10 and 24 and September 14 and 28, at the Mason District Government Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (bring a bag lunch). Because the meeting dates are always subject to cancellation by the Government Center, please call Bob or Gladys Bucklew, Chairpersons, at (703) 631-7889 a day or so in advance of 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, 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!

Theater Group

The LLI Theater group is open to all members and also to your friends and family if you wish to take them to a presentation we have booked. We have currently booked 20 tickets for MAME which will be held in the spring of 2006 at the Eisenhower Theatre in the Kennedy Center. Our tickets are for the 26th of March 2006. So put this date in your calendar right away. More information will be coming your way on MAME soon.

Classical Music Appreciation Group

This group meets monthly. We listen to and discuss classical works prior to attending a free concert at which they are performed.

NOTE: For this month only, the group will meet on the second Wednesday, September 14 at 1 PM, in the Chestnut Hill Room, CF Building on the Annandale campus.

For further information, contact Lynne Smaldone at (703) 525-9623.



Discussion Group

Everyone Welcome (no need to register)

Date: Friday, September 16, 2005, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Where: Chestnut Hill room, Food Services Bldg, NVCC

Topic: Is it acceptable for the media to use anonymous sources?

With the recent controversy surrounding the outing of CIA agent Valerie Plame the question of anonymous sources has been heavily debated. If an anonymous source is used, can we believe the credibility of a news story? Is one source enough or does it need to be corroborated? How can confidentiality be protected? Why is (was) Judy Miller in jail but not Robert Novak? Please bring current clippings from newspapers and magazines as well as your opinions.

Future meetings this semester will be Oct. 21, Nov. 18, and Dec. 14. Save the dates.

Information: Sue Swift (703) 448-0322

Want to Learn More About LLI's Special Interest Groups?

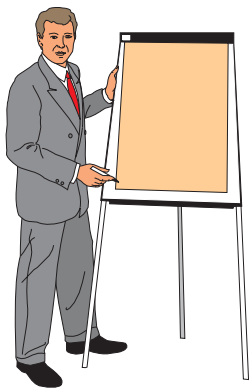
Results of the recent member survey indicated that you would like to know more about the several special interest groups offered by LLI. Here is your chance — look for information tables at the August 29 Forum meeting. Participating in these groups is a great way to expand your educational experience and to get to know your fellow members better.

There are currently seven groups and more can be accommodated. Several members in their survey submissions suggested others such as gardening, Tai Chi, personal finance, scrabble and French conversation. All we need is a volunteer or volunteers to take the lead and the Board of Directors will assist you. Contact the LLI office if you are interested.

Future Forum Speakers

October 3 — Bennie Bough: "Communicate with Power"

November 7 — Bob Driscoll: "An Overview of VDOT's Maintenance Activities"



Thank you for the suggestions for future topics you included in your "Views of the Members" survey submission. Please keep your suggestions coming by contacting Lorin Goodrich at (703) 425-95754 or lorin.goodrich@verizon.net. There will also be an opportunity to make suggestions at each Forum meeting.

"Hey, Look Me Over!" See LLI NOVA on the Web

Did you know that LLI's web site has a lot of good information? Sid Sachs does a great job keeping its contents current and useful. Just go to <http://www.lli.nova.org> to see "What's New" and then click on "LLI-NOVA Main Page" (upper right). You just might want to refer to the useful list of handymen or to the latest courses being offered.

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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Thank you Leah Porzel and the Picnic Committee!

On June 14th Leah Porzel and her committee gave us a wonderful Luau Picnic in an excellent setting with appropriate decorations and delicious food. The breezes were refreshing and the hula dancer had all of us swaying.

Here's the recipe for the chicken requested by so many:

Mango Curry Chicken

- 1 package frozen Trader Joe's boneless chicken tenderloins
- 1 jar Trader Joe's Mango Sauce
- 2 tsp. Trader Joe's Curry Powder (or as to your taste)
- 1 tsp. Sea Salt
- ½ cup Seedless Raisins
- ½ cup Slivered Almonds

Preheat oven to 375°F. Rinse chicken under water for about 5 minutes. Place in a 9 x 13 baking dish. Pour mango sauce over chicken. Sprinkle curry powder, salt, raisins and almonds over chicken. Bake uncovered about 45 minutes or till done. Serve over rice.

Local Study Sessions for China Trip (Open to All LLI Members)

The study group for China will be held from 2:00 to 3:45 in Room A in Goodwin House West on Wednesdays September 7, 14, 28, and October 19. Dr. Jean Braden of the Alexandria campus will be speaking to us the first two times.

This class is open to anyone interested, not only those going to China in October. If you have any questions contact Arline or Sid Sachs (703) 971-2092 or sachs@nova.org.

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 2005 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.



Study/Travel

In September the Study/Travel Group will start making plans for where and when to go in 2006. Three sessions are planned on Sept. 22, Sept. 29 and Oct 6 at the Chapel Square Center to determine what destinations we will choose this year.

Study/Travel consists of four phases. Phase I is the planning stage; in Phase II we study about where we are going; Phase III is the actual trip; and in Phase IV we share our experiences with others via a Travelogue. This is the tenth year of the program which has grown in popularity with each trip.

To start the planning process this year we are distributing a survey form (see insert). If you are interested in participating, please fill it out and bring it to the Forum or send it in. It is a fun way to travel and we would love to have you join us.

Alan Mayer



LLI Board Holds Seventh Annual Retreat

The 2005 Board of Directors of LLI held their all-day Annual Planning Retreat on July 13 at Green Spring Village. They were joined by LLI Administrator Laura Charron and committee members John Manion, Warren Hynes, and Louise Souk.

After expressing pride in the dedication and accomplishments of the previous Board, the President asked the new Board to examine LLI's activities that were successful, plan needed adjustments, and develop ideas for expanding the program in the coming year.

Strategic Plan

Curt Kornblau led a review of the Strategic Plan for 2004-2006. Of the eighteen recommendations, three issues still remain to be addressed: (1) membership (2) members equity, and (3) Vice President vacancy. He recommended that the president appoint a committee to prepare the Strategic Plan for 2006-2008 and report back to the Board in one year.

Administration

Laura Charron reported that there are currently 355 members. In August 453 program catalogues will be mailed out to members, prospective members, college administration, program instructors and other LLI affiliates.

Membership Task Force

Colletta Hammond reported the findings of the Membership Task Force, established by the Board to determine if there is a need to limit membership.

After considering the report and recommendations of the task force, the Board voted to limit membership size to 350 and to consider the potential need for an increase in dues. Other LLI groups will be consulted to find their experiences in limiting size.

The task force based its recommendations on a survey of all members as well as committee chairs and other LLI leaders who provided their views on membership size as a factor in space requirements, parking, finances, and administration.

The Budget and Finance Committee is not opposed to increased size as limiting membership may require a dues increase. However, other committees pointed to oversubscription of trips and classes as evidence of the negative impact of increased membership. Growth will also increase administrative duties and require more commitment of both paid and volunteer time.

Issues other than size limitations were identified in the April membership survey and will be forwarded to the appropriate committees and leaders for their consideration. While the majority expressed satisfaction with their LLI experiences, a significant number of those returning the survey forms made suggestions to improve LLI. Details of the survey will be included in a future newsletter.

Finances

Treasurer Phil Runge presented the balance sheet, annual comparative income, and budget statements for June 30, 2005. He reported that LLI is in good financial condition. Expenses have been below budget by a margin greater than the few that were over budget. The biggest cash flow is for trips.

To meet accounting standards required by auditors, Phil has created a standard expense form to be used by everyone in LLI who claims reimbursement for an expense. The form must be signed by the committee chair or the Board member assigned to that activity and attached to the receipts. Requests for more than \$2,000 must have approval by the Board Chair.

Dick DiBuono, new chair of the committee, reported that the committee will examine the financial condition of LLI during the coming year before they address that recommendation to increase dues.

He proposed that the committee to make policy recommendations for the Board regarding a limit on retained earnings and will also work with the treasurer on implementing the policy on receipts.

Travel

Louise Sousk obtained approval to organize two overnight trips in 2006: one to New York City for three nights and four days from April 25 to 28; the other to Cape May for three nights and four days from September 26 to 29.

The Board approved a donation of \$500 to the Little River Church of Christ for allowing us to use their parking lot for day trips.

The Board approved a special letter that will be used by Trip Coordinators to communicate requirements for any participant identified as a "person in need of assistance." Such persons traveling on LLI trips will receive the letter noting the requirement to provide a companion for themselves.

International Travel

Alan Mayer has announced that next year's study/travel will be his last. A successor will be needed.

Several people have expressed a desire to have an active travel group that meets to discuss, research, and plan for the future, international and domestic. Norma will ask Sid Sachs to begin a long-range study/travel committee to formalize a plan for trips over the next few years.

Curriculum

Paul Hopley passed out the revised handbook for speakers and the new guidelines for LLI course coordinators. The Board addressed changes and uses for both.

The interface of Curriculum and Trip committees in procuring buses was discussed. Louise agreed to obtain buses for class field trips with all other preparations being done by the Curriculum Committee.

Paul reported that the Curriculum Committee has a serious need for new members and new ideas. Lack of available speakers, as well as lack of ideas has reduced the number of programs offered. In searching for new courses the committee reviewed old surveys, course evaluation sheets, and general speaker sources. They have considered paid speakers and Great Courses videos with members leading discussion afterwards.

Registration

Laura explained the complicated process of registration for each program. Individuals are assigned to classes by the priority they have specified on their forms and not on a first-come-first-served basis.

Classroom Space

Clint Hall, Space Coordinator, is searching for space that is free to LLI. The Virginian has added parking

making it possible for us to hold classes there this fall. The Literacy Council agreed that we can use their space in the James Lee Center in Falls Church in exchange for publicizing their need for volunteers for the Literacy Council. Classes have been scheduled there for the fall. The space in Little River Glen Senior Center has proved to be too small.

Special interest groups who want to meet on the NVCC campus should contact Clint who will make the reservations. Groups meeting elsewhere must make their own reservations.

Campus Renovations

The new parking garage will be opened in November 2005. Lorin reported that at that time the Cultural Center and visitor parking lots will be converted to student parking. The new 800 space garage will be pay parking. We will try to work out a validation stamp for free parking for LLI members. LLI will not have to move its office until summer of 2006 when the Schuler Building begins its renovations.

Operational Capabilities & Succession Planning

Norma asked Board members to review descriptions in the Board Handbook listing the responsibilities of members of the Board and other LLI responsibilities. A new Organizational Chart for LLI was distributed.

Succession Planning

Lorin has volunteered as chair for the Nominating Committee again this year. Joining him will be two Board members and two general members. He asked Board members to volunteer to be on the committee. Also he asked anyone completing his term on the Board in May 2006 to consider being candidate again.

He again voiced the problem of getting someone to volunteer to be vice president. There seems to be a fear of automatic succession that is keeping the post of vice president from being filled. That is not the case. A person can serve as vice president and not be obligated to become president. Norma stressed the need for a vice president to come forward *now!*

Lorin suggested an alternative solution: An Executive Director, who can help in the transition from board to board and to perform some of the duties of the president and vice president. This would lighten the burden on the president and vice president and may make the positions more attractive for members to consider running for these offices.

10th Anniversary and Special Events

Don Reynolds reviewed the plans for the three anniversary events. Betty Mahon announced that Mary Manion and Carol Flood have agreed to chair the Holiday Luncheon.

Hospitality

Jane Jones reported that volunteers for refreshments have gone from 36 to 54 in the past year.

Forum

Loren reported that forum records show that attendance has not been reduced appreciably although LLI has stopped outside advertising. He is negotiating with the college for overflow parking for the Forums. He received Board approval to continue giving a \$35 gift card to speakers. He plans to address survey recommendations for topics and speakers in planning for 2006.

Special Interest Groups

Mary Underwood reported that she and Libby Burge had interviewed the coordinators of the special groups. Most report smooth operations. The Discussion Group reported having temporary problems with space due to the campus renovations. The Gourmand Group has had to limit participation of some functions due to space constraints. Currently both the LLI singers and Jazz Group are not meeting due to leadership problems. The Bridge group needs a storage place for their tables.

Publicity and Web Site

Lorin said that publicity about LLI now is primarily limited to the tri-fold brochure, the Newsletter, and a statement in the NVCC semester catalogues. The Web site, with Sid Sachs as webmaster, is our only other means of publicity.

Lorin reviewed the variety of information available on the LLI Web site. Sid updates information promptly when he receives it. However, he travels frequently which can delay entry. Also some items have not been updated for a year because he has received no new information to replace the existing data. In addition, there is no accurate means at present to determine how often the site is visited.

If LLI wishes to continue to maintain the site Sid would need help. He would like to train someone to help him and believes training would take only one hour. Lorin asked the Board if it would authorize someone to update the site.

Campus Relations

Norma will check with NVCC to learn their policy for allowing LLI members to have access to their library.

Community Service

The Board approved Jane Jones's suggestion that LLI support community organizations supplying food for the needy. A request will be placed in the newsletter asking members to bring a food item to each Forum. Different charities will be supported each month. Jane will take responsibility for ensuring the donations reach the proper people.

**Complete minutes of the Retreat
may be read in the LLI Office.**
