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President's Message

The 132 members and guests who attended the May 1 Forum enjoyed a most interesting talk presented by Mr. Jack Otero concerning the history and role of labor unions in the U.S. Each LLI Forum generally produces enthusiastic comments such as "The Forum talks are always so interesting and each one is better than the last." We appreciate members' suggestions for Forum speakers and topics and extend special thanks to Lorin Goodrich for contacting and scheduling our guest speakers for the past two years.

All members are asked to attend LLI's annual business meeting, which will immediately follow the Forum and guest speaker on June 5. The agenda includes election of officers and new members to the Board of Directors. The Board-approved budget for FY 2008, provided on page 6, will also be presented and explained. Nominees for officers and members were announced in the May newsletter. There will be a call for nominations from the floor. Board members whose terms are expiring are Betty Mahon and Burt Greenstein. Betty has served as special events coordinator and Burt as assistant staff administrator. Many, many thanks to both for their dedication and time devoted to the Board and LLI activities.

This is my last message as president, though certainly not my last involvement with LLI. There are so many individuals to thank – board members and everyone else who step up to offer their time and assistance to the successful and ongoing operations of LLI toward fulfilling our goals to provide continuing education and social opportunities.

"Hats off" to all!

Norma Hughes

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Forum: Tuesday, June 5

A Double-Header: Interesting Speaker and Annual Business Meeting

You will not want to miss our Forum meeting on Tuesday, June 5. Jone Johnson Lewis, a leader with the Northern Virginia Ethical Society, will talk about "Ethics in a World of Diversity." In the 21st century, cultures that separately developed their own ethical systems are in close contact. Cultural clashes and religious differences often conflict because of different understandings of ethics. What is "good" in one culture is "bad" or even "evil" in another. Ms. Lewis will explore with the audience some thought provoking questions, including (1) Are there common values? (2) Can we learn to live together?

Following the speaker and the presentation of this year's scholarship winners, LLI will hold its annual business meeting on June 5. Please plan to remain for the business meeting and to vote in the election of officers and new Board members.

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

Parking is available in the garage at an hourly rate of \$1.00. Please enter at the lower level on Center Drive.



Lunch Bunch

John Bogart bogartje@cox.net

We have lunch reservations for after the Forum on June 5 at the *Carlos O'Kelly Café* at 9959 Main Street in Fairfax, Va. 22031. The phone number is 703-591-7113. We will meet in the penthouse room. The popular restaurant features Mexican food at modest cost.

Directions: Leaving NOVA, take a left on Little River Turnpike, which becomes Main Street in Fairfax City. The restaurant is on the left, opposite Main Street Shell gas station.

Calendar of Events

June

- Forum Elections
- Board meeting
- Trip: Richmond (Lewis 13 Ginter Gardens, Wilton Plantation Home, and Maggie Walker Home)
- Wayside Inn & play "Only Me" at Shenandoah Theatre

July

- No Forum, no newsletter
- 13 Board planning retreat
- Black History Tour of Washington, D. C.

August

- Sept. newsletter deadline
- Embassy Tour-Russia, Sweden, and Indonesia
- 13 Newsletter mailing
- 28 Forum

September

- 7 Oct. newsletter deadline
- Board meeting
- Newsletter mailing 17
- 25 28Trip: Plantations, Jamestown's 400 year anniversary, Wmsburg., and Yorktown

October

- Forum (2nd Tuesday)
- Supreme Court 11
- Nov. newsletter deadline 12
- 22 Newsletter mailing
- 13-20 Trip: Cruise to Bermuda
 - 27 See Notes below

Notes: Ford's Theater will be closed for renovation in October 2007. The John Wilkes Booth Escape Route trip, previously scheduled for October, will be reschéduled.

Forum meetings are scheduled on the first Tuesday of the month except as indicated above. Board meetings are held on the second Friday of each month except July.

Study Travel

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On Saturday, June 16, twenty-four LLI members will leave for a 13-day tour of the Emerald Isle. We all are excited about the trip and are looking forward to it with great anticipation.

The planning meeting for our trip to Alaska is now set. We will take about a 2-week cruise-and-land trip to this wondrous, wilderness area. If you are interested, please contact Doug.

A subgroup is forming to investigate a trip to Southern Italy and Sicily for the spring of 2008. If you would like to help or have useful information for us, please contact Doug. Please check out the summer 2007 program for information about Travelogue, a new course.

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Membership Update

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Welcome! We hope you will participate in our classes and volunteer your time and talent.

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Attention All Members: Please check your personal information in the 2007 Directory, which all members should have received. If it is incorrect or if it needs updating, please phone Martha or e-mail her with corrections ASAP.

Community Outreach Food Program

Our June 5 Forum conveniently coincides with the 2007 National Hunger Awareness Day. On this day, communities across the country will remember more than 35 million Americans suffering from hunger or food insecurity. The Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) will be the recipient of LLI's food donations in June. Many people in Northern Virginia think that hunger in Arlington is not a problem. Unfortunately, this is a myth. The AFAC distributes food to more than 600 families per week who rely on the supplemental groceries to make ends meet.

Besides items such as soap, shampoo, detergent, tissues, and diapers, the AFAC can use cereal, canned tuna, canned vegetables, peanut butter, pasta, pasta sauce, soup, and bottled juices. Gina Trapp will deliver our donations to the AFAC. As always, please don't forget to check those expiration dates!

Congratulations to all of you who so generously brought food products to the Forums this past year. You have made the job of coordinator so easy. Since taking over the program, we have provided hundred of pounds of food to seven different food

Thanks to the following LLI members for volunteering to deliver a trunk full of food to each of their designated pantries: Joan Perrillo, Arlington Food Assistance Center; Bonnie Hopler, Food for Others and FACETS; Betty Thatcher, ACCA; Sally Reynolds, St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry; Arlene Gribben, Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church; Trudy Hynes and Beverly Portman, Food for Others; and Gina Trapp, Arlington Food Assistance Center. We also want to thank Libby Burge as Volunteer Coordinator for being so instrumental in finding the volunteers each month.

We will resume the food donation program at the August 28 Forum. If you have a favorite food pantry in your neighborhood that you would like to benefit from this wonderful program next year, please see Libby at the June Forum. All you have to do is obtain a list of the types of items that are needed and then be willing to deliver them to the food pantry.

Special Interest Groups

Note: Some groups will continue to meet during July and August. For up-to-date information, please contact the leader of the activity in which you are interested.



Arts and Smarts

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June 15: National Museum of the American Indian. Architecturally warm and

inviting, this museum celebrates the life-ways, languages, literature, history, and art of Native Americans. Rock formations, lakes, rivers, forests, canyons, and mountains are significant and spiritual places for many indigenous peoples. These natural settings, as well as the native stone and masonry work, inspired the designers and architects to create a museum and landscape that leads us to a distinctly Native place. Native American persons will conduct a museum tour for our group, which will be combined with a larger group. We plan to join the 1 p.m. tour. We will then eat lunch in the museum's excellent restaurant, which serves Native American foods.

July 20: The Phillips Collection. America's first Museum of American Art has a collection of more than 250 paintings by both American and European masters from the 19th and 20th centuries. This specific exhibition, American Impressionism, will highlight paintings that were among the museum's earliest acquisitions such as Childe Hassam, Maurice Prendergast, Theodore Robinson, John Henry Twachtman, and Julian Alden Weir. As members of the first generation of American painters to absorb the technique, brighter palette, and subject matter of Impressionism from their French counterparts, these artists painted atmospheric landscapes, park and beach scenes, urban views, and charming interiors, with particular interest in optical effects, light, and different seasons. Our docent-led tour will begin at 10:00 a.m. Note: For non-Phillips members, there is a \$13 charge per person; no charge for Phillips members. Because up-front payment is required for this tour, we MUST know who is going by June 15, 2007.



Bridge Group

Bob or Gladys Bucklew 703-631-7889

We will play bridge in June, July, and August. June 13 and 27, the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays July 11 and 25, the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

The August dates have not been established yet, so please contact Bob or Gladys.

We play at the Mason District Government Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a bag lunch. Please call Bob or Gladys Bucklew to let them know the date(s) you wish to attend, so that a sufficient number of card tables can be obtained. 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!

Correction to Summer Catalogue

Introduction to the National Parks Course 7S02P — Mary Underwood

Please note date change: The four sessions of the Introduction to the National Parks Course 7S02P will meet on Mondays, July 16, 23, 30, August 6 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Mason District Governmental Center in Annandale.



Current Events Group

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The Current Events Group will meet in June, July, and August. The dates and topics for each date are listed below:

Friday, June 1

Topic: Immigration: Should there be a legitimate path to citizenship for illegal immigrants who are contributing to our economy?

Friday, July 6

Topic: What are the hot topics on your mind today?

Friday, August 3

Topic: What are the hot topics on your mind today? **Place:** George Mason District Government Center, Small Conference Room

Time: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Come share your ideas or learn more about current events. We give all who wish a chance to speak. After an hour, we choose the next topic. Then we have open discussion on current events of interest to anyone.



Favorite Books Club

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Date: Thursday, June 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The club's June book selection is *The Poet of Tolstoy Park* by Sonny Brewer. This is a true story about Henry Stuart who was told at age 67 he was terminally ill. It was suggested that a move to a warmer climate could make his last days more comfortable. Henry moves to Alabama, expecting to learn lessons in dying. Instead, he lives years longer and earns a vigorous new life.

We meet at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Recently we've averaged about 14 people at our meetings. We've had a great time with so many different points of view. Why not join us and add your thoughts to the mix.



Gourmands

Mary Underwood and Sara Bell Louise Sousk 703-323-9144

The Gourmand Group will meet for a potluck picnic sponsored by Louise Sousk and Edward Mark on Saturday, June 9 at

noon on the deck at Louise's home, 5465 Truxion Court, Burke, Va. There is space for 20 people. Call Louise for directions and to tell her what food you are bringing.

Meet the Scholarship Award Winners

The June 5 Forum will begin with the presentation of scholarship awards to this year's winners, a very exciting event for all. We have invited the winners to join us at our pre-Forum social hour, which begins at 9:30 a.m. We hope that our LLI members will take this opportunity to meet and personally congratulate the winners. They are an extraordinary group of young scholars and I encourage you to take this time to speak with each of them. LLI's 2007 scholarship and leadership winners were announced in the May newsletter.

2007-08 Elections to Be Held June 5

Pictured below are the candidates for the 2007-08 election of officers and members of the Board of Directors that the Nominating Committee has announced. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.



Dick DiBuono: President and a three-year term

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Curt Kornblau: Vice-President



Phil Runge: Treasurer



Gina Trapp: Secretary



Libby Burge: Board Member (one-year term)



Bob Huley: Board Member (three-year term)



Liddell McLeod: Board Member (three-year term)



Marianne Moerman: Board Member (three-year term)



Barry Newman: Board Member (three-year term)

Curriculum Notes on LLI's Shakespeare Festival

Coordinator: Virginia Fernbach 703-751-8369

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead by Tom Stoppard

June10th, Sunday Matinée at 2:00. In the Mead Theatre—One of three theaters within the Studio Theatre. **Cost:** \$38.00

Last chance to buy a ticket to this modern classic Inspired by Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, it blends dazzling, intricate wordplay and hilarious physical comedy. It is suggested that you be familiar with *Hamlet*.

Directions to Studio Theatre: 1501 14th St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Driving: 395N over 14 St. Bridge. Straight on 14th St. to P St. Studio Theatre is on N.E. corner of 14th & P. Park on the Street or at 1617 14th St. LLC corner of 14th and Corcoran — 1½ blocks N of the theater: \$5.00 or Washington Plaza Hotel — 10 Thomas Circle, N.W., 14th and M St. three blocks south of the theater: \$5.00 with ticket stub. Street parking can be a challenge, so you might want to consider brunch at the Viridian, which is next door to the Studio. They have a small attended lot. First come, first served. Other restaurants are Logan Tavern, Merkado, and Playbook Café on P St.

Metro: From the Dupont Circle Metro stop, walk approximately 5 blocks east on P St. The theater is on the N.E. corner of 14th and P streets.

From McPherson Square Metro stop, walk approximately 7 blocks on 14th St. Theater is on the N.E. corner of 14th and P Streets. This is more uphill than from Dupont Circle.

Taxis are supposedly available. I will e-mail or call to let you know who is planning to attend so that you can car pool if you wish.

Deadline for September newsletter input: Friday, August 3.

Fairfax Community Concerts Association Membership Drive Now Underway

Elaine Bogart 703-273-2547 or Helen Clark 703-573-1671

The Fairfax Community Concerts Association has announced its 2007-08 four concert series. The concerts feature nationally recognized musical performers and are held at Oakton High School (on Sutton Road) at 3 p.m. on the Sundays listed below. Many LLI members already enjoy these pleasant musical afternoons, so consider gifting yourself and invite your friends.

The two 2007 concerts are:

September 30: On Broadway—A Broadway song review November 11: California Guitar Trio—A group of virtuoso artists

The two 2008 concerts are:

March 16: IONA—A leading Celtic group

April 27: Tom Cunningham Orchestra—A big band.

Cost: Before September 1, 2007, the four concert series is \$40 per adult and \$20 for students. After September 1, the series costs \$50 per adult and \$25 for students.

LLI Scholarship Winners

Thanks again to our generous LLI members for making it possible for us to give scholarships to worthy students at the Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC). We had some outstanding applicants this year from both the Annandale and the Medical Education campuses.

Leadership Scholarships

Our winning candidate for the leadership scholarship (\$2,000) is Atanaska Dobreva from Bulgaria, majoring in business administration. While maintaining a GPA of 4.0, she is vice president for scholarship of the Phi Theta Kappa chapter, and a student senator. She also personally created a series of presentations to help students transfer to selected colleges and universities, and a committee to research scholarship opportunities for her fellow students. She has volunteered for the community. She wants to obtain a Ph.D. in economics, so that she can help her country transition from its communist past to a free market economy.

The second place for leadership (\$1,000) goes to Nora Sayasithsena, majoring in Dental Hygiene. As vice president of the Student American Dental Hygienist Association, she participates in planning and implementing the activities of this professional organization. She also participates in many community outreach activities in the dental field. She already has a degree in Biology from George Mason University. She wants to continue her studies by online courses after completing her time at NVCC, so that she can obtain a higher degree and, ultimately, return to NVCC as an instructor.

Academic Scholarships

We have two first place academic scholarships (\$2,000 each), which have been awarded to Sara Nourian (GPA 3.9) and Kathryn Rohr (GPA 4.0). Both these students also have strong leadership qualities. Sara, a business administration major, is president of Phi Theta Kappa. As such, she organizes many campus-wide and community-based activities. She also tutors foreign students, helping them adapt to their new surroundings. She plans to obtain a degree in accounting, become a CPA, and, ultimately, a lawyer. Kathryn Rohr already has a degree in Psychology and is now majoring in Dental Hygiene. She is president of her class and is very active in both on- and off-campus community activities. Kathryn is very dedicated to the rigorous field of dental hygiene and keen to help the community, both as a dental hygienist and as a volunteer.

The second place academic scholarships (\$1,000 each) will be awarded to Sung Ae Lee, a respiratory therapy student from South Korea, and Michelle Kouagnia Mbakop, an engineering major from Cameroon. Sung is on the Dean's list and is a Presidential scholar. She wants to continue after graduating from NVCC to obtain a B.S. degree in a 4-year college, and then to work in a hospital. Michelle is active in the NVCC community, as public relations representative of the African Student Association, and as a member of the women's basketball team. She is aiming for a B.S. in Chemical Engineering, so that she can help her countrymen in Cameroon, who she feels lack sufficient graduates in that field, especially in the field of environmental ecology.

Merit Awards

Because we had three more outstanding and deserving applicants, and some additional funds, the Committee recommended, and the Board approved, the award of three \$500 Merit Awards to Adelia Hessler, Yadco Sharif, and Randall Weisheit. Adelia (GPA 3.8, Nursing) is on the Dean's list and is a Presidential scholar. She is currently vice president (and will be president for 2007-8) of the Students Nurses Association and

co-captain of the team for Rally for Life of the American Cancer Society. She also volunteers in the community as a Firefighter EMT. Yadco (Dental Hygiene) is vice president of her class. She plans to obtain a B.S. at George Mason University, followed by an M.S. degree. Ultimately, she hopes to return to NVCC to teach. Randall (GPA 4.0, Liberal Arts) aims to earn 53 credits in one year at NVCC, so that he can enter the University of Virginia as a junior, where he plans to major in political science and business management, as well as play lacrosse. He hopes ultimately to become a politician.

All these students showed a deep commitment to their studies and to their fellow students. All found their time at NVCC to be very rewarding. Several expressed their gratitude to our organization for making these much-needed funds available to them.

Hospitality Kudos

Jane Jones and Bo Kelly

Bo Kelly and I want to thank, again, the women and men who contributed such delicious refreshments to our Forum meetings from August 2006 to June 2007. Many of you volunteered more than once this year. Many of you have been volunteering for *many* years. Listed below in alphabetical order are the names of the contributors for this year:

Sophia Austin Beverly Harris Eda Pickholtz Beverly Hopler Joseph Pincus Ferne Beyer Carolyn Blackwood Trudy Hynes Joan Pirello Norma Booth Ben Jacinto Shirley Politte Helen Clark Nancy Jordan Bev Portman Leona Johnson Donna Coe Leah Porzel Kathy Dennehy Marti Klee Sally Reynolds Dick DiBuono Margaret Lowry Martha Siemering Virginia Edgell Betty Mohan Betty Lee Thatcher Virginia Fernbach Rita and John Genevieve Thiem Mary Ellen Firor McClanahan Betsy Thurman Janet Goodrich Marianne Moerman Ginny Tripp Blanche Goulet Jean Moran Carol Weber Arlene Gribben Jenny Moser Salli Wise Kathy Hall **Dorothy Nance** Baehasa Woods Colletta Hammond Barry Newman Janet Yance

This fall, Sally Reynolds and Trudy Hynes will be taking over the Hospitality coordination for 2007-08. Bo and I are changing directions after many years of coordinating hospitality. We thank you for making this a *fun* job and a wonderful way to get to know LLI members.



Jane Jones and Bo Kelly at Hospitality table. Bob Barton enjoying volunteer contributions.

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Budget for Fiscal Year 2008

(1 July 2007 through 30 June 2008)

Income & Expenses, Fiscal Year 2008

Income		
Member dues	\$	38,000
Investments	·	1,500
Total	\$	39,500
Expenses		
Administrative Staff	\$	10,660
Financial Systems		750
Furniture & Equipment, incl. service		500
Conferences		500
Honoraria		350
Insurance		1,400
Parking Reimbursement		150
Classroom Rent		4,200
Office Supplies		1,750
Publication Design		2,200
Outside Printing		7,300
Postage/Mailing		2,300
Teaching Materials		450
Social Events		600
Telephone		1,200
Refreshments		3,500 100
Taxes and Fees		500
Miscellarieous		500
Total	\$	38,410
Allocation to Members Equity	\$	1,090

Approved by the Board of Directors on 11 May 2007

From the LLI Scrapbook



Members of 2006–2007 Board. Seated (l. to r.): Phil Runge, Dick DiBuono, Norma Hughes, Gina Trapp. Standing (l. to r.): Betty Mahon, Lorin Goodrich, Doug Johnson, Liddell McLeod, Mary Underwood, Deanna DeMember, Libby Burge, Burt Greenstein, Laura Charron, Don Reynolds.

Reminder: Great Decisions 2007 Materials to Be Donated to NVCC Library

The Winter/Spring 2007 Great Decisions videos and course books will be used again for the Summer 2007 session, after which they will be donated to NVCC. If any participants want to donate their material, please give it to Laura Charron at the June 5 Forum. Many thanks!

LLI Summer Calendar

Forum: There will not be a Forum in July. The next Forum meeting will be held Tuesday, August 28.

Board Retreat: The Board of Directors will conduct its annual planning retreat on Friday, July 13 to review the past year's activities and to plan and establish goals for the coming year.

Newsletter: The next regular newsletter will be published in August; a condensed Summer Update may be issued, if needed.

Coming Soon...

Conning Soon	
June 30	Wayside Inn and play "Only Me" at Shenandoah Theatre
July 19	Black History Tour of Washington, D.C.
August 9	Embassy Tour — Russia, Sweden, and Indonesia
October 11	Supreme Court
October 27	John Wilkes Booth Escape Route — Canceled

November 7 Marine Corp Museum



Full house: Forty attendees lunch at Mythos Restaurant after May Forum.



Knox Singleton, LLI founder, visits with Edward Mark at May Forum.



LLI member Barbara Woods introduced Jack Otero, speaker May Forum.

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 Summer 2007 course catalogue and mail it to the LLI office with a check in the amount of \$110 for each person wishing to continue with LLI.



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REMINDERS:

- * Vote June 5
- ★ Meet and greet NVCC Scholarship winners at 9:30 a.m. June 5
- **★** Donate your 2007 Great Decisions materials to NVCC at the June 5 Forum
- * Register for Summer Session
- ★ Have fun participate in one of LLI's many activities and volunteer your time and talent