

President's Message

Greetings! I hope you are having a wonderful summer season.

I am happy to start my first column as your president reporting to you that our Institute, which now is in its second decade, continues to thrive and grow. We owe this fine state of affairs to the many members, past and present, who have volunteered their time, knowledge, experience and energy to LLI. *We are a volunteer organization*. I ask that all of you volunteer for at least one project, committee or activity during the course of this operating year, for that is what keeps us thriving as a leading lifetime learning organization in northern Virginia. Libby Burge, our Volunteer Coordinator, will be happy to sign you up for one or more of the many ways in which you can assist.

In July, at its annual Retreat, our Board of Directors reviewed our current policies and programs, assessed our future well being, and considered ways to ensure the membership's continued interest in our overall program. Our current membership of active adults now numbers 368 persons. The Budget and Finance Committee reports that the small increase in dues enacted last year has helped to maintain LLI on a healthy financial footing. Our Curriculum Committee and Trip Committee, which provide the backbone functions of our organization, have given us a wonderful summer program of courses and

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Forum, Tuesday, August 28

WETA's Preview, Part II of "The War" — a Ken Burns Documentary

Karen Kenton and Pat Callahan from WETA are returning with the second and final installment of previews of this long-awaited documentary that premieres on WETA on September 23. A special preview DCD will be available at no cost to attendees to facilitate your enjoyment of the series, as well as a detailed run down of the series. Join us!

The Forum room is located on the second level of the Ernst Cultural Center, NVCC-Annandale Campus. Coffee, tea, and light 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 the hourly rate of \$1.00. Please enter the lower level on Center Drive.

Lunch Bunch

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An August 28 Lunch reservation was made at the *CEE (Thai) Restaurant,* located at 9901 Fairfax Blvd. Fairfax, VA 22030. This newly opened Thai restaurant features elegant ambience and tasty Thai foods moderately priced. It comes recommended by LLI members.

Directions: From NOVA take a left on Little River Tpk.; at Exxon Station turn right onto Prosperity Ave.; turn left onto Arlington Blvd. and go beyond Fairfax Circle. Cee Restaurant is across the street from P.J. Skidoo's and is next to Esposito's. (Go to stop light and make a U-turn back toward Cee.)

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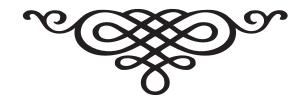
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Forum meetings are scheduled on the first Tuesday of the month except as indicated above. Board meetings are held on the second Friday of each month except July.

Activities listed here may change for various reasons. For updates, please check with activity coordinators for up-to-the-minute information.



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Arts & Smarts

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Friday, September 21. We will visit the renovated museum at Mt. Vernon, which is

five times larger than the former exhibition space. It is a refreshing and insightful look at the taste, style, and personalities of the Washingtons associated with life at Mt. Vernon, the Revolutionary War, and the presidency. The Education Center, using the latest technology, tells Washington's life story. We will have either a docent or a narrative guide through audio tour.

Friday, October 19. We will go to the National Gallery of Art for the Edward Hopper exhibition. Hopper's classic works capture the realities of urban and rural American life. This showing is the first comprehensive survey of the artist's career in more than 25 years. It focuses on the period of greatest achievements.

November TBD. We will complete the year by seeing the J.M.W. Turner exhibition at the National Gallery of Art.



LLI Bridge Group

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September Play Dates: Thursday, Sept. 13 and Wednesday, Sept. 26

We play at the Mason District Government Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Note the change to a Thursday this month for the first game. Bring a bag lunch.

All levels of players are welcome in this very friendly game. You do not need a partner because we rotate partners, so you will play with everyone. We are particularly looking for new players or those who would like to brush up on their bridge skills. Please call or email if you would like to attend (or for more information), so we can provide sufficient card tables.

Special Thanks

The Bridge Group salutes Bob and Gladys Bucklew for heading the Bridge Group for 8 years, and we wish them well in the future! May all your Slams be Grand!



Favorite Books Club

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Date: Thursday, September 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

After taking a summer respite, the members are ready to start discussing another interesting and thought

provoking book. The group will review *The March* by E. L. Doctorow. Although a work of fiction about Sherman's march through Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina, the characters come alive and give great insight into the conditions of the times — for both sides of the Civil War.

If you like historical novels, why not join us at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale for a lively discussion.

Deadline for September newsletter input: Friday, September 7.



Current Events Group

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Date: Friday, September 7 Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Place: Mason District Governmental Center

Topic: Immigration and Multiculturalism?

What are the emotional issues? Are they getting in the way of reaching a solution? Come if you want to share your ideas or learn more about current events. We want to 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.

Directions: From Beltway, go east on Little River Turnpike (Rte. 235). Turn left onto John Marr Drive. Turn right onto Columbia Pike. After light at Whispering Lane, look for the sign on the right "Fairfax County Police Station." Go a short distance and turn right at the sign for the George Mason District Government Center. We meet in the Small Conference Room.



Gourmands

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On Friday, September 14, we will lunch at 12 noon at a fine Northern Italian restaurant—Panino Restaurant, located at

are nearby for those who would like to do a little shopping afterwards. Please have the correct amount you owe, including tax and tip, ready for me to collect in the envelope that I will give you with your name on it. The deadline to reserve is Friday, September 7. We might want to carpool.



Little Theater Group

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Helen Clark and Doug Johnson are co-sponsoring a Little Theater Group for LLI members. They have planned the

following events for September and October. If you want to attend the events, call the theater directly, make your own reservations, and then call either Helen or Doug to let them know that you will be attending the LLI event.

Sunday, September 23 matinee: Sunshine Boys at the Little Theater of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. 703-683-5778. **Senior tickets:** \$16 – \$19

Sunday, October 21 matinee: Providence Players at James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. 703-425-6782. Senior tickets: \$12

Walkabouts



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We will walk from 12 noon to 1 p.m. on the following Thursdays:

September 6 and 20 October 4 and 18 November 1 and 15 and 29 December 13 and 27

Contact Liddell re locations.

President's Message

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travel opportunities and have just issued the catalog for the Fall program. Be sure to register for courses by the 28 August deadline.

Our host, Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC), Annandale Campus, is including LLI in its plans for permanent office space in a new campus administration building for which the architectural and engineering design in now underway. Until that space materializes in 2010, however, we must continue to function in the temporary office space afforded us by the college in Room 218 of the Food Services (CF) Bldg. This is posing some limitations on our administrative functions, but our administrator Laura Charron and our member volunteers are managing to cope. We have begun a process of discussions with NVCC officials to attempt to maintain our Forum meetings in the auditorium of the Ernst Cultural Center, where we have held them for many years with great success. As it currently stands, beginning in January 2008 all future Forums will be held in the Theater at the Ernst Center.

Lastly, in the evening of Thursday, 2 August, a group of 17 LLI members volunteered to man the telephones at WETA during one of its fund-raising programs. Thanks to past president Lorin Goodrich for opening the door to a growing symbiotic relationship between LLI and WETA.

See you at the 28 August Forum!

Dick DiBuono



Friendship Connection

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One of the benefits of LLI membership is making friends. We like to show support for fellow members by sending a card to anyone who is ill or has suffered a loss. If you would like a card sent to someone on behalf of the LLI

membership, please contact Arlene Gribben. Include sufficient information so an appropriate card is selected.

Mum's the Word — LLI Picnic September 19

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Registration Deadline: September 12

Members: \$15 Non-members: \$20



A fun and festive picnic will be held at Fort Hunt Park in Alexandria on September 19. Please mark your calendar and plan to join your LLI friends for a good time, good food, hopefully good weather and some surprises. The enclosed flyer provides complete details, including directions, and a registration form.

Okay, with the picnic theme being "Mum's the Word," you can pretty easily figure out which popular fall flower will grace the picnic tables. But, you should also be on the look-out for some surprises, since we live in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area, where everything is not always as it seems. Hmmm...think special government agencies, the spy museum, classified information...that kind of thing.

See you there. And wear your shades. Or a mum on your lapel.

Community Outreach

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Food for Others is the designated recipient of the LLI food donations collected at the August 28 Forum. As a regional food distribution organization, Food for Others distributes food throughout Northern Virginia in three ways: at their warehouse, emergency food is provided to families and individuals referred by social services organizations; every weeknight, food is distributed at 14 sites in high poverty neighborhoods in Arlington, Falls Church, and Fairfax; and throughout the year, bulk food distributions are provided to more than 40 community-based organizations, including churches, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and day care and community centers. Currently, they especially need hot or cold cereal, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly/jams, 1 or 2 pound bags of dried beans or rice, boxed rice (such as RiceARoni), and crackers. Bev Portman will deliver the LLI donations.

Forum Who's Who

The LLI monthly Forum has a new look. The August 28 meeting will bring several personnel changes in the Forum Team. At the podium will be the newly elected President Dick DiBuono. Joining him to introduce the program will be the new Forum Speaker Committee Chair, Joe Pincus. Joe, with the help of new committee members Moe and Ginny Moser, Norma Jean Reck, and Barry Newmann, will be obtain speakers for each of the nine Forums to be presented this year. Terry Brittain is taking on the logistical duties of meeting set up.

A number of other important positions will see new faces. Marti Klee has assumed the role of Greeter Coordinator. Trudy Hynes and Sally Reynolds are the new Hospitality Co-chairs and can be found at the dessert table. Betty Lee Thatcher and Carol Weber have taken up the reins of the Community Outreach Program as co-chairs of this worthwhile project.

Several members of the Forum Team are returning. Martha Simmering continues as Membership Coordinator with Jean Downey assisting her. Libby Burge will man the volunteer sign-up table. Don Reynolds and Dotty Kilgore will photograph the proceedings. And, of course, we will be lunching as a bunch with John Bogart.

Catalogue Change

Course 7F22 — Focus on Two Great Philosophers: Buber & Tillich, Part II, with John Rybicki

Wednesdays, October 17, 24, 31 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Greenspring Village, Village Square, Accotink Room

Corrected description: We will compare and contrast Jewish and Christian thinking of two modern contemporary philosophers — Martin Buber and Paul Tillich. We will have a brief review with emphasis on group discussion.

Spotlight Minute

Spotlight Minute will be a new feature at the Forum meetings. Each month a group of hard working volunteers will be singled out for their contribution to LLI. At the August 28 Forum, the Special Interest Group Coordinators will be recognized during the meeting following the break.



Class Registration Notes

The Curriculum Committee plans and schedules between 25 and 35 classes each term for the benefit of LLI members. In coordination with both the instructor's preferences and classroom space requirements/limitations, each course has a maximum and minimum attendance. Listed below are some Dos and Don'ts regarding class attendance:

When you register for a course, please check both your personal calendar and the catalog's calendar to avoid conflicts, e.g., registering for two courses taught at the same time or signing up for a class when you know you will be out of town or have previous commitments that will preclude attendance.

If you are wait-listed for a course, please do not assume that you can attend. Always call the Course Coordinator to determine if there has been a cancellation, which might open up a space for you. Else wise, you are not eligible to attend.

Attend all classes for which you have been registered. If you cannot attend, please notify the Course Coordinator, so that a wait-listed member may attend in your stead.

Course Coordinators usually call registrants of small classes (under 20 registrations) before the course starts. It is particularly important that you let the Course Coordinator know of your unavailability. It is embarrassing for all to have an Instructor prepare for a class of 15 and to arrive and find only 4 people in attendance. Please take your course registration and attendance at classes seriously.

Alaska Trip Update

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A couple of spots are still available for the 14-day, cruise and land Alaska Trip being planned for June 2008.

In October, the LLI study program of Sicily and Southern Italy will begin.

3rd Embassy Tour Added

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Trip #3 for an Embassy Tour is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2007. Cost for members is \$40 and non-members \$50, which includes lunch with a beautiful view of the Potomac River. Embassies are Russia, Sweden, and Indonesia. However, due to embassy constraints, a last minute change could be made.

Pick up your Registration forms at the Forum or call Louise or call the office 703-503-0600.

Editor's Note: The 2nd Embassy Tour is November 16. The 3rd Embassy tour is a recent addition. Also, kudos to Louise for a wonderfully enjoyable trip to Long Island this summer. Great job!

Around Town

2007 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics

www.novaseniorolympics.com — 703-491-2183

The 2007 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics will be held Saturday, September 15 to Thursday, September 27. The events are open to residents 50-years-of-age-and-older as of December 31, 2007 living in the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, and Fairfax, as well as the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudon, and Prince William. The events include sports such as bowling, golf, horseshoes, and swimming; games such as bridge, chess, and cribbage; line dancing, and much more. All events are held in local venues, for example, Bowl America Shirley, Wakefield Park and Audrey Moore RECenter, and Penderbrook Golf Club. To find out more, go to the website or call 703-491-2183. You can participate in the events, or be a spectator, or volunteer.

Senior Metro FareCard

Senior citizens 65 and older, persons with disabilities, and customers with a Medicare card and valid photo ID ride for half the regular fare. On Metrorail, use a senior/disabled farecard or SmarTrip® card. On Metrobus, use a senior/disabled bus pass or SmarTrip® card or show your Metro ID or Medicare card and valid photo ID and pay the reduced fare.

For more information about qualifying for a Metro ID card and buying Reduced Fare farecards, SmarTrip® cards and passes, see Metro Senior ID and Metro Disability ID information or call 202/637-7000 (TTY 202/638-3780).

For visiting persons with disabilities who reside outside the WMATA service area, Metro will issue a one-time courtesy WMATA disability ID card good for up to one month and issued one-time only. The customer must present qualifying documentation at the Metro Headquarters Sales office only, at 600 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. The customer may also use a valid Medicare card and valid photo ID.

Visiting seniors who reside outside the WMATA service area must show photo ID that indicates their date of birth (65+) to be eligible.

LLI Helps WETA During Recent Pledge Drive

At the April Forum, Karen Kenton and Pat Callahan, WETA representatives, previewed Ken Burn's upcoming documentary series on World War II and its impact on four American towns. Their second presentation is scheduled for the August 28 Forum. The combined presentations will set the stage for a four session LLI class in November based on Burns' WWII documentary. On August 2, the following LLI members volunteered to man the phones for WETA at its Shirlington headquarters during its summer pledge drive. Libby and Marv Burge, Ed and Marie Conway, Dick DiBuono, Kathy Hall, Bonnie and Paul Hopler, Bob and Merry Huley, Chuck and Martie Klee, Liddell McLeod, Moe and Ginny Moser, Norma Jean Reck, Phil Runge, and Carol Weber. They saw Rick Edelman's two-hour program on *Lies about Money*, collected thousands of pledge dollars, enjoyed light refreshments, and had a fun evening. Our thanks to all the LLI volunteers for their support of public television.

Author David O. Stewart to Speak at NVCC-Annandale

All LLI members are cordially invited to hear David Stewart, author of the well-received book, *The Summer of 1787: The Men Who Invented the Constitution* (Simon & Shuster 2007), speak Wednesday, September 19 at 12:30 p.m. in the Forum room, Ernst Cultural Center. Mr. Stewart will have copies of his book for sale and will be available to sign them. Get more details at the August 28 LLI 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 Fall 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.

From the LLI Scrapbook

Newly elected President Dick DiBuono looking over the books with Phil Runge, treasurer at the BOD retreat in July.

Gladys and Bob Bucklew at their "Thank you" Bridge party. The Bucklews chaired the Bridge group for many years.





Some of the BOD members at the BOD retreat, held at Green Springs in July to plan LLI's next year. Pictured left to right are: Deanna DeMember, Liddell McLeod, Paul Hopler, Don Reynolds, Warren Hynes, and Laura Charron.

NVCC recipients of LLI scholarships with LLI committee members at June Forum.





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Look at the date on this label. Is it time to send your dues? Time Sensitive Material Please Deliver by August 22, 2007

REMINDERS:

- * Registration for Fall classes ends at the August 28 Forum
- * Contribute to Food for Others at the Forum on August 28
- * Attend all classes or let class coordinator know, so that someone on the wait-list can attend
- ★ Meet one new person by volunteering to help with an LLI activity
- ★ Have fun participate in at least one new LLI activity this year