

Forum: Wednesday, November 7

Uncovering the Secrets of the Buried City of Stabiae

In the foothills of Mount Vesuvius, near the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum, Stabiae was where elite Romans had their lavish villas. Then, one summer day, on August 15, 79 A.D. dense clouds rose from the volcano and Stabiae was buried under ash and lava for nearly 2,000 years. University of Maryland Professor Matthew Bell, an archaeologist, will speak about his excavations in restoring the ancient city of Stabiae. He will present slides of unique villas and artifacts and also tell about the experiences of arranging and working on such an important archaeological dig.

Lunch Bunch

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After the Forum, we will lunch at **Esposito's Italian Restaurant**, located at 9917 Lee Highway in Fairfax.

Directions: From NOVA, take Rt. 236 West. Turn right on Pickett. Turn left on Arlington Blvd. which becomes Fairfax Blvd. Esposito's is on the left just past Rebel Run.

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President's Message

Those of us who watched the made-for-television documentary on the Second World War by Ken Burns — the seven-part series entitled *The War* — if asked, certainly would agree that it lived up to all that we had been shown and told in preview by WETA's Pat Callahan and her colleagues back in our August and May Forum meetings. Some of our members either served in the armed forces during that momentous war or served the nation in other ways here at home. Most of us lived those years as youths, but remember many aspects of the War's many impacts on our lives and those of our families and friends. So, if you haven't yet visited the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., I recommend that you do, and I urge you to remember to honor all who served in our armed forces on Veterans Day, November 11.

Wasn't Francis Gary Powers, Jr., a fascinating speaker at our Forum meeting on Tuesday, October 9? The account he gave about his famous father being shot out of his U-2 spy plane over Russia, his capture, grueling interrogations, trial, imprisonment, subsequent release in a prisoner exchange, and none-too-warm welcome back home here in the U.S. was spell-binding, as was his telling of the impact of all that on him during his youth. It will be interesting to follow his successes in developing the Cold War Museum in Lorton, VA. Our thanks go to Joseph Pincus and Ginny Moser of the Forum Committee for arranging yet another great presentation. The next Forum speaker, University of Maryland Professor of Archaeology, Matthew Bell, will be telling us all about the restoration of the ancient Roman city of Stabiae on the shores of the Bay of Naples, in Italy. See the article about this elsewhere in this newsletter.

A full quarter of our membership attended the Annual LLI Picnic at Fort Hunt Park on September 19 and enjoyed great food, prizes and games, dancing to good country music with a great "caller," and general socializing, and all of this during a day of picture-perfect weather. Bonnie Hopler and her committee not only produced this

Calendar of Events

Membership Update

November

- 1 Walkabouts
- 7 Forum
- 9 Board Meeting
- 15 Embassy Tour
- 15 Walkabouts
- 16 Arts & Smarts
- 16 Embassy Tour
- 29 Walkabouts

December

- No Forum
- 12 Holiday Luncheon
- 13 Walkabouts
- 14 Board Meeting
- 27 Walkabouts

Forum meetings are scheduled for various days, usually for either Tuesday or Wednesday. BOD meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Friday of each month except July.

Look for December 12 Holiday Luncheon registration form in next newsletter.

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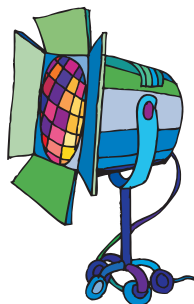
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Spotlight Minute

Libby Burge

Over the past decade the dedicated volunteers of the Trip Committee have planned and led scores of day and overnight excursions. At the November Forum they will be acknowledged for their service.



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President's Message

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fine occasion for everyone's enjoyment but did so without using one dime of the money budgeted for the picnic in our Social Event account. My thanks go to all of them. Those of you who did not attend this year missed an opportunity to enjoy a lot of fun and friendship; you definitely should plan to attend next year.

Well, LLI's Fall program of education courses is underway. We have a record-high 297 members registered to take at least one class this term, with most taking two or more. This is testimony to the fine program that was arranged by our resourceful and hard working Curriculum Committee. They never rest for even as this Fall term gets underway they already are fully engaged in the planning of the Winter-Spring program of course instruction. They and I encourage you to inform them of ideas you may have for courses on subjects of interest to you.

Speaking of attending courses, I find I must do a little preaching here. *Please*, do not attend a course for which you were not approved through the registration process. If you are interested in attending a particular lecture in a course for which you were not registered, call the Course Coordinator who is listed in the course announcement to inquire if it is possible. Please comply with the Coordinator's reply, especially if it is in the negative because of space limitations or the Instructors wishes to limit class size.

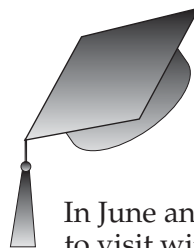
Mark your calendars for the LLI Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 12, 2007.

I'll see you at the Forum on Wednesday, November 7.

Dick DiBuono

Name Badge and Emergency Contacts

At the next Forum, be sure to pick up the new LLI/NOVA lanyard for your LLI name badge. In addition to wearing your name badge, the Board of Directors is requesting that each LLI member print an *Emergency Name and Telephone Number (cell phone and/or land phone)* on the back of their name badge. Should a medical emergency arise during an LLI event, this would give those assisting the appropriate persons to notify, in addition to calling emergency personnel. The Board hopes everyone will recognize this request to be one of consideration, care, and concern for our members.



LLI Student Scholarships

Doris Balinsky

In June and August, you had the opportunity to visit with the fine young people who were awarded scholarships funded by your generous contributions. In October you met two of our former awardees and heard how the scholarships had helped them, and how they are pursuing their academic goals. Now we are ready to kick off our drive for funds to make scholarships available to students in 2008. Shortly, you will receive a letter giving you more details of these scholarships and asking for your donations. Please be as generous as in the past, so that we can help these fine young scholars achieve their dreams.

Community Outreach Food Program

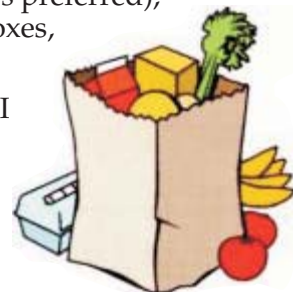
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Your food donations in November will go to Fairfax Area Christian Emergency & Transitional Services (FACETS) in Fairfax. They work to build strong families and safe communities by improving the quality of life for impoverished men, women, and children. They do this by helping provide housing to homeless people, job training and help in finding a job, school supplies and activities for children, medical and health assistance and training, as well as a food pantry.

They need canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, hearty soups (pop-tops preferred), pasta, peanut butter, jelly, juice boxes, and bottled water.

Bonnie Hopler will deliver the LLI food donations.

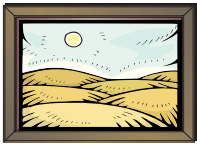
Thanks you for your donations!
They are much appreciated.



***Deadline for December newsletter
input: Friday, November 9.***

If anyone would like to help with the newsletter, please contact
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Special Interest Groups



Arts and Smarts

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On November 16 we will visit the J M W Turner Exhibition at the National Gallery of Art. This will be the largest and most comprehensive exhibition of Joseph Mallord William Turner's work ever presented in the United States: approximately 70 oil paintings and 70 watercolors that cover a wide range of subjects. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Forum Meeting November 7.



Bridge Group

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November Play Dates

Due to scheduling conflicts at the Government Center in November, we will play on Wednesday, November 21 and Wednesday, November 28. Note, although both are Wednesdays, they are not our usual schedule. Location: Mason District Government Center. Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a bag lunch.

You do not need a partner because we rotate partners so you will play with everyone. All levels of players are welcome in this very friendly game. Please call, or email me, if you would like to attend (or for more information) so we can provide sufficient card tables.

September Results

First, second, and third place finishers on September 13 were Lynda Brittain, Bob Huley, and Nate Rosenbaum; on September 26, the winners were Nancy Sherman, Betty Yeary, and Mary Underwood. Congratulations to all.



Community Theater Group

Helen Clark 703-573-1671

Plan ahead to see "Red, Hot and Cole" at the Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA 22101 on Sunday January 27 at 2

p.m. Call the theater directly to make your own reservations and meet other LLI members at the theater.

RED, HOT and COLE is a scintillating afternoon of biography and song. The show celebrates the life of one of the great American songwriting masters and features over 25 Cole Porter standards. The cost is \$17 for non-residents or \$14 for seniors.



Current Events Group

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Date: Friday, 2 Nov. 2007

Place: Mason District Governmental Center (Large Conference Room this time only)

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

Topic: What are the issues in next week's Virginia elections?

Senate — House of Delegates — Fairfax County — Other local issues

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 (Route 236). Turn left onto John Marr Drive (light after passing Giant Food on left.) Turn right at next light, which is Columbia Pike. Go through several traffic lights. Following light at intersection with Whispering Lane, there is a sign on the median reading "Fairfax County Police Station." Proceed a short distance and turn right at the sign for the George Mason District Government Center into the parking.



Favorite Books Club

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Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen is the book club selection for November. The fictional story tells about Jacob

Jankowski's memories of himself as a young man, tossed by fate onto a rickety train that was home to the Benjamin Brothers Most Spectacular Show on Earth. As a penniless orphan during the Great Depression Jacob became part of the circus life and all the adventures of that environment. The meeting takes place on November 15, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale.



Gourmands

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November Event: Duangrat's Thai Restaurant, Falls Church

Thursday, November 8, 2007

POC: Penny Valavanis, 703-931-2534

December Event: Bamian Afghan Cuisine, Falls Church
Wednesday, December 5, 2007

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Those interested in attending should contact the POC directly.



Walkabouts

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

November 1 and 15 and 29
December 13 and 27

Contact Liddell for locations.

Report from Board's Annual Planning Retreat

The LLI Board of Directors held its annual Retreat on July 13, 2007. Among the many items that were discussed, the following may be of interest to LLI members.

Financial Condition.

As of June 30, 2007, LLI had total assets of \$54,973.12; our liabilities balanced this amount. For the Travel Program, income carried over from FY 2007 totaled \$8,027.13. Expenses totaled \$67,007.10 for the year, while income totaled \$70,896.13. Also as of June 30, LLI had 368 members vs. 345 at that time last year. LLI's Internal Audit Committee is scheduled to meet to initiate our annual audit. The Committee will report back to the Board on its progress at the October Board meeting.

Administration.

The Board approved the funds necessary for Administrator Laura Charron to purchase 500 lanyards with attached badge holders and clips. Members will be encouraged to write on the back of their badges an emergency point of contact, including name and telephone number. The Board also approved the funds necessary to purchase a new computer and appropriate software for the LLI office, as the hard drive on the existing computer no longer functions.

Curriculum.

The Curriculum Committee continues to address a number of issues. As a result: (1) the Board agreed to include an article in the September Newsletter reminding members of the importance of attending classes or contacting the course coordinator if they cannot attend so waiting list persons can be contacted; (2) the LLI policy concerning non-member attendance on trips will be reviewed for consistency as part of an overall review and updating of all LLI policies; (3) trip registration forms will include a space for members to include their email address for notification purposes; and (4) procedures concerning last minute course changes, e.g., what to do if the instructor or course coordinator cannot be reached, will be reviewed to see if they can be improved. In addition, members are encouraged to use the web to review course offerings, trip announcements, class cancellations, Special Interest Group activities, Forum announcements, etc.

Nominating Committee.

Norma Hughes has been appointed Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. The Committee consists of five members, three of whom are Board members.

The nominating process should begin following the October Board meeting. Board members whose terms expire in June 2008 are Libby Burge, Paul Hopler, Curt Kornblau, Phil Runge, and Mary Underwood.

Volunteer Coordination.

Volunteer Coordinator Libby Burge continues to contact new members, welcomes them to the organization, and apprises them of volunteer opportunities. She will continue to display the volunteer board. In the future, she would like to do a "spotlight minute" at the Forums. Members of each volunteer group will be identified and Libby will briefly explain their functions.

Administrative Review.

The Administrative Review Committee has met twice. Now that we will be acquiring a new computer system, we will pursue a relational data base project. Once the data base is operational, we may establish a group of one or more representatives from each LLI committee so all LLI issues are addressed. Board Member Bob Huley agreed to serve as liaison to Records Management to keep the LLI office up to date.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs).

LLI's six SIGs are Bridge, Favorite Books, Gourmands, Current Events, Arts & Smarts, and Walkabouts. Board Member Bob Huley has agreed to take over coordination of the Bridge Group in light of the departure of Bob and Gladys Bucklew. Board Member Mary Underwood recommended the initiation of a new SIG. The Board approved the establishment of a Little Theater/Community Theater SIG, with the final title to be determined by the group.

Archives.

Board Member Don Reynolds has organized two volumes of photographs dating back to the beginning of LLI. They include leaders, groups, travel, parties, classes, Forums, etc. Don will bring the books to the Forums and the holiday luncheon. Remaining photos that are not included in the albums will be put in a large box and members can take whichever ones they want.

Publicity.

Efforts to publicize LLI include the Forums, Newsletter, web site, *The Golden Gazette*, *The Washington Post*, *The Annandale Times*, and *the Falls Church News-Press*. *The Beacon* plans to include an

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Report from Board's Annual Planning Retreat

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article about us as part of a series on local lifetime learning groups. WETA will provide us with another publicity opportunity when LLI members staff the phones on August 2. Local fairs, e.g., The Jewish Community Center, are also opportunities for publicity. The Board will continue to monitor our current level of publicity and its impact on our membership. Board Member Liddell McLeod plans to update the tri-fold publication, "Did You Know..." that we give to new/prospective members and pass out at various events. Administrator Laura Charron will revise the information that is published about LLI in the NVCC catalog to indicate that we are separate from the campus.

Student Awards & Scholarships.

Doris Balinsky will remain Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, and Marianne Moerman will be the Board liaison to this committee.

Community Service.

Our Food Donation Program has been a great success as a community service. President Dick DiBuono plans to poll the membership to see if anyone is interested in serving as a tutor for college students. We want the college administration to know that we are not interested in simply using the NVCC campus, but also contributing in a number of ways.

Literacy Council Needs Your Help to Make a Difference

The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia has generously let LLI use its Annandale classrooms for courses at no cost.

Please consider joining the non-profit Literacy Council in its effort to provide basic literacy and language skills instruction to adults.

More than 100,000 adults in Northern Virginia have difficulty reading warning labels, job application forms or stories to their children. They lack basic reading and writing skills needed to meet the challenges of everyday living.

There are several ways you can assist the Council.

Contact: 703-237-0866; **E-mail:** info@lcnv.org. The Council is located in the James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church.

Holiday Party December 12

Kathy Hall



The holiday season is fast approaching and plans are underway for the LLI Holiday Party. So mark your calendars and reserve the date, December 12, for officially starting the winter holiday season with the LLI Holiday Party. Watch for the next newsletter for the registration form or pick one up at the November Forum. A sweet time is planned for all!

Study / Travel Important Notice

Doug Johnson

The location for the next Sicily program is being changed to Seminar Room B in the Ernst Cultural Center. It will still take place on November 7, immediately after the November forum. Please attend this meeting as vital decisions about our trip to Sicily need to be made.

Watch for the Winter/Spring Catalogue

Our dedicated volunteers on the Curriculum Committee are completing plans for LLI's Winter/Spring sessions. Look for the catalogue to arrive in your mailbox by mid-December.

Interested in Economics?

If you want to increase your understanding of current economic issues, investigate this website: www.nvcc.edu/home/jmin. It belongs to Dr. John Min, a member of the NVCC Economics Faculty, who has provided many excellent presentations for LLI.

Notice to LLI Web Site Contributors

Gina Trapp, LLI Board Secretary, reviews all entries to be put on the LLI Web Site. Please send your entries to Gina at GTrapp_26@msn.com. Gina will submit the final copy to Sid Sachs.

From the LLI Scrapbook



After his Forum presentation on the Cold War, Gary Powers, Jr., signs copies of his books, which are being sold to help finance the Cold War Museum.

Marge Singleton talks with Gary Powers, Jr.



Curriculum Committee volunteers were recognized in the October Forum Spotlight Minute.



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