

Forum Meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2008

Challenges and Issues Preparing for the Next Census

10:00 a.m. — Social Hour Starts at 9:30

What questions will you be asked on the next Census? What information needs to be gathered to guide our country for the next ten years? Our guest speaker Ms. Kathleen Styles, Assistant Division Chief for Content and Outreach of the Census Bureau, will give us some history of the Census, starting with its basis in the Constitution, and take us behind the scenes to discuss the importance of the Census. She will discuss some of the controversies that have been involved and the difficulties and challenges of managing the Census. Her presentation also will include a look at the changing faces of Americans and the latest trends based on a wealth of data already available in Census databases. Ms. Styles will provide some interesting data about our own community.

PLEASE NOTE: The pay parking garage is open. General parking in the B and C lots is not authorized.

Lunch Bunch

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After the February Forum, luncheon reservations have been made at the **CEE Restaurant** located at 9901 Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax (opposite Skidoo's Restaurant). Phone: 703-293-9898. The restaurant features a wide variety of Thai foods and Asian specialties.

Directions: From NOVA, turn left on Rt. 236 and then right on Prosperity Ave. Continue, and at Arlington Blvd., take a left. When you pass Fairfax Circle — about a half-mile, look for the restaurant on left before the light at Rebel Run. Our group will be served in the private room.

NVCC Special Event on Climate Change

LLI is invited to attend a **Climate Change "Teach-In"** hosted by NVCC-Annandale on **February 1 (Friday) from 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.**, in the Ernst Community Cultural Center Theater. This will be an afternoon of learning about the various aspects of climate change: science, policy, alternative energy options, and steps we can take to reduce the worst effects of climate change. Experts from NVCC faculty and from area universities, government, media, and NGOs will be on hand to answer your questions about climate change. Speakers and roundtable discussions will explore the largest challenge of the coming years. Here is your chance to have your climate change questions answered. **The event is free, and the College will provide free parking from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Available on Loan to Members

WETA has donated to LLI the Ken Burns' documentary film, *The War*, together with the companion book by the same title, written by Geoffrey C. Ward and Ken Burns. The film is in digital video disc (DVD) format on 6 discs. Also included in the gift is a separate CD titled, *The Second World War*, which contains recordings of selected CBS radio broadcasts from 1938 to 1945, with overall narration by Edward R. Murrow. Members may obtain these materials for home use on a temporary loan basis by doing the following: Call our Administrator, Laura Charron (office 703-503-0600 or home 703-281-6189) to arrange for a date and time to pick up the DVD, CD and/or book at the LLI office. The same will be done to arrange for their return. The maximum loan period is one month.

We are grateful to WETA, especially the station's Executive Director for Community Relations, Pat Callahan, for making this valuable gift to our Lifetime Learning Institute.

Calendar of Events



February 2008

- 5 Forum (Tues.)
- 8 Board meeting
- 8 Mar. newsletter deadline
- 18 Newsletter mailing

March 2008

- 4 Forum (Tues.)
- 7 Apr. newsletter deadline *
- 14 Board meeting
- 17 Newsletter mailing

* date precedes board meeting by one week.

April 2008

- 1 Forum (Tues.)
- 4 Trip: Marine Corps Museum
- 11 Board meeting
- 11 May newsletter deadline
- 21 Newsletter mailing

May 2008

- 6 Forum (Tues.)
- 9 Board meeting
- 9 June newsletter deadline
- 13-16 Trip: Lancaster, PA Dutch Country
- 19 Newsletter mailing

June 2008

- 2 Forum (Mon.)
- 5 Trip: Frederick County, MD; Monocacy Aqueduct, covered bridges & Catocin Iron Furnace
- 13 Board meeting

July 2008

- No Forum, no newsletter
- Board planning retreat

August 2008

- 7 Sept. newsletter deadline
- 18 Newsletter mailing

September 2008

- 2 Forum (Tues.)
- 12 Board meeting
- 12 Oct. newsletter deadline
- 22 Newsletter mailing
- 23-25 Trip: New York City

October 2008

- 7 Forum (Tues.)
- 10 Board meeting
- 10 Nov. newsletter deadline
- 20 Newsletter mailing

November 2008

- 5 Forum (Wed.)
- 14 Board meeting
- 14 Dec. newsletter deadline
- 24 Newsletter mailing



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President's Corner

Well, the December holidays are behind us but the memory of our wonderful 12 December Holiday Luncheon lingers on. Thanks to Kathy Hall and Salli Wise and their committee for producing a fine festive occasion, which was enjoyed by 123 members and guests. Now our Winter-Spring program of courses is about to commence. The Curriculum Committee, chaired by Paul Hopler, has produced a wide variety of interesting courses for this term; a total of 43 are presented in the new catalog. As of the date of this writing (11 January) our administrator, Laura Charron, has processed course registration applications from 224 members and will be mailing the results back to the registrants this week.

Louise Sousk and her trip committee have planned several overnight and day-trips for this calendar year. Two day-trips are presented in the catalog; flyers announcing the overnight trips, appear as inserts in our LLI newsletter and are placed on the tables at the Forum meetings. Watch for them. Information about courses and trips can also be found on our LLI website, <http://lli.nova.org>, which is maintained for us by our Webmaster, Sid Sachs. Our Secretary, Gina Trapp, is the editor of all text and photos placed on the site.

In addition to our courses and trips, members should participate in our many special interest groups, about which Mary Underwood keeps us well informed with flyers and announcements at our Forum meetings. See the newsletter for dates and times of the many activities and events conducted by these groups.

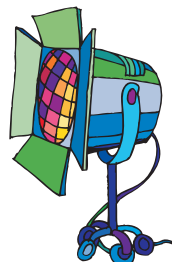
Regarding the health of our Institute, we currently have 388 members and the recently conducted audit of our finances for the fiscal year ending June 2007 found us to be in sound condition. I encourage all of you to take full advantage of this low cost, vibrant and fiscally healthy Institute for learning and socializing in your later years.

Dick DiBuono

Spotlight Minute

Libby Burge

All organizations need skilled money managers. LLI is fortunate to have very talented and dedicated people who administer our operating funds. At the February Forum the Treasurer, the Budget and Finance Committee, and the Audit Committee will be saluted for their valuable service.



Community Outreach Food Program

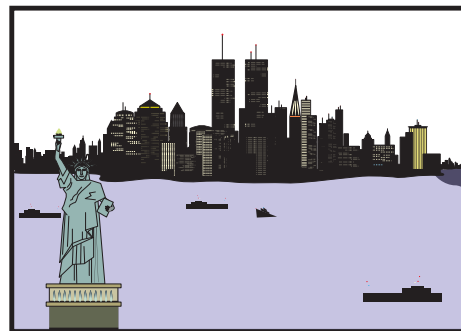
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The Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) will be the recipient of LLI's food donations at the February 5 Forum. While Arlington County is one of the wealthiest communities in the U.S., many of its residents do not have enough to eat. AFAC is a nonprofit organization that works to remedy this situation. It distributes food to approximately 600 families per week, families who rely on these groceries to make ends meet. AFAC can use cereals, cereal bars, canned goods of all kinds (vegetables, fruit, soups, etc.), tuna, pasta, and rice. Marianne Moerman will deliver these donations to AFAC. And, please remember, if you are bringing something from your pantry, do check the expiration dates of canned goods! We continue to appreciate the wonderful response of LLI members to our community outreach food program.



LLI Trip to New York City: "Spotlight on New York"

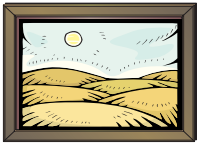
**Four days and Three Nights: Tuesday, Sept. 23
to Friday, Sept. 26, 2008**



Join your fellow LLI members on what will be a truly memorable trip that includes round-trip transportation in air-conditioned coach, hotel accom-

modations in the Theater District and two dinners at popular NYC restaurants, plus admissions to the Lincoln Center (plus tour), the Museum of Modern Art, narrated 2 hour cruise of NY Harbor, and a day-long professionally guided tour of many well-known locations and sights of Manhattan and surrounding areas. Detailed information is on a flyer available at the Forum, or call Louise Sousk 703-323-9144, or Betty Pogerman 703-323-7634. Reservations and deposits are due by April 15.

Special Interest Groups



Arts and Smarts

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On February 22, 2008 we will visit the Sackler Art Gallery to see *Wine, Worship & Sacrifice, The Golden Graves of Ancient Vani*. According to legend Jason and his shipmates, the Argonauts, sailed from Greece to Colchis (modern day Georgia) settling beyond the known world at the time. Archaeology and artifacts of Colchis reflect the intermingling of Greek and Persian motifs with local styles & tradition. Metal working was focus of art & craftsmanship. The earliest evidence of wine and wine-making comes from the area. For those who want to join us, there will be a sign-up sheet at the Forum Meeting February 5.



LLI Bridge Group

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February Play Dates in February, we will play on **Wednesday, February 13, and Wednesday, February 27**. Note, this is the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. **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.

Congratulations to all the following players:

December 2007 Results and Semi-Annual Top Players: First, second, and third place finishers on December 5 were Nate Rosenbaum, Bob Huley, and Lynda Brittain; for December 19, the winners were Bob Huley, Merry Huley, and Jeanne Nilsen. The top four players for the period August thru December, were Mary Underwood, Bob Huley, Nate Rosenbaum, and Betty Yearly.

January 2008 Partial Results Top three finishers on January 9 were Lynda Brittain, Bob Huley, and Nancy Sherman.



LLI Current Events Group

Date: Friday, February 1, 2008
Time: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Place: Mason District Governmental Center, Small Conference Room
Topic: Who are the Democratic and

Republican Presidential Candidates in the Virginia Primary Election?

- ◆ Where does each of them stand on the campaign issues important to you?
- ◆ Who do you think will be the eventual party nominees?

- ◆ Do you think there will be an independent candidate?

Come join us 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.

For more information, e-mail Shirley Lotz at svlotz@cox.net or call at (703) 978-2977.



Favorite Books Club

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In February the book club members will discuss Frank McCourt's "Teacher Man."

This is Mr. McCourt's concluding volume in his trilogy of memoirs that began with "Angela's Ashes." As a reviewer states, "... this story is a spellbinding lyrical ode to the craft of teaching. It is a rollicking, delightful trek across nearly thirty years in New York City public school classrooms." If this type of story peaks your interest, join us on February 21, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale.



Gourmands

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Eight Gourmands ushered in 2008 on January 10 with a Tea Sandwich cooking class followed by a 'proper tea' at the Queen of Scones in McLean. Gourmands made ten different spreads as well as Cream Puff Shells. On Friday, February 29, at 11:30 a.m., the Gourmands will enjoy Persian cuisine at Shamshiry Restaurant, 8607 Westwood Center Drive, Tysons Corner. For a complete menu, descriptions of Persian dishes, a map, and reviews of the restaurant, visit their web site www.shamshiry.com
Contact Marianne Moerman (703-751-0523, mcmoerman@juno.com) or Bev Portman (703-560-6740, fires@juno.com) before Feb. 26 if you wish to attend this event.



Walkabouts

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In February, the Walkabouts will walk on Thursday, February 7, and Thursday, February 28. Note the slight change in our usual schedule. Contact Liddell McLeod to receive notifications of the locations for each walk.

From the LLI Scrapbook

LLI's December 12 Holiday Party



The bearer of door prizes



The LLI Non-Singers presented an original sing-along



The outstanding Holiday Party Committee



The Bishop O'Connell H.S. Madrigals added their lovely voices



Singing-along with the Non-Singers



The Non-Singers' accompanist

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Class Cancellations

If there is inclement weather, LLI classes and other activities, including FORUMS, are canceled (except for bus tours) if the Fairfax County school system cancels school for the day, regardless of the LLI class location and whether or not NVCC holds its regular college classes. Listen for radio and TV announcements. LLI morning classes are canceled if the County announces a two-hour delay in class openings. LLI afternoon classes are canceled if the County announces early dismissal. You will be notified of a schedule for "make-up" classes. Under special circumstances, if a class is not going to be cancelled, registered participants will be notified by the course coordinator. For bus tours, please contact the tour leader (listed in the program booklet).



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