

## April 2 Forum: Virginia 2000 Census

**T**he US 2000 census results are now being released, requiring states and counties to readjust district and precinct boundaries, which will impact on our State Senators, General Assembly Delegates, and the Board of Supervisors. To help understand the full significance of the 2000 census, Mr. Ron Brown – from the Richmond Office of the Census Bureau – will address the April 2, 2001 Forum at 10:00 a.m. and provide us with Virginia's 2000 census results. Come and learn about not only forthcoming political realignments, but also future planning needs for schools, transportation, recreational, and other services.

It should be an interesting talk for all. See you on April 2nd!

### Sad News

Carol Bachrach's son called recently to report that Carol suffered a stroke while she and Mort were preparing to board the autotrain in Sanford, Florida. There is no current news on her condition.

Carol was scheduled to be the Group Leader on the Study/Travel trip to Italy in May. Alan Mayer has agreed to fill in for her.

### LLI Study/Travel Update

Italian study classes will be held on March 27, April 10, and April 24 at Chapel Square. You are invited to attend even if you are not going on the trip. There are still openings on the September 7 Volga cruise. If interested call John Bogart at (703) 273-2547.

### The Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will gather after the March Forum at **DAKS Grill**, 5838 Columbia Pike, Falls Church (next to the Bailey's Crossroad shopping center), (703) 820-3333. Lunch features soups, salads, sandwiches, *etc.*, and prices are reasonable.

Directions: From NOVA, turn right on 236 and proceed to Annandale, turn left on John Marr Drive to Columbia Pike and right on Columbia Pike toward Route 7. As you near Bailey's Crossroads, you will pass DAKS on the left before reaching the shopping center. At entrance to shopping center, make U-turn to get to DAKS' parking area, which is next to the Amoco Station. Call John Bogart at (703) 273-2547 for further information.

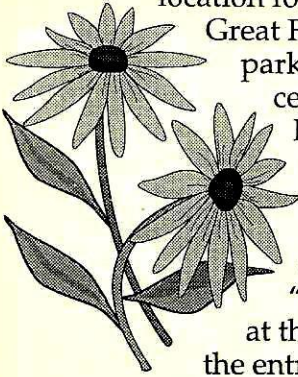
### Computer Courses Will Be Available This Summer

For the first time, we are able to offer our ever-popular computer courses during the summer term. Thanks to the college and to instructor Phil Runge, both the basic and intermediate courses will be held on August 13, 15, 17, 21, 23, and 28. The basic course will be held from 10:30 a.m. until noon; the intermediate course will be offered from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Members who were wait-listed for the Spring 2001 computer courses will be given priority registration; however, there will be room for additional students. You will be receiving the "Summer 2001 Program" catalogue in late May, after which time you can submit your registration, but don't put it off – these classes fill up very quickly!

# Spring Course Updates

## **Wildflower Walk, Saturday April 7, 10 a.m. –**

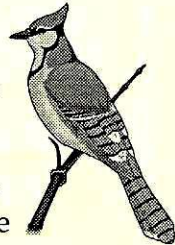
**11:30 a.m.** To avoid any last-minute confusion, the location for the wildflower walk will be Great Falls Park, Virginia. Meet in the parking lot nearest to the visitor center at 10 a.m. To get to Great Falls Park, take the Beltway to the Georgetown Pike exit, turn left onto Georgetown Pike, and continue until you reach the traffic light marked "Great Falls Park." Turn right at the traffic light. After passing the entrance kiosk, keep going straight, and turn into the first parking



lot (on your right). If the entrance kiosk is manned, you will be required to pay an entrance fee, unless you have an annual park pass, or a Golden Age pass to the national parks. **BRING YOUR GOLDEN AGE PASS IF YOU HAVE ONE.** If you are unhappy about driving to the park, or wish to carpool, call me [Doris — see below] and I will give you the names of other participants who may live near you. Bring a picnic lunch if you wish — there are numerous picnic tables near the visitor center. There is also a small concession store where you can purchase simple food and beverages. Rain date is Sunday April 8. If weather is uncertain, call Doris Balinsky at (703) 941-1794.

## **Course 1312 – Birdwalk:**

**Schedule change.** Please note that the April 24 walk has been moved up one week to Tuesday, April 17, because our leader, Ken Moore, has to go out of town on April 24. Please call Liz Snively at (703) 683-6426 if you cannot attend on April 17.



**Course 1315: "55 Alive-Mature Driving."** There are two spaces available for this two sessions course starting April 10. We would like to fill all of the LLI allocated spaces. Please call the LLI office at (703) 503-0600 if you are interested. After that date, we will allow the AARP instructor to use these slots for people who have been referred to him. See pages 5 and 6 of the Spring course catalogue for details.

**Courses 1301, 1309, 1315, 1321, 1322, 1326, 1327, 1331:** There are a few spaces available in these courses which are scheduled to start in April or May. Check the Spring catalogue and call the LLI office if you would like to register for any of them.

# The President's Corner

Congratulations to the intrepid fifty-five members who attended the March 5 Forum. Despite threats of the snowstorm of the century, we had a reasonable turnout to hear an excellent speaker, John Dawson, Chief of the Mexican Desk at the State Department. We heard a comprehensive discussion of US-Mexican policy issues that was both informative and interesting. Thanks to Ted Krivoruchka for continuing to find good speakers for our monthly Forums.

The snowstorm that didn't happen caused us to review our snow closing policy. We have decided to stick with the current policy, which is that LLI events will go on unless there is a public announcement that Fairfax County schools will be delayed two hours, or if they are closed for the day. For those of you with e-mail, we will try a mass mailing if we decide to close down for the day. For those without e-mail, we will use our telephone tree.

LLI now has a web page. Board member Memphis Norman has succeeded in getting us on line. The web page address is <http://communities.msn.com/LLINOVA>. If you have a computer, check it out. We still have a way to go before it is completed, but at least we are up and running. Thanks Norm for your efforts.

Our April Board meeting will be held on Friday, April 6 in the President's Dining Room, Ernst Cultural Center, and should be particularly interesting since we will be discussing the pros and cons of capping membership. We are now at 302 members and there seems to be a consensus that this is about as large as we want to get. These are open meetings, so if you have an interest and the time, come and listen to the discussion.

Hope to see you in class or at our next Forum.

Alan Mayer

# LLI FOREIGN FILM FESTIVAL

## Begins April 5

**S**tarting in April, LLI's popular Foreign Film Festival (Course 1330) begins its fourth season. For this season's repertoire, class leader Al Brothers has selected four films that were nominated for Academy Awards over the past decade.

**April 5 — *El abuelo* (The Grandfather) — 1998 — Argentina — directed by José Luis Garci**

An elderly man returns to Spain after visiting the U.S. during the Gold Rush and losing his fortune. He returns because his son has died leaving two daughters, and the son has left a note stating that one of the two is a bastard child. The grandfather hopes to find out which is his true granddaughter. (147 mins. — in Spanish)

**April 19 — *Antonia* (Antonia's Line) — 1995 — Belgium/Netherlands — directed by Marleen Gorris**

In an anonymous Dutch village, a sturdy, strong-willed matriarch looks back upon her life, the generations of family and friends gathered around her table, and ponders the cyclical nature of time. The film portrays three generations of independent women, and the matriarch of their unusual family, Antonia. Antonia left her small village before World War II and returns years later with her grown daughter. Antonia has an opinion on everything, and smiles as she explains village life to her cosmopolitan artist daughter—from the town busybodies to the tradition of drunken men urinating on the church wall. However, Antonia manages to carve out a place for herself by embracing love when she finds it, and opening her arms to the needy outcasts and oddballs that are victimized by cruel villagers. (93 mins. — in Dutch)

**April 26 — *L'uomo delle stelle* (The Star Maker) — 1995 — Italy — directed by Giuseppe Tornatore**

"Dottore" Joe Moretti travels round Sicily doing screen tests for the big Roman studios. He's a con-man and takes money or favors for his efforts. Beata, a young illiterate convent girl desperately wants to change her life and falls for him, belatedly he realizes his feelings for her. Their love affair is doomed when he's arrested. (108 mins. — in Italian)

**May 3 — *Утомлѐние Солнцем* — *Utomlyonnye Solntsem* (Burnt by the Sun) — 1994 — Russia — directed by Nikita Mikhalkov**

Hero of the revolution, the colonel Sergyei Kotov is spending a few days of vacation, during this summer 1936, in his wife Maroussia's *datcha* (holiday cottage in the country). He is very fond of his six-year-old daughter, Nadia. Comes Mitia, a former lover of Maroussia. Everybody seems to like him, but is he as friendly as he looks? The main theme of this movie is that people can be happy even under Stalin's reign. (ca. 140 mins. — in Russian)

*All movies are in the original language with English subtitles.*

Since its inception, the Foreign Film Festival has been a favorite among LLI members, and is very well attended. If you have not signed up for the course and wish to attend, please check to see that space is still available. All movie dates are Thursdays, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Class locations are: April 5 – NVCC Seminar Rooms C and D; April 19 and 26 – Seminar Rooms B & C; and May 3 – Seminar Rooms A & B. All Seminar Rooms are located alongside the auditorium in the Ernst Cultural Center.

### Membership Renewal

Please check the mailing label on the envelope for your membership renewal date. Application forms are in the Spring catalog. If your renewal is due (or past due), please send in your check so that you are eligible to attend Spring classes.

#### LLI Board of Directors

<b>President:</b> Alan Mayer	<b>Members:</b> Helen Clark, Marjorie Clark, Mary Davis, Gordon Hamlet, Warren Hynes, Gladys Keating, Ted Krivoruchka, Nan Liner, Memphis Norman, Jean Packard, Ann Rourke
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## Special Interest Groups

### **Discussion Group – Everyone Welcome!**

**Date:** Friday, April 6

**Time:** 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Ernst Cultural Center, Seminar Room A

**Topic:** "Terrorism"

**Resource person:** Dr. Carl Steiner

**Organizer:** Tom Buchanan (703) 281-4894

### **Financial Forum**

**Next meeting:** Monday, April 2

**Time:** Immediately following the April Forum

**Location:** Theater in the Ernst Cultural Center

**Speaker:** John Kerts, a financial planner, who will give a presentation on Long-Term Health Care.

### **Theater Group**

**Sunday, May 5, 2001 – 2:30**

**p.m.:** American Century Theater, Gunston Arts Center, Arlington, VA – **Hotel Universe**, a Philip Barry comedy about American "blue bloods." Ticket price: \$11.25 per person. Reservations must be received by LLI no later than April 20.

**Sunday, June 24, 2001 – 3:00**

**p.m.:** Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe Street, Alexandria, VA — **Proposals**, Neil Simon's critically acclaimed comedy that reunites the Hines family in their Pocono oasis during the sizzling summer of 1953. Experience the warmth and humor of this reunion where unresolved family issues and romantic entanglements intertwine, bringing laughter and tears. Tickets: \$10.75 per person. Reservations must be received by LLI no later than June 3.

## Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendars

You are cordially invited to attend the *Annual Pot Luck Appreciation Luncheon* for all the teachers of LLI courses – Thursday, May 17, 2001, at 12 noon – at the Little River United Church of Christ, 8410 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA (across 236 from NOVA).

What and how much to bring? If your last name begins with: A through H, a salad — call Marie Baglio at (703) 532-4285; *I through R*, a main dish — call Bo Kelley at (703) 978-2993; and *S through Z*, a dessert — call Elaine Waggener at (703) 560-5425. **Please bring enough to serve 10.** You may call Marie, Bo, or Elaine any time before May 11 to sign up, but please bear in mind that the sooner they know how many will attend, the easier it will be for them to plan.

Please come to honor our teachers and enjoy a terrific lunch with your LLI friends and colleagues.

Annual "New York City Holiday" Trip. The popular trip to the "Big Apple" is scheduled for December 4 through 6, 2001. Details will be forthcoming, but you might want to mark your calendar now since reservations go quickly once they are made available. The hotel will be in the Times Square area, and activities will include the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes' traditional Christmas show; tours; optional Broadway plays; and dining in some of the great New York City restaurants.

## Bylaws Amendment

The Board of Directors recommends that LLI Bylaws be amended to clarify the naming and makeup of the Nominating Committee (Article VII.2). The Board believes that appointing a nominating committee a full year prior to the election is cumbersome and unnecessary. Therefore, the following amended wording will be placed before the membership at the April Forum meeting. New language is shown in bold face and unneeded wording shown by strike-through:

2. Nominating Committee: A Nominating Committee **shall** ~~consisting of~~ three (3) Board members and two (2) non-Board members ~~shall be elected at the annual meeting.~~ The Nominating Committee Chairperson shall be appointed by the President. This Chairperson shall recommend ~~an additional~~ **the other** four (4) members of the Nominating Committee **to the Board of Directors for approval.** The Committee shall submit to the general membership those Board candidates recommended for election, pursuant to Article IV.