

LLI Board Holds Its Fourth Annual Retreat

LLI's fifteen Board members and three LLI members who serve in key positions for operations met on July 26, 2001, for an all-day retreat at Greenspring Village's newest building, Village Square. President Lorin Goodrich conducted the meeting.

- Discussions took place about each of the many areas related to the functioning of LLI.
- Memphis Norman in his review of the LLI Strategic Plan described the achievements of the past year as "outstanding" in meeting and working on our goals. (A copy of the Strategic Plan is available in the LLI office).
- John Manion, treasurer, and Richard Risk, budget planner, both presented reports indicating a very good financial condition. LLI members can look forward to fine programs, classes, events, and trips in the coming year.

Operational Responsibilities

- Laura Charron, our LLI administrator, emphasized the need for volunteers in the office, especially with the mailing jobs. She reported that Betty Mahon, LLI librarian, will be setting up a library system in the office to include pictures, videos, and articles about LLI. We are currently in our sixth year so preliminary plans were discussed for a tenth anniversary celebration.
- A motion passed to hold future Board meetings in the Annandale Campus' Provost's office so that the Board will meet consistently in one location.
- Most Board members will continue their respective areas of Board responsibilities. Non-board members, Louis Sousk, Trip Coordinator; Martie Klee, Volunteer Coordinator and Elderhostel (EIN) contact; Don Baynes and Charles Gorse, auditors, will remain in these positions. Martie will work on finding volunteers to fill LLI positions and to help with necessary tasks.

Membership and Finances

LLI membership grew from 239 members on June 30, 2000 to 314 members as of June 30, 2001. Again this year there was discussion of how many members can be properly served, and it was decided to have a target of 300 members, rather than a cap on membership, at this time. The Board will continue to review the situation to ensure that class sizes remain at levels that allow interaction and opportunities

September 10 Forum/Fall Kickoff Features Speakers on Virginia's Redistricting

The Virginia General Assembly has just completed redrawing the district lines for the House of Delegates, State Senate, and U.S. House of Representatives. The Democrats are crying "foul ball." The Republicans say they are just doing what the Democrats did to them in 1991. To hear what happened and find out who represents you in the General Assembly, we have invited Delegate Jim Dillard (Republican, District 41) and State Senator Janet Howell (Democrat, District 32) to give us a blow-by-blow description of the rumblings from Richmond. This should be an interesting event. It also will be an opportunity to learn more about the fall courses and meet the instructors. See you at the Ernst Cultural Center, Monday, September 10, 10 a.m.

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will not convene after the September Forum, since many of the group, including John Bogart, will be on the Russian Volga River cruise and no one was interested in being a substitute host. However, John suggests that anyone wishing to go to lunch after the Forum should visit Squire Rockwell's Restaurant on Little River Turnpike at Prosperity Avenue, two blocks west of NOVA.

for socializing. Most membership renewals are due in August and September, and a new volunteer information form now being given to new LLI members will be distributed to all members for completion.

The operating budget is based on revenue from 300 members. The dues were increased July 1, 2001 to \$100 per person. LLI insurance coverage was explained: \$25,000 covers members in an LLI-related activity, and there is a \$1,000,000 umbrella policy for the organization.

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Programs

- A high percentage of the membership attended classes during the last year. Several were taught by Instructors from NVCC, thereby meeting the goal of finding college-level faculty for some courses. Helen Clark and her committee completed planning the Fall session, coming up with twenty-six classes, but there are no science-related courses because instructors were not available.
- The first meeting to discuss Spring classes is scheduled for October 5, and volunteers are needed to help with program planning. Members interested in assisting with this process should contact the LLI office at (703) 503-0600.
- The monthly Forums, the post-Forum Lunch Bunch, and the special interest groups will continue in the coming year.
- Louise Sousek detailed several LLI trips, and presented a plan for a June 2002 visit to Philadelphia. Thirty-five people are needed for this trip, and a motion was approved authorizing Louise to pay the travel company the deposit for that number, which they require this October.

Outreach

- The Board will continue to present the Student Award to an outstanding NVCC student.
- A motion passed to maintain membership in EIN until September 30, 2002, but the Board will continue to evaluate this membership.
- LLI has reached its target of 300 members, so future publicity will emphasize the Forum programs and our LLI web site.

Special Events

- Virginia Fernbach presented an evaluation of the May luncheon. While the event was a great success, it is getting so large that the use of caterers should be considered in the future.
- Seventy people signed up to go to the August 5th picnic.
- The Christmas luncheon will be held at the Fort Myer Officers' Club, which comfortably accommodates a large group.
- The Financial Forum became more firmly established during the last year. Speakers addressed the group at each of the last four sessions and presented valuable information.

Note: Members may arrange to read a copy of the Retreat minutes and/or the Strategic Plan by calling the LLI office (703)503-0600.

Special Interest Groups

The Bridge Group

This group meets twice monthly, on the second and fourth Wednesdays, at the Mason District Government Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (bring a bag lunch). Because the meeting dates cannot be confirmed with the Center until a month in advance, please call Bob or Gladys Bucklew, Chairpersons, at (703) 631-7889 any time you wish to attend to verify that we have the room for that day. Such calls not only confirm the meeting date for you but also afford us the opportunity to obtain sufficient card tables for attendees. All are welcome, and we have Scrabble and other card games for "extra" players.

Note: if there are extra people, bridge play is rotated (four hands per game). Also, the group is composed primarily of single individuals as opposed to couples; you don't need a partner to attend. We hope you can join us!

Discussion Group — Everyone Welcome!

Date: Friday, Sept. 7, 2001, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Ernst Cultural Center, Seminar A.

Topic: Globalization and Its Detractors.

Resource person: Gladys Bucklew.

Organizer: Tom Buchanan (703) 281-4894

Financial Forum – Fall Program — Everyone Welcome!

Date: Friday, Sept. 28, 2001, 10:00 a.m., Ernst Cultural Center, Seminar A & B

Topic: The New Tax Law and How it Will Impact Your Estate

Guest Speaker: Cal Brown, CFP and Vice President of Financial Planning, THE MONITOR GROUP

Date: Friday, October 19, 2001, 10:00 a.m., Ernst Cultural Center, Seminar A & B

Topic: Evaluating Corporate Earnings Statements - Pro-Forma vs. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

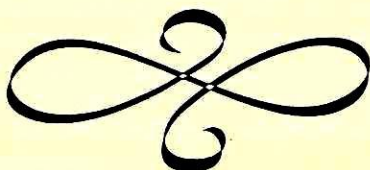
Member Speakers: Warren Hynes, CPA, and John Manion, CPA

Organizer: Virginia Fernbach (703) 751-8369.

Please note on your calendars the change in the day and time. Opinions expressed are strictly those of the guest and member speakers and do not represent endorsement by LLI. We hope to see you there.

Theater Group

Sunday, November 18, 2001, 2:00 p.m. We have made arrangements to attend "One of the Few" by Patricia H. Lin at the Jewish Community Center. Please put this date on your calendar. A brochure giving particulars will be sent out shortly.



LLI Student Award Fund

We are now accepting tax-deductible donations to the LLI Student Award Fund for a leadership award to be presented to an outstanding student on the Annandale Campus of NVCC in Spring 2002. Checks should be made payable to the "LLI Student Award Fund" and sent to the LLI office or given to John Manion, LLI Treasurer.

Our first award, in May 2000, was a \$1000 check to Makin Shirafkinin. At the June 2001 Forum, we presented a \$1500 award to Yasmeen Mahmood. Both these young people went on to become presidents of the student government, are outstanding students, and have been able to accelerate their pursuit of degrees in their chosen fields. Our goal for next year is to increase the award to \$2000.

Alan Mayer, Chairman, Student Award Committee

LLI Picnic and US Navy Band "Sea Chanters" Performance

On Sunday August 5, LLI held its first ever summer picnic at the Mason District Park in Annandale. About 70 members and guests participated, and all pronounced it a huge success and worthy of becoming an annual event. The organizers, Doris Balinsky and Bo Kelley, thank all the volunteers who helped with purchases, cooking, setup and cleanup, as well as all the participants, who brought wonderful salads, desserts, and camaraderie to share. After the meal, attendees repaired to the amphitheater for a rollicking concert by the very talented performers of the US Navy Band "Sea Chanters." The weather and insect gods were kind to us and the rain held off, as did the mosquitoes!

Share the Health

Plan now to attend the 4th annual community health forum sponsored by the NIH Office of Community Liaison. **IT'S FREE!**

When: Saturday, October 27, 2001, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Where: Natcher Conference Center, Building 45, NIH;
45 Center Drive, Bethesda MD

More information: (301)-650-8660

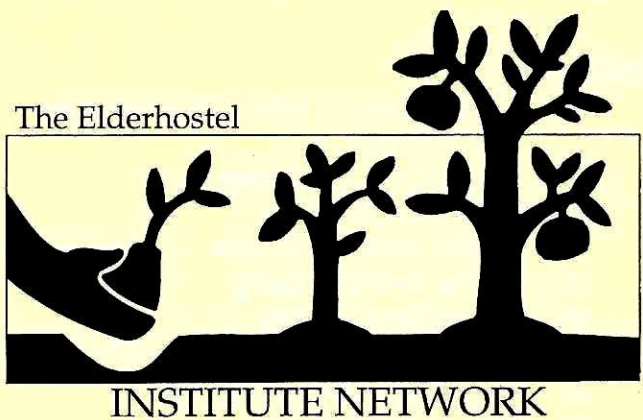
Website: <http://sharethehealth.od.nih.gov>

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"ECHO" Needs Your Help

ECHO (Ecumenical Community Helping Others) is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization which helps people in need of food, clothing, money, and transportation primarily in the Springfield and Burke areas. ECHO needs volunteers to help receive and sort donations, as well as interview and counsel clients. If you can help a few hours a month, please call Pat at (703) 569-9160.

Letter from the Elderhostel



Greetings —

The Elderhostel Institute Network (EIN) is delighted to be working with the Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia. Together, we bring the highest quality educational programming to older learners living in the vicinity of LLI.

From our national offices in Boston, EIN gathers stimulating curriculum resources and exciting new initiatives to offer to all the Institutes for Learning in Retirement (ILRs) across N. America. We also compile and pass on all the latest news and happenings from across the Network and serve as a central resource that ILRs can turn to for help and information. Thanks to our well-known profile we have access to innovative educational opportunities and our high visibility ensures our ability to promote the learning in retirement movement on both national and international levels.

The Elderhostel Institute Network and the LLI together are providing a stimulating and exciting opportunity for older learners in this, the first year of the new Millennium. Together we are helping educate our society about successful and productive aging and the joys of older learning. The 21st century does indeed hold great promise for the learning in retirement movement!

Cordially,

Nancy Merz Nordstrom, Program Manager
Debbie Rodgers, Program Associate
Elderhostel Institute Network

Learning is a
treasure that will
follow its owner
everywhere.

— Chinese proverb

Calendar of Events

September

- 7 Disussion Group — Topic: Globalization and Its Detractors
- 10 Forum: Virginia Redistricting
- 12 Bridge Group (*Tentative*)
- 13 Fall 2001 Registration Closes
- 14 Board of Directors' Meeting
- 17 Fall 2001 Classes Begin
- 21 Trip to Historic St. Mary's City (DT9-21)
- 22 Wayside Theater & Luncheon Trip
- 26 Bridge Group (*Tentative*)
- 28 Financial Forum — Topic: The New Tax Law and How It Will Impact Your Estate

October

- 1 Forum — Provost, NVCC Medical Center
- 5 Discussion Group — Topic to be determined
- 10 Bridge Group (*Tentative*)
- 12 Board of Directors' Meeting
- 19 Financial Forum — Topic: Evaluating Corporate Earnings Statements – Pro-Forma vs. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
- 24 Bridge Group (*Tentative*)
- 26 Long Branch Manor House, etc., Winchester, VA (DT 10-26)

November

- 2 Discussion Group: Topic to be determined
- 5 Forum — Topic to be determined
- 9 Board of Directors' Meeting
- 14 Bridge Group (*Tentative*)
- 18 Theater Group — "One of the Few", Jewish Community Center
- 28 Bridge Group (*Tentative*)

December

- 4 New York City Holiday
- 13 Holiday Luncheon at Ft. Myer's Officers Club

LLI Needs Your Help

As LLI continues to grow, so do our needs. Please join those LLI members already sharing their time and talents. We all benefit from their efforts, so shouldn't they be given an opportunity to benefit from the efforts of others? Volunteer to fill gaps in the following areas, which were identified at the LLI Board's July retreat:

Administration seeks help on alternating Thursdays to pick up mail and check telephone messages at the LLI office. Call: Laura Charron (703) 281-6189; e-mail: lauragcharron@aol.com

Board of Directors could use assistance from members with legal and/or liability insurance backgrounds. Call: Lorin Goodrich (703) 425-9574; e-mail: lorin.goodrich@erols.com

Mailing Committee needs — *a few good strong men* to transport mailings from the LLI Office to the Merrifield Post Office. The mailings occur monthly for newsletters; three (3) times/year for catalogs and occasional flyers. — **Volunteers** also are needed to help prepare these mailings (affixing labels, sealing envelopes, etc.) which involves a just a couple of afternoon hours on a specified day. Call: Laura Charron (703) 281-6189; e-mail: lauragcharron@aol.com

Monthly Forum Committee needs **Greeters** to welcome attendees. — **Occasional assistance** with Forum room setup. Contact Warren Hynes (703) 644-0672; e-mail: whynes@compuserve.com — **Volunteers** to occasionally bring three dozen cookies or equivalent to Monthly Forums. Call: Jane Jones at (703) 799-7812.

Program Committee seeks **Instructors** for the Spring 2002 program to fill identified gaps in areas of interest: someone to lead a class in a science subject; a World War II veteran to give a class on his/her war experiences (Helen Clark has a book that will help you to put a presentation together); and someone willing to take a piece of literature and lead a class discussion about it. If you or someone you know fits these descriptions, or is willing to present on another subject, please contact Doris Balinsky (703) 941-1794; e-mail: dorbal@juno.com, or Helen Clark (703) 573-1671; e-mail: haclark@erols.com

Publication Committee needs **Proofreaders** for monthly newsletters (fax capability is necessary), and/or to edit course catalogs three times a year. Call: Martie Klee (703) 644-4931, e-mail: marthahk@aol.com

Registration Committee needs assistance 3 times a year with coordination of registration forms, assignment of classes, and mailing course confirmations. Call: Laura Charron (703) 281-6189; e-mail: lauragcharron@aol.com

Special Events Committee needs assistance in planning, organizing, and working on any of the following LLI events: Holiday Luncheon, May Instructor and Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, and Summer Picnic. Call Virginia Fernbach (703) 751-8369; e-mail: lvfern@aol.com

Trip Committee needs individuals to assist in leading LLI trips. Call Louise Sousek (703) 323-9144; e-mail: louiseseouk@erols.com



Membership Update

Welcome to the following new members:

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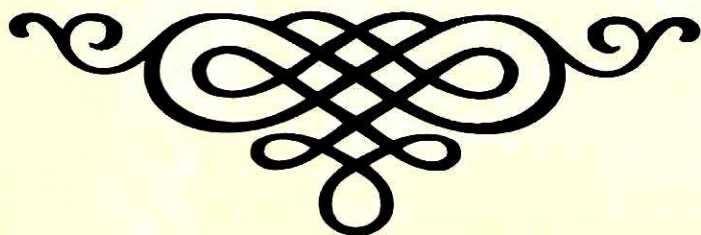
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LLI Board of Directors

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Vice President: Richard Risk
Secretary: Mary Davis
Treasurer: John Manion
Past President: Alan Mayer

Members: Doris Balinsky, Helen Clark, Marjorie Clark, Virginia Fernbach, Gordon Hamlet, Warren Hynes, Gladys Keating, Nan Liner, Memphis Norman, Donald Reynolds

President's Corner

I am especially honored to assume responsibility as LLI's President. My challenge is to measure up to the leadership standards established by my predecessors – Alan Mayer and Knox Singleton. MANY THANKS, GENTLEMEN!! Under their expert leadership, and with support from talented members of the Board of Directors as well as our many willing volunteers, LLI has achieved so much during its first five years. It is indeed inspiring to take note that our membership has grown from 38 to over 300 and of the wide array of courses and other educational experiences LLI offers.

As can be observed from the article about its July 26 planning retreat your newly-constituted Board of Directors has "hit the ground running." It was remarkable how much we covered in a little over six hours, including a lunch break. The new Board members (Doris Balinsky, Virginia Fernbach, Don Reynolds, and Richard Risk) already have become heavily involved. And we are so pleased that Louise Souk will continue to head up the tours/trip program. Martie Klee will serve as Volunteer Coordinator, and we are fortunate to have Laura Charron as our Administrative Director again this year.

While we can point to many accomplishments, we must not become complacent. We need to keep our course offerings varied and "fresh." Moreover, we need to listen to our members' desires for a rewarding educational experience. Please feel free to call me or any of the Board members with your suggestions and concerns. You will find that we are good listeners. Of course, you need to play an active role in the success of LLI.

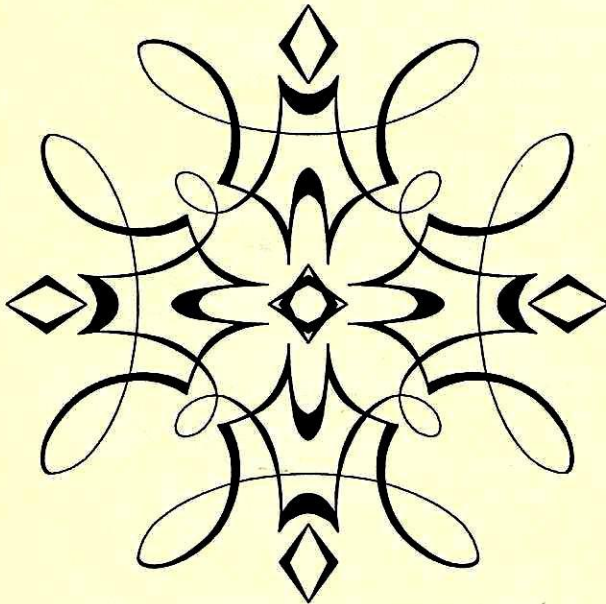
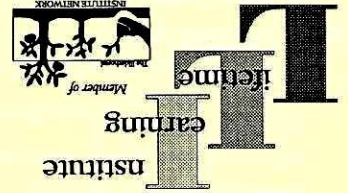
See you on September 10 for an interesting program. There will be a short business meeting to vote on some amendments to the LLI by-laws, which appeared in the LLI Summer Update.

Lorin Goodrich

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Getting to Know You

Please be sure to wear your name tag when attending classes and other LLI functions so we can get to know each other by name.

Membership Renewal Reminder

Over 100 of our members are due to renew their memberships by August 31. Please check the mailing label for your renewal date. You can use the form on pages 19 or 21 of the *Summer Program 2001* course catalog. Please send your check (\$100 per person) promptly so you will be eligible to register for fall classes and attend other LLI gatherings.



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