

Next LLI Forum

Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.
(social hour at 9:30 a.m.)

Women in Military Service for America Memorial

We are honored to have General Wilma L. Vaught (Retired), one of the most highly decorated women in U.S. history, address our forum this month. She has been the driving force behind the impressive Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA) Memorial that graces the entrance to Arlington Cemetery and serves as a place where visitors around the world can learn of the bravery of the 2.5 million women who have served in the nation's defense beginning with the American Revolution. She has many interesting stories to tell about the struggle it took to make this \$22.5 million structure and museum a reality.

When General Vaught retired in 1985, she was one of only three female generals in the Air Force and one of only seven in the U.S. Armed Forces. Among her many military honors, she received the Defense and Air Force Distinguished Service Medals, the Air Force Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Vietnam Service Award with four stars. She is also the first woman to command a unit receiving the Joint Meritorious Unit Award. The General will also highlight some of the interesting personal experiences she faced in her career as a pioneer for women opportunities in the armed forces and will be happy to take questions following her talk.

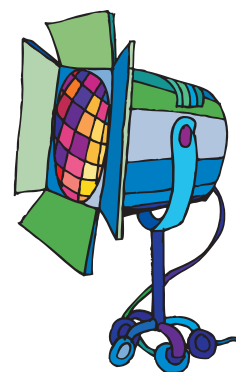
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Rescheduled Class Date

The snowed-out make-up session for **"Some Thrilling Thing Is Going on All the Time: Washington, D.C. 1910-1929"** is Tuesday, April 21, 10:00-11:30 a.m., at the Mason District Governmental Center.

Volunteer Spotlight

Because the weather prevented us from having our March Forum, the Trip Committee members will be in the April spotlight. We want to recognize them all for volunteering the hours and labor needed to enable LLI to offer the many day trips, as well as overnight trips, to nearby areas of interest and significance.



John Wilkes Booth Escape Route Trip

There are now three openings for this trip on Saturday, June 6. The tour includes the newly renovated Ford's Theater, the Sarratt House, the Dr. Mudd House, and lunch at Captain Billy's. If you are interested, call Deanna deMember 703-866-0907 or Louise Sousk 703-323-9144.

Lunch Bunch

John Bogart bogartje@cox.net

Following the Forum, join the Lunch Bunch at the **China Star Restaurant** in the Fair City Mall, Fairfax. Phone: 703-323-8822. The restaurant is popular for its Chinese food; lunch prices are very reasonable.

Directions: From NOVA, turn left onto Rt. 236. After Picket Rd., look for Fair City Mall on your right; enter into the Mall near Kinko's. The restaurant is a few doors down on the right.

Calendar of Events

April 2009

- 7 Forum (Tues.)
- 10 May newsletter deadline
- 10 Board meeting
- 20 Newsletter mailing
- 24 Trip: Virginia's Capitol Bldg., Richmond

May 2009

- 5 Forum (Tues.)
- 8 Board meeting
- 8 June newsletter deadline
- 18 Newsletter mailing
- 18-22 Trip: Southern Highlights
- 28 LLI Spring Picnic

June 2009

- 2 Annual Meeting & Forum (Tues.)
- 6 Trip: John Wilkes Booth Escape Route (Sat.)
- 12 Board meeting

July 2009

- No Forum, no newsletter
- 15 LLI Board Retreat

August 2009

- No forum, no newsletter
- 7 September newsletter deadline
- 17 Newsletter mailing

September 2009

- 1 Forum (Tues.)
- 9 Trip: Montpelier
- 11 Board meeting
- 11 October newsletter deadline
- 14-24 Trip: Western National Parks
- 21 Newsletter mailing

October 2009

- 6 Forum (Tues.)
- 9 Board meeting
- 9 November newsletter deadline
- 15 Trip: Gettysburg Battlefield and Visitor Center and the Eisenhower Farm
- 19 Newsletter mailing

November 2009

- 3 Forum (Tues.)
- 13 Board meeting
- 13 December newsletter deadline
- 23 Newsletter mailing

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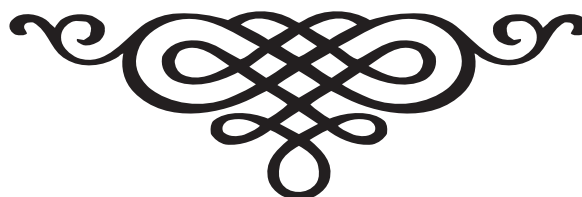
Membership Renewal Reminder

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.

Complete the membership form (last page in the current course catalog), check

"renewal," indicate any new information, and mail it to the LLI office with a check in the amount of \$110 for each person wishing to continue membership with LLI.

It is important to include the form with your check, as it is much easier to credit your membership renewal in our database.



In Memoriam

Condolences to the family and friends of **Betty Kuykendall**, a long time member of LLI, who passed away in February.

President's Message

I'm happy to report that our Institute and the Ernst Cultural Center have entered into a contract that secures our use of the Forum Room for our Forum meetings and the Seminar Rooms for our education courses through the end of 2010. The Center management did not increase the fees from those which we paid this year, and we are grateful to them for doing so.

Also, we already have secured by deposits the sites of our upcoming Spring Picnic — the Fort Hunt Park Pavilion, and of our Holiday Luncheon — the Country Club of Fairfax. The Picnic will be held May 28, and the Holiday Luncheon on December 9; so put those dates on your calendar and plan to attend.

Now, as to some of our busy volunteers — while we are about half way through our Winter-Spring program of courses, our Curriculum Committee is diligently working on preparing the program of courses for the summer term. The members serving on that committee, chaired by Paul Hopley, are among the hardest working of the many standing and *ad hoc* committee volunteers our Institute has. Our hats are off to them in gratitude for continually and consistently producing the interesting curricula that we members learn from and enjoy.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Don Reynolds, has completed its work of preparing slates of candidates for membership on the Board of Directors (to replace the five whose three-year terms will expire in June) and for the four officer positions, whose terms are for one year. Those slates will be announced to the membership in the May issue of *News & Views* and simultaneously on our LLI web site. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting in the Forum on June 2. Our Forum Speaker Committee, chaired by Joseph Pincus, continues to engage very interesting speakers for our Forum meetings and has them lined up all the way to November.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge Phil Runge, our Treasurer. Unless you previously served on the Board of Directors or currently do so, you probably are unaware of the magnitude of the financial accounting, bookkeeping, money management, and reporting tasks that he carries out for us on a daily basis as Treasurer; and he has done this for many years. If you know or meet Phil, I urge you to thank him for his outstanding volunteer service to LLI.

Dick DiBuono

Community Outreach

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PLEASE NOTE: Food for Others, scheduled to receive our food donations in March when the Forum was cancelled, will now be the recipient of LLI MAY donations.



In April, LLI food donations will be delivered to **FACETS**, which provides comprehensive programs and services, including supportive housing, basic needs assistance, and counseling, to men, women, and children who are homeless or are otherwise precariously housed in Fairfax County.

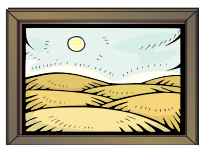
Their pantry needs are:

- Canned meats – tuna, vienna sausages, chicken, salmon, etc.;
- “Hearty” soups – preferably not condensed soups that require water or milk;
- Hand and baby wipes.

As stated previously, all food pantries in our area and around the country are facing shortages. Our donations are very much needed and appreciated. Thank you. Bonnie Hopley will deliver the food this month.



Special Interest Groups



Arts & Smarts

Donna Trogler, 703 751-8932 or
DTrogler@aol.com

Arts & Smarts has scheduled a tour of the *Dutch Cityscapes of the Golden Age* at the National Gallery of Art on April 17. In the seventeenth century, the booming economy of the Dutch Republic and its affluent urbanites fostered a new genre of painting — the cityscape — in which images of towns and cities expressed enormous civic pride. Further details will be forthcoming at the next Forum meeting. Call or e-mail Donna if you wish to be placed on the e-mail list.



LLI Bridge Group

Bob or Merry Huley 703-534-4819 or
703-489-9045 (roberthuley@cox.net)

April and May Play Dates — In April, we will play on **Wednesday,**

April 8, and **Wednesday, April 22.** In May, we will play on **Wednesday, May 6,** and **Wednesday, May 27.** **Location:** Mason District Governmental 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. We are always looking for new players, and all levels of players are welcome in this very friendly game. Please call, or e-mail me, if you would like to attend (or for more information) so that we can provide sufficient card tables.

Recent Results — Top three finishers on February 18 were Mary Underwood, Merry Huley, and Nelva Berend. Top three on March 5 were Nate Rosenbaum, Nelva Berend, and Lynda Brittain. Congratulations to all.



Community Theater

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As announced previously, our next theater venture will be the

Arlington Players' production of the musical, *Follies*, at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 26, at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 2nd Street S, Arlington, VA, 22204. If attending, **please note** that the Arlington Players no longer accepts unpaid reservations via phone; however, they ALWAYS have tickets available at the door (Seniors \$12.00). Following the performance, we will meet in the lobby and drive to a restaurant in nearby Shirlington for refreshments and socializing. If you are interested in

attending, contact Norma Hughes so that we will know how many there will be for after-theater.



LLI Current Events Group

Next Group Meeting: Friday, April 3

Place: Mason District Governmental Center, small conference room

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Title: Health Care Reform: Should we do it this year in the current economy?

Join us if you wish 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@gmail.com or call her at (703) 451-4371.

NOTE: Given the excitement and fluidity of changes in current political and worldly events, the Current Events Group has decided to meet twice monthly for continued interesting and educational discussions. On the **first Friday of each month, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.**, meetings will continue to be at the George Mason District Governmental Center. Because the Center is NOT able to accommodate our meetings other than the above time, we have arranged for the meetings on the **third Friday of each month** to be at the **George Mason Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003. The time is the same — 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.** However, the library opens exactly at 10:00 a.m.; so please do not arrive much before then.



Favorite Books Club

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Date: Thursday, April 16

Time: 11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Place: Mason District Governmental Center, Small Conference Room

April's book for review is *A Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly. This is the first young adult book selected for discussion. The novel, set in 1906 in New York, is a coming-of-age story which effortlessly weaves romance, history, and a murder mystery into something moving and wholly original.



LLI Gourmands

Alina Otal has scheduled the April event at Mojitos and Tapas Bar, in Warenton, at noon on Wednesday, April 29. Please contact Alina at

703-323-9366 or aotal@hotmail.com if you want to attend this event. On Tuesday, May 12, at 12:00, the Gourmands will dine at La Côte d'Or located at 6876 Lee Highway, Arlington. Please let Deanna deMember know if you wish to attend this luncheon (703-866-0907 or ddemember@aol.com). Finally on Friday, June 19, Martha Siemering will be hosting another Gourmand event at her home. Please contact Martha at 703-569-2450 or martsiem@cox.net for more information on this event.

LLI Bacchus Wine Tasting Group — Anne Austin, 703-569-5994, abbaustin@aol.com. Contact Anne if you wish to be included on the mailing list.



Nimble Fingers

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The April meeting of Nimble Fingers is scheduled for Friday, April 10, 1:00 to 2:30, in the Small Conference Room of the Mason District Governmental Center. Bring a small needlecraft project of any type to work on. For more information, contact Bev Portman.



Walkabouts

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Walkabouts will trek on Wednesdays in April: April 8 and April 22. **Note** that this is a change from the usual Thursday schedule. Contact Liddell McLeod for location information.

Handymen and Tradesmen List

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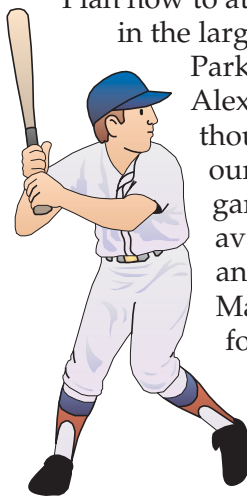
As described in the March newsletter, LLI members who would like to add to this list may send the information (Name, Phone No., and Services Provided) to Anne Austin.



LLI's Spring Picnic

"Take Me Out to the Ball Game"

**Thursday, May 28 at 11:00 a.m.
at Fort Hunt Park**



Plan now to attend our annual picnic, to be held in the large covered pavilion at Fort Hunt Park, which is just south of Alexandria. In the spring, many folks' thoughts turn to baseball and so will ours, as we "take you out to the ball game." The registration form will be available at the Forums on April 7 and May 5, and will be mailed in the May newsletter. The cost will be \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. This fee includes a delicious picnic lunch, fun activities and entertainment, and the chance to win one of several prizes.

If you have any questions or would like to serve on the planning committee, contact Bonnie Hopler at 703/978-9381 or pbhople@cox.net.



Did You Know...?

A fairly new Web site, www.easyaccess.virginia.gov, is helping seniors and adults with disabilities find information about services and other support programs in Virginia. The site provides information including community support, emergency preparedness, transportation issues and financial support. It is searchable by city and includes a list of more than 21,000 state programs. Users also can ask questions by e-mail and find important phone numbers on the site.

**Deadline for May
newsletter is April 10.**

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