

Next LLI Forum

Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.
(social hour at 9:30 a.m.)

An Insider's Look into the Newseum



The Newseum in Washington, D.C.

One year ago the Newseum moved into its grand 250,000 square-foot space with seven galleries, 15 theaters, a 90-foot atrium, its towering marble engraving of the First

Amendment, its gallery of Pulitzer Prize photographs, and 35,000 newspaper front pages spanning nearly 500 years. Susan Bennett, Deputy Director of the museum, will take us on a virtual tour of the existing collections and tell us about future exhibits and other plans for expanding its technology and interactive educational centers. It is time now for the anniversary report card. How is the museum doing one year after its opening at Sixth and Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington D.C.? Ms. Bennett will give an insiders look into the challenges and issues of managing and operating this spacious, but also quite expensive, privately founded museum. She will talk about the work of the Freedom Forum to protect freedom of speech and the press around the world. Also Ms. Bennett will share some of her views about managing people and resources and marketing the museum in today's economy.

LLI Scholarship Winners at the Forum

Added attraction: From 10:00 to 10:15 we will have an opportunity to hear from this year's LLI scholarship recipients, immediately followed by the presentation on the Newseum.

Please Note: *Parking is in the pay parking garage (\$1/hour). Parking in the B and C lots is by permit only.*

Notice of Annual Meeting

Tuesday, June 2

LLI Bylaws call for an annual meeting of the membership to be held in May or June, on a date selected by the Board of Directors, to elect officers and members of the Board, and to conduct other LLI business. This year the Annual Meeting will be held immediately following the Forum speaker presentation on Monday, June 2, 2009 at the Ernst Cultural Center. In this newsletter you will read about the slate of officers and members of the Board that is being offered to the membership by the Nominating Committee for consideration and voting upon at the Annual Meeting. You also will be presented with the Board's approved annual budget for the new fiscal year beginning this July 1 and Ending June 30, 2010 — LLI's operating year. So, members, be sure to attend this important meeting to participate in the business affairs of our fine Institute. In addition, the 2009 LLI scholarship winners will be present to receive their awards.

Lunch Bunch

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Following the Forum, join the Lunch Bunch at **Kilroy's Restaurant**, 5250 Port Royal Rd. #A, Springfield, Phone 703-321-7733. The restaurant features a broad range of moderately priced American foods.

Directions from NOVA: Turn left onto Wakefield Chapel Rd. to Braddock Rd., then left on Braddock to Port Royal Rd. Turn right and enter Ravensworth Park Shopping Center. In the shopping center, Kilroy's sign is visible. Our group will meet in the rear outside room. The manager suggests bringing cash to speed processing of separate checks.

Calendar of Events

May 2009

- 1 Summer Catalogue Mailing
- 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.)
- 10 Trip: Montpelier and Gordonsville, VA
- 11 Board meeting
- 11 October newsletter deadline
- 14-24 Trip: Western National Parks
- 21 Newsletter mailing

October 2009

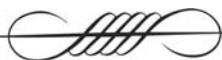
- 6 Forum (Tues.)
- 9 Board meeting
- 9 November newsletter deadline
- 15 Trip: Gettysburg Battlefield and Visitor Center and the Eisenhower Farm
- 19 Newsletter mailing

November 2009

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

December 2009

- No Forum, no newsletter
- 4 Winter update deadline
- 14 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.

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President's Message

Happy Spring! This season of nature's rebirth and beauty also is one of our Institute's busiest. While we continue to conduct the educational courses of our Winter-Spring term, the catalog for the Summer Term will be on its way to you from the Curriculum Committee, that is, with the good help of the Mailing Committee.

Our Nominating Committee will be reporting to you elsewhere in this newsletter about the two slates of candidates it is offering for you to vote on at the elections to be held at the Annual Meeting at the June 2 Forum meeting: one slate to replace the five members of the Board of Directors whose three-year terms end in June; the other for the four officers – president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer – whose one-year terms also end in June.

The Scholarship Committee is busy interviewing the applicants for the awards we will be making this year at the May 5 Forum meeting. The Picnic Committee is busy arranging for our Annual Picnic which will be held on May 28. Be sure to register to attend what will be a wonderful social event for all our members to enjoy.

Keeping our administrative matters in order is one of the many duties of the Board of Directors and its Administrative Review Committee has developed a new plan to achieve that end. Our Administrator, Laura Charron, is busy preparing the latest edition of the *LLI Handbook and Membership Directory*. Please use it, not just to find how to communicate with a fellow member(s) but, importantly, also to learn about LLI's policies and procedures for registering for courses, renewing your membership, participating on trips and travel, course cancellations, our many Special Interest Groups, and most important of all, on how to volunteer to participate on committees and activities.

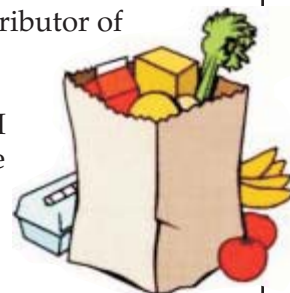
The Budget and Finance Committee is busy preparing the budget for the 2010 Fiscal Year (July 2009–June 2010), which it will present to the Board of Directors for approval at its May meeting. Our Treasurer supplies this committee with the historic revenue and expense data that are vital to drafting a realistic budget. The Forum Committee continues its work to secure interesting speakers for our Forum meetings, and, believe it or not, our Holiday Luncheon Committee already is arranging for that social event. So, you see that we have a very active and vital Institute.

Dick DiBuono

Community Outreach

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Food for Others, the largest distributor of free food directly to people in Northern Virginia, is the designated recipient of the LLI food donations collected at the May 5, Forum. Currently the organization is seeing about 175 clients **DAILY** at their warehouse, in addition to providing food distribution to 14 neighborhood sites each week. Due to the economic downturn, in February alone, they served 91% more households than in February 2008. An attempt is made to ensure that the provided food packages include a nutritionally balanced selection of items with sufficient caloric density, as determined by a nutritionist. While all donations are appreciated, **current needs include canned fruit, chili, and tomatoes; and jellies or preserves.** Bev Portman will deliver the LLI donations.



Recycle Your Old Electronics Equipment and Other Free Disposal Events

May 17 – take advantage of this FREE opportunity to recycle your old TVs, computers, and electronics equipment on Sunday, May 17, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the I-66 Transfer Station, 618 West Ox Road, Fairfax.

Other disposal events:

May 2 – *Household Hazardous Waste Disposal and Document Shredding*, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale

June 13 – *Household Hazardous Waste Collection*, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m., West Springfield Government Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield

For further details, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling, click on **Recycling and Trash**, then click on **Calendar of Events**.

Special Interest Groups



Arts & Smarts

Donna Trogler, 703 751-8932 or
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May 15 or 29, 2009. Arts & Smarts has planned a visit to the Sackler Gallery for the exhibition: *The Tsars and the East: Gifts from Turkey and Iran in the Moscow Kremlin*. In the 16th & 17th centuries, the tsars of Russia forged political, diplomatic, and commercial relations with the Safavids of Iran and the Ottomans of Turkey. To incur royal favor, Iranian and Turkish diplomatic embassies and wealthy merchants presented lavish gifts—jewels-encrusted objects, ornate shield & armor and richly embroidered textiles — to the Russian tsars. Today these exceptional works of art are housed in the Moscow Kremlin and are exhibited exclusively at the Sackler Gallery. For more information on exact date, please call Donna Trogler, 703 751-8932.



LLI Bridge Group

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

May and June Play Dates – In May, we will play on **Thursday, May 7** (note the change), and **Wednesday, May 27**. In June, we will play on **Wednesday, June 3**, and **Wednesday, June 17**.

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 email Bob or Merry Huley, if you would like to attend (or for more information) so that we can provide sufficient card tables.

Recent Results – Top three finishers on March 18 were Bob Huley, Lynda Brittain, and Jessica Burmester. Top three on April 8 were Lynda Brittain, Nelva Berend, and Bob Huley. Congratulations to all!

*Deadline for
June newsletter
is May 8.*



Community Theater

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Future theater events will be noted in the June newsletter and Forum. If you wish to be included on an e-mail list for future events, please call or e-mail Norma Hughes.



LLI Current Events Group

Next Group Meeting: Friday,
May 1

Place: Mason District Governmental Center, small conference room

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

Topic: Auto Bailout, and Future of the Auto Industry

Please join us if you wish to share your ideas or learn more about current events.

NOTE: The Current Events Group is now meeting twice monthly. The meetings on the first Friday of each month will continue to be at George Mason District Government Center. On the third Friday of each month (next meeting May 15) the meetings are at the George Mason Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale VA 22003, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information, Email Shirley Lotz at svlotz@gmail.com or call her at (703) 451-4371.



Favorite Books Club

Arlene Gribben 703-569-0357,
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Date: Thursday, May 14 (Please note this is the second Thursday as opposed to usual third Thursday schedule)

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Place: Mason District Governmental Center, Small Conference Room

The May book selection is “Daughter of Fortune” by Isabel Allende. The novel starts with an orphan left on the doorstep of an expatriate British spinster in Valparaiso, Chile. After being raised in Victorian fashion, the orphan (Eliza) finds a way to the California Gold Rush of 1849. Characters include her Chilean maid/mentor and a Chinese doctor. The story, rich in elaborate detail, shows it is what you do in this world that matters, not how you come into it.



LLI Gourmands

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). On Friday, June 19, Gourmands will dine at Martha Siemering's home where appetizers/soup/salad/sandwiches will be served. Contact Martha at 703-569-2450 or martsiem@cox.net if you wish to attend.

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 May meeting of Nimble Fingers is scheduled for Friday,

May 8, 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.

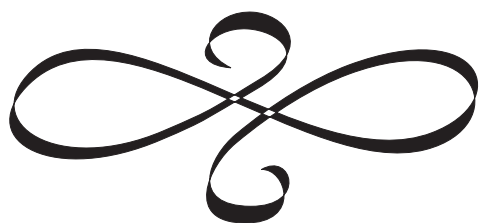


Walkabouts

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Walks will be held Wednesdays May 6 and 20, beginning at noon. The May 6 walk will begin from the parking lot at the first softball field at Wakefield Park

(on the left just after the entrance from Braddock Road). Directions for the May 20 walk will be available later. Notify Liddell McLeod if you would like to be added to the Walkabouts email list. If you do not use email, please call Liddell for more information.



In Memoriam



Condolences to the families and friends of LLI members, **Virginia Edgell** and **Anne Keightley**, who recently passed away.

LLI Scholarships

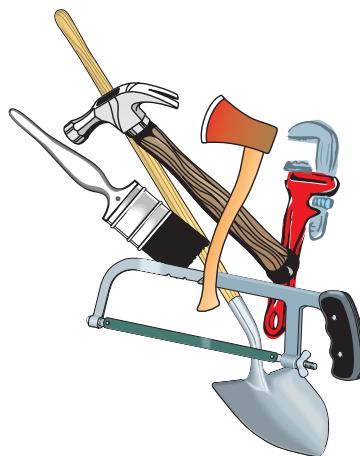


This year we were inundated with 39 scholarship applications, three times as many as in previous years. Students' majors include electrical engineering, information technology, biology, nursing, respiratory therapy, dental hygiene, psychology, recreation and parks, music, business administration, liberal arts and social sciences. The applicants come from the USA, Bolivia, Brazil, El Salvador, Morocco, Egypt, India, Vietnam, Japan, Nepal, and Moldova. Several of the foreign student applicants have become U.S. citizens. Many of the applicants have shown promise as outstanding leaders on campus and in the community, while maintaining excellent grades. Several have commented in their essays on the wonderful experience of being at NVCC Annandale, with its diverse student body and outstanding teachers, and appreciate the opportunities that this country offers — and many are determined to use the knowledge gained here to advance education and economic improvements in their own countries. All have lofty goals for their future education and careers after concluding their studies at NVCC Annandale. The Scholarship committee will have a difficult decision to identify the worthiest candidates, unfortunately LLI will not be able to provide financial support to all of them. You will have the opportunity to meet our winners at the May Forum, when they will be presented with their checks and certificates.



Handymen and Tradesmen List

Anne Austin
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703-569-5994)



LLI members who would like to add their recommendations to this list may send the handyman's information (Name, Phone Number, and Services Provided) to Anne Austin.

Board of Directors Candidates Announced

For President — *Paul Hople*

Paul currently is a member of the Board, and serves as chairman of the LLI Curriculum Committee.

Paul received his Bachelor of Engineering degree from Rutgers University in and his Masters of Engineering from George Washington University. After coming to Northern VA, he worked for the Army Engineer Research and Development Laboratories and then finished his career in the Office of Secretary of Defense as Director of International Cooperative R&D Programs. He loves traveling, technology and skiing and is active in his church and other volunteer organizations. Paul has been the Chair/President of numerous Federal, State and non-profit Boards/organizations such as the International Cooperative R&D Board, the Virginia Telephone Relay Board, the Hearing Loss Association of America, and the Society of Automotive Engineers Washington Chapter and National Government Activities Committee.

For Vice President — *Bob Huley*

Bob was elected to the Board of Directors in June 2007 and to the Vice President position in June 2008. He is chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, head of the Bridge Special Interest Group, a member of the Trip Committee, and has assisted with several LLI activities (e.g., Picnics, Holiday Parties). Bob is essentially a native of Northern Virginia and graduated as an Electrical Engineer from Cornell University. After graduate school, he served on active duty in the Army flying helicopters, and retiring from the Army Reserves. In his civilian career, Bob retired from the US Office of Personnel Management (OPM) as the Deputy Chief Information Officer. He is very active in the LLI Study Travel Program, has taken many courses and local trips and participates regularly in the Walkabouts.

For Secretary — *Dottie Kilgore* (and 3-year term as Board Member)

Dottie was born in Columbus, Ohio and attended the Ohio State University where she became a life long fan of Ohio State football. A thirty year resident of Northern Virginia, Dottie worked for WNVT when it was located on the campus of the Northern Virginia Community College. The organization eventually became the Educational Film Center and Dottie became the Financial Vice President. Following retirement she worked for three years at the White House in Student

Correspondence and, more recently, three years as a docent at the Supreme Court. She also has traveled extensively having visited fifty-five countries.

For Treasurer — *Phil Runge*

As a current Board Member, Phil has been Treasurer since February 2005 and was re-elected to that office each year since then. He has again accepted the nomination for treasurer. Phil taught computer related courses for LLI before he became a member. Following a career with a national trade association he spent several years with an energy development company and then tutored students at the university level in math and science before finally really retiring. Since then he has been quite active in LLI activities.

For Board Member (3-year term) — *George Chalou*

George was born in Piqua, Ohio. After graduation from Manchester College he taught and coached in Piqua. He then attended Indiana University where he received his PhD. in American history. He joined the history faculty at The Ohio State University, where he taught before accepting a position at the National Archives. After retirement, George served as a consultant to the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Council on Education, the Brookings Institution, and recently as a consultant for the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. George enjoys research and writing in the archival and historical fields as well as biking, kayaking and travel.

For Board Member (3-year term) — *Norma Hughes*

Norma's term on the Board is ending and she would like to serve for another three years. After moving to the Alexandria area in 1970, she became a "charter" employee of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and retired from there in 2001 as a Program Analyst. She soon joined LLI, volunteered on the Curriculum Committee, served as Committee Chair, followed by election to the Board of Directors and for three years served as President of the Board. She currently is co-editor with Lynda Brittain of LLI's newsletter, News and Views. In addition to LLI activities, Norma is on the Board of the Reunion Music Society, which brings to the community music programs performed by local musicians of all ages in concert and symphonic settings. She also volunteers at a local organization that assists less

fortunate families. Norma enjoys traveling, especially for adventure and learning of different cultures and people.

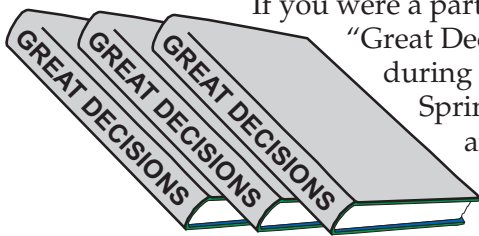
For Board Member (3-year term) — John E. (Ed) McKnight

John was born in Orangeburg, South Carolina, and graduated with a BS degree from The Citadel, and MA and EdS degrees from Appalachian State University. Retiring after 20 years in the United States Army, he then worked as a consultant and defense contractor with several companies, finally retiring again from Northrop Grumman. All told, his work experience required him to live and/or work in 49 different countries. Hobbies include volunteering with various organizations, daily visits to the gym, travel, and LLI. "I look forward to a greater involvement in LLI because adult learners and their needs fascinate me!"

For Board Member (3-year term) — Karren Scott

Karren retired from the Department of Defense as a manager of homeland defense projects for the intelligence community. Reflecting her international interests, she holds a BA degree in Russian Studies from the University of Virginia and an MA degree in Government from Georgetown University. Karren learned about LLI's broad range of activities while serving as chairman of the FY 2008 Audit Committee and as current chairman of the Administrative Review Committee. She enjoys and also supports local theater and music endeavors.

Are You Finished With Your Great Decisions 2009 Books?



If you were a participant in the "Great Decisions" course during the "Winter/Spring 2009" term and do not want to retain your book, please give it to Lorin

Goodrich at the May 5 Forum. Lorin will use the books during the "Great Decisions Videos" course this summer, after which LLI will donate them to the NVCC-Annandale Campus library. Many thanks.

LLI's Annual Picnic

"Take Me Out to the Ball Game"

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

It's Spring, and we hope you're planning to attend the picnic on May 28. Rain or shine, we will again be in the large covered pavilion at Fort Hunt Park, with plenty of free parking and rest rooms close by. The registration form is included in this newsletter, with a deadline of May 19. Directions are in this newsletter too. We hope to see all of you there to enjoy a picnic lunch, fun activities, and the chance to win one of several prizes.



Picnic Directions and More

Directions:

From the Beltway: Driving the Beltway outer loop to Alexandria – take Exit 177A-B, Alexandria/Fort Belvoir (the exit immediately after Telegraph Road). Stay to your left on the exit ramp toward Old Town/Alexandria. At the traffic signal, turn right onto Franklin Street. Follow Franklin Street to the next traffic signal at South Washington Street. Turn right (south) onto South Washington Street, which becomes the George Washington Parkway, and follow the Parkway south for 5 miles; exit to the right at the sign marked "FORT HUNT ROAD/FORT HUNT PARK."

From Ft. Belvoir: Go North on Route 1 (Richmond Highway) and turn right onto Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway (across from the entrance to Woodlawn Plantation). When you get to Mt. Vernon, go around the circle onto the George Washington Parkway North. Approximately 3 miles from the circle follow the right exit to Ft. Hunt. At the second stop sign turn left toward the Park.

Parking: Look for Area A (pavilion) parking lot (the first one you will see). There is parking for 150 cars and easy ground level pedestrian access from the parking lot to the pavilion. There is handicapped parking up close to the pavilion.

General Information: Because we have the use of the large roof-covered pavilion, the picnic will be held rain or shine, barring a hurricane. If the weather forecast is for hot and humid conditions, consider bringing insect repellent, but we have found in past years that there is generally a good breeze which helps keep the temperature down, especially in the pavilion. Also, we will be eating at park picnic tables with bench seats; for your comfort, you may wish to bring your own folding chairs.

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