

## Next LLI Forum

**Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at 10 a.m.**  
**(social hour at 9:30 a.m.)**

**Who Wrote Shakespeare? LIFE Magazine  
Once Called the Continuing Authorship  
Controversy "History's Biggest  
Literary Whodunnit"**

LLI member Joseph Pincus will compare and contrast the Bard of Avon with a nobleman in the Elizabethan Court: Edward de Vere, the 17th Earl of Oxford. The exciting debate will examine (1) educational preparation and qualifications to become the greatest dramatist and poet of all time; (2) foreign travel in the lands where the plays are set; (3) documented lifetime experiences which appear in the plays; and (4) the international quest for the missing manuscripts – the smoking gun of literature. Why is the authorship controversy important and how might it affect our in-depth understanding of the plays? The lecture will be lively, a bit theatrical, controversial, and fascinating because even if Shakespeare is not your cup of tea, everybody loves a good mystery.

## Mark Your Calendar for Future Forum Topics

**October 6:** Our speaker will be Channel 4's popular weatherman Bob Ryan.

**November 3:** Ben Boxer, Fairfax County Waste Management Dept. will explain the County's recycling program and other environmental issues.

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

## Trip Committee Report

Anne Austin and Martie Klee became the co-chairs of the Trip Committee (TC) effective July 1. They have met with the TC several times in the last few months to make this transition and to discuss upcoming trips and possible changes in TC policies. New members are always welcome to attend these meetings.

For 2010 they are planning overnight trips to the **Chautauqua Institution** in NY (through an Elderhostel program) in May and to **Bucks County, PA** in either September or October. Since there are certain financial commitments that Elderhostel requires to book a trip through them we would like to have a **meeting after the September Forum on Tuesday, September 1, to see how many members would be interested in doing this trip.** If you are interested but unable to attend please contact Anne Austin ([abbaustin@gmail.com](mailto:abbaustin@gmail.com); 703-569-5994) to let her know of your interest.

For 2009 the following trips are scheduled and planned. *(Note reservation status)*

- **Thursday, Sept. 10** Montpelier and Gordonsville, VA. *Status: Full with a Waitlist*

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## Lunch Bunch

John Bogart [bogartje@cox.net](mailto:bogartje@cox.net)

Following the Forum, join the Lunch Bunch at **P. J. Skidoo's Restaurant**, 9908 Fairfax Blvd. Fairfax City, phone number is (703) 591-4515. The restaurant serves a variety of American foods at modest prices.

**Directions:** From NOVA, turn left on Rt. 236 to Prosperity Ave. Turn right onto Prosperity to Arlington Blvd. (Rt. 50). Turn left on Arlington Blvd., go past Fairfax Circle about a half mile. The restaurant is on the right just before the traffic light at Rebel Run.



# Calendar of Events



## 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
- 29 Trip: Women in Military Service for America Memorial; Clara Barton House; Historic Glen Echo Park

- 15 Trip: Gettysburg, led by Mike Kelly and Mary O'Day
- 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
- 4 Trip: Candlelight tour of Mt. Vernon
- 9 LLI Holiday Party
- 14 Newsletter mailing

## October 2009

- 6 Forum (Tues.)
- 9 Board meeting
- 9 November newsletter deadline

## Members

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*Welcome, New Members! We hope you will participate in our classes and volunteer your time and talent.*

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## LLI's Friendship Connection

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One of the benefits of LLI membership is making friends. We like to show support for fellow members by sending a card to anyone who is ill or has suffered a loss. If you would like a card sent to someone on behalf of the LLI membership, please contact Arlene Gribben. Be sure to include sufficient information so an appropriate card may be selected.

### LLI Board of Directors

**President:** Paul Hopler

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Paul Hopler 11, Norma Hughes 12,

Bob Huley 10, Dottie Kilgore 12,

Ed McKnight 12, Liddell McLeod 10,

Marianne Moerman 10,

Moe Moser 11, Barry Newman 10,

Phil Runge 11, Karren Scott 12,

Mary Underwood 11

\* year term ends

**Administrator:** Laura Charron

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## Report Address Changes

Laura Charron, Administrator

LLI is more frequently sending important information via e-mail to those members who have provided their e-mail addresses. Because e-mail addresses frequently change for one reason or another, it is very important for members to notify the LLI office immediately of a new e-mail address. Notify the office by phone at 703-503-0600, or e-mail at [llinova@juno.com](mailto:llinova@juno.com). In addition to e-mail, members should immediately notify the office of any change in mailing address and/or telephone number.

## President's Message

Even though this is my first message as president of LLI, I feel much effort has already been initiated. During the summer many of the programs of LLI seem to slow down. But like a duck floating on top of the water, underneath the surface her feet are paddling wildly. I made the transition from chair of the curriculum committee and Mary Underwood smoothly took over, despite a flurry of activity as she came up to speed. The end results are an excellent fall program and the catalog, which has been mailed. By now everyone should have received a copy.

During the summer, the Board held its annual all-day offsite retreat. In addition to reviewing the past year's accomplishments we focused on what we can do that is new and different, and before the agenda was complete it resulted almost entirely of new proposals. Hopefully you will see the fruition of these in the near future. We wish to take advantage of newer electronic communication, such as e-mail. I know many of you are saying you really don't check your e-mails that often and like to have a piece of paper in your hands. We accept that, but plan to start the e-mail process. In the meantime, paper mailings will not be discontinued, but we will have additional opportunities to reach people and transmit vital information. Our web site is an additional source of information and we are working to make things easier to find on the web.

We are looking at our financial policy and reporting to assure there is maximum accountability by the people that are most involved with specific areas. Our new historian /archivist George Chalou will build a historical reference of our founding and on-going documents. In addition, as an educator, he is going to review our education plan as well as develop a new long range strategic plan. Ed McKnight will take on the task of representing and publicizing the Special Interest Groups. Norma Hughes is relooking at the Elderhostel Institute Network which provides news and information for the many LLI and similar adult educational activities.

Mary Underwood has creatively developed a Curriculum Handbook to aid her and others as they undertake this significant endeavor. The 150th anniversary of the Civil War has been established as a curriculum theme and other activities will follow suit. Our two new travel co-chairs, Martie Klee and Anne Austin, introduced plans and offered a dozen ideas for new approaches for our day and overnight trips. Bob Huley will be the board liaison for travel.

## Community Outreach

Betty Lee Thatcher 703-354-8154  
Carol Weber, caroljeanweber@hotmail.com

At the September Forum, LLI will once again begin a monthly food collection. Your support is greatly appreciated for this outreach program that LLI started several years ago. We ask that you continue to bring your food items as they are greatly needed for so many in our communities, especially in this most difficult time.



This month your food donations will be for Providence Presbyterian Church, located on Little River Turnpike, about one half mile west of the College. We have often used their rooms for LLI classes. They maintain a large food pantry and give assistance to many local families, not only for food, but for assistance in many other ways. The past few months have been difficult keeping their food pantry stocked. **Their need is for canned food such as meats , vegetables, soups, fruits , and other non-perishable foods.** All will be greatly appreciated. Clint Hall will deliver our donations this month.



## In Memoriam

Condolences to the family and friends of **Joan Kierce**, a long time member of LLI.

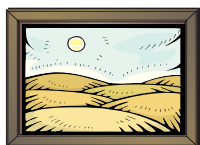
In this issue of *News and Views* you will find an organization chart naming LLI's officers and members of the Board of Directors, the chairs and/or key members of all our committees, and the leaders of our Special Interest Groups (SIG). LLI is an organization that provides wide opportunity for you to volunteer your time and talents. Please select one of these many activities on which to serve and thank those who already do.

I look forward to an exciting new year for LLI and to seeing all of you at the next and future Forums.

*Paul Hopley*



# Special Interest Groups



## Arts & Smarts

Donna Trogler, 703 751-8932 or  
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On September 18, we will have a docent-led tour of “*The Art of Power: Royal Armor and Portraits From Imperial Spain*” at the National Gallery of Art. The richly symbolic armor from the celebrated collection of the Royal Armory in Madrid is shown for the first time with portraits of rulers wearing the same armor by such artists as Velazquez, Rubens, and Van Dyck. Over 70 objects illustrate the use of luxurious armor in projecting an image of royal power in Imperial Spain. For more information, please call or E-Mail Donna Trogler.



## LLI Bridge Group

Bob or Merry Huley 703-534-4819 or  
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### September and October Play Dates –

In September, we will play on **Thursday, September 3, and Wednesday, September 30** (sorry for the strange dates). In October, we will play on **Wednesday, October 14, and Wednesday, October 28**. 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 four overall finishers for the first half of the year (January – June) were: Lynda Brittain, Nate Rosenbaum, Nelva Berend, and Betty Yeary. Top three finishers on July 1 were Nate Rosenbaum, Sylvia Cymes, and Nelva Berend. Since then, the Group leader has taken a break (pun), and regular games and results will resume soon. Congratulations to all.



## LLI Community Theater

Norma Hughes 703-960-6279,  
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At the July 19 Sunday matinee, 20 members attended the most delightful McLean Community Players’ musical production “*Oliver*” at the Alden Theater. Immediately after the show, 16 gathered at J. Gilberts restaurant across the street, for light fare, socializing and commenting on the production, cast and musicians. The “hosts” Sally and Don Reynolds chose the play, provided information on purchasing tickets (members always obtain their own), detailed driving directions, and post-theater locale all of which was communicated via e-mail to an established list of interested LLI members. Thanks to Sally and Don, a really good time was had by all!

Plays to attend in September, October, and November can be selected from the revised/updated list of theaters and plays that was recently sent via e-mail to all those currently on the LLI Community Theater list. “Hosts” are needed to select the play(s), the matinee date(s), obtain information on purchasing tickets, provide directions, and select a nearby restaurant for post-theater socializing. (As darkness begins to fall earlier, we may prefer to gather for pre-theater brunch.) Please contact Norma Hughes if you are interested in serving as hosts for the coming months. If you wish to be added to the list of members for this Special Interest Group (SIG), contact Norma.



## LLI Current Events Group

Given the excitement and fluidity of changes in current political and worldly events, the Current Events

Group **meets twice monthly** for continued interesting and educational discussions. Topics reflect the current political and worldly events surrounding the time of the meeting. Please join us to share your ideas and/or learn more about current events – whatever is your pleasure.

**Date/Time:** Friday, Sept. 4, 2009, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

**Place:** Mason District Governmental Center, Small conference Room; 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

**Date/Time:** Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

**Place:** George Mason Regional Library, Conference Room; 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003

For more information, e-mail Marion Jacknow at [mjacknow@aol.com](mailto:mjacknow@aol.com) or call 703 698-8702.



## Favorite Books Club

Arlene Gribben 703-569-0357,  
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**Date:** Thursday, September 17

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Place:** Mason District Governmental Center, Small Conference Room

Well, the summer has flown and we’re settling back into discussing wonderful stories. September’s selection is “*My Life in France*” by Julia Child and Alex Prud’Homme. In Julia’s own words, “the book is about some of the things I have loved most in life: my husband, Paul Child; la belle France; and the many pleasures of cooking and eating.” The autobiographical stories focus mostly on the years 1948 thru 1954 when Julia was in France and found her true calling — cooking. Between Julia’s well-known life and the new movie about her (“*Julie & Julia*”), the discussion should be like reminiscing about an old friend. Hope to see you in September. Until then, *bon appétit!*



## LLI Gourmands

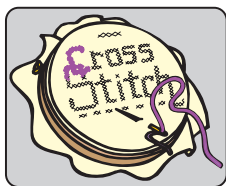
The Gourmands have had a busy summer. Two events were held in July. On Sunday, July 12, twenty Gourmands (some with spouses)

dined at the Girasole Restaurant in The Plains. This event was planned by Martie Klee. Anne Austin and Sally Reynolds arranged for the July 29 event which was a crepes demonstration at Vienna Whole Foods. Seventeen members attended this specially-arranged cooking class to test their skill in making crepes. While not everyone wanted to make crepes, everyone wanted to eat them and as a nice addition got to choose among several chocolate and berry sauces made by the Whole Foods chef. As a surprise the chef also prepared a wonderful salmon with cream cheese and dill filling. It was an interesting and fun event and may lead to similar demonstrations in the future.

Barbara Woods has scheduled the August outing at the Springfield Country Club on Monday, August 24. Please contact Barbara if you would like to attend this event, [bwoodscgc@hotmail.com](mailto:bwoodscgc@hotmail.com) or 703-569-1278. Karren Scott has arranged the September event at the Cosmopolitan Grill in Alexandria on Wednesday, September 30, at noon. The Cosmopolitan features Bosnian and other central European specialties. Please contact Karren by September 25 if you want to attend, [karren.scott@verizon.net](mailto:karren.scott@verizon.net) or 703-313-7127. In October Saranel Osborne has scheduled our Gourmand lunch at The Sea Pearl Restaurant in Merrifield on Friday, October 23. Please call Saranel at 703-573-4619 if you are interested in this event.

**LLI Bacchus Wine Tasting Group** — Anne Austin, 703-569-5994, [abbaustin@aol.com](mailto:abbaustin@aol.com).

This group meets quarterly. Future dates will be announced in the newsletter or a Forum. Contact Anne if you wish to be included on the mailing list.



## Nimble Fingers

Bev Portman, 703-698-8366, [firse@juno.com](mailto:firse@juno.com)

Nimble Fingers meets monthly to share an enjoyment of needlecrafts. Bring a small project to work on and

perhaps learn new techniques, get help on a problem, discover a new source of supplies or classes, and chitchat with fellow LLI members. Any type of needlecraft is welcome knitting, crochet, embroidery, cross stitch, needlepoint, etc. Meetings are held the second Friday of each month at the Mason District Governmental Center. New participants are always welcome.

The next meeting is Friday, September 11, 1:00 2:30 pm in the Small Conference Room of the Mason District Governmental Center. For further information, or if you are new to the group, please contact Bev Portman.



## Walkabouts

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No walks are yet scheduled for the fall. Liddell cannot continue to lead the group. Anyone interested in assuming leadership should e-mail Liddell McLeod at [liddell\\_mcl@cox.net](mailto:liddell_mcl@cox.net) or stop by the Volunteer Table at the September Forum.

## Handymen and Tradesmen List

Anne Austin ([ABBAustin@aol.com](mailto:ABBAustin@aol.com); 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.

*Deadline for the  
September newsletter  
is October 11.*

## Trip Committee Report

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- **Tuesday, Sept. 29** Women in Military Service for America Memorial, Clara Barton House, and Historic Glen Echo Park; Lunch at the Inn at Glen Echo. *Status: Almost Full; Wait List is being started.*
- **Thursday, October 15** Gettysburg PA. *Status: Full with a Wait List; you may complete a LLI Tour Registration Form, but do not include check.*
- **November** – Italian Embassy tour led by Dick DiBuono. We are still waiting for confirmation from the Embassy on a specific date and time. When confirmed, group e-mails will be sent out to LLI members and flyers will be available at the next scheduled LLI Forum meeting.
- **Friday, Dec. 4** candlelight tour of Mt. Vernon Inn is being coordinated by Deanna deMember. When final arrangements have been made, group e-mails will be sent out to LLI members, and flyers will be available at the next scheduled LLI Forum meeting.



## Hospitality Appreciation

Trudy Hynes and Sally Reynolds

At the June Forum, the names of Carol and Ben Jacinto were omitted from the announcement of members who brought refreshments. They provided two trays of delicious whole grain fruit, nut bread. AND LISTEN UP, GUYS — Ben was the chef. Also, an error in the June newsletter listed Carolyn Blackwood as Carolyn Blackwell. Sorry, Carolyn.

## Where in the World Is LLI?

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Please join the study/travel group to select our trip for next year. We will meet on Thursday, Sept. 3 and Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 1:30 pm. The meetings will be at the Franconia District Government Center, 6121 Franconia Rd., Alexandria 22310 (just west of Beulah Rd.).

Some of the trips suggested are Iceland, Baltic Sea cruise, and Northern Italy-Switzerland. Information on these trips will be presented. If YOU have any ideas please bring them, along with some basic information on your trip.

## LLI Fall Program Catalogue Calendar

The Fall 2009 Program catalogue does not include a centerfold monthly calendar used by many as a handy reference for their classes. While we were developing the catalogue, the individual who has designed LLI's catalogues for a number of years had been ill and was recuperating; however, he was able to prepare the main part of the catalog for us. As the calendar is the most time consuming portion of the catalogue, we did not want to impose further on his recovery, and decided not to include the calendar for this issue. We have prepared a handwritten calendar which is now available on the LLI website: <http://lli.nova.org>. Copies may be requested by e-mail from Laura Charron at [lauragcharron@aol.com](mailto:lauragcharron@aol.com) or Mary Underwood at [maryunderwood29@verizon.net](mailto:maryunderwood29@verizon.net). There will be a limited number of hard copies available at the September Forum, primarily for members who do not have e-mail.

## Correction

Course 9F16A "Topics of Interest" — The subject of discussion for November 4 will be "The World With or Without Us," not "The World With or Without the U.S."

## Louise Sousk Honored and Elections Held at June Forum

During the June Forum, President Dick DiBuono honored Louise Sousk, one of LLI's founding members and chair of LLI's Trip Committee for ten years. Louise was instrumental in originating LLI's trip program and, with her committee, dedicated many hours organizing approximately 50 day trips and 25 overnight trips during her tenure as Committee Chair. Louise was presented with a special certificate of appreciation and a cake decorated with the names of many places LLI has toured. Thank you Louise, from all of us, for making those wonderful trips possible.

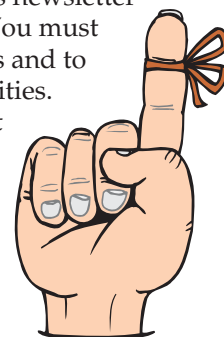
Immediately following the Forum, LLI's Annual Meeting was held during which new Board Members and Officers were elected for the Year 2009-2010. Retiring members were Gina Trapp, Deanna deMember, Doug Johnson, Don Reynolds, and Norma Hughes. Thanks to all for their tireless efforts. New members are Dottie Kilgore, Karren Scott, Ed McKnight, George Chalou, and Norma Hughes. New officers are President, Paul Hopler; Vice President, Bob Huley; Secretary, Dottie Kilgore; Treasurer, Phil Runge, and Immediate Past President, Dick DiBuono.

We also recognize Colletta Hammond and Kathy Hall, who so ably organized the newsletter and catalog mailings, and to Martha Siemering, who made sure there were cheerful greeters at the Forums and who also acknowledged new members for the newsletter. LLI cannot successfully manage without our dedicated volunteers. Bo Kelley will take over as Mailing Coordinator and Louise Blakely will coordinate Greeters and Membership. Their help and support are greatly appreciated; thanks everyone.

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## Membership Renewal Reminder

Please check the mailing label on this newsletter or 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.**



# From the LLI Scrapbook



*During the June Forum, Dick DiBuono presented LLI's Certificate of Appreciation to Louise Sousk.*



*Outgoing LLI president Dick DiBuono presented the gavel to incoming president Paul Hopler.*

## Awards, Elections, and a Picnic



*"Memory of Trips" cake presented to Louise Sousk.*

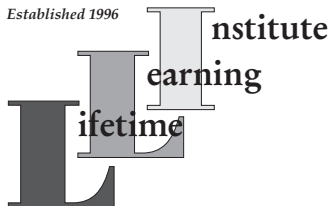


*Bonnie Hopler and her 2009 Picnic Committee.*



*Don Reynolds with the "Casey at the Bat" Team at the 2009 picnic.*

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