

Next LLI Forum

Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at 10 a.m.
(social hour at 9:30 a.m.)

*The Life and Adventures of a
 Television Weatherman: NBC-4's Chief
 Meteorologist, Bob Ryan*

Bob Ryan has been a TV weatherman since 1980. As the Chief Meteorologist at NBC-4, he has been providing weathercasts for the Washington area longer than any other local broadcast meteorologist. With a BS degree in Physics and a MS degree in Atmospheric Science from the University of Albany, Bob Ryan began his career as a researcher in cloud physics. He is active in the American Meteorological Society and in 1996 was elected its President.



Bob Ryan

With his rich experiences and broad knowledge, Bob will give us a behind-the-scenes look into the many challenges of weather forecasting, including some humorous adventures in being praised for good weather and blamed for the bad. He will also talk about climate change, a subject on which he is very well informed and which was the focus of a May 10 article he wrote for *USA Today*. Come to the Forum on October 6 and ask your own questions about the weather.

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

Mark Your Calendar for Future Forum Topic

November 3: Ben Boxer, Fairfax County Waste Management Dept. will "talk trash" and explain the County recycling program and other environmental issues.

A Peek at the Holidays

In next month's newsletter, you will receive an invitation to our December 9 Holiday Luncheon. We hope many of you will join in the festivities.

In the spirit of the holidays, our luncheon centerpieces will be small gift boxes filled with items (explained below) that we'll distribute to Joseph's Coat, which supports Bethany House of Northern Virginia (an organization that helps abused women and their children). We need your help to accomplish this. Our plan is to collect small-sized soaps, lotions, shampoos, *etc.*, such as those that hotels provide to their guests. So, as you travel over the next couple of months, please consider collecting these toiletries and bringing them with you to the October and November Forums. (Toiletries in small travel sizes may also be purchased at local drug and super market stores, and Wal-Mart).

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Lunch Bunch

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Following the Forum, join the Lunch Bunch at the **Family Restaurant** at 3051 Nutley St. in the Pan Am Shopping Center. The restaurant features a wide menu of foods at very reasonable cost.

Directions: From NOVA, turn left onto 236, then right onto Prosperity Ave. Turn left onto Arlington Blvd., then right onto Nutley St. to the Pan Am Center. The restaurant is located next to the CVS store.

Calendar of Events



October 2009

- 6 Forum (Tues.)
- 9 Board meeting
- 9 November newsletter deadline
- 15 Trip: Gettysburg, led by Mike Kelly and Mary O'Day
- 19 Newsletter mailing

December 2009

- No Forum, no newsletter
- 4 Winter update deadline
- 4 Trip: Candlelight tour of Mt. Vernon
- 9 LLI Holiday Luncheon
- 14 Newsletter mailing

November 2009

- 3 Forum (Tues.)
- 13 Board meeting
- 13 December newsletter deadline
- 20 Spy Trip of Washington
- 23 Newsletter mailing



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Also, at the luncheon we will have a "Cheers for Children" box to collect new non-gift-wrapped toys or books you may like to contribute to the children helped by Joseph's Coat. If you are not planning on attending the gathering, you can bring your donation to the next several Forums.

This project will definitely give us a head start in helping, even just a little bit, some people in need as we enter the holiday season.

The 2009 LLI Holiday Luncheon Committee



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IMPORTANT:

Report Address Changes

Laura Charron, Administrator

By now you have noticed that we are relying more on e-mail to communicate certain information to our members. **Please, remember** to notify the LLI office as soon as possible of a new e-mail address as well as a change in mailing address and/or telephone number. Notify the office by phone at 703-503-0600, or e-mail at llinova@juno.com.

President's Message

Sometimes to do a good job it is best to go back and look at just who we are. Our informational brochure defines us as: "LLI/NOVA is a non-profit, member-run organization dedicated to providing continuing educational opportunities to older adults."

This month I have been thinking about the "member-run" portion. In its conception thought was given to charging significant dues and obtaining outside financial support so as to have sufficient administrative staff to accomplish the many tasks required to achieve our goals. Indeed, many organizations do operate just that way and have a fine output. However, we chose the "member-run" route and have only a part-time administrator and the support of membership participation. Working together, we are effective in accomplishing the many tasks and goals we have set for LLI.

We have chosen that the members do the work, which starts at the top with the board of directors. Our board is not here to judge and pass edicts, but is a working dynamic with each member responsible for assuring the accomplishment and success of a sub-section of the overall program. The curriculum is put together by a hard-working group of people who find instructors (unpaid), topics, locations and work out the schedules of classes to accommodate the rest of the members. The travel leaders work hard at having a fine array of trips available. There are a large number of functional committees who make sure the Forums are well run, the special interest groups are productive, the social events are happy times, the relations with the school and other organizations are beneficial, and the news gets out.

Obviously, the next line is to encourage members to participate as that is the only way our organization works. It is said that you can only get out of something, what you put into it. I believe LLI is an exception. It is my experience that you get out *more* than what you put in.

Most of you have already had a successful career. Now at LLI you have the opportunity to develop personal relationships and a sense of accomplishment by helping to make sure a fine organization is even better.

Paul Hopler



Community Outreach

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The October 2009 food collection at the Forum will be donated to the Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC). The Center continues to reach out to the underprivileged families and children in need in the Lorton, Virginia area.

The need is as great as ever!

Along with their other continuing programs, the Center has just completed its annual school supplies drive and provided backpacks filled with the necessities for many area students to get a running start on the first day of school.

The Center gets regular food distribution from its corporate sponsors, Bloom, Bottom Dollar, and the Great Harvest Bread Store. However, it is only through the generous donations of individuals and organizations like LLI that the LCAC is able to make a difference in the lives of the families they serve. Although donations of any non-perishable foods are always appreciated, there is great need for cleaning supplies such as laundry and dishwashing detergents, and Fantastic or similar cleaners; plus baby supplies such as wipes, diapers (size 4 & 5), and baby food. These items are costly for these families, but seldom donated.

As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated. Pat Harrison will deliver our donations this month.



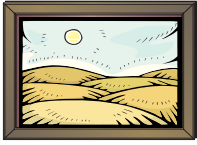
Want to Travel? Explore? Learn?

LLI's Trip Committee may be just what you are looking for. Join us to help plan future LLI trips, meet new people, and explore and research proposed travel locations. You will be part of a LLI Trip Committee team, as you gather information about future travel sites, near and far.

Interested? Questions?
Please email Martie Klee
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Special Interest Groups



Arts & Smarts

Donna Trogler, 703 751-8932 or
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On October 16, 2009, Arts & Smarts will be going to the National Museum of African Art for the exhibition of **Artful Animals**. This exhibition explores how African artists create striking art works using images based on an array of domestic and untamed animals. Animals are used as symbols of leadership, in masquerades and to tell the history and moral values of their makers. Many of the design elements are derived through direct observation of the animals in their natural habitat. For more information, please call Donna: 703 751-8932 or DTrogler@aol.com.



LLI Bridge Group

Bob or Merry Huley 703-534-4819 or
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October and November Play Dates —

In October, we will play on **Wednesday, October 14**, and **Wednesday, October 28**. In November, we will play on **Thursday, November 5**, and **Wednesday, November 18**. **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 me, if you would like to attend (or for more information) so that we can provide sufficient card tables.

Recent Results — The Group leader has remained on break (pun), and the results from the September games are not in yet. Check back next month and see who is playing their cards right.



LLI Community Theater

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Contact Norma if you wish to be included in the list of members

interested in this Special Interest Group.

Marion Jacknow has stepped up to host the October theater event. Plan to attend the Dominion Stage performers witty comedy "Glorious" on Sunday, October 11, at 2 p.m., in the Gunston Arts Center Theater One, 2700 S. Lang Street, Arlington, VA. The play is about the joyful Florence Foster Jenkins, who had a passion for singing, but a voice of disastrous proportions that left audiences crying with laughter. Spinning from her bizarre recording sessions, unbelievable recitals and an ultimate triumph at New York's Carnegie Hall his is a true, heart-warming story about a group of eccentric friends who lived their dreams. Tickets are \$15 for seniors (tickets are purchased individually by mail or at the door).

Those interested in seeing the play should contact Marion at 703-698-8702, or e-mail mjacknow@aol.com. She will send e-mails providing further details, directions, and options for after-theater refreshments as the theater date draws near. Hope many of you will plan to enjoy this theatre endeavor together.



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, Oct. 2, 2009; 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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

The 3rd Friday of the month we usually meet at the George Mason Regional Library, but due to their annual October book sale this time we will be meeting:

Date/Time: Friday, Oct. 16, 2009; 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Place: To be determined and announced at the October Forum.

For more information on any of the above, e-mail Marion Jacknow at mjacknow@aol.com or call 703-698-8702.



Favorite Books Club

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Date: Thursday, October 15

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Place: Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. **(NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION)**

After reading about the life of Julia Childs in Paris last month, we decided to stay in Paris for our October book. The story in "The Elegance of the Hedgehog", by Muriel Barbery and Alison Anderson, takes place at an elegant hotel in the center of Paris. We learn about many of the tenants from one of the main characters, the concierge, who has a habit of scrutinizing the lives of the habitants. As she befriends a 12 year old girl tenant, they find they are kindred souls and their stories flow from there. The book cover describes the story as a moving, witty and redemptive novel that exalts the quiet victories of the inconspicuous among us.

Deadline for the November newsletter is October 9.



LLI Gourmands

Fifteen Gourmands dined at the Springfield Country Club on August 24. This event was arranged by Barbara Woods. Afterward, Barbara

invited those present to her home for an afternoon of "Chickenfoot," a fun version of dominoes.

Karren Scott has planned the September event. It is at the Cosmopolitan Grill in Alexandria on Wednesday, September 30, at noon. Please contact Karren by September 25 if you wish to attend, 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.

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

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The next meeting of Nimble Fingers is scheduled for Friday, October 9, 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. New participants are always welcome. For further information, or if you are new to the group, please contact Bev Portman.



Walkabouts

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So far, no walks have been scheduled for the fall, as Liddell is not able to continue leading the group. If someone is interested in assuming leadership, please e-mail Liddell or stop by the Volunteer Table at the October Forum. It would be a shame to have to discontinue these pleasant monthly outings.

Trip Committee Report

At the LLI Forum on Tuesday, Sept. 1, Anne Austin and Martie Klee introduced themselves as the new co-chairs of the LLI Trip Committee (TC) and presented a variety of trips that the TC has tentatively planned for 2010. The tentative day trips include Virginia Garden Week in April; the National Institutes of Health Genome Research Institute; Ellicott City, MD; and Chestertown, MD. The tentative overnights trips include an Elderhostel to Chautauqua Institution NY in May and a tour of Bucks County/Brandywine PA in October.

In addition, they announced that the candlelight tour of Mt. Vernon is scheduled for Friday, December 4. The Trip Description and Reservation Form are inserted in this newsletter.

Also, at the Forum they announced that our new LLI member, Carol Bessette, has agreed to lead a "Spy Tour of Washington" in November. Carol will be teaching a course on "Spies in Our Midst" on Monday, October 19. The tour itself has been scheduled for Friday, November 20. The Trip Description and Reservation form are also inserted in this newsletter.

Handymen and Tradesmen List

Anne Austin (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.

Volunteer Opportunities

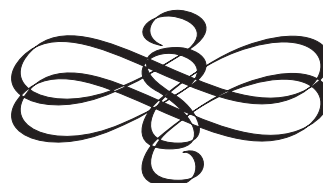
The *Forum Speakers Committee* seeks additional members. Please notify Joseph Pincus, Chair, if you can join the committee in the task of finding volunteer speakers for a small token of appreciation. Anyone with established contacts to a source of speakers is especially welcome.

The *Forum Refreshments Committee* needs LLI members to bring edible contributions for the social time preceding the Forums. Please learn what is needed and sign up for future Forum meetings when you stop by the Volunteer Table, or speak with committee co-chairs Trudy Hynes or Sally Reynolds.

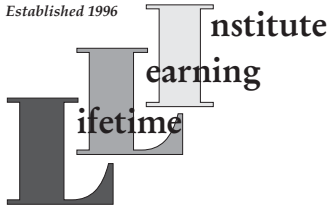
Volunteers are required in every phase of LLI operations. Identify where your interest is highest and contact the chairs or any member of the committees listed in the organization chart distributed with the September Newsletter.

Information is available from all Board members as well. Each monthly newsletter has a list of the Board members. Any or all of them will be delighted to find an opportunity for you to contribute your skills and talents.

Remember that "Lifetime Learning" is not limited to the classroom lecture or travel tour. It includes learning from and about our fellow members by working together and enjoying their company.



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LLI Fall Curriculum Update

Course 9F18A ("Fairfax History: A Potpourri") Registrants:

Due to commitments of two of the various presenters, the subject of the first session on October 28 listed in the catalog has been rescheduled for November 18, and the subject of the November 18 session will be presented on October 28.

Course 9F33P ("Economics Presentation by NVCC Faculty") Registrants:

The additional economics presentation mentioned in the catalog will be held on Friday, October 30, 1:30-3:00 p.m. in Seminar Rooms C & D, Ernst Cultural Center. This presentation, "Tax Cuts or Government Spending — Which Way Forward to Combat the Recession in the U.S. Economy," will be conducted by Professor Michael Heslop and a colleague from the Annandale Campus.

