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View of the CF Building overlooking the lake.

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# News & Views

November 2021

## Wednesday, November 3

### LLI/NOVA FORUM VIA ZOOM

Social Zoom: 9:30 a.m. Announcements: 9:50 a.m. **Forum Presentation: 10:00 a.m.**  
(Click on the link in the email announcement)

### Inside the Udvar-Hazy Space Center

**Colonel Scott A. Willey, USAF (Ret.)**, a long-time docent at the National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, will provide an overview of the huge Smithsonian facility near Dulles International Airport.

He will focus on the five artifacts that, over the years, have generated the most awe: the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird reconnaissance aircraft; the Anglo-French Concorde supersonic airliner; the Space Shuttle orbiter Discovery; Boeing's 367-80, the technology demonstrator for the 707; and the Boeing B-29 Superfortress Enola Gay.



A native Californian and a graduate of San Jose State College, Col. Willey began his career in 1968 and served in a variety of command and staff positions from the squadron and system program office level through the Office of Secretary of Defense. As part of the Strategic Air Command, he spearheaded the in-air refueling program for the KC-10 airplane.

Col. Willey started with the Museum as a docent at its storage and restoration facility in 1977. From 1996 to 2018 he also served as a volunteer restorer on projects including the historic Goodyear blimp control car, the Apollo Telescope Mount from Skylab, and the B-29 Enola Gay. He co-authored NASM Docent Guides on Aircraft, Space, Propulsion, and Armament.

Col. Willey holds a BS in Industrial Engineering; an MS in Systems Management; and is a graduate, former faculty member, and dean of the National Defense University. In addition to his teaching experience, he has authored several magazine articles, helped teach several courses at Colgate University (e.g., "Advent of the Atomic Bomb"), and for nearly 20 years has been the book review editor for the Air Force Historical Foundation's Air Power History journal.



## President's Message

New Covid guidelines were drafted at our LLI/NOVA Board's September meeting. These affect attendance at

classes, Forums, and Special Interest Groups, and were designed to maximize the safety of members, presenters, and coordinators. They are included in this issue of our newsletter.

There have been several recent changes to our LLI/NOVA leadership team. Regretfully, Mary Jablonski and Nan Peck have resigned their positions as members of the Board in order to deal with health issues. We will miss their contributions. Mary also served as our newsletter editor. Nan was coordinator for many classes, initiated our social media presence, and served as a liaison to NOVA and the NOVA faculty. Cathy Becker will fill the seat vacated by Mary. Debbie Cohen will fill Nan's seat and will also serve as LLI/NOVA's Assistant Treasurer. Pat Neri will review our monthly treasurer's report.

LLI/NOVA's newly formed Membership Outreach Committee is doing a fantastic job of promoting our classes, Forums, and Special Interest Groups to the community. This is important since our membership base has decreased a bit due to the pandemic.

Our most effective means of gaining new members has always been through members recruiting friends. I encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors to participate in LLI programs. If you would like additional information about our Membership Outreach Committee, please contact me and I will put you in touch with our Committee Chair.

And finally: Do you enjoy traveling to exciting places, both here at home and abroad? Does the idea of exploring foreign cultures, visiting famous art museums, seeing ancient architecture up close, taking a cruise along a distant river, or sampling the cuisine of a

foreign culture appeal to you? LLI/NOVA's Study/Travel Program has done all of these things for many years.

Although the program has been inactive during the pandemic, I would like to start the planning and preparation required to get us traveling again. If you would like to be involved, please contact me.

Derick Malis [derickmalis@gmail.com](mailto:derickmalis@gmail.com)



## Community Outreach

For most of us, November means pumpkins and turkeys, abundance, family, and thankfulness. But we all know that for many, these blessings are elusive, and there may not be family.

Food pantries hope to draw in donations so they can give extra assistance for Thanksgiving. Please consider writing a check or taking non-perishables to one of the pantries in our area. It can make a big difference to the recipients.

We also give thanks to those LLI/NOVA members who have helped collect and deliver donated goods to various pantries each month when they were brought to our Forum in the past. The Forums will meet again in person, and when they do, we will continue the collections. In the meantime, checks and your own drop-offs are the best way to help.



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

- Jean Miller
- Julianne Wojay

## LLI COVID-19 Policy

Effective immediately, all attendees at in-person LLI functions, including classes, forums, and excursions must show proof of full vaccination (at least 14 days since the second shot of Pfizer or Moderna, or at least 14 days since the Johnson & Johnson shot) and masks shall be worn and must cover the wearer's nose and mouth for the duration of the event. Gators or face shields are not acceptable substitutes for a face mask. Exceptions to comply with local guidance where compliance with this policy would be impractical (i.e., "Foodies and Friends" and "Visual and Performing Arts") are permissible at the group leader's discretion.

Instructors/presenters are required to comply with the vaccination requirement but may remove their face mask while presenting. An empty row at the front of the classroom will be established to maintain additional distance from the presenter.



## Special Interest Groups



### Cultural Excursions



Tuesday, November 9, 11:00 a.m.  
The O Street Museum, Dupont Circle, Washington, D.C.

Want to add a little intrigue to your life? Registration for LLI's O Street Museum Tour is open until noon on November 1. The tour will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 9. The museum is a combination of five row houses containing more than 100 rooms and 70 secret doors. Its history includes that it served as a rooming house for the FBI in the 1930s and Mrs. Rosa Parks' home-away-from-home for a number of years.

LLI/NOVA member Debi Hunsberger will serve as the trip manager. Click [here](#) for more information and to sign up.

### We Had a Fun September Excursion!

In September, several members enjoyed the wine and beer tasting outing to Barrel Oak Winery. It was a gorgeous day. Our views of the rolling hills covered with the greenery of the trees were spectacular: We hope you can join us at our next outing!

### Financial Discussion

Thursday, November 11,  
1:00 p.m. on Zoom



No meeting in December;  
the next will be January 13, 2022.

Would you like to join a lively group of LLI/NOVA members who talk about the fascinating and frustrating world of finance and investments? Whether you are a neophyte looking for some answers or Warren Buffett's



LLI members at Barrel Oak Winery

secret advisor, we think you will find this group enjoyable and informative.

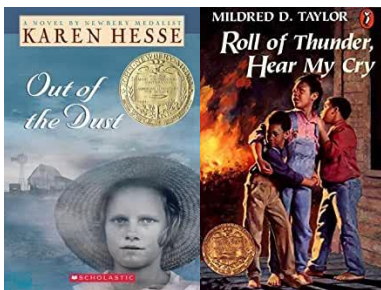
Questions? Contact Doug Johnson,  
[llinovadoug@gmail.com](mailto:llinovadoug@gmail.com) 703-628-3115

## Favorite Books Club

Thursday, November 18, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: TBD, either Zoom or in person at Braddock District Governmental Center, meeting room 9002, Burke Lake Rd.

We will discuss two novels, both Newbery Award-winners, and compare the lives of the young girls who are the main characters in each:



1. "Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry" by Mildred D. Taylor. It chronicles the struggles of African Americans in 1930s Mississippi, as seen through the eyes of nine-year-old Cassie Logan.

2. "Out of the Dust" by Karen Hesse, written in free verse. The setting is Oklahoma during the Great Depression when dust storms devastated the land, impacting the lives of 14-year-old Billie Joe and her family.

Questions? Contact Lynne Smaldone,  
[smaldonega@hotmail.com](mailto:smaldonega@hotmail.com)

## Photography

Friday, November 19, 10:00 a.m. - noon

Braddock District Governmental Center meeting room, 9002 Burke Lake Rd. (Kings Park Library building)



The Photography SIG has resumed in-person meetings, and new members are always welcome. Please note that Fairfax County regulations require

masks to be worn at our meeting location. Meetings are held on the third Friday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Members have a wide range of photographic abilities and interests and share a desire to hone existing skills or learn new ones. Regular cameras as well as cell phone cameras are used by members, so no special equipment is needed.

Meetings center on a specific topic or area of interest decided by the group and include display and discussion of photos taken by members based on that monthly theme. Recent themes include Spring, chimneys, a self-assignment, and the color Vivid Green. Members select one photo from each theme, which is then posted on the LLI/NOVA website. Meetings also include discussion and instructional videos on various aspects of photography.

Questions? Contact Buck Myers,  
[hbm@hbmphoto.com](mailto:hbm@hbmphoto.com)

### Message from our previous, long-serving newsletter editor

Thanks for your "Get Well" messages

Your cards, emails and telephone calls are greatly appreciated. My life is finally settling down after the mid-year chaos. I am staying at Country Meadows (Assisted Living) in Frederick, Md., to be near my son, who provides both electronic and day-to-day chore assistance. Chemotherapy felt very helpful, but also attacked my system, making it unable to protect me from other infections after the last two tries. I will try again shortly. Ever the optimist, I hope to be back home in Vienna in January.

Happy holidays until I see you again, Mary Jablonski

## Foodies and Friends

Tuesday, November 16, at 12:30 p.m.

**Our Mom Eugenia**, 2985 District Ave., Suite 185 Mosaic District, Fairfax



We're gastronomically headed to the sunny islands of Greece at Our Mom Eugenia, located in the Mosaic District on

Gallows Road. The owners proudly say this restaurant is named after their mother as a token of appreciation for everything she has done over the years. Head Chef Eugenia learned the secrets of Greek cuisine from her grandmother for whom she was named. She was most recently a chef at Nostos in Tysons Corner, where she worked since it opened in 2011.

Chef Eugenia's dishes have received glowing reviews from Tom Sietsema of The Washington Post and several food blogs. Tom says: "There are two more staples of the Greek kitchen I always look forward to: soft string beans in tomato sauce and crisp-tender roast potatoes, typically served as companions to entrees. The keys to nailing the latter are slow roasting and seasonings including oregano, rosemary, olive oil and lemon in particular. (Where would Greek food be without lemons?)."

The restaurant addresses the social climate abroad with a chalkboard quote in the foyer: "Despite the horrible inequities in Greece, charity, generosity, kindness, sympathy, spontaneity are virtues which Greeks as a whole possess to a high degree."

Free parking is available behind the restaurant in the enclosed ground level parking lot. Enter on Merrifield Cinema Drive.

We have reserved 16 spaces and will need to give the restaurant a final number of attendees by November 10. Please respond to [pattivolz@verizon.net](mailto:pattivolz@verizon.net) by November 9.



## 25th Anniversary, Holiday Luncheon

After a tough pandemic year, join us on Thursday, December 2, at the Country Club of Fairfax to celebrate the holiday season and LLI/NOVA's 25th anniversary. We will celebrate the accomplishments of our organization as we anticipate the future, which looks bright.

Thanks to the Board of Directors, in recognition of the 25th anniversary, LLI will pay \$10 toward each attendee's registration, resulting in a discounted fee of \$25 per person for members and \$30 for non-members.

The registration form to attend the luncheon is on the website and included with this newsletter. You can register online or by mail and pay via credit card or check.

If you want to brighten the holidays for children, bring a new, unwrapped toy for kids from newborn to 10 years old. The toys will be delivered to Bethany House, which assists women and children suffering abuse.

Following LLI's COVID-19 policy and the policy at the Country Club for this event, you must show proof of full vaccination to participate. Masks must be worn except when in the ballroom, which is our private event space.

Questions? Contact Bonnie Hopley, [bdhopley@gmail.com](mailto:bdhopley@gmail.com) or 703-978-9381

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## Annual Holiday Luncheon

Thursday, December 2, 2021

<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Cash Bar Opens at 11 a.m. Luncheon at Noon	The Country Club of Fairfax 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax, Virginia	Members: \$25 Non-Members: \$30

### RESERVATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15TH

**Directions:** From the Beltway, take the Braddock Road West exit. Go approximately 5- $\frac{1}{2}$  miles (just past George Mason University) and turn left onto Ox Road. Go approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile and turn right into the Country Club (entrance is in front of the large white sports tent). Follow road until it dead-ends in the parking lot in front of the clubhouse.

*Don't forget toys for the children! This is completely voluntary, but if you choose to participate, bring a new, non-gift-wrapped toy for distribution to children ages birth-10 at Bethany House of Northern Virginia.*

Please fill out the Reservation Form below and return with check.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Choice:  Chicken Marsala  
 Beef Tenderloin Tips  
 Vegetarian

Total No. of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Make check payable to LLI/NOVA  
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Annandale, VA 22003-3743

**Reservation Deadline: November 15th**

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December 2, 2021 Holiday Luncheon

Members: \$25  
Non-Members: \$30

Country Club of Fairfax