



## President's Message



I want to give a big shout-out to our Visual and Performing Arts SIG Coordinator, Anna Dixon, who made all of the arrangements, including securing blocks of discount tickets, for the recent presentation of "Hadestown" at the Kennedy Center. Anna also arranged for two cast members to address our attendees in a Zoom session two weeks before the performance. Thirty LLI/NOVA members and guests attended the performance, and no one was disappointed. The high-energy musical had me toe-tapping and head-bobbing throughout, particularly during the New Orleans-style renditions of "Way Down in Hadestown" and "Whatcha Gonna Do When the Chips are Down." I'm looking forward to future programs offered through our VPA Special Interest Group.

Your LLI/NOVA Board took several measures at our October meeting:

- Approved seven academic and leadership scholarships totaling \$18,000 for NOVA students at the Annandale campus. We are able to provide this crucial help because of our members' generous support of this year's scholarship drive.
- Created an annual LLI/NOVA Meritorious Service Award. One or two members who have made extraordinary contributions to LLI/NOVA will be acknowledged at each Annual Holiday Luncheon and presented with a certificate. Each year's recipient(s) will also have their name(s) added to a plaque that will be displayed in our office on the Annandale campus of NOVA.
- Decided to send emails – possibly with time-sensitive memorial service information – to our membership notifying us of the passing of fellow LLI/NOVA members, after obtaining the family's approval. Also with the family's permission, we will include an "in memoriam" notice in our monthly newsletter.
- Decided to not only acknowledge new members in each month's newsletter, but to add the recruiting members' names when they are known. Hopefully, this will encourage other members to recruit their friends and neighbors.

I mentioned in my President's Message last month that I would like to begin revitalizing our Study/Travel Committee.

### \*\*\*\*\* FORUMS \*\*\*\*\*

Note: There will be NO Forum in December.

Our next Forum will be held on **January 5**. Our speaker is a specialist in brain and neurological activity. Her talk will focus on adapting and coping with traumatic brain injury. Stay tuned for details about this Forum and speaker in our January newsletter.

Although I don't anticipate that LLI/NOVA will be planning any international travel in the near future, domestic trips could happen sooner. In any event, a planning process will have to be created long before actual excursions can take place. If you are interested in travel and would like to participate in the planning, please contact me at [derickmalis@gmail.com](mailto:derickmalis@gmail.com).

I'm looking forward to attending our 25th Anniversary, Holiday Luncheon on December 2, at the Fairfax Country Club. Registration has been extended to November 22, so it's not too late to sign up. Don't forget to bring your Covid-19 vaccination card, which will be checked at the sign-in table.

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



## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Holiday Luncheon Online Registration extended to November 22

More information on the luncheon and a link to sign up online may be found by clicking [here](#). Questions? Contact Bonnie Hopley, [bdhopley@gmail.com](mailto:bdhopley@gmail.com) or 703-978-9381.

### Holiday Gift Idea!



Not sure what to get a special friend, family member or neighbor this holiday season? A gift membership to LLI/NOVA could be the answer. For more than 25 years, LLI/NOVA members have designed and participated in engaging classes, activities, travel, and special interest groups. We invite you to help recruit new members by providing a distinctive gift that keeps on giving for a year. LLI/NOVA membership provides stimulating educational and cultural opportunities to adults age 50+ for a modest annual membership fee of \$110. All classes are included with the membership.

Giving this gift is easy. Sign up on behalf of the recipient by clicking on this link: <https://llinova.org/lli-nova-homepage/gift-membership/>, which will direct you to the new "Gift Membership" page on the website. The page includes instructions for purchasing a gift membership online or through the mail. We will send a welcome email to the recipient letting them know that you sent this thoughtful gift.

Alternatively, if you know an active adult who is interested in inspired learning, travel, and friendship, tell that person why a membership in LLI/NOVA is so rewarding. Joining is easy: visit <https://llinova.org/> and click on "Apply for Membership." Email questions about the process to [admin@llinova.org](mailto:admin@llinova.org).

Please help us grow our membership to strengthen our organization and support our wide variety of activities. We welcome other ideas for recruitment. Contact our membership outreach chair, Mary Alexander, at [mary@mkalexander.com](mailto:mary@mkalexander.com).

### Community Outreach



What is the difference between a food pantry and a food bank? One answer: food pantries directly serve families who are requesting help. Food banks serve as a central clearing house for food and help supply the pantries, though they normally do not meet with individual family recipients.

The LLI October Forum speaker was Charles Meng, CEO of Arlington Food Assistance Center, a food pantry that is the largest volunteer organization in Arlington County. The median income in Arlington is \$120,000 per year, but among AFAC families, it is \$14,400 per year. According to the AFAC website, food donations are critical to "helping relieve the food budgets of clients, thereby allowing them to make other necessary purchases without sacrificing their health and nutrition needs."

If you can assist, monetary donations are accepted at: <https://afac.org/donate> or mail to: P.O. Box 6261, Arlington, VA 22206. AFAC also takes donations by phone at 703-845-8486. The main warehouse is located at 2708 S. Nelson St. in Arlington.

If you attend the LLI/NOVA anniversary and holiday luncheon December 2, look for the table centerpiece honoring "Community Outreach." It will highlight the food pantries to which LLI members have contributed over the years.

## Another Great Year for LLI/NOVA Scholarships



LLI/NOVA members responded generously to this year's scholarship fundraising appeal by donating \$17,103, which (added to carryover funds from last year) enabled us to offer

\$18,000 in scholarships for the upcoming academic year.

Our Scholarship Committee decides what kinds and how many scholarships to award, how much money is provided by each scholarship, and the qualifications of recipients. This year we decided that recipients must be enrolled at least half time and have NOVA Annandale as their primary campus, except when studying online from a remote location.

Awardees are then selected by NOVA's Office of Student Financial Aid and managed by the NOVA Educational Foundation, a private organization established to benefit NOVA and its students.

Our recipients have always been exceptionally qualified, deserving, and grateful. Community colleges such as NOVA attract hard-working, smart, motivated students from low-income families. Many balance jobs and family responsibilities with their educational programs. Many are from immigrant or minority groups.

This year, we are offering the following scholarships:

- LLI Academic Scholarships to students with demonstrated financial need and at least a 3.0 grade point average (GPA).
- LLI Leadership Scholarships to students who have shown outstanding leadership fostering unity among a diverse, multicultural student body.
- The LLI Loren Goodrich Academic Scholarship to a student with demonstrated financial need and at least a 3.5 GPA.
- The LLI Knox Singleton Leadership Scholarship to a student who has shown superior leadership, motivation, skill, activity and results, including active leadership in campus organizations and community service programs.

Next year, the Scholarship Committee intends to add a new scholarship category supporting studies in vocational/technical subjects.

The Scholarship Committee will keep LLI members informed as this year's scholarships are awarded. If pandemic conditions permit, we hope to be able to meet our scholarship recipients in person.



## Welcome, new members!

We hope you will participate in our classes and volunteer your time and talent.

- Marian Drohan
- Joyce Dyck
- Rod Dyck
- Susan Jagen

## Special Interest Groups



### Financial Discussion



No meeting in December.

Next meeting will be

Thursday, January 13, 1:00 p.m

Contact Doug Johnson,  
[linoavadoug@gmail.com](mailto:linoavadoug@gmail.com)

### Photography

Friday, December 17, 10:00 a.m. - noon

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



New members are always welcome, no matter your experience or level of expertise. Meetings are held on the third Friday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Regular cameras as well as cell phone cameras are used by members, so no special equipment is needed.

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

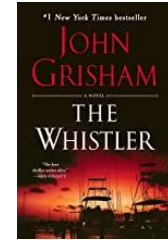
## Mystery Book Club



Monday, December 6  
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Kings Park Library

Book: "Look For Me" by Lisa Gardner



Monday, January 3  
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Kings Park Library

Book: "The Whistler" by John Grisham

Contact Mary Lu Bednarsky,  
[mlbednarsky@gmail.com](mailto:mlbednarsky@gmail.com)

## Tabletop Games



Tuesday, January 25, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Kings Park Library

The featured game will be "Mille Bornes." Come join us for some fun and laughter!

Contact Mary Lu Bednarsky,  
[mlbednarsky@gmail.com](mailto:mlbednarsky@gmail.com)

## Favorite Books Club

There is no meeting in December.

### LLI Children's Book Drive

A heartfelt thank-you to all who contributed to our annual Children's Book Drive. R.E.A.D.'s "Give A Book, Nourish A Mind" will be receiving 113 books from us this year. Your generosity to this worthy cause is much appreciated.

Lynne Smaldone



## Foodies and Friends -----Goes Italian



Wednesday, December 15,  
12:30 p.m.

Ristorante Bonaroti  
428 Maple Ave. East, Vienna

Looking forward to a quiet, satisfying lunch before the craziness of the holidays begins? Join us! For more than 30 years, the Bonaroti Family has provided its guests with an experience that is sure to take you into a culinary world of excellence. Bonaroti is consistently rated one of the best Italian restaurants in the area according to Open Table. Separate checks will be provided, and there is plenty of parking. Please RSVP to our host, Edie Berman ([ediebe@aol.com](mailto:ediebe@aol.com)), by December 10. The restaurant is fully accessible, and handicapped parking is close by.

## Coming Soon! Registration for Spring Classes

The Curriculum Committee has been hard at work putting the final touches on the spring catalog. We will have 50 classes covering a broad range of topics both in person and online. You are sure to find something that sparks your interest. The catalog will be published on the web site and e-mailed to members on December 6. Registration for classes will open on December 13 at 10:00 a.m. Spring term will run from January 3 to May 27.

Not sure how to use the website or sign up for classes? A "Newcomers' Orientation" will be held on December 9 at 1:00 p.m. at the Braddock District Supervisor's Conference Room in the Kings Park Library (9002 Burke Lake Rd.). Registration is not required, but please e-mail Dick Robison, Curriculum chair, at [curriculum@llinova.org](mailto:curriculum@llinova.org) if you plan to attend.

*In Memoriam*



### Yung-Kuang Wu

Longtime LLI/NOVA member Yung-Kuang Wu passed away on October 11, 2021. He and his wife, Nell, joined LLI in 2007.

After graduating from National Taiwan University with a degree in Engineering, Yung immigrated to the United States in 1958 to further his education. He ultimately received a Master's in Electrical Engineering at Kansas State University, after which he moved to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he completed a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and acquired a passion for Michigan football. During his years of study, he met his future wife, Nell, in New York. They were married in 1963 at the Harvard University chapel in Boston.

In Massachusetts, Yung worked as a Professor of Engineering at Southern Massachusetts University, and then at the Charles Draper Lab and the Mitre Corporation. After moving to the Washington, D.C., area, he worked at the U.S. Department of Transportation as part of its radar car program, designing many of the smart-car safety features found in today's cars, and later for 22 years as a civilian in the U.S. Army as part of the Star Wars project on missile defense. He received a special award for his lifetime of work when he retired.

In addition to gardening, jogging, travel, and classical music, Yung was an accomplished painter. He also had quite a varied interest in LLI classes, particularly the opera classes. In addition, he was an enthusiastic member of the former French Conversationalists Special Interest Group and enjoyed attending the poetry group open houses and LLI holiday luncheons.