



# News & Views

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**FORUMS: There will be no Forums in July or August. Next Forum is Wednesday, September 7.**

## President's Message



If you see unfamiliar faces during Zoom or in-person classes this summer session, don't be surprised. As part of the collaboration with our sister organization in Arlington, Encore Learning, we have invited their

members to participate in some of our summer classes. "Summer Camp" is an opportunity for Encore Learning members to continue taking classes during the summer when their organization is between sessions. Encore Learning will reciprocate this Fall by permitting LLI members to participate in Encore Learning classes (paying only their typical per-class fee) without having to join that organization.

On June 1, LLI conducted its Annual Membership Meeting – mandated by our by-laws -- immediately preceding our June Forum on Zoom. With a quorum in place, Pat Neri, who deserves our great thanks for chairing the Nominating Committee, presented our slate of officers and new board members for fiscal year 2023. LLI members voted to approve them. Effective July 1, our board will consist of the following members and officers:

- President: Derick Malis
- Vice President: Patti Volz
- Treasurer: Debbie Cohen
- Secretary: Gina Trapp
- Past President: Anna Dixon
- Richard Ackerman
- Mary Alexander
- Cathy Becker
- Steve Cohen
- Dina Cotlier

- David Drachsler
- Fritz Ernst
- Carol Fagnani
- Richard Martin
- Paul Massell
- Dick Robison

The meeting continued with a brief review of our financial situation and the FY 2023 budget that was approved at our May board meeting. We currently are on sound financial footing, but our expenditures do exceed our income due to reduced membership (Covid). The FY23 budget is projected to have a deficit of about \$3,000, despite several cost-cutting measures. LLI dues will not be raised at this time, although the board will reevaluate the budget in six months. Since our income is almost solely membership-dues-dependent, please reach out to your friends and neighbors and encourage them to join LLI. Also, remember that our website allows any LLI member to "gift" someone an annual membership.

This month's shout-out goes to Board Member Loren Brandman. Loren has served on the LLI Board for several years and will be rotating off on July 1. Loren served in numerous leadership positions with LLI/NOVA, including Treasurer and Nominating Committee Chair, and currently serves as Secretary, Chair of Budget & Finance Committee, and on our Newsletter Committee. Loren's writing skills are invaluable to LLI. She drafted an article that was published in the March editions of the Northern Virginia Gazette which beautifully conveyed LLI's mission, programs, and membership benefits to those readers. Loren's knack for distilling board discussions into

meaningful motions and decisions has made us a more efficient governing body. And, finally, I thank Loren for her availability and wise counsel to me during my first year as president.

Derick Malis  
LLI/NOVA President

### LLI Assistant Treasurer Needed

Are you looking for a new challenge? Do you enjoy working with numbers? LLI is searching for a member to fill the very important role of Assistant Treasurer for fiscal year 2023. You will assist newly-elected Treasurer Debbie Cohen with her responsibilities, which include receiving funds and paying financial obligations. Please contact Debbie at 571-334-4630 or [debbiecohen4626@gmail.com](mailto:debbiecohen4626@gmail.com)

### Special Zoom class

#### Culture Wars Creating American Political Refugees in the 21st Century



LLI members are invited to join an Encore Learning Presents event, co-sponsored by the Arlington Public Library.

**Monday, June 27**  
**3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Speaker:** Lindsay Church, Executive Director, Minority Veterans of America

During the 2020 elections, politicians claimed that they were “fighting for the soul of America.” Since then, we’ve seen unprecedented attacks against many of the fundamental rights Americans hold dear – voting, reproductive health, bodily autonomy, LGBTQ protections, and more. The changing landscape of American politics will have deep and lasting impacts that go well beyond political races and into the lives of real Americans.

Our speaker will examine the rise of restrictive state and federal policies and how they are creating American political refugees and forcing citizens to flee the states they call home. For more information, click [here](#).

Lindsay Church is the Executive Director and co-founder of [Minority Veterans of America](#), a nonprofit dedicated to advancing equity for minority and underrepresented veterans, and is a community organizer and activist who regularly [testifies before Congress](#). Church uses storytelling and personal narrative to educate and change culture and perceptions.

Advance registration is not required. Just connect to this free event online via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84268052749> You may be prompted to enter your name and email address.

### Community Outreach

Thanks for all you do to help your favorite food programs. So many live on the margins, juggling rent, food, medications, and gas to name a few essentials.



School is out and that means kids may not have the usual food safety net. Please keep donating food or money to your favorite charity.



### Study/Travel Program Survey

The Study/Travel Committee is assessing the interest in LLI travel opportunities through a travel survey; the link was emailed to members. If you have not filled out the survey and wish to do so, click here: [Travel survey](#). Survey responses are due by June 30. Please submit only once. Thank you!

## Special Interest Groups



The following Special Interest Groups will **not** meet in July or August:

- Favorite Books
- Mystery Books
- Financial Discussion Group

The Photography SIG **will** meet July 15 (but not in August). Contact Buck Myers, [hbm@hbmphoto.com](mailto:hbm@hbmphoto.com)



## Foodies & Friends



Thursday, July 14, 12:30 p.m.

**Silver Diner**  
8150 Porter Road, Merrifield,  
(across Gallows Road from  
the Mosaic District)

The Foodies are going “al fresco” under a gazebo tent. Rain or shine, we will dine in a lovely, completely covered outdoor area that even provides fans if the day is too hot. Choose from a wide variety of appetizers, entrees, sandwiches, salads, delicious desserts, ice cream shakes, and even breakfast or brunch. Menu items include seasonal selections, some made from locally-grown ingredients, and customizable options to address individual dietary needs such as heart healthy, gluten-free, vegetarian, or plant-based vegan. You may preview the extensive menu at [www.silverdiner.com](http://www.silverdiner.com). Coincidentally, July 14 is Bastille Day; so feel free to wear red, white, and blue in honor of *liberté, égalité, fraternité*.

Please respond to Bev Portman by July 12 at [firse@juno.com](mailto:firse@juno.com). The outdoor dining area is in the back, not visible from Gallows Road, and is handicap accessible. There is a large parking lot in the back adjacent to the outdoor dining area. Individual checks will be provided.

## Cultural Excursions



### Lotus Blossoms

Friday, July 15, 9:30  
a.m.

### Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens

1550 Anacostia Ave NE, Washington, DC

We have planned our visit when the beautiful lotus flowers and water lilies are in peak bloom at this National Park. Family and friends are welcome to join us on this outing. We will be given a ranger-led tour of the gardens and learn of the park’s history, the wildlife found along the Anacostia River, and the flowers blooming. Register by July 8. There is no cost. Questions? Contact Carol Fagnani (contact info is available in the LLI [member directory](#)).

### Afternoon Tea with Mrs. B



Thursday, September 15  
2:00 p.m.

**Tea with Mrs. B**  
136 W. Jefferson Street  
Falls Church, VA 22046

Enjoy a delicious afternoon tea of sandwiches, scones, and desserts. Please register and pay before September 7 at noon. The cost is \$52 for members and \$57 for nonmember guests. Questions? Contact Bonnie Hopley, [bdhopley@gmail.com](mailto:bdhopley@gmail.com).



## Welcome, New Members!

- Shelley Jennings – saw article about LLI in the Walkinshaw Advisory newsletter
- Gladys Robinson – saw the article about LLI in the Golden Gazette
- Eileen Larence – also saw the Golden Gazette article.