



News & Views

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



President's Message

I hope you are having a wonderful summer and that you are taking advantage of our many LLI programs and activities:

- 20 classes offered in July and August
- Three of our Special Interest Groups (SIGS) will meet in August: Bridge, Foodies & Friends, and Tabletop games.
- A visit to the National Museum of the U.S. Army at Fort Belvoir on August 30 (limited to 20). See the article on page 2.
- Two "Encore Learning Presents" Zoom classes described on page 3.

With the start of our new fiscal year on July 1, there have been changes to our Board:

- Welcome to new board members Gina Trapp (who will serve as our secretary), Rich Ackerman, and David Drachsler.
- Board member Debbie Cohen will serve as our Treasurer, taking over from Fritz Ernst, who has done an outstanding job, and who will continue serving on the board and will chair our Budget and Finance Committee.
- Loren Brandman rotates off our board with our great thanks for her many contributions including her duties as Secretary and Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee.
- Pat Neri rotates off the board after completion of his term and after doing an excellent job chairing this year's Nominating Committee.

- Patti Volz and I will continue in our roles as Vice-President and President, respectively.

As usual in the summer, we will not hold a Forum in August, but can look forward to the next Forum on Wednesday, September 7 at 10:00 a.m. which will be presented by Fairfax County Recycling and Disposal staff on Zoom. An email providing the Zoom link will be sent to all LLI members. We hope to hold an in-person Forum in October. Stay tuned!

Derick Malis
LLI/NOVA President

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.



New Members!

- Hope and Rey Aponte
- Maureen Doherty
- Dede Robinson (a former member who recently returned to VA and rejoined LLI)
- Cathy and Bill Walsh (heard about LLI from the internet/LLI Manassas)

Special Interest Groups



The following Special Interest Groups (SIGs) will **not** meet in August:

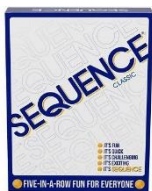
- Favorite Books
- Mystery Books
- Photography
- Financial Discussion Group

Favorite Books SIG Enjoys Luncheon



Some of the members of the Favorite Books SIG enjoyed a luncheon after their June 16 book discussion and meeting. Lynne Smaldone, seated in the center, was honored for leading the group for the past eight years. The next meeting will be in September -- please join us.

Tabletop Games



Wednesday, July 27
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Kings Park Library

Join us for "Sequence." It's fun, quick, challenging, and exciting!

Next meeting is August 24.

POC Mary Lu Bednarsky,
mlbednarsky@gmail.com

Cultural Excursions

National Museum of the U.S. Army



Tuesday, August 30,
10:00 a.m.

Location:
1775 Liberty Drive,
Fort Belvoir

Space is limited to 20. You must register for this event before noon on August 23.

We will walk through history – learning about the founding of our nation's militia, major wars and battles, and today's Army forces stationed around the world. Each gallery has an experienced docent who will point out the highlights. Admission is free but requires a timed-entry ticket (arranged for with your LLI registration). In the Army Theater you may view a film that explores what it means to be an American Soldier.

We will eat lunch together in a conference room where the museum will present a program: "The Civil War Soldier's Load: Technological Innovations." Contact Judy Robison by Monday, August 22 to put in your order for an optional, pre-ordered \$11 box lunch, or you may purchase hot meals in the cafeteria, priced separately. For details and registration, click on [US Army Museum--LLI Questions?](#) Contact Judy Robison, 703-440-8479, robisonja23@gmail.com

Afternoon Tea with Mrs. B

Thursday, September 15, 2:00 p.m.



Location: **Tea with Mrs. B**
136 W. Jefferson Street
Falls Church

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 Hopler,
bdhopler@gmail.com.

Foodies & Friends



Tuesday, August 23, 12:30 p.m.

Pupatella Neapolitan Pizza
2980 District Ave, Suite 140,
Fairfax

Crave a taste of real Italian pizza? Join Foodies & Friends as we enjoy a Naples-inspired lunch without the hassle of flying. The owner of Pupatella was born and raised in Naples, Italy and moved here to pursue his education. However, he grew frustrated with “Neapolitan inspired” pizzerias so decided to open his own pizzeria to make pizzas the way they are traditionally made in Naples. Pupatella is proud to have been awarded the distinctive Verace Pizza Association Certification. Check out their story and menu at pupatella.com (make sure you look for the Mosaic District site). There is plenty of parking and the restaurant is fully accessible. RSVP to our host, Patti Volz at pattivolz@verizon.net by August 21.

Special Zoom Class

Spycraft

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



Monday, July 25
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Our speaker, author **Robert Wallace**, is joined by the Chair and President of the National

Archives Foundation Governor James J. Blanchard in conversation for this class. Wallace, a retired senior intelligence officer, is author of five books on American intelligence history. His perspective on spying from the Revolutionary War to the 21st century reveals the often-overlooked role of advanced technology in agent operations and the

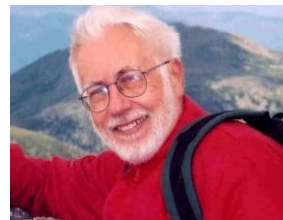
surprising places, people, and special “gadgets” at the heart of clandestine operations. For details, click [here](#).

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.

Special Zoom Class

Silk Roads, Marco Polo, “Great Divergence”

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



Monday, August 8
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Our speaker, **Dr. Arthur Wenk**, is an author, musicologist, calculus

teacher, psychotherapist, and organist.

Dr. Wenk invites us to escape our limited geographical perspective focused on Europe and to acknowledge that so-called western civilization originated in the East and survived in the East after the fall of Rome. The Silk Roads made possible the travels of Marco Polo, whose account of service to Kublai Khan seemed incredible to his Venetian contemporaries. Only 500 years ago, China was far ahead of the West in virtually every area. How did the West come to dominate the world, the so-called Great Divergence? Six “killer apps”—competition, science, property, medicine, consumption, and work—brought about an unlikely reversal of fortune. For details, click [here](#).

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