

Next LLI Forum

Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 10 a.m.
(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)

Volunteers Building Hundreds of Homes: Habitat for Humanity in Northern Virginia

Habitat for Humanity is a can-do success story around the world. Volunteers working under trained supervision have built 350,000 homes in 3,000 communities, providing shelter for 1.75 million otherwise homeless people. This is the non-profit organization where former President Jimmy Carter and wife Rosalynn grab hammer, power saw, and drywall to work side-by-side with the team. Participants of all ages and backgrounds find that the Habitat is as much a life-changing experience for them as for the people they help. Karen Cleveland, CEO and President of the Northern Virginia Habitat for Humanity will discuss several innovative projects in our community and several ways that volunteers can gain “hands-on” experience. Beyond building affordable shelter, what can Habitat teach us about organizing and leadership skills when young and old alike work together? Learn about past successes, present challenges, and future plans to aid the homeless in our neighborhoods.

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 Topics

At the Forum on Tuesday, April 6, a speaker from NIH will discuss the latest research on **Alternative Medicine**. This topic includes complementary medicine such as herbal remedies, acupuncture, and chiropractic treatments.

Travel Spectacular Sicily

The Crossroads of Europe

Join your LLI friends on a 14 day Grand Circle tour of Sicily. Enjoy beautiful scenery as you travel to many historical sites in Sicily. This is a land tour, but you stay at only 2 hotels. We start in Taormina with optional trips to Siracusa, Catania, and Mt. Etna. Then we go to Palermo and Monreale with optional trips to Cefalu, Agrigento, and Erice.

Estimated total cost \$ 4,000/person. This includes tour, airfare (from Dulles), taxes, fees, trip insurance and optional tours and extra meals. There is no extra cost for singles. There is a pre-trip option to Malta and a post-trip to the Amalfi coast.



We plan to go on the **Oct. 1, 2010**, trip. If you want to make a reservation call Grand Circle at 1-800 597 2452 option 2. Our group number is 22797 and the service code is GO22797. The deposit is \$ 350. Make sure you tell them you want airfare from Dulles and let me know you are going. For

more info go to www.gct.com or contact me at llidoung@yahoo.com or call 703-628-3115.

Lunch Bunch

John Bogart bogartje@cox.net

Following the Forum, join the Lunch Bunch at the **Pan Am Restaurant** at 3051 Nutley St. in the Pan Am Shopping Center. The restaurant features wholesome foods at reasonable costs.

Directions: From NOVA, turn left on 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

March 2010

- 2 Forum (Tues.)
- 12 Board Meeting
- 12 April Newsletter deadline
- 22 Newsletter Mailing

- 13 Trip: Historic Sites of Ellicott City, MD, and High Tea at "Tea on the Tiber"
- 14 June Newsletter deadline
- 24 Newsletter Mailing

April 2010

- 6 Forum (Tues.)
- 9 Board Meeting
- 9 May Newsletter deadline
- 19 Newsletter Mailing
- 20 Trip: Historic Virginia Gardens tour, Fredricksburg, VA

June 2010

- 2 Forum (Wed.)
- 11 Board Meeting
- No July newsletter

May 2010

- 4 Forum (Tues.)
- 7 Board Meeting



Members

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Welcome, New Members! We hope you will participate in our classes and volunteer your time and talent.

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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.



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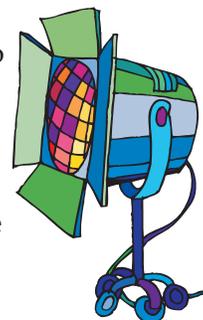
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Spotlight on Volunteers

The February Volunteer Spotlight recognized the two outgoing coordinators of the Forum refreshments: Sally Reynolds and Trudy Hynes. We all owe sincere thanks to Sally and Trudy for the many hours they have dedicated to insuring that volunteers bring tasty treats for our monthly forums. The Spotlight also acknowledged Dianne Boyle and Arlene Gribben, who are replacing Sally and Trudy. Thanks for volunteering!



The March Volunteer Spotlight will shine on the dedicated members of our Scholarship Committee. In the process of awarding the money so generously provided by LLI members, these committee members spend hours reviewing applications and interviewing applicants and making the tough decisions on behalf of the LLI membership. At the March Forum we will recognize past and present committee members and their chair, Doris Balinsky.

*Deadline for the
April newsletter is
March 12, 2010.*

President's Message

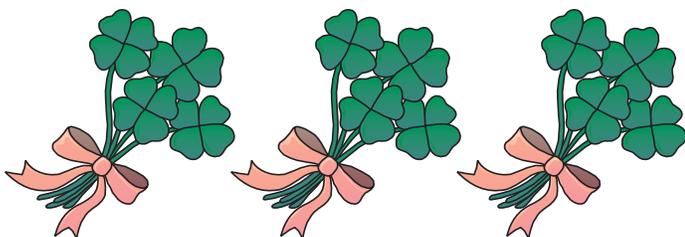
One of the great things about LLI is the opportunity for each member to continue a productive and useful life through the many aspects of service. Usually an organization asks for more people to serve and meet their obligations, but this month I want to talk about the fun side. In many situations we hardly get word of the need and someone steps forward to pick up the task. This doesn't downplay the work and the need, but it is so much more pleasurable to work with an organization where people see what needs to be done and step up to the task.

A great example of this just took place. Just before the holiday party, Arlene Gribben, who has done a wonderful job for the last two years in organizing the party, told me she was no longer available to chair or play a significant part in the planning for next year. However, before the party was over, Merry Huley stepped forward and agreed to take over. A short time later, Arlene told us that she was not continuing the significant role she had performed as the "Sunshine Person" who sends out cards to LLI members when there is a notable need.

Within a short time, Patricia Harrison agreed to take over this function. I mentioned to a few people that if Arlene resigns from the book club chair then we have a problem. In fact she did resign, but not because she was mad at someone but as she says, "I just got tired of these things and wanted something else to do." Before the next forum, Connie Fullerton had stepped forward to be chair. Now you might think Arlene is ready to "rest in peace." Not hardly. Trudy Hynes and Sally Reynolds have been doing a bang-up job of being Forum refreshment coordinators and requested to let this job go, but Arlene along with Dianne Boyle agreed to take it over.

The point being that we all need to do our part, but no one should worry that by accepting a volunteer position they will be trapped in it forever. Do the job as long as you like it and when you are ready to do something else, just let us know.

Paul Hopler



Community Outreach

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In March the recipient of LLI's food collection is FACETS (Fairfax Area Christian Emergency & Transitional Services). FACETS offers a full spectrum of services including basic needs assistance, financial assistance, counseling and outreach, educational enrichment programs, permanent supportive housing, and transitional supportive housing.



In addition, FACETS serves low-income and impoverished families living in three public housing communities in Fairfax County in a unique effort to prevent homelessness in the future.

Their mission is to build strong families and safe communities by improving the quality of life for impoverished men, women and children through comprehensive programs addressing physical, spiritual and emotional needs.

The following non-perishable food and beverage items are needed: **Pop-top hearty soups that are ready to eat; Ramen noodles; canned meats: tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages, and salmon; bottled water; and juice boxes.**

Thank you for your donations. Bonnie Hopler will deliver the food this month. In January, 123 pounds of food were delivered to Food for Others by Bev Portman. This was a great accomplishment considering the cold weather and the lack of a working elevator in the Center. Thank you.



Special Interest Groups



Arts & Smarts

Donna Trogler, 703 751-8932 or
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March 29, — Hirshhorn Museum for the work of German-born artist, Josef Albers, including examples from his iconic "Homage to the Square" series. **This has not been confirmed.** More information will be forthcoming as soon as known.

April — National Gallery of Art: The Sacred Made Real: Spanish Painting and Sculpture. Spanish masterpieces on view in a landmark exhibition that explores the dynamic relationship of painters and sculptures in baroque Spain. (Exact date to be determined.)

May — Planned: Renwick Gallery — Tour of the Gallery's permanent collection of handicraft works

For more information, please contact Donna Trogler, 703 751-8932 or DTrogler@aol.com.



LLI Bridge Group

Bob or Merry Huley, 703-534-4819 or
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February, March, and April Play Dates —
In February, we will play again on

Thursday, February 25. In March, we will play on **Wednesday, March 10,** and **Thursday, March 25.** In April, we will play on Thursday, April 15, and Wednesday, April 21. **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 (703-534-4819), or email me (roberthuley@cox.net), if you would like to attend (or for more information) so that we can provide sufficient card tables.

Recent Results — On January 27, the top four were Bob Huley, Betty Yearly, Elaine Cherry, and Doug Johnson. On February 10, we were snowed out. Congratulations to all.



LLI Community Theater

Norma Hughes, 703-960-6279,
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In January, a lively group of ten LLI members attended the musical

"Reefer Madness," followed by refreshments and socializing at Bistro-Bistro. We all agreed the production was different, rather raucous, but humorous. We did enjoy a good time, thanks to our hosts Pat Harrison and Sheri Masek.

Upcoming events: On Sunday, April 11, Norma Hughes will host for the musical comedy "The Producers," presented by the Arlington Players. Further details will be provided to those on the e-mail list regarding tickets,

directions, and the after-theater get together. On Sunday, May 2, Sylvia Cymes and Betty Pogerman have volunteered to host for the play "Jerry's Girls", presented by the McLean Community Players. We would like volunteers to host on Sunday, June 6, for the play "Love! Valour! Compassion!," scheduled at The Dominion Stage, Gunston Arts Center.

Again, further details will be provided via e-mail for each of these events. Contact Norma if you wish to be included on the list of members interested in this Special Interest Group.



LLI Current Events Group

The Current Events Group will continue to meet monthly for continued interesting and educational

discussions. Topics will reflect the current social, political and worldly events surrounding the time of the meeting. Please join us to share your ideas and/or to learn more about current events - whatever is your pleasure.

Date/Time: Friday, March 5, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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

For more information, e-mail Marion Jacknow at mjacknow@aol.com or call Marion at (703) 698-8702.



Favorite Books Club

Arlene Gribben, 703-569-0357
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Date/Time: Thursday, March 18, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Place: Mason District Governmental Center, Small Conference Room

March's book for review is "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society," by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Although the words in the title are hard to remember in the right sequence, you will long remember the characters in the book once you read it. The story starts shortly after World War II as a London writer is looking for her next book subject. Because of a letter from a native of Guernsey, the British island off the coast of England, she finds herself drawn to this man and his friends who belong to the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, their island book club. She begins a remarkable correspondence with the Society's charming, deeply human members, from pig farmers to phrenologists. Through their letters she learns about their island and the powerful, transformative impact the recent German occupation has had on their lives. Eventually she visits Guernsey, and what she finds there will change her forever.



French Conversation Group

Don Reynolds, saldonreyn@aol.com

The next meeting of the French Conversation Group is scheduled for **March 16, at 10 a.m.** at the George Mason Library, Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Please bring your copy of "Barron's *French at a Glance*," available

at large bookstores in the area. For more information contact Don Reynolds.



LLI Gourmands

Twenty LLI Gourmands attended the first 2010 event, a brunch at The Original Pancake House on January 29, which was arranged by Bev Portman. Eleanor Shubinski planned

the February 19 event at the Serbian Crown. In March Kathy Dennehy has made arrangements for lunch at PRESENT, 6678 Arlington Boulevard, Falls Church, 703-531-1881. **The lunch will be March 26th at noon.** Please call Kathy (703-273-3345) if you wish to attend this lunch.

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 Nimble Fingers meeting is scheduled for **Friday, March 12, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.**, in the Small

Conference Room of the Mason District Governmental Center. Bring a small needlecraft project of any type to work on. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Bev Portman.



Walkabouts

Merry Macke, 703-451-3248, cell phone: 1-978-505-9506, merry.macke@verizon.net

March 12 Wakefield Recreation Center (Audrey Moore Recreational Center) where we will walk north on the CCT (Cross-County Trail). Meet by tennis courts.

March 19 Lake Mercer. We had to cancel the Jan. 22 walk. From Franconia-Springfield Parkway, take the Pohick Exit. Proceed to second right which is Hooes Rd. going South. Pass the first traffic light (Newington/Valleyfield Drive) and you will see a clearing in a wooded area on the right for parking. It is an entrance to Lake Mercer.

All walks begin at noon for 1 hour. If it is raining, the walk will be cancelled. For more information, please contact Merry Macke.

Cancellations Due to Inclement Weather

Enough with the inclement weather; however, remember the following: If the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) cancel school for the day due to inclement weather or other emergency, all LLI classes, Forums or other activities, except trips, are canceled regardless of class location. LLI morning classes are canceled if the FCPS announces a two-hour delay in class openings; LLI afternoon classes are canceled if the FCPS announces early dismissal. Trips are canceled at the discretion of the trip leader.

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 No., and Services Provided) to Anne Austin.

Snow Breaks Hearts

Owing to school closings that resulted from "Snowmageddon," the annual LLI Valentine Party was canceled. The Poetry Group members, who sponsor the party, were severely disappointed, as were other LLI members who had looked forward to sharing songs, poetry, and delicious sweets.

Did You Know...?

As a member of LLI you have a wonderful Northern Virginia Community College Library at your disposal. The library is located on the third floor of the Godwin Building. This is just up the ramp from the Richard J. Ernest Community and Cultural Center. To use the library you simply sign up for a Community Patron card by showing a picture ID. You then can charge out a limit of three books for three weeks and take them home. Also you can renew books online for an additional period. If you have LLI classes on the campus, this resource would be very convenient. Go to <http://www.nvcc.edu/library> for more information.

Volunteer Opportunities

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Forum Speakers Committee

The **Forum Speakers Committee** is seeking one or more members to join in the task of finding and arranging nine speakers each year for the Open Forum..



Greeter Coordinator

A **Greeter Coordinator** is needed to organize members to greet members and visitors at the entrance to the Forum near the Membership Table. The Coordinator solicits and schedules volunteers for just nine Forum meetings.

Class Coordinator

Planning for Summer Curriculum has begun. Stop by the Volunteer Table or notify Mary Underwood, maryunderwood29@verizon.net, if you can be a **Class Coordinator**.

NOTE: The Volunteer Coordinator, Liddell McLeod, provides signup sheets for all volunteer needs at the Volunteer Table at each Forum.

Fairfax Census Office Open

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At large) and other local officials will help kick off the 2010 Census effort on Thursday, at the official opening of the local Census office.

Census day is April 1. Forms will be mailed to all households in the county in March. Those who do not return their forms by mail will get a visit from a Census Bureau worker to obtain the information in person.

The U.S. Constitution requires a count of the population every 10 years to determine the number of representatives each state has in the House of Representatives. Virginia will also conduct redistricting of its General Assembly districts following the census. Data collected during the census is also used to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal money to localities.

From The Fairfax County Times, January 6, 2010

LLI Winter-Spring 2010 Catalogue Update

In the Winter/Spring Catalogue there is an error in the directions for Green Spring Gardens. The correct directions are: *From the Beltway, take Route 236 East (Little River Turnpike) for 4 miles to the intersection of 236 and Braddock Road. Turn left on Braddock Road. The entrance to the gardens is on the right. Follow the signs to the Horticulture Center. The telephone number at the gardens is 703-941-7987. Meet your leader at the Horticulture Center.*

LLI Curriculum Update

There's room for you in Course 10W26A (Historic Ships of the U.S. Navy)

This interesting course described on page 12 of your catalogue will be held April 29, May 6, 13, and 20 at "The Woodlands." Please contact the course coordinator, Lorin Goodrich, if you would like to attend. He can be reached by e-mail at lorin.goodrich@verizon.net or 703-425-9574.

The 2010 Holiday Party Committee

A group is forming to prepare for this year's Holiday Party. If you volunteered your help at our 2009 celebration, please contact me so I can include you on the 2010 Committee. Thank you.

Merry Huley, MerryGo4@aol.com.

Membership Renewal Reminder

Please check the mailing label on this newsletter for your membership renewal date. You must renew in order to register for courses and to participate in LLI's many other activities.

Complete the membership form (last page in the current course catalog), check "renewal," indicate any new information, and mail it to the LLI office with a check in the amount of \$110 for each person wishing to continue membership with LLI.



It is important to include the form with your check, as it is much easier to credit your membership renewal in our database.

From the LLI Scrapbook

February Forum



Paul Hopley (r.) pictured with Dr. Gridlock (Robert Thomson) at the February Forum.



Richard Risk (l.), who has given many years of service to the Poetry Group, shown here with Paul Hopley.

Valentine Party 2009

...what could have been without "Snowmageddon's" interference.



Leah Porzel



Although not a charter member of LLI/NOVA, Leah joined shortly thereafter and has done much traveling with the group. She was reportedly seen atop Capital Reef on a recent LLI trip to the Four Corners.

Leah celebrated a February birthday, is now 92 years young.

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