

Next LLI Forum

Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at 10 a.m.
(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)

When an Earthquake or Other Disaster Strikes, at Home or Around the World, Fairfax County's Virginia Task Force 1 Is Superbly Trained and Ready to Go

Our Forum speaker is Keith Morrison, Battalion Chief of the Special Operations — Urban Search and Rescue of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. The Chief will share compelling pictures of the search and rescue operations in Haiti and from other major earthquake sites such as China and Peru. Who are the members of this special team, how are they trained and organized, how are they equipped, how is the mission coordinated with other rescue services and with the host country? For terrible flooding, hurricanes, cyclones, and devastating earthquakes, Task Force 1 has been called into action within the United States and all over the world. As a result of rigorous testing and standards, Virginia Task Force 1 has earned a special United Nations classification. The United States is only the third country in the world to have received this status, and Virginia Task Force 1 is the only outfit in the U.S. to have achieved this rank. We are honored to have the Chief with us. Bring your questions to the Forum.

Please Note: *Parking is in the pay parking garage (\$1/hour). Parking in the B and C lots is by permit only.*

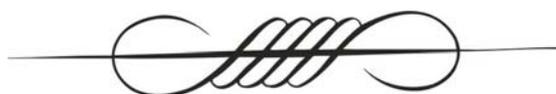
Mark Your Calendar for Future Forum Topics

Reserve **Wednesday, June 2**, when LLI's Don Reynolds will share his memories and accounts of "the longest day" — the Normandy Invasion of June 6, 1944.

Notice of Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 2

LLI Bylaws call for annual meeting of the membership to be held in May or June, on a date selected by the Board of Directors, to elect officers and members of the Board, and to conduct other LLI business. This year the Annual Meeting will be held immediately following the Forum speaker presentation on Wednesday, June 2, 2010, at the Ernst Cultural Center. In this newsletter you will read about the slate of officers and members of the Board that is being offered to the membership by the Nominating Committee for consideration and voting upon at the Annual Meeting. You also will be presented with the Board's approved annual budget for the new fiscal year beginning this July 1 and ending June 30, 2011 — LLI's operating year. So, members, be sure to attend this important meeting to participate in the business affairs of our fine Institute. In addition, the 2010 LLI scholarship winners will be present to receive their awards.



Lunch Bunch

John Bogart bogartje@cox.net

Following the Forum, join the Lunch Bunch at **Skidoo's Restaurant**, 9908 Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax, 22030, phone (703) 591-4515. Skidoo's offers a wide array of moderately priced luncheon specialties.

Directions from NOVA: Turn left on Rt. 236, then right on Prosperity Ave. Turn left on Arlington Blvd., pass Fairfax Circle to Skidoo's on the right, next to a furniture store and before Rebel Drive.



Calendar of Events



May 2010

- 4 Forum (Tues.)
- 7 Board Meeting
- 13 Trip: Historic Sites of Ellicott City, MD, and High Tea at "Tea on the Tiber"
- 14 LLI Annual Picnic
- 14 June Newsletter deadline
- 24 Newsletter Mailing

June 2010

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

July 2010

- No Forum
- No August newsletter
- 21 LLI Board Retreat

August 2010

- No Forum
- 14 September Newsletter deadline

September 2010

- 1 Forum (Wed.)
- 9 LLI Board Meeting & Newsletter deadline
- 16 Day Trip: "Harpers Ferry and John Brown"
- 20 Newsletter mailing

October 2010

- 5 Forum
- 8 LLI Board Meeting & Newsletter deadline
- 12-15 PA Trip: "Artists, Architecture & Authors"
- 18 Newsletter mailing

November 2010

- 2 Forum
- 12 LLI Board meeting & Newsletter deadline
- 22 Newsletter mailing
- No Forum
- No December newsletter

December 2010

- 7 Holiday Luncheon

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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Volunteer Opportunities

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Stop by the Volunteer Table at the Forum or contact Liddell McLeod, Volunteer Coordinator, to learn about LLI's volunteer needs. Better still, sign up to participate and have fun with other volunteers.

Remember that the delightful goodies you enjoy at each Forum are provided by our LLI member volunteers. On May 4, please sign up to bring some June Forum refreshments or directly contact Arlene Gribben or Dianne Boyle, Forum Refreshment Coordinators.

The Forum Speakers Committee invites one or more members to join in the task of finding and arranging nine speakers each year for the Open Forum. We appreciate recommendations for speakers and topics.

A Greeter Coordinator is needed to organize members to welcome, and assist visitors as they enter the Forum near the Membership Table. The Coordinator solicits and schedules volunteers for just nine Forum meetings, not a major task, but an important one.

Handymen and Tradesmen List

Anne Austin (ABBAustin@aol.com, 703-569-5994)

This list is available on LLI's website <http://lli.nova.org>. LLI members who would like to add their recommendations to the list may send the handyman's information (Name, Phone No., and Services Provided) to Anne Austin.

LLI Board of Directors

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President's Message

Happy Spring! We are looking forward to our spring picnic on May 14 and I hope to see you all there. As we wind down the 2009-2010 year, we still have a lot to do and are continuing to look forward. The Scholarship Committee has interviewed the candidates and selected wonderful recipients for the awards to which you so generously contributed. We have identified candidates for the board and for officers for next year, which are announced elsewhere in this issue. Our FY 2010 business meeting is scheduled for the June Forum, when we will vote on the candidates, and present the approved operating budget for FY 2011. You will also meet this year's scholarship recipients at the meeting.

The Curriculum Committee has completed the summer session program and already started planning for the fall session. They welcome suggestions for the educational courses. The travel group has a full schedule for the summer and fall sessions, and the study-travel group has started on the 2011 trip. Our new membership handbook will be in print by the time you receive this so you can easily contact our members. Really looking ahead — the holiday party committee has signed the contract with the Fairfax Country Club and scheduled their first planning meeting.

Two new initiatives that are underway are a careful study of our record-keeping practices and a review of all programs, leading toward a strategic plan. We are still going strong.

Paul Hopler

Membership Renewal Reminder

The mailing label on each newsletter includes your membership renewal date. You must renew and be a member in good standing 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.

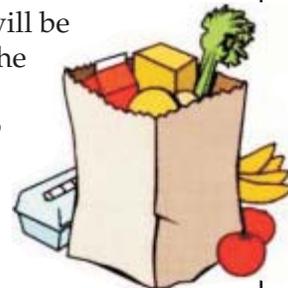
It is important to include the form with your check, for ease in crediting your membership renewal in our database.



Community Outreach

Betty Lee Thatcher 703-354-8154
Carol Weber, caroljeanweber@hotmail.com

In May, Marianne Moerman will be taking our food donations to the Arlington Food Assistance Center. They will be excited to receive our donations as their shelves are low at this time, since so many people are in need. Even in a wealthy county like Arlington, there are growing numbers of hungry and needy people, so please, LLI members, do give generously. Cereal boxes and bars are always welcome, as are all kinds of canned goods, especially tuna fish, soup, and canned fruits and vegetables. Peanut butter is wonderful too. So please pick up something extra for the food pantry next time you are at the grocery store. It is so easy to do, and makes such a huge difference in the lives of so many families. Thank you very much.



At the April Forum your generous donations filled four grocery carts. Thank you again.

IMPORTANT: Report Address Changes

Laura Charron, Administrator

To be assured of receiving important notices concerning classes and trips, **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.

Great Decisions Books

If LLI members who participated in the "Great Decisions" Course this spring would prefer not to keep their books, please give them to Lorin Goodrich at the Forum meeting on May 4. They will be used for the "Great Decisions Videos" course (10S17A) this summer. The books and DVDs will eventually be donated to the NOVA-Annandale history department.

Special Interest Groups



LLI Arts & Smarts

Donna Trogler, 703-751-8932 or
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April 27, 2010: Reminder of our 10:30 a.m. tour of “**The Art of Gaman**” at the Renwick, showcasing arts and crafts made by Japanese-Americans in U.S. internment camps during World War II.

May 20, 2010: We will tour the Sackler Museum exhibit “**Realm of the Buddha**,” which includes *The Tibetan Shrine*. This Tibetan Buddhist shrine room is on public display for the first time. Acknowledged by practicing Buddhists as a sacred space, this room contains hundreds of superb works of Buddhist art created between the twelfth and the nineteenth centuries. Our tour will also include Lama, Patron, Artist. In studying the sacred arts of Tibetan Buddhism, the identity and life story of the artist are seldom known. Through new scholarship and recently discovered paintings, the remarkable Situ Panchen (1700-1774) is brought into focus as an artist, teacher, and founder of the Palpung monastery.

For more information, please call or E-mail Donna Trogler, as above.



LLI Bridge Group

Bob or Merry Huley 703-534-4819 or
703-489-9045 (roberthuley@cox.net)

May and June Play Dates — In May, we will play on **Thursday, May 6**, and

Thursday, May 20. In June, we will play on **Wednesday, June 9**, and **Wednesday, June 23**.

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 March 25, the top four players were Nancy Sherman, Mary Underwood, Nancy O’Day, and Lynda Brittain. Congratulations to all.

Deadline for the June newsletter is May 14, 2010.



LLI Community Theater

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On Sunday, May 2, Betty Pogerman and Giovanna

Prestigiaco will be our “hosts” for the Sunday, May 2nd matinee performance of “Jerry’s Girls” at the McLean Alden Theater. In this cabaret-style revue, ***nine talented vocalists from all over the Washington area will sing and dance their way through more than thirty of Jerry Herman’s tunes, including the title numbers from Mame, Hello Dolly! and Milk and Honey.***

We are each responsible for purchasing our own tickets. Senior tickets are \$17, adult tickets are \$20. For ticket information, call the Alden Box Office at 703-790-9223.

If you are interested in attending this event and refreshments after theater, please contact either Betty (bettermusic@verizon.net or 703-3323-7634) or Giovanna (gprestig@cox.net or 703-425-4465). Further details will be provided via e-mail.

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 meets monthly for continued interesting and educational discussion.

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, May 7, 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 (703) 698-8702.



LLI Favorite Books Club

Arlene Gribben, 703-569-0357
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Date: Thursday, May 20

Time: 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Place: Mason District Governmental Center, Small Conference Room

The book club's selection for May is the classic masterpiece *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck. This Pulitzer Prize winning novel was chosen at this time to coincide with a couple of other LLI events: Mary O'Day's class on Ms. Buck in July/August and the LLI trip to Bucks County in October, which includes a visit to Ms. Buck's home. The main characters in the novel, a Chinese farmer and his new bride, do what it takes to eke out a living from the earth. Over the years, as they raise their family, they pull themselves out of poverty and face many struggles that are always pertinent to the human condition; e.g., marriages, natural disasters, wars, and adolescent rebellions. Also, the story reflects on the evolution of people as they go through their lives.



LLI Nimble Fingers

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The May meeting of Nimble Fingers, currently scheduled for Friday, May 14, is canceled so that everyone may attend the LLI picnic. We will reconvene in June on the regular schedule.



LLI Walkabouts

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All walks begin at 12 Noon. If you have any questions, contact Merry.

April 23 will be the second attempt for the Occoquan Park, but we are going to it differently. Take 95 South until Exit 160, and go North on 123. Once you have crossed a bridge over the Occoquan River, the park is the next right at a light. Enter the park and go down a big hill to park by the main building. We will meet in the parking lot and follow a trail overlooking the Occoquan River. It will be a circle walk among pine trees. We will be on the last section of the Cross-County Trail.

On May 21, we will walk the CCT (Cross-County Trail) west of Greenspring Complex. From the Franconia Springfield Parkway, turn north on Rolling Road. Turn right on Hunting Village Drive and follow it east and then north. If you are coming down Rolling Road south of Old Keene Mill Road, look for Hunting Village Drive on your left before reaching the Franconia Springfield Parkway and follow Hunting Village Drive east and then north. The fifth street left, heading north is Belleflower Drive; park around there and meet on the corner. We can decide to go west for a while on the CCT or go east and stay more on paved areas.

On May 28, we will walk north on the CCT until Little River Turnpike. Meet in the Audrey Moore (Wakefield) Recreational Center, on the north side by the tennis courts.

Update on Curriculum Catalogues and the Directory

The Summer catalogue and the April 2010 Directory were mailed on Wednesday, April 7. If members have not received either by now, call the office at (703) 503-0600 to report the information. Members are reminded to submit course registration forms as soon as possible. Summer classes will begin June 9. The Fall catalogue will be mailed mid-July with Fall classes beginning September 20.



LLI French Conversation Group

Don Reynolds, saldonreyn@aol.com

The French Conversation Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is May 18, at 10 a.m. at the George Mason Library, Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Please bring your copy

of "Barron's French at a Glance." For more information contact Don Reynolds.



LLI Gourmands

Mary Underwood, 703-329-8391,
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Sixteen LLI Gourmands dined at the restaurant Present on March 26, an event planned by Kathy Dennehy. Han Gang Korean Restaurant was the April 9 restaurant of choice of Marianne Moerman and Doris Balinsky. Lyn-Anne Cornelius has scheduled lunch at Choices by Shawn on Thursday, May 20, at noon. The restaurant is located at 3950 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Please contact Lyn-Anne at 703-533-8437 by May 13 if you wish to attend this lunch. In June the Gourmands will be having a lesson with the "Queen of Scones" in McLean. The focus will be on "Sweet and Lemony" cooking. Please contact Mary Underwood at 703-329-8391 or maryunderwood29@verizon.net if you are interested in this event, which has a maximum number of 16.

LLI Wine Tasting Sub-Group — Anne Austin,
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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.



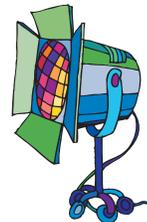
Two Courses Have Relocated

10W10P, Michael Kelly's Class entitled "The Highest Summit of Lands" has been relocated to Providence Presbyterian Church at 9019 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA. Date and time remain the same: Tuesday, May 4, 2010, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Due to the large number of attendees (103) we feel this location will better accommodate our group.

10W16A, Rick Steves's "Iran," had been way over subscribed. As a result, the one session class has been moved to The Virginian. It is still scheduled for May 5, 10:00-11:30 a.m. All who were wait-listed are welcome.

Spotlight on Volunteers

At the April Forum the Volunteer Spotlight recognized the members of the Budget and Finance Committee, whose members include Committee Chair, Bob Huley, Treasurer, Phil Runge, Dick DiBuono, and Warren Hynes who have dedicated many hours of labor and expertise to ensure LLI's sound financial condition.



At the May Forum we will recognize Class Coordinators, our LLI members who administered operations for each of the many classes planned and organized by the Curriculum Committee.

Nominating Committee Slate of Candidates for Office and for Board of Directors

For President – Paul Hopler

Paul is a member of the Board of Directors and currently is President. Having joined the Institute in 2003, he has served as chairman of the Curriculum Committee and now is in his second term as a member of the Board of Directors. Paul received his Bachelor of Engineering degree from Rutgers University and his Masters of Engineering from George Washington University. After coming to Northern Virginia in 1960, he started work for the Army Engineer Research and Development Laboratories and then finished his career in the Office of Secretary of Defense as Director of International Cooperative R&D Programs from which he retired in 1996. He loves traveling, technology and skiing and is active in his church and other volunteer organizations. Paul is married to Bonnie Hopler, who also is active in LLI, and enjoys spending time with his 10 grandchildren.

For Board of Directors (3-year term) and for Vice President – Bob Huley

Bob is a member of the Board of Directors and currently is Vice President. A member of LLI since 2004, he has served on the Board since June 2007. He currently is chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, head of the Bridge Special Interest Group, a member of the Trip Committee, and has assisted with several LLI activities. Bob graduated from Cornell University as an Electrical Engineer, and after graduate school there, served on active duty for 5 years as an Army medical evacuation helicopter pilot. He continued his military career in the Army Reserve for another 25 years. In his

civilian career, Bob retired from the US Office of Personnel Management (OPM) as the Deputy Chief Information Officer. His wife, Merry, also is an active LLI member. Both Bob and Merry participate in many LLI activities, *e.g.*, Study Travel and local trips, courses, and Walkabouts, not to mention Bridge.

For Secretary – Karren Scott

Karren is a member of the Board of Directors and currently is Secretary. Karren joined LLI when she retired from the Department of Defense as a director of homeland defense projects for the U.S. intelligence community. She lived in eleven different states and four foreign countries before happily putting down roots here with her husband. She holds a BA degree in Russian Studies from the University of Virginia and an MA degree in Government & National Security from Georgetown University. In addition to serving as Secretary of the Board of Directors, Karren chairs the Administrative Review Committee and chaired the FY 2008 Audit Committee. Karren enjoys learning and is especially interested in cultural history, comparative religions, and military history. She's also an enthusiastic supporter of our local theaters.

For Treasurer – Phil Runge

Phil is a member of the Board of Directors and currently is Treasurer, in which officer position he has served since February 2005, having been re-elected to that office each year since then. Phil worked for a national trade association where he managed a number of industry committees. After an early retirement he was an analyst for an energy

development firm and also tutored university level students in math and science subjects. He began teaching computer related courses for LLI before he retired. After retiring he became an active member of LLI and agreed to take on the treasurer responsibilities when the previous treasurer moved out of the area. He is currently developing a detailed procedure manual so that someone can take over the treasurer function in the event he sails off the edge of the earth in his sail boat. Phil's wife, Marjorie, also is an active member of LLI.

For Board of Directors (3-year term) – *Arlene Gribben*

A 1964 graduate of the Penn Commercial Business School in Washington, PA, Arlene was employed by a wholesale distributor company there for five years. In 1969 she moved to the D.C. area and started her 31-year civilian career with the U.S. Air Force. She spent several years as a program analyst responsible for programming enlisted force training requirements and support resources for Headquarters US Air Force and Bolling AFB. In 2001 she joined the Lifetime Learning Institute and has been an active in LLI's programs since then. She has served the Institute in several capacities, some of which are: picnic committee member, Favorite Books Club coordinator, Friendship Corner coordinator, 2009 Holiday Luncheon chair, course coordinator, and, currently, co-chair of the Forum hospitality function. Arlene is an avid attendee of LLI courses and has participated in some LLI trips.

For Board of Directors (2-year term) – *Chuck Hulick*

Chuck currently is a member of the Board of Directors, having been appointed by the President to fill, for the interim, a vacancy that occurred during this operating year. He has been a member of LLI since 2009, and has served as the Chair of the 2009 Audit Committee. In addition, he is the co-facilitator for the Current Events special interest group, and is currently working on an update for the LLI Strategic Plan. After a career in the federal government in the acquisition field with U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), he worked as a senior research consultant for the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) until January, 2009. He is a longtime member of the Pennsylvania Railroad Historical Society and a sailboat enthusiast. Chuck is married to Janice Hulick, who also is an LLI member, and has two children and four grandchildren.

For Board of Directors (3-year term) – *Merry Macke*

After Peace Corps and community jobs in Chicago, Merry got her Masters degree in Social Work from the University of Illinois, Chicago. Later she moved to Eau Claire, Wisconsin where she was employed in several different jobs doing social work and, for a brief stint, raised pigs. In 1986, she moved to Virginia and began a psychodrama internship at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital; later working 19 years on a day-treatment team for chronically mentally ill and addicted folks. Retiring in 2007, Merry joined LLI soon after and since has served on the Picnic and Holiday Luncheon committees and attended numerous LLI courses. She currently is the leader of the Walkabouts special interest group. Merry is married to Bill Gaylord (who still is working) and has two husky-type dogs, Tito and Cheetah.

For Board of Directors (3-year term) – *Marianne Moerman*

Marianne currently is a member of the Board of Directors. Since joining LLI four years ago, Marianne has been stimulated by the many courses and programs LLI offers and has enjoyed the opportunity to make new and interesting friends. She has assisted on several committees for special LLI functions, and has been especially active on the Scholarship Program Committee. Since retiring in 1997 as a bibliographic data base management contractor for the National Institute of Health, Marianne has been very involved as a volunteer with the homeless, WETA, and at many theaters. She enjoys the Washington-area cultural opportunities, as well as reading, the outdoors and visiting her three children.

For Board of Directors (3-year term) – *Peter Schwarzkopf*

Peter received his bachelor degree from Dartmouth College and his law degree from Harvard Law School, specializing in international law. He retired in 2007 from the U.S. Dept. of Transportation where he engaged primarily in international negotiations for commercial airline landing rights with numerous foreign countries. In this capacity he worked closely with the State Department's Office of Aviation Negotiations and traveled extensively in pursuit of Open Skies Aviation Agreements. Peter joined LLI in 2007, and since 2008 he has been an active member of the Curriculum Committee. He has led/facilitated several discussion type courses and Great Decisions courses and has served as coordinator for courses given by outside experts. He also has attended and enjoyed numerous LLI courses. Peter is married with five children and sixteen grandchildren.



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