

March LLI Forum

Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at 10 a.m.
(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)

The Woman Who Gave Us Social Security, Unemployment Insurance, and the Minimum Wage: Frances Perkins, One of the Most Influential Women in the 20th Century



Kirstin Downey

Based on nine years of research, our speaker, Kirstin Downey, has written a prize-winning book about Frances Perkins. Her book, *The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life and Legacy of Frances Perkins*, was a finalist for the best biography of 2010. Kirstin Downey takes us inside the Franklin D. Roosevelt White House beginning when Frances

Perkins was appointed Secretary of Labor in 1933. Ms. Downey describes the tensions of those Depression-era days; the political infighting; and the creativity, leadership style, vision, and toughness of Perkins. While today we take for granted these bedrock social programs, we forget how innovative, bold, and extremely controversial those New Deal programs were. Ms. Downey was a distinguished business journalist for the Washington Post from 1998 to 2008 and, like Perkins, she displays deep knowledge and insight into how the financial institutions of our country operate and how the Government and the people respond to the highs and lows of the business cycle. An excellent writer and most effective speaker, we are pleased to welcome Kirstin Downey as our guest speaker at the next Forum.



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

Winter/Spring Catalogue Corrections

11W09P: English History: Part II — Class dates are changed to Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 27; and April 12, 19 and 26.

11W39P: Make a Williamsburg Basket — Class dates are changed to April 8, 15, and 22 at the Woodlands.

11W04: Better Balance for Better Living II, has been relocated to a larger meeting room so that everyone, including those previously wait-listed, can be accommodated. The new location is the Audrey Moore RECenter in Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale, across Braddock Road from the Ravensworth Shopping Center. The date and time, Monday, March 7, 10 – 11:30 a.m., remain the same. Everyone who previously signed up may now attend.

Directions from the Beltway: Take the Braddock Road west exit. At the light, turn right into Wakefield Park. At the end of the paved road, turn left into the parking lot for Audrey Moore RECenter. Room location will be available at the front desk.

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Lunch Bunch

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Reservations for lunch after the March 1 Forum have been made at the **Family Restaurant** located in the Pan Am Shopping Center at 3051 Nutley St, Fairfax. Phone (703) 560-9322. This popular restaurant features an extensive lunch menu at a very reasonable cost.

Directions from NVCC: Left on Rte. 236 to Prosperity Ave. Take a right on Prosperity to Arlington Blvd. Take a left on Arlington Blvd to Nutley St. Take a Right on Nutley to the shopping center. Restaurant is next to CVS Pharmacy.

Calendar of Events

March 2011

- 1 Forum
- 4 April Newsletter deadline
- 11 LLI Board Meeting
- 14 Newsletter mailing
- 22 Day Trip: The Garrett Family of Baltimore

April 2011

- 5 Forum
- 8 LLI Board Meeting
- 8 May Newsletter deadline
- 18 Newsletter mailing

May 2011

- 3 Forum
- 13 LLI Board Meeting
- 13 June Newsletter Deadline
- 23 Newsletter Mailing



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.

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

New Members

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Directions from NVCC: Turn left onto Wakefield Chapel Road. Turn left onto Braddock Road. At the next light, turn left into Wakefield Park. At the end of the paved road, turn left into the parking lot for Audrey Moore RECenter. Room location will be available at the front desk.

Please review the above information. If you have registered for one of the courses and the schedule change makes it necessary for you to cancel, please contact the Class Coordinator and the Administrator as soon as possible. Contact information for the Class Coordinator(s) is available in the Winter/Spring 2011 catalog under the specific course number. The Administrator, Laura Charron, may be reached at 703 281-6189 or lauragcharron@aol.com.



President's Message

One of the functions of the Board of Directors is to plan ahead. In order to see where we might improve, it is necessary to see where we are now. As you know, LLI/NOVA is a fully volunteer organization and completely dependent on the support and assistance of the members. You may participate in other organizations in which all services are provided at a cost, but we have been able to run an excellent organization with very low membership dues because of our volunteers. This, in turn, imposes an obligation on members to make a contribution to the organization by helping out when they can. Volunteering offers an outstanding opportunity to learn more about LLI, maintain skills, get better acquainted with your fellow members, and make productive use of your time.

I would like to share some interesting statistics, which were developed under the leadership of Board member Chuck Hulick, regarding membership participation in a variety of our activities. During one specific semester, 29% of the members volunteered in some manner. Of course, over time, many more have volunteered; but we are especially proud of the high percentage of members who volunteer when a need arises and thank the many LLI members for the generous contribution of their time.

A major purpose is to provide classes for members, and during that same semester, 75% of the members registered for classes and 69% attended classes. We are pleased to be able to offer a curriculum suited to most members and we understand that things happen between the time you sign up and the actual class. However, 25% of those who registered for a class failed to attend. We would like to see an increase in percentages related to members participating in LLI classes and members who registered and actually attend classes. Likewise, we would like to reduce the percent of members who register for but fail to attend even one class.

Regarding our Forums, 43% of our members attend. This monthly open meeting provides a service both to our members and to non-members, who are welcome to attend and learn about LLI; we encourage you to invite your friends. Approximately 36% of LLI members participate in one or more Special Interest Groups. The percentages of members attending Forums and Special Interest Groups are also areas we hope to see increases over time.

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 basic needs assistance, financial assistance, counseling and outreach, educational enrichment programs, permanent supportive housing, and transitional supportive housing. FACETS also 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; peanut butter; cereals; bottled water; and juice boxes.**

Thank you for your donations. Bonnie Hopley will deliver the items collected this month.



We offer scholarships to students as a service to NVCC. During our last drive, 46% of our members contributed, raising \$9,000. The LLI scholarship program continues to be an important LLI element and we also would like to increase the total value of these scholarships.

Thanks for all your good efforts, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Paul Hopley

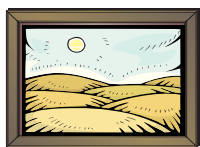
Special Interest Groups

Proposed New Special Interest Groups

SPANISH CONVERSATION: If you are interested in joining a proposed new Special Interest Group for Spanish Conversation, please contact Merry Macke, 703-451-3248 or merry.macke@verizon.net.

Monthly sessions may consist of practice speaking Spanish in a conversational setting. Occasionally there will be a need for a volunteer to lead some sessions.

PHOTOGRAPHY: If you are interested in forming a new Photography Special Interest Group, please contact Peter Schwarzkopf, 703-998-0769 or pschwarzkopf@verizon.net. Monthly meetings may consist of topics such as picture taking tips (composition, etc.), tips on using a camera, downloading pictures from a camera to a computer, editing photos on a computer, etc. Volunteers are also needed to lead the monthly topic discussion.



LLI Arts & Smarts

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Friday, March 25: "Echoes of the Past: The Buddhist Cave Temples of Xiangangshan."

Place: Arthur M. Sackler Gallery.

These Buddhist Cave Temples, carved into the mountains of northern China, were the crowning cultural achievement of the Northern Qi dynasty (550-577 CE). The caves were severely damaged in the 20th century when sculptures within were removed and sold on the international art market. Through new research and technology and, collaboration with Chinese art historians and archaeologists, these caves may be enjoyed as in their original state. Innovative digital components will provide an unprecedented opportunity to experience ancient sculptural masterpieces in their original historical, religious and social contexts. **Note:** This tour is not yet confirmed. For more information, please contact Donna Trogler.



LLI Bridge Group

Bob or Merry Huley 703-534-4819 or
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March Play Dates – Wednesday, March 9, and Wednesday, March 16

Location: Mason District Government 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 or email Bob Huley if you would like to attend (or for more information) so that we can provide sufficient card tables.

Recent Results - On January 12, the top five players were Jim McCall, Jack Acey and Nate Rosenbaum (tied), Mindy Rojahn and Nancy Sherman (tied). We were snowed out on January 26; but on February 9, the top four finishers were Jim McCall, Jessica Burmester, Doug Johnson, and Nelva Berend. Congratulations to all.



LLI Community Theater

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Contact Norma Hughes if you wish to be included on the list of members for the Theater Group. You will receive notification of the chosen play, the date, and other details.



LLI Current Events Group

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The Current Events Group meets monthly for continued interesting and educational discussions. Topics 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 4, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

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

For more information, contact Marion Jacknow.



LLI Favorite Books Club

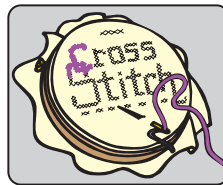
Connie Fullerton, 703-764-3779
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Date/Time: Thursday, March 17,
11:30 a.m – 1 p.m.

Place: Ernst Cultural Center, Seminar Rooms C & D (please note change of meeting place)

The book for review in March is *Spies* by Michael Frayn. In this mystery Stephen, now an old man, reminisces about events of his English childhood in

World War II. The “spies” are the German agents that Stephen and friend Keith’s boyish imaginations see around every corner. The boys then spy on their neighbors and the mysterious happenings of their movements — all with surprises and suspense. This is a war story and a coming-of-age narrative.



LLI Nimble Fingers

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The next Nimble Fingers meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday,**

March 9, 10:00 to noon, 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.



LLI Walkabouts

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By my calculations, Walkabouts has not been able to walk since November. Seems like a tough winter this year but,

hopefully, March will be different. As a reminder, if temperatures are below 40 or there is plenty of ice and wind, the walk will be canceled. Also, the walks will be on the first and third Fridays at noon.

March 4: Walk around Lake Accotink on west side. Meet at the first parking lot from the entrance at Highland.

March 18: Walk another portion of the CCT. Meet at the Workhouse Art Center. Go south on I-95 to Exit 160; go north on Rte. 123, pass Occoquan Park and take a right on Lorton Rd. First right goes into the Workhouse Arts Center. Park in first left area. People may want to tour the Workhouse to see the artistic studios before or after the walk. Those who don't like the beltway, take Rte.123 south, so the Workhouse will be on the left. If you go over the bridge at Occoquan, you have missed Lorton Rd.

April 1: No fooling. Walk around Fairview Professional Park. I-495 to Rte. 50 going east. Take the first right into Fairview Park. Park at Marriot Hotel on left and meet at entrance. Walkers may decide to have lunch at the Marriot after the walk.



LLI French Conversation Group

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The French Group will meet **Tuesday, March 15** at 10:00 a.m. in the Small Conference Room at the Mason District Government Center, Annandale. We will continue to

improve our French linguistic skills under the expert guidance of AI Brothers. LLI members interested in joining should contact Sally Reynolds.



LLI Gourmands

Mary Underwood, 703-329-8391
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The March Gourmand Event is scheduled for **Thursday, March**

24, 12 noon, at Ristorante Bonaroti, 428 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. The restaurant serves classic Italian cuisine. Please contact Eleanor Shubinski-Mosser (703-280-2542 or email at emosser@cox.net) by March 21 if you wish to attend.

Directions: Take I-66 to Nutley toward Vienna. Turn right at Maple Avenue (Route 123) and proceed toward Tysons Corner. The restaurant is on the left after you pass Beulah Road.

Betty Pogerman and Giovanna Prestigiacomio have planned the April event for Thursday, April 14, at 11:30 a.m. at Ozzie's Italian Restaurant, 11880 Grand Commons Ave., Fairfax, in Fairfax Corner. The phone number is 571-321-8000. The restaurant features varied Italian food and salads and panini sandwiches that average \$10.00 – \$15.00. If you plan to attend, call or email Betty Pogerman, at bettymusic@verizon.net or 703-323-7634, or Giovanna Prestigiacomio, gprestig@cox.net.

LLI Wine Tasting Subgroup — Anne Austin, 703-569-5994, abbaustin@aol.com

This group meets quarterly. Future dates will be announced in the newsletter or at a Forum. Contact Anne if you wish to be included on the mailing list.

Deadline for the April newsletter is March 4, 2011.

LLI's Friendship Connection

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One of the benefits of LLI membership is making friends. We like to show support for fellow members by sending a card to anyone who is ill or has suffered a loss. If you would like a card sent to an LLI member or spouse on behalf of the LLI membership, please contact Pat Harrison. Be sure to include sufficient information so an appropriate card may be selected.

Cancellations Due to Inclement Weather

If the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) cancel school for the day due to inclement weather or other emergency, all LLI classes, Forums, and other activities, except trips, are cancelled regardless of class location. LLI morning classes are cancelled if the FCPS announces a 2-hour delay in class openings; LLI afternoon classes are cancelled if the FCPS announces early dismissal. Trips are cancelled at the discretion of the trip leader.

Volunteer Opportunities

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LLI needs your help. Let's increase that 29% who volunteer. Please evaluate these opportunities to contribute your time and energy; then choose one and join the fun! Contact the designated person for more information.

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Speaker Forum Committee: Joseph Pincus, 703-569-0973, joseph@pincus.org

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.

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, 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.

Reminder

Our monthly newsletter is generally available on the LLI website earlier than you will receive it through the mail. In light of recent extended delivery delays by the Postal Service, you may want to keep <http://lli.nova.org> in mind. Any pictures and/or graphics will also be in color on the website.

Study Travel – 2012 Travels

Are you ready to do some traveling? Come to the next meeting of the Study Travel Club immediately following the March 1st Forum. Currently, the group is considering Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Iceland, Malta, Greek Isles, eastern Europe River cruises and the National Parks in the US northwest. Come help us decide.

Humor Corner

On aging: "Since no one takes old people seriously, you can be the person you were always meant to be. Women can be more assertive, men can be more nurturing, and both can strive to be public nuisances."

— Maggie Kuhn,
Founder of the Gray Panthers

From the LLI Scrapbook

February Forum



At the February Forum, LLI President Paul Hopley thanks guest speaker Barbara Tuceling, Director of the Smithsonian Institution's Associate and Resident Associate Programs.



Ms. Barbara Tuceling.

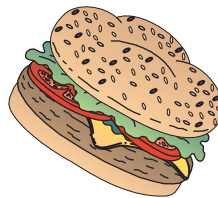
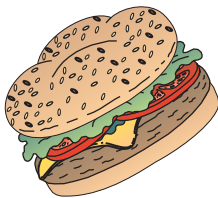
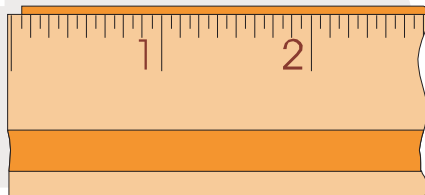
LLI Annual Picnic

You Measure Up!!

Thursday

June 2

Fort Hunt National Park
Alexandria, Virginia



Look for the registration form
in the April Newsletter.

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