

January LLI Forum

Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at 10 a.m.
(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)

What Is the Latest Scientific Research on Earthquakes, Volcanoes, Tsunamis, Floods, and Other Natural Hazards?

Dr. David Applegate, Ph.D. in geology from M.I.T., is the Associate Director of Natural Hazards with the U.S. Geological Survey. His huge mission includes early identification of natural hazard areas, long-term planning to mitigate damage, and disaster response activities to promote recovery. Since we are all veterans of the subject, having lived through the magnitude 5.8 Virginia earthquake of August 23, 2011, our interest in this field has really peaked. California and the West are by no means the only areas at risk. Two hundred years ago, some of the nation's largest historical earthquakes occurred in the New Madrid seismic region extending into portions of Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Dr. Applegate co-chairs a Natural Science and Technology committee that has issued recommendations for hazards reduction in the New Madrid area. We are honored that such a top U.S. and internationally-respected scientist as Dr. Applegate has accepted our invitation to speak to LLI. ***Please note the date change to Wednesday this month.***



Dr. David Applegate

LLI Forum Forward

Our **February Forum** will feature the Fairfax County Police Citizens Academy. The presentation will be about how citizens can gain an in-depth understanding of the challenges and issues facing today's police department and how they can be trained to perform important volunteer duties.

Quiz Question

Where is Fairfax County's only major Civil War battlefield and what is its name?



Find the answer and see pictures on page 7.

Lunch Bunch

John Bogart bogartje@cox.net

Reservations for the lunch group after the January 11 Forum have been made at **Grevy's Restaurant**, 8130 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, phone 703-560-8530.

Directions: The restaurant is in the Yorktown Shopping Center at the intersection of Arlington Blvd. (Rte. 50) and Gallows Rd. Suggested routes from NOVA: Take Prosperity Ave. to right on Arlington Blvd. and take the Gallows Rd. exit. Turn left onto Gallows Rd. and the restaurant is in the shopping center on your right. Or you may take the Beltway north to the Gallows Rd. exit; turn left at the light at the top of the ramp onto Gallows Rd. and follow Gallows to the shopping center on your right after crossing over Arlington Blvd.

Please Note: *Parking is in parking garage (\$1/hour). Parking in B and C lots is by permit only. If no garage parking slots are available, a \$6 daily permit for the B lot is available at the office to the right just inside the entry gate.*



Calendar of Events



January 2012

- 6 February Newsletter deadline
- 11 Forum
- 13 LLI Board Meeting
- 16 February Newsletter Mailing

March 2012

- 9 LLI Board Meeting
- 9 April newsletter deadline
- 13 Forum

February 2012

- 1 Forum
- 10 March newsletter deadline
- 10 LLI Board Meeting
- 20 March newsletter mailing



IMPORTANT: Report Address/Email/Phone Number 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.

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President's Message

GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES to all our members as we prepare to start the New Year. I hope you had pleasant holidays, wherever and however they were celebrated.

I'm looking forward to participating with you in the fine selection of courses in the upcoming semester. It was really hard to choose the appropriate courses. Thank you, Gina, and the Curriculum committee.

We are having a good response in regard to the Scholarship funds. If you have not yet made a contribution, remember that we can accept gifts for the next few months, and the donation can be applied to your 2012 tax return.

The board and I are committed to making this the best year ever.

Paul Hopler

Board of Director Changes

Karren Scott has resigned as Secretary of the LLI Board and is being replaced by **Arlene Gribbon**. Arlene previously served as Administrative Review chair and Norma Hughes replaces her in that position.

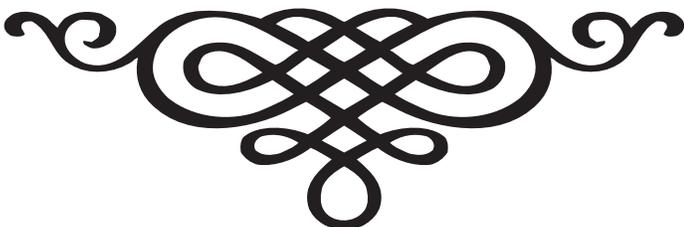
Volunteer Opportunities

LLI needs your help. Please consider contributing your time and talent by assisting in one of the areas listed below. Contact the designated person for more information.

Volunteer Coordinator/Publicity: Merry Macke, 703-451-3248, merry.macke@verizon.net

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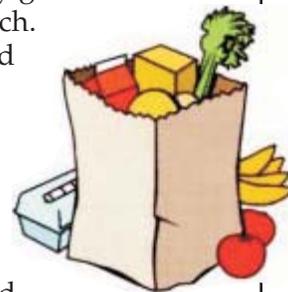
Speaker Forum Committee: Joseph Pincus, 703-569-0973, joseph@pincus.org



Community Outreach

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

Our food collection for January goes to the Providence Presbyterian Church. Although Providence is located just a half mile west of the Community College in a seemingly prosperous neighborhood, there are families who live in apartments and low income housing who are unable to feed themselves or their children properly. Some of these are one-parent families and others are poor. Providence attempts to provide food to about 20 families, up from 15 a few months ago.



The pantry is presently in need of canned fruits, flour, sugar, beans, vegetables, peanut butter and especially cereals; but they would appreciate any non-perishable food. Our donations can make a difference in the way Providence is able to support these families. Your past contributions have been generous. Clint and Kathy Hall will deliver this month's donations.

Our November Community Outreach collection, given to the Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC), consisted of 154.4 lbs of food. They gave it a value of \$261.01 and extended their appreciation to LLI/NOVA for continued generosity.

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.

Special Interest Groups



LLI Arts & Smarts

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No events are planned for January or February.



LLI Bridge Group

Bob or Merry Huley, 703-534-4819 or
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Time: 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m. Bring a bag lunch.

Location: Mason District Governmental Center

January Play Dates: Thursday, January 5, and Wednesday, January 25

February Play Dates: Thursday, February 2, and Wednesday, February 15

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.

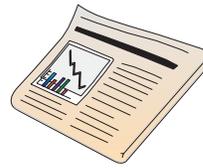
Recent Results: On November 9, the top four players were: Jack Acey, Mary Underwood, Janet Goodrich, and Bob Huley. On November 16, the top four players were: Bob Huley, Lynda Brittain, Nelva Berend, and Joel Cannon. Finally, at the December 7 game, the top four were: Jack Acey, Merry Huley, Connie Fullerton, and Raymond Burmester. Happy New Year, and congratulations to all!



LLI Community Theater

Norma Hughes, 703-960-6279
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All who have signed up for the Community Theater Group should check their email for a forthcoming listing of theater offerings for the current season. Members will have an opportunity to select and host a theater date and possible after-theater socializing at a nearby restaurant. If you are interested in joining the group, send your name and email address to Norma Hughes at nahhome@verizon.net.



LLI Current Events Group

Marion Jacknow, 703-698-8702
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Date/Time: Friday, January 6, 10:00 — 11:30 a.m.

Location: Small Conference Room, Mason District Governmental Center

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 learn more about current events — whatever is your pleasure. For more information, please email or call Marian Jacknow.



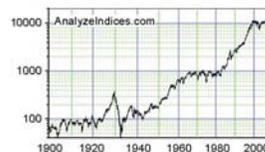
LLI Favorite Books Club

Connie Fullerton, 703-764-3779
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Date/Time: Thursday, January 19, 11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center (King's Park Library)

Edith Wharton's classic, *The Custom of the Country*, follows Midwesterner Undine Sprague, an unsophisticated but ambitious and beautiful young woman, who works her way through old New York society, Parisian count-dom, and back to the Midwest, all for the wealth and lifestyle she yearns for. This is a story of the hold that social convention has on people's desires — though maybe not on Undine's. Mark your new 2012 calendar for this get-together.



Financial Discussion Group

Doug Johnson, 703-628-3115
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Date/Time: Friday, January 13, 10:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

Location: James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Rd., Falls Church [between Arlington Blvd. (Rte. 50) and Lee Hwy. (Rte. 29)]

Who gives a drachma? Wait, now it's a peso; whoops, now it's a lira; no, no, it's the mark. Good-bye euro? Come join this embryonic Special Interest Group that will try to explain, discuss, etc. financial matters. For more information, phone or email Doug Johnson.





LLI French Conversation Group

Sally Reynolds, 703-352-7494
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Date/Time: Tuesday, January 17,
10:00 a.m. — noon

Location: Small Conference Room,
Mason District Governmental

Center

Le Groupe de Français vous souhaite un joyeux Noël et un bon Hanouka. Et surtout, une Bonne Année, pleine de santé, de succès, du tranquillité et du bonheur à profusion à tous les membres de LLI.

The French Group wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah. And above all, a Happy New Year, full of health, success, tranquility, and much happiness to all members of LLI.

In 2012, we will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of the month. Our professor, Al Brothers, will continue with "French in Action." Anyone interested in joining should contact Sally Reynolds.



LLI Gourmands

Mary Underwood, 703-329-8391
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The February Gourmand lunch, arranged by Nelva Berend, will be

at Texas de Brazil at NOON on Friday, February 3. This is a Brazilian Churrascaria all-you-can-eat restaurant that has a cold bar and hot dishes, including fried bananas and black beans. It is located in Fair Oaks Mall near the Sears entrance (11750 Fair Oaks Mall); the phone number is 703-352-4111; the web address is www.texasdebrazil.com. Please respond to Nelva by January 2 if you wish to attend (703-573-4533).



LLI Nimble Fingers

Bev Portman, 703-560-6740
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Date/Time: Wednesday,
January 18, 10:00 a.m. — noon

(NOTE CHANGE FROM REGULAR SCHEDULE)

Location: Small Conference Room, Mason District Governmental Center

This group meets monthly to enjoy and share all types of needlecrafts. Please bring a small project of any type to work on. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Bev Portman.



LLI Photography Group

Buck Myers, 703-532-3726
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Date/Time: Friday, January 20,
2012, 10:00 a.m. — noon

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center, 9002 Burke Lake Rd., Burke (on the right side of the King's Park Library building)

Members have a wide range of photographic abilities and interests and share a common desire to hone existing skills or learn new ones. Meetings are the third Friday of each month and center around a specific topic or area of interest decided by the group. New members are always welcome. For further information, contact Buck Myers.



LLI Walkabouts

Merry Macke, 703-451-3248, cell phone:
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Date/Time: First Friday, January 6,
and 3rd Friday, January 20, noon.

We will walk for an hour. **January 6:** Meet at Americana Park, on the west side of Little River Turnpike and I-495 (Beltway). Coming from NOVA, on the top of the hill just before I-495, turn right and then an immediate left; follow the road to a baseball diamond and park there. Coming from east of I-495, pass over the Beltway on Little River Turnpike; at the top of the hill, turn left and then an immediate left; follow the road to the baseball diamond. We will walk north and may be able to spot the deer with the congenital leg problem.

January 20: Same directions. This time we will walk south on the CCT path.

Trip Committee

The April 5 day trip, The Nation Takes Root on Capitol Hill, described in the Winter/Spring 2012 course catalogue, is filling fast, but there are still a few places remaining. A wait list will be established once the trip is filled. We will visit Congressional Cemetery, the Navy Museum, Eastern Market, Lincoln Park, and more! Be sure to mail your registration form early, along with your check for \$40 (\$50 for non-members), if you would like to participate in this tour.

*Deadline for the February
newsletter is Friday,
January 6, 2012.*

Study Travel — Spain

The Spain/Portugal trip in May currently has 32 travelers and two more are needed for an exclusive tour. This is the only overseas trip planned for 2012, so come join our group for an exciting getaway. For more information contact Terry Brittain at (703) 425-8240 or terry_brittain@cox.net.

LLI Winter/Spring Catalogue Correction

Course No. 12W18P, *Study Travel: Spain and Portugal*, is a 4-session program with the 4th session on Wednesday, April 25, 2012. The time and place are the same as indicated in the course catalogue.

Did You Enjoy the Holiday Luncheon?

A good time was had by all, thanks to the excellent work of co-chairs June Chalou and Colletta Hammond. We'll be looking for volunteers to help plan for the 2012 party soon; if you're interested, a sign-up sheet will be available at the January Forum.

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.

In Memoriam



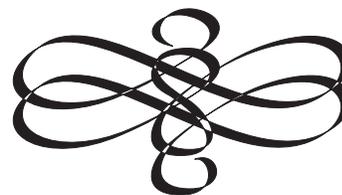
George Pearsall passed away on November 15, 2011, after a lengthy battle with cancer. A long-time active member of LLI, he served as class leader and coordinator for several classes.

Former member, **Dr. Dave Phillips**, recently passed away after a long illness. He was the husband of LLI Board member and past Secretary, Karren Scott.

Enrolling for Winter/Spring 2012 Courses

If you haven't already received your course catalog for the Winter/Spring 2012 term, please contact the Administrator, Laura Charron, at lauracharron@aol.com or 703-281-6189. The catalog is available on the LLI website at <http://lli.nova.org>. Please take some time to look through the catalog, select your courses, and return your registration form as quickly as possible, perhaps before you leave town or receive guests for the holidays. The earlier you mail in your registration form, the better your chances of getting into the classes you wish to take. Some classes are filling very quickly.

It is important that you **PRIORITIZE** your selections so that we take into consideration which courses are most important to you. Please remember to do so and mark your choices using **EACH PRIORITY ONLY ONCE**. Also, don't forget to include a self-addressed stamped envelope so that we may return your registration form to you after the registration process is completed. And if your class has an associated fee, please be sure to make your check payable to the required payee; not all are payable to LLI/NOVA.



Membership Renewal Reminder

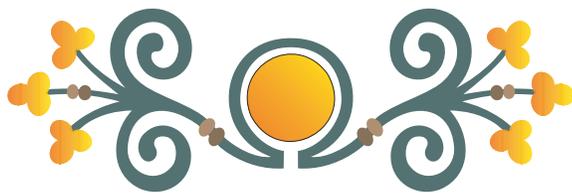
The mailing label on each newsletter includes your membership renewal date. You must renew and be a member in good standing in order to register for courses and to participate in LLI's many other activities. Complete the membership form (last page in the current course catalog), check "renewal," indicate 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. Please print clearly to help ensure that your information is entered correctly. **It is important to include the form with your check, for ease in crediting your membership renewal in our database.**



From the LLI Scrapbook

Answer to Quiz Question
on page 1:

**“Battle of Ox Hill,
Chantilly, VA”**



At the November Forum



LLI President Paul Hopley (l.) applauds Dr. Herman J. Viola (r.), Curator Emeritus of the American History Museum, for his November Forum presentation.

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