

October LLI Forum

Wednesday, October 3, 2012, at 10 a.m.
(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)

Is There a Solar Electric Power System in Your Future?

If you do not know the answer, our speaker, Dr. Henry W. Brandhorst, Jr., a widely-recognized expert in fields involving technology development and its transfer to the commercial use of power technologies, will provide answers.

Dr. Brandhorst received his Ph.D. in 1961 from Purdue University in the field of nuclear chemistry and his career steadily advanced at the NASA-Lewis Research Center from 1961 until 1996. While at NASA, he directed several successful technology developments and demonstrated the first integrated solar dynamic power system. NASA recognized his notable accomplishments by awarding Dr. Brandhorst the NASA Exceptional Engineering Medal in 1984 and, upon his retirement in 1996, the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal for his achievements in space power.

Outside of NASA, Dr. Brandhorst served as advisor to the Governor of Puerto Rico on a range of renewable energy projects, including “energy cane” and “gasohol.” From 1996 through 2010, he also directed two Auburn University programs in space exploration and space research. In addition, he has

written and/or given over 200 publications and presentations, and, as a scientist, holds seven patents.

Dr. Brandhorst is currently President of Quality Resources Technologies, Inc. For all LLI members, this is a speaker you must hear.

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.*

Moe Moser Honored



Moe Moser was honored at the September Forum for his contributions while a LLI board member.

Campus Parking for the Handicapped



NVCC does not issue special permits for using the parking spaces designated for the handicapped on the Annandale campus. Appropriate parking permits issued by any state and the District of Columbia are honored. The permit must be properly displayed and used only by the person or persons to whom it is issued.

Lunch Bunch

John Bogart bogartje@cox.net

Reservations have been made for lunch after the **October 3** Forum at **Grevey's Restaurant**, 8130 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church. The phone number is 703-560-8530. The restaurant, in the Yorktown shopping center at the intersection of Arlington Blvd. and Gallows Rd., serves American foods at moderate prices.

Directions from NOVA: Turn left onto Rte. 236 then turn right onto Prosperity Ave. to Arlington Blvd. Turn right on Arlington Blvd. to Gallows Rd. then left on Gallows to the shopping center on the right. The restaurant is near the entrance to the shopping center.

Calendar of Events



October 2012

- 3 Forum
- 11 Monticello Day Trip
- 12 Board meeting
- 12 November newsletter deadline
- 22 November newsletter mailing

November 2012

- 7 Forum
- 9 Board meeting
- 9 Newsletter update deadline
- 13 Virginia Fine Arts Splendor Day Trip
- 19 Newsletter update mailing

December 2012

- 4 Holiday Party see flier insert
- 7 January newsletter deadline
- 10 Ginter Gardens Day Trip
- 14 Board meeting
- 17 January newsletter mailing

Dec 20 — Jan 2

- NOVA Winter break
- No Forum

January 2013

- 11 Board meeting
- 11 February newsletter deadline
- 16 Forum
- 21 February mailing

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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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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.

IMPORTANT: Report Address / E-Mail / 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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President's Message

Currently fewer than 50% of our LLI members attend our scheduled Forums. The other half simply doesn't know what it is missing!

The LLI Forum is held nine times a year (none in December or during the summer months). Each Forum is open to all members, guests and members of our community. In other words, it is open to everyone. The gathering starts at 9:30 with a half hour of social time, during which food items are collected for various needy charities and light refreshments are available. After a few announcements, the guest speaker is introduced who, with a presentation and time for questions, speaks for about an hour. After a short break, we have about twenty minutes of "business" and we wrap up around 11:30.

Simple, right? Well, not quite. It all starts with the Forum Committee who must find, research and invite the guest speakers. Currently, the Committee is comprised of Alina Otal, Barry Newman, Virginia Moser, Moe Moser, George Chalou and the chairperson, Joseph Pincus. And what a super job they do! From the Chairman of the National Transportation Board to distinguished authors; from the Historian of the United States Senate to the Curator Emeritus of the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History — the list is impressive. We have had presentations from Fairfax County's Urban Search and Rescue team, which deployed to Haiti; from NIH, regarding both vision care and research on finding a cure for diabetes; and a presentation on how we are doing in predicting natural disasters from the Associate Director of Natural Hazards with the U.S. Geological Survey. The list continues, but you can see we have quality speakers on varied and timely topics. Clearly, each Forum requires a great deal of effort to enable it all to come together.

But there are still others involved in each and every Forum. The college sets up the Forum space for us, but Phil Meyers is there early — just in case. Colletta Hammond makes arrangements for greeters to greet us at each entrance. Remember the food donations? Betty Lee Thatcher and Carol Weber run our

Community Outreach

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

In October, Marianne Moerman will deliver our food donations to the Arlington Food Assistance Center, a community leader in providing and promoting dignified access to nutritious food for all. Even in a wealthy county like Arlington, there are far too many hungry and needy people, so please give generously. The best donations are healthy but also meet the needs of the multicultural community — Bolivians, El Salvadorians, and Russians — that come to AFAC for supplemental groceries.



Current needs include **hot and cold low-sugar cereals, cooking oil, dried beans, rice, and masa (corn flour); as well as canned goods, such as tuna fish, sardines, salmon and chicken, corned beef hash and chili, low sodium soups, canned fruit, and tomato sauces.** Please pick up something extra for the food pantry next time you are at the grocery store; it is easy to do, and makes such a huge difference in the lives of many families. Thank you for your generosity.

Community Outreach program, selecting needy charities and finding individuals willing to deliver the items we collect. Remember the social time? The Hospitality Committee, made up of Phil Centini and Betty Lee Thacher, work with others to provide the great donated baked items and other goodies that we enjoy so much. And to round out the whole experience, John Bogart, before each Forum, makes arrangements at a local restaurant so those who wish to can have lunch together. All in all, it's a team effort provided to you for the taking.

Fewer than 50% of you know most of the above. Now the rest of you know what you're missing. Come join us for yet another great LLI learning experience at the Forum!

Ed McKnight

Special Interest Groups



LLI Arts & Smarts

Doug Johnson 703-628-3115
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No visit is planned at this time.

Please refer to the article elsewhere in the newsletter regarding plans for Arts & Smarts.



LLI Bridge Group

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Time: 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

Location: Mason District Governmental Center

October Play Dates: Wednesdays, October 10 and October 24

November Play Dates: Wednesdays, November 14 and November 28

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 me if you would like to attend (or for more information) so that we can provide sufficient card tables.

Recent Results – Catch-up

The top four players at the game on July 18 were: **Nelva Berend, Jack Acey, Janet Goodrich, and Victoria Blackman.** For the match on July 25, the top four were: **Nate Rosenbaum, George Chalou, Nelva Berend, and Betty Pogerman.** In August, for the game on the 9th, the top four were: **Pat Snyder, Bob Huley, Merry Huley, and Betty Pogerman.** Finally, for our game on August 22, the top four positions were **Nate Rosenbaum, Jack Acey, Merry Huley/Arline Sachs (tied), and Victoria Blackman.** Congratulations to all.



LLI Current Events Group

Marion Jacknow, 703-698-8702
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Date/Time: Friday, October 5, 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 contact Marian Jacknow.



LLI Favorite Books Club

Lynne Smaldone, 703-525-9623
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Date/Time: Thursday, October 18,
11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

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

In October, the book club will discuss *The Archaeology of Home*, a non-fiction work by Katharine Greider. When the author was told to leave her house at Number 29 East 7th Street or risk it collapsing on her and her family, it spurred an investigation that began with contractors' diagnoses and lawsuits, then veered into archaeology and urban history. During the journey, she examines how people balance the need for permanence with the urge to migrate, and how the home is the resting place for ancestral ghosts. In one small house could be found the saga of a young country and the much longer story of humankind and the places they call home.



LLI Financial Discussion Group

Doug Johnson, 703-628-3115
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Date/Time: Friday, October
12, 1:30 — 3:00 p.m.

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

The times are a'changin', but some things just go on. We started this group just over one year ago. At that time we were concerned about the financial mess in Europe, the government deficit, lack of improvement in employment and political gridlock. Guess what — WE STILL ARE! Come join our lively and informative meetings. For further information, contact Doug Johnson.



LLI French Conversation Group

Sally Reynolds, 703-352-7494
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Date/Time: Tuesdays, October 2 & October 16, 10:00 a.m. — noon

Location: Goodwin House, Media Room, 3440 S. Jefferson St. Falls Church

Church

Under the expert guidance of Al Brothers, we will continue to increase our French language skills, and also our appreciation of French culture, with the program *French in Action* leçons 11 & 12. If you would like to join the group, please contact Sally Reynolds.



LLI Gourmands

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October Event: Aditi Indian Dining, Friday, October 26, at noon.

Aditi is a lovely small restaurant in the Kingstowne Shopping Center (5926 Kingstowne, Boulevard, Alexandria, 703-922-6111, (www.myaditi.com)). For those who want to sample a wide variety of Indian dishes, such as masala or butter chicken, spicy vegetable stew, naan, or rice pudding, a delicious buffet is offered for \$11. You may also order a la carte from the menu. The restaurant is across the street from the Kingstowne Regal movie theater, which has free garage parking. Please contact Marcia Toepfer by 20 October if you wish to attend, marcia.toepfer1@cox.net.

November Event: Rice and Spice Thai Cuisine, Monday, November 12, at noon. The restaurant is located in the Landmark Plaza Shopping Center, 6244-K Little River Turnpike, Alexandria; 703-750-1084. Their menu is available at www.ricespiceva.com. If you plan to attend, please contact Deanna DeMember at 703-866-0907 or ddemember@gmail.com.



LLI Nimble Fingers

Nimble Fingers has disbanded due to lack of member participation. The meeting in September was the last one. Thanks to all of you who helped keep this going the past few years.



LLI Photography Group

Buck Myers, 703-532-3726
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Date/Time: Friday, October 19, 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center, (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 center on a specific topic, area of interest or theme decided by the group. At September's meeting, members were treated to a Tall Ships video by Conne Rubenstein, which also featured the Navy's Blue Angels. Come join the group if you have an interest in photography.

For further information, contact Buck Myers.



LLI Walkabouts

Merry Macke, 703-451-3248, cell phone:
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Date/Time: First and third Fridays at noon

October 12: Fairview Park. I-495 to Rte. 50 going east, then the first right into Fairview Park south. Park at the Marriot Hotel on the left and meet at the hotel's entrance.

October 26: Eakin Park. We were rained out in August. From Little River Turnpike, take Prosperity north. Park is on the right.

For more information, contact Merry Macke.

LLI Fall Class Cancellation

Course 12F32A — A Discussion of Democracy and Politics, scheduled for Friday, September 28, has been cancelled.

Please remember to wear your name badges. It is the best way for new members to get to know others and a way for established members to meet, greet, and welcome new members.

Deadline for the November newsletter is Friday, October 12, 2012.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia
Cordially Invites You to Our
Annual Holiday Luncheon
Tuesday, December 4, 2012



Time

Cash Bar Opens at 11 a.m.
Luncheon at Noon

Location

The Country Club of Fairfax
5110 Ox Road, Fairfax, Virginia

Cost

Members: \$33
Non-Members: \$38

RESERVATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 20TH

Directions: From the Beltway, take the Braddock Road West exit. Go approximately 5-½ miles (just past George Mason University) and turn left onto Ox Road. Go approximately ½ mile and turn right into the Country Club (entrance is in front of the large white sports tent). Follow road until it dead-ends in the parking lot in front of the clubhouse.

Don't forget toys for the children! This is completely voluntary, but if you choose to participate, bring a new, non-gift wrapped toy for distribution to children at Bethany House of Northern Virginia.

Please fill out the Reservation Form below and return with check.

Name: _____

My Choice: Chicken Marsala
 Mahi Mahi topped with Shrimp

Total No. of Reservations: _____

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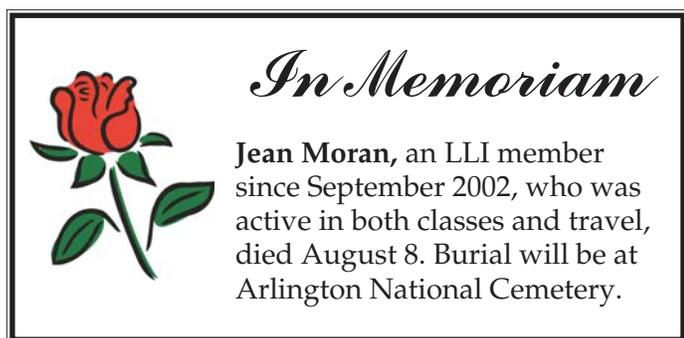
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Country Club of Fairfax

LLI Day Trips

A few openings are still available for the following trips and registration forms are in the Fall 2012 catalog.

- **October 11** — Charlottesville and Monticello with a tour the new Visitor's Center and renewed dining room with its bright yellow walls. Lunch is at the historic Michie Tavern, then return to the mansion for a house tour.
- **November 13** — Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, with a reserved audio tour of the visiting major exhibition of works by the renown glass artist, **Dale Chihuly**; lunch in the Museum's cafe; and free time to explore the Museum's exhibits and gift shop.
- **December 10** — Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, near Richmond — due to last year's popularity, this tour is being offered again. Enjoy a guided tour through the gardens and conservatory and a delicious buffet dinner. Then, after dark, view the extensive holiday lights display in the gardens. Take some time to visit the Garden Gift Shop, featuring unusual gifts for last-minute holiday shopping.



Volunteer Opportunities Available

LLI needs your help. Please evaluate these opportunities to contribute your time and energy; then choose one and join the fun! Contact the designated person for more information.

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

Forum Greeter Coordinator: Colletta Hammond, 703-866-6159, mchammondh@aol.com

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

Study Travel — 2013

A 13-day Danube River cruise, Grand Circle's tour "Eastern Europe to the Black Sea," has been selected for our 2013 trip. Stops include Bucharest and Constant, Romania; Ruse and Vidin, Bulgaria; Belgrade, Serbia; Osijek, Croatia; and Kalocsa and Budapest, Hungary. Options are available to extend to Transylvania in Romania and to Prague, Czech Republic. For additional information, contact Terry Brittain at 703-425-8240 or terry_brittain@cox.net.

Office Hours

The LLI office, located in the CG Building (Room 216D) is now open on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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 can 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.

Change the World Just a Little Bit

You've no doubt noticed how alive the NOVA campus is with students from all over the world, representing all ages, races, and cultures. Together with their fellow American students, the NOVA student body is gaining the skills and knowledge the 21st century will demand of its leaders.

For many NOVA students, the road is rough: They struggle to pay for tuition, books, food, and lodging; the foreign students are only allowed to have jobs on campus; and they don't qualify for the lower in-state tuition. Yet, in spite of the challenges, their resolve for an education is strong. The only limitation — a lack of funds.

For years, LLI members have generously contributed to the LLI Scholarship Fund. Scholarships have been awarded to students from countries such as Lebanon, Kenya, and Uganda, as well as the United States. Soon you'll receive a letter from the LLI Scholarship Committee, asking you to make a generous gift to the Scholarship Fund. Please consider it. Think of it as an investment in the future, an opportunity to educate these emerging leaders across the globe. What a wonderful world this could be!



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.**



Arts & Smarts Needs Your Ideas

After seven great years Donna Trogler, the founding light of **Arts & Smarts**, has decided to retire. We thank her for the wonderful job she has done. Doug Johnson, with the help of Nancy Jerdan, will attempt to carry on. But we face a quandary: all agree that docent-led tours are the best, but our attendance has been declining to the point that it is embarrassing to engage the services of a docent only to have 3-6 people show up.

What we need from you are suggestions on changing the format or time of day or week; broadening our format to include non-art type museums (such as historical, cultural, etc.); and ways to encourage greater participation. Would adding lunch to the itinerary be helpful (and add to the cost)? How about alternative suggestions on getting downtown other than the Metro? We also need to reach out to our newer members who may not be aware of our wonderful programs.

Do you like to visit our fantastic collection of museums and art galleries? Would you like to have knowledgeable and trained docents help you understand what you are seeing? Then come join LLI's **Arts & Smarts** program.

Please provide any ideas, suggestions or recommendations to Doug Johnson, llinovadoug@gmail.com or 703-628-3115. Thanks in advance for your input.



From the LLI Scrapbook

The September Forum



The Speaker at the September Forum, William P. Lecky, gave a behind-the-scenes view of the construction of our National Mall memorials.

Visiting the Tall Ships



Dust If You Must....

~~ Author Unknown ~~

*Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better
To paint a picture, or write a letter,
Bake a cake, or plant a seed;
Ponder the difference between want and need?*

*Dust if you must, but there's not much time,
With rivers to swim, and mountains to climb;
Music to hear, and books to read;
Friends to cherish, and life to lead.*

*Dust if you must, but the world's out there
With the sun in your eyes,
and the wind in your hair;
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,
This day will not come around again.*

*Dust if you must, but bear in mind,
Old age will come and it's not kind.
And when you go (and go you must)
You, yourself, will make more dust.*

*Remember, a house becomes a home
when you can write
"I love you" on the furniture....*



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