

## January LLI Forum

**Wednesday, January 16, 2013, at 10 a.m.**  
**(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)**

*The Mud March: Might This Have Been the  
 Decisive Turning Point in the Civil War?*



Michael T. Kelly

Whenever Ranger Michael T. Kelly speaks to LLI members, history comes to life. His illustrated talks capture the events, personalities, strategies, significance, and turmoil of our past. Thus, he will relive for us a part of the Civil War that began in December 1862. The Army of

the Potomac, under Maj. General Ambrose Burnside, had recently been defeated at the Battle of Fredericksburg and the Northern army was in disarray with low morale. General Burnside then began an ambitious winter campaign to outflank General Lee, circling to the west below Richmond but the Northern troops got caught in torrential rain and mud. Meanwhile, two generals on Burnside's staff leaked disparaging information to Lincoln's cabinet and, as war commander, Abraham Lincoln was faced with major decisions. Six months after the failed Mud March, the two armies clashed at Gettysburg.

A twenty-year veteran of the National Park Service, Michael Kelly currently coordinates the National Mall and Memorial Parks interpretive outreach program. He also provides ongoing leadership for his park's involvement in War of 1812 Bicentennial and American Civil War commemorations, as well as the approaching 57th Presidential Inauguration. Additionally, for a number of years, he has led many LLI courses, and we are pleased that he is our featured Forum speaker.

Please join us in January for Ranger Kelly's informative and entertaining presentation that will increase your knowledge of our nation's history and demonstrate why he continues to be popular with LLI members.

**Please Note:** *Parking is in parking garage (\$2/hour). Parking in B and C lots is by permit only. If no garage parking slots are available, a \$12 daily permit for the B lot is available at the office to the right just inside the entry gate.*

## Campus Parking for the Handicapped



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## Course Catalog Corrections

The Winter/Spring 2013 course catalog has an incorrect contact person for the **Arts & Smarts Special Interest Group**. The correct contact is Doug Johnson, (703) 628-3115, [llinovadoug@gmail.com](mailto:llinovadoug@gmail.com).

**13W24A: Making an American** — Class dates are changed to Tuesdays, April 2, 9, and 16 to accommodate the instructor's teaching schedule. The location remains unchanged; however, the maximum registration capacity is now 25. Please take this change into account when you are registering for LLI's "Winter-Spring 2013" courses.

## Lunch Bunch

John Bogart [bogartje@cox.net](mailto:bogartje@cox.net)

No lunch is planned after the January Forum.

# Calendar of Events



## January 2013

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

## March 2013

- 6 Forum
- 8 Board Meeting
- 8 April newsletter deadline
- 18 April newsletter mailing

## February 2013

- 6 Forum
- 8 Board meeting
- 8 March newsletter deadline
- 18 March newsletter mailing

## April 2013

- 3 Forum
- 5 May newsletter deadline
- 12 Board meeting
- 15 April newsletter mailing
- 15-18 NC trip



## 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](mailto: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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## 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.

## President's Message

**A**s we begin the new year, I want to welcome each of you back from the Holidays. Hopefully, you were with family and friends and enjoyed all the things that make you happy and bring meaning to your life.

Our Winter/Spring classes run January through May, so we are in the thick of things. With over forty classes, lots of choices and varied topics, there has to be something for each of you. But how does this happen? We owe it all to the hard work of our Curriculum Committee, comprised of the following members who have volunteered for this important effort: Brent Beeson, Pat Daniels, Ellen Gale, Lorin Goodrich, Delsa Hildebrandt, Paul Hopley, Chuck Hulick, Doug Johnson, Marianne Moerman, Kim Rendelson, Peter Schwarzkopf, Mary Underwood, Moe Moser, Gina Trapp, and myself.

While Kim Rendelson, Moe Moser, and Gina Trapp do the "heavy lifting" for the Committee, each of us is tasked with finding classes we feel would be interesting to other members. "Finding classes" means obtaining the idea, locating an instructor who is both knowledgeable and interested in teaching for us; doing the paperwork to support what goes in the catalog; working with the space coordinator, Moe Moser, who is constantly searching for new and CHEAPER venues; and coordinating with the other committee members in establishing the schedule.

What I have discovered after several years on the Committee is that you begin to see your world in a somewhat different light. For example: That guy had an interesting job — I wonder if he would give a class about it. This lady has an interesting hobby — I wonder if she could do a demonstration for us. That was an excellent lecture — I wonder if... Well, you get the idea.

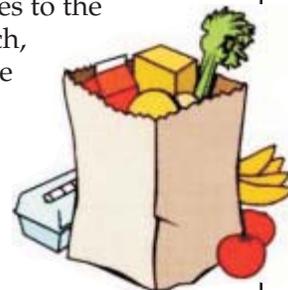
There are two points I would like for you to take away from this message. First, in most cases, we have to pay to use space and, like other things; the cost of space is going up. There are several churches we no longer use because the cost has become prohibitive. So in the future, you may see us having classes in new and different locations. We are all going to have to stretch our horizons to keep the programs affordable. Please, if you know of venues we could use at a reasonable cost, let us know.

The second point is that a large number of our instructors are our very own members! Classes as varied as geology, Women in the Civil War, Central European History, and the History of Gravity are all led by members. From Museum Masterpieces to

## Community Outreach

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Our January food collection goes to the Providence Presbyterian Church, located on Little River Turnpike about a half-mile west of the Community College in a seemingly prosperous neighborhood. However, a number of homes and many apartments in close proximity to the church consist of low income residents who face hardships during these most difficult times. Some are one-parent families and some are poor families that are unable to provide the food required for daily living.



Providence has in the past provided some if not all the food for about 15 families. This has grown recently to approximately 20 families and has created a drain on the food closets that the parishioners maintain. **The pantry is presently in need of canned vegetables, fruits, and meats as well as dried beans, rice, flour and sugar. Other needs are cereals, peanut butter and jelly.**

Our generous donations can make a difference in the way Providence is able to support these needy families. Clint and Kathy Hall will deliver this month's donations.

## Study Travel — 2013

Cabins are going fast for the June 2013 Danube River Cruise. Don't you want to join twenty-one of your LLI friends — or bring a guest — for this exciting trip?

For additional information, contact Terry Brittain at (703) 425-8240 or [terry\\_brittain@cox.net](mailto:terry_brittain@cox.net).

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Great Decisions to the Learning Company, members are providing each of us a learning opportunity. We all had life experiences before joining LLI and many of them were quite interesting. Many of you have great hobbies, unusual interests, or delightful travel experiences you could share; you have skills and knowledge that most of us don't.

Please, contact a Curriculum Committee person and share!

*Ed McKnight*

# Special Interest Groups



## LLI Arts & Smarts

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Arts and Smarts will take a “winter break” in January and February with NO events planned. Hopefully, something of interest will be available in March. In the meanwhile, continue to visit the area’s fantastic museums and art galleries on your own.



## LLI Bridge Group

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

**Location:** Mason District

Governmental Center

**January Play Dates:** Wednesdays, January 9, and January 23

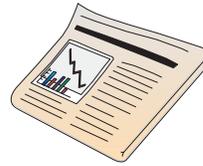
**February Play Dates:** Wednesdays, February 13, and February 27

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** — Catching up on the results, the top four players at the game on October 24 were: **Bob Huley, Mary Underwood, Connie Fullerton, and Nancy Sherman.** For the match on November 14, the top four were: **Nate Rosenbaum, Raymond Burmester, Jessica Burmester, and Victoria Blackman.** Finally, for our game on November 28, the top four positions were **Bob Huley, Connie Fullerton, Janet Goodrich, and Jack Acey.** Congratulations to all.

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 February update is Friday, January 11, 2013.*



## LLI Current Events Group

Marion Jacknow, 703-698-8702  
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**Date/Time:** Friday, January 4, 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

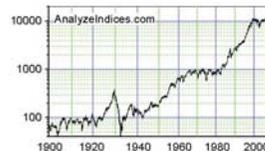
Lynne Smaldone, 703-525-9623  
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**Date/Time:** Thursday, January 17, 11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Braddock District Governmental Center (Supervisor’s Meeting Room, on the back side of the King’s Park Library)

In January, we will revisit a classic, *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne. When Hester Prynne bears an illegitimate child she is introduced to the ugliness, complexity, and ultimately the strength of the human spirit. Though set in a Puritan community centuries ago, the moral dilemmas of personal responsibility and consuming emotions of anger, loyalty, and revenge are timeless.

For further information, please contact Lynne Smaldone.



## LLI Financial Discussion Group

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**Date/Time:** Friday, January 11, 1:30 p.m.

**Location:** Braddock District Governmental Center (Supervisor’s Meeting Room, on the back side of the King’s Park Library)

The featured topic for January will be “Investing for Climate Change”. The group will not meet in February.

For more information, please contact Doug Johnson.



## LLI French Conversation Group

Sally Reynolds, 703-352-7494  
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**Date/Time:** Tuesdays, January 8 and January 22, 10:00 a.m. — noon

**Location:** Goodwin House, Media Room, 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls 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" lessons #14 and then #15. For more information, please contact Sally Reynolds.



## LLI Gourmands

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**At this time, no January event has been planned.**

The February event will be at Present Restaurant, **Wednesday, February 20**, at 11:30 a.m. Present is a Vietnamese restaurant located in Falls Church at 6678 Arlington Boulevard. The telephone number is 703-531-1881.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Giovanna Prestigiaco at [statistnd75@cox.net](mailto:statistnd75@cox.net) or 703-425-4465 by February 13.

**Recent Gourmand Events:** In October the Gourmands dined at Aditi Indian Dining in Kingstowne, an event planned by Marcia Toepfer.

Deanna DeMember planned the November event, which was at Rice and Spice Thai Cuisine in Alexandria.



## LLI Photography Group

Buck Myers, 703-532-3726  
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**Date/Time:** Friday, January 18, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** Braddock District Governmental Center (Supervisor's Meeting Room, on the back side of the King's Park Library)

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.

Our most recent meeting focused on **editing and organizing techniques for digital pictures and included a member presentation on how to use the free Windows Live Movie Maker program to**

**make quick and easy edits to videos shot with digital cameras.** Our January meeting will continue with the same subject. Come join the group if you have an interest in photography. New members are always welcome.

For further information, please contact Buck Myers.



## LLI Walkabouts

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

**January 11:** Mercer Lake. From Rolling Road, take the Fairfax County Parkway (state Rte. 286) going west to the Pohick exit. Do not turn left on Pohick but continue straight to Hooes Rd. and turn left there. Pass the first light at the intersection of Valleyfield Drive/Newington Forest Avenue, and look to the right for a small parking lot as you go down the hill. We will meet there.

**January 25:** Mercer Lake again; same directions. We'll travel a different route around the lake, which is appealing on both sides.

For more information, please contact Merry Macke.



## Call for Nominations for the Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates (officers and other directors) to serve on the Board of Directors beginning in July 2013. All LLI members in good standing are eligible. Elections will be held at the June 5, 2013, Annual Meeting. Please consider supporting LLI by joining the Board so that we can continue to provide stimulating intellectual offerings and opportunities for social interaction for our members.

If you are interested in becoming a candidate or would like more information, please contact a nominating committee member: Patricia Harrison (chair), George Chalou, Lorin Goodrich, Mary Underwood, or Phil (Philippa) Centini. The deadline for notifying the committee is February 15, 2013.

## Valentine's Day Celebration

Come one; come all to the 2013 LLI Valentine's Day Celebration on Friday, February 8, 2:00–4:00 p.m., at the Little River United Church of Christ in Annandale. (Refer to the



Winter/Spring course catalog for directions.) This annual event is hosted by the LLI Poetry Group for all LLI members and their friends.

Although Valentine's Day focuses mainly

on romantic love (Remember the "I Love You" candies shared in elementary school with your "special" classmate?), there are many other types of love that we also want to celebrate — love of family, friends, pets, nature, country, and on and on. So, bring a friend and join in the festivities. There will be singing (accompanied by a wonderful pianist), finger foods, decorations, mingling, chit-chat and, of course, poetry readings. If you have a favorite theme poem, be sure to bring it along to share with the group.

Be my Valentine



## Reminder: Return Your Trip Committee Surveys

In early to mid-November, the Trip Committee distributed to each member a short survey form designed to assist the committee as they research and finalize plans for future outings and to aid in broadening the types of excursions and destinations offered. The information you provide will help ensure that the expectations of LLI travelers are being met.

If you have not yet returned your survey form, please bring it to the January 16 Forum and give it to any Trip Committee member. You also may mail it to the Trip Committee Chair, Martie Klee, 8706 Fox Ridge Road, Springfield, VA 22152.

If you have misplaced your survey form, please contact Trip Committee member Kathryn O'Toole at 703-289-9646 or [kotoole@cox.net](mailto:kotoole@cox.net). *All completed surveys must be received by January 31, 2013.*

## Volunteer Opportunity — Publicity Needs a Volunteer

A volunteer is needed to oversee LLI's publicity needs. The position requires basic computer skills, such as the ability to create text documents and to send them via email. Deadlines and styles of the submissions will vary as each publication may have different criteria as to how and when to submit the information. Basically, you will be submitting brief articles about LLI and its activities to a variety of local publications and providing the information by email to a designated recipient, usually once a month.

By volunteering for this Publicity task, you will help seniors in the surrounding area learn about the wonderful opportunities available through LLI. You will assist LLI in fulfilling its mission of helping seniors pursue enriching cultural and educational experiences. You will use your own creativity to find ways to connect with seniors by deciding what publicity best lets the public know about our programs and best encourages them to join our organization. And you will increase your own awareness of the wide array of community resources that can provide valuable information to seniors.

Please consider making your contribution to the organization by taking on this critical volunteer assignment. Once you become familiar with the publications and their requirements regarding format and deadlines, this is not expected to take a great deal of time each month.

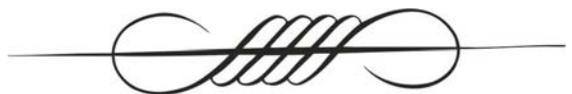
For more information on how you can help expand LLI's outreach, contact Merry Macke at (703) 451-3248, or email to [merry.macke@verizon.net](mailto:merry.macke@verizon.net).

Please evaluate these additional 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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# From the LLI Scrapbook

## *LLI Holiday Luncheon 2012*



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