

March LLI Forum

Tuesday, March 6, 2013, at 10 a.m.
(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)

*Inside China Today — Socially,
 Economically, Politically*

How should we think of the rise of China and our relations with that country? Is there going to be a Chinese version of the Arab spring? Our guest speaker, Dr. Robert G. Sutter, is among the foremost China experts in the world, having authored 19 books and 200 articles on that country. His most recent book is *U.S. —*



Dr. Robert G. Sutter

Chinese Relations: Perilous Past, Pragmatic Present (Rowman and Littlefield 2010). His award winning survey, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy since the Cold War*, came out as a third edition in 2012.

Dr. Sutter has been on the front lines of China analysis in such positions as National Intelligence Officer for East Asia and the Pacific at the U.S. Government's National Intelligence Council and as the China Division Director at the Department of State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research.

From 2001-2011, Dr. Sutter was known as a Hoya, Visiting Professor of Asian Studies at the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University. Recently, however, he has switched his allegiance to the Colonials, as Professor of Practice of International Affairs at the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University.

As usual, bring your most insightful questions to the Forum. Professor Robert Sutter can handle them.

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.*

Thank You, John Bogart

LLI's Lunch Bunch, a gathering of LLI members after each Forum for further conversation, a casual meal, and friendship, has thrived for the past 14+ years under the stewardship of **John Bogart**. This may be a record for continuous volunteering for one position within LLI. Both long-time and recent members have appreciated his efforts each month in seeking out and securing an appropriate restaurant to ensure both a tasty meal and the ease to enjoy it. However, due to recent lack of participation, John feels that it's time for him to step down from organizing this activity.



John Bogart

Directions: At the next Forum, walk over to the table where John is sitting — yes, he always sits at that same table — and express your thanks for his many years of offering another opportunity for LLI members to extend their friendship circle. John, a job well done!



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.



Calendar of Events



March 2013

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

April 2013

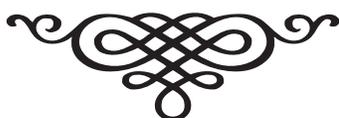
- 3 Forum
- 5 May newsletter deadline
- 12 Board meeting
- 15 May newsletter mailing
- 15-18 Old South/New South trip

May 2013

- 1 Forum
- 10 Board Meeting
- 10 June newsletter deadline
- 16 Maryland Paddleboat Cruise
- 20 June newsletter mailing

June 2013

- 5 Forum
- 14 Board Meeting
- 4-23 Eastern Europe Riverboat cruise



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

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Volunteer Opportunities

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.

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Cancellations Due to Inclement Weather

If the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) cancel school for the day due to inclement weather, all LLI classes, special interest groups (SIGs), and Forums are cancelled regardless of location. LLI morning activities are cancelled if the FCPS announces a 2-hour delay in class openings; LLI afternoon activities are cancelled if the FCPS announces early dismissal. Trips and social events will take place unless cancelled at the leaders' directions.

President's Message

I believe one of the major strengths of our Lifetime Learning Institute is its diversity of educational and social offerings. Our Forum provides super guest speakers on a wide variety of interesting and timely topics. We offer classes, of both long and short duration, covering a range of topics from art and music to personal development and crafts. There are classes on government, politics, health, science, history, literature, and religion. We also offer social gatherings, and if you missed this year's Holiday Luncheon, you really missed a good one!

A different way you can become involved is through the Special Interest Groups or SIGs. As the name implies, individuals come together as a group on a mutually agreed schedule to participate in a function, craft, hobby, or area of interest. While LLI does not finance these groups or govern their activity except in the broadest sense, we do support them through advertising and by designating a board member to represent them at Board meetings. Currently, Peter Schwarzkopf is that representative.

Special Interest Groups are not static. That is to say, they form to serve an interest and as time passes if that interest wanes or has been satisfied, the group disbands. As a result, the number of Special Interest Groups is constantly changing with new ones added and old ones closing out. Among our oldest are Bridge, Current Events (originally named Discussion) and Favorite Books. I'll give you a thumbnail sketch of each. You can learn more details, including points of contact, in this "News & Views" or our current program catalog.

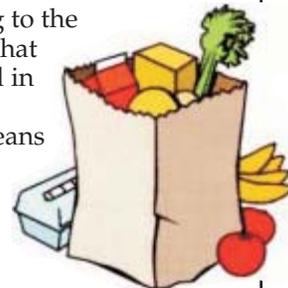
There are currently nine SIGs. Arts and Smarts is unique because they visit local museums and art galleries, almost always with a docent from that facility. The LLI Bridge SIG does as the name implies, plays bridge at various skill level tables. The Current Events SIG provides lively discussions monthly. The Favorite Books Club discusses mutually read books. The Financial Discussion SIG tries to discover, among other things, where our money has gone. The French Conversation SIG allows its members to practice and improve their French. The Gourmand SIG gets together monthly for lunch at various restaurants. The Photography SIG, which is relatively new, focuses on helping its members improve their photography skills. And the Walkabouts SIG schedules walks to get us up and moving.



Community Outreach

Betty Lee Thatcher 703-354-8154
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March's food donations are going to the **Koinonia Foundation**, a charity that provides support to those in need in the Franconia/Kingstowne area. Koinonia is a Greek word that means "community of fellowship of sharing and caring," a very appropriate name for this organization.



Koinonia's food pantry provides food to more than 400 people each month. Some current food needs are: **mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, coffee, cooking oil, sugar, jelly**, along with other basic non-perishables, such as **soups, canned meats, and cereals**.

In addition to food items, Koinonia also appreciates donations of **shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, cleaning supplies, paper towels, and toilet paper**. For more information about the Koinonia Foundation, see their website koinoniacares.org or call 703-971-1991.

In advance, thank you for helping out your neighbors who need a hand. Arlene Gribben will deliver this month's donations.



News & Views Available via Email

LLI members have the option of receiving the newsletter only by e-mail and canceling the postal delivery. If this is your wish, please notify Laura Charron, Administrator, at llinova@juno.com.

If you see something you might like, give it a try. Each group welcomes more participants. If you have an idea for a new SIG; know others who have like interests; and would like to set up and lead a group, please contact Peter Schwarzkopf for help in getting started. Again, we want to offer what you, the members, want.

Ed McKnight

Special Interest Groups



LLI Arts & Smarts

Doug Johnson 703-628-3115
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In March, a visit is planned to the National Gallery of Art to see the Color, Line, Light: French drawings, Watercolors and Pastels from Delacroix to Signac. Details will be announced at the March forum. For more information contact Doug Johnson.



LLI Bridge Group

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Time: 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

Location: Mason District Governmental Center

February Play Date: Wednesday, February 27

March Play Dates: Wednesdays, March 13 and March 27

April Play Dates: Wednesday, April 10 and Thursday, April 25

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. We will also continue our mini-lessons after each game.

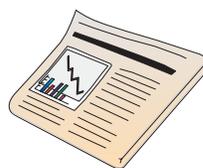
Recent Results — In our first game of the New Year on January 9, the top four players were: **Mary Underwood, Jack Acey, Betty Pogerman, and Nate Rosenbaum.** For the game on January 23, the top four were: **Raymond Burmester, Arline Sachs, Janet Goodrich, and Jack Acey.** Congratulations to all.





In Memoriam

Eleanor Shubinski-Mosser, a long-time LLI member, passed away on January 14, 2013, after a brief illness. She was an active member of the Gourmands.



LLI Current Events Group

Marion Jacknow, 703-698-8702
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Date/Time: Friday, March 1, 10:00 — 11:30 a.m.

Location: Small Conference Room, Mason District Governmental Center

The Current Events Group meets monthly for 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

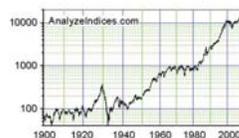
Lynne Smaldone, 703-525-9623
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Date/Time: Thursday, March 21,
11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

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

This month, we will be reading *Nothing Daunted*, a family memoir by Dorothy Wickenden. In it, she paints a portrait of two society girls, Dorothy Woodruff (her grandmother) and Rosamund Underwood who agree to travel west in the summer of 1916 to Elkhead, Colorado, to teach the children of struggling homesteaders for a year.

Mining a trove of letters as well as oral histories and period documents, Wickenden lets their tale of personal transformation open out to reveal the larger changes in the rough-and-tumble society of the West. Come join us! For further information, please contact Lynne Smaldone.



Financial Discussion Group

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Date/Time: Friday, March 8, 1:30 p.m.

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

For more information, please contact Doug Johnson.



LLI French Conversation Group

Sally Reynolds, 703-352-7494
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Date/Time: Tuesdays, March 5 and March 19, 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.” For more information, please contact Sally Reynolds.



LLI Gourmands

Mary Underwood, 703-329-8391
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February Event: Present Restaurant, Wednesday,

February 20, 2013, at 11:30. Present is a Vietnamese restaurant and is 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 statisInd75@cox.net or 703-425-4465 ASAP.

March Event: Ireland’s Four Provinces, Thursday, March 7, 2013 at noon. The Gourmands will be wearing green when we celebrate an early St. Patrick’s Day at Ireland’s Four Provinces, 105 W. Broad Street, Falls Church, (703) 324-8999. Ample parking is available on the top deck of a parking lot behind the restaurant; best access is from S. Maple Avenue. Please contact Bev Portman, (703) 560-6740, or firse@juno.com, by Monday, March 4, if you plan to attend.



LLI Photography Group

Buck Myers, 703-532-3726
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Date/Time: Friday, March 15, 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. Recent meetings have focused on getting the most out of your camera, editing and organizing techniques for digital pictures. **Meetings also include lessons from the**

“Fundamentals of Photography” course which is part of the curriculum offered by The Great Courses. Each lesson is presented as a video and includes a small assignment to practice the information taught which we review at the following meeting. Come join the group if you have an interest in photography. New members are always welcome. Meetings are held on the third Friday of every month from 10 a.m. — 12 p.m.

For further information, please contact Buck Myers.



LLI Walkabouts

Merry Macke, 703-451-3248, cell phone:
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Date/Time: First and third Fridays at noon — ***If the temperature is below freezing or the roads are icy, the walk will be cancelled.***

February 22: Pohick Stream Valley Park. This will be a challenging walk with substantial hills and pedestals to cross over the creek. Take Springfield/Franconia Parkway. If going toward the west off of Backlick Rd., pass Rolling Road. Next light is Whistler’s Creek Ct./Walkers Creek Rd. Take a left and then a right on Hooes Rd. On your left will be a small parking area. Sign there says Pohick Stream Valley Park. If coming east on Springfield/Franconia Parkway, pass Gambrill Rd. and at the next light, turn right onto Walkers Creek Rd., then an immediate right onto Hooes Rd. until you see a small parking area on the left. Park there. This walk is part of the Cross-County Trail. CCT

In March, note the different dates.

March 15: Lake Anne, Reston. Easiest route is Rt. 7 north to a left onto Barron Cameron Ave. Take a left on Wiehle Ave, and then right on North Shore Drive, right on Washington Plaza. Address is 1609 Washington Plaza N., Reston. Meet by the water. It is a long drive with a different setting.

March 29: Rutherford Park. Close by From Braddock Rd., go north on Guinea Rd. The park is on the left; we’ll cross Guinea Rd, walking east.

For more information, please contact Merry Macke.

Deadline for the April newsletter is Friday, March 8, 2013.

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.

Course Catalog

Additions and Corrections

13W18P: The War of 1812 — The sixth and final session of this course will be held on March 26 instead of April 2. The time and place remain the same. In summary, this course will meet at 1:30 pm at The Woodlands Theater on Tuesdays, February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, and 26.

13W40P: Native Plants for Sustainable Gardens — This course, originally scheduled for Thursday, March 14, will now be held on Thursday, March 28. The time and location remain the same.

13W24A: Making an American — Class dates have changed to Tuesdays, April 2, 9, and 16. The location remains unchanged.

13W10A: Lincoln's Rival: Stephen A. Douglas — **Additional Session Available**

Those who were wait-listed for the original session of this course are encouraged to attend a second offering of the same class, scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in Seminar Rooms C & D, Ernst Cultural Center, NOVA Annandale Campus. John Eliff has agreed to repeat the course due to the large interest in the February session.

Course Title: A Time to Celebrate

Rabbi Bruce Aft will teach a course for LLI this spring on the message in Mitch Albom's latest book, *The Time Keeper*. Rabbi Aft will read excerpts from the book and discussion will focus on the true meaning of time and on what is really important about the limited time we have here on earth. We become overwhelmed by the "noise" in our world which sometimes keeps us from looking at how special time can be, as well as the importance of communication in understanding each other.

No registration is required and course size is unlimited, so feel free to attend.

Dates & Time: Wednesdays, April 17, May 1; 2:30 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. (**Note class time and that there is no class on April 24.**)

Place: Greenspring Village, Village Square (Accotink Room) — (See Winter/Spring 2013 course catalog for directions.)

LLI Coordinator: Ellen Gale (703) 569-3370

Leader: RABBI BRUCE AFT, spiritual leader at Adat Reyim Synagogue since 1991. He is a graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Philadelphia and has worked with March of the Living since 1992, and B'nai Brith Youth Organization since 1985. He is involved in teen dialogue groups at George Mason University's Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution. In past years, Rabbi Aft has taught several courses for LLI.

Humor Corner

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

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.

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



LLI President Ed McKnight thanks Diana B. Coho, FCC Consumer Affairs & Outreach Specialist, for her presentation of the many facets of the FCC.

Honor Circle

Bonnie Hopler's contributions to LLI, since joining in 2002, have been numerous, varied and impressive. As a frequent volunteer greeter at the Forums, she welcomes everyone with her warm smile and uplifting attitude. You just can't have a bad day when Bonnie is present.



Bonnie Hopler

Among Bonnie's many talents, she is most noted for her organizational and leadership skills. As chair of the picnic committee for the last three years, she always had a written agenda for each planning meeting, stuck to it, and kept meetings short. She outlined the details, made assignments to others,

and found low-cost items to use at the picnic for the games and decorations that carry out the theme she researched. Committee members who have worked with Bonnie indicate she is extremely well-organized, a pleasure to work with, readily welcomes ideas and improvements from others, willingly pitches in and does her share of the work rather than completely delegating it, and quickly compliments team members for successes.

Bonnie steps up to volunteer when other members refuse to do so, as she did in chairing the 2012 Holiday party. After waiting to give others an opportunity to organize the event, Bonnie assumed leadership and the resulting party was quite successful. On another occasion, when the Membership Committee proposed holding an orientation session for new LLI members, Bonnie helped organize the meeting designed to introduce all that LLI offers.

Volunteers like Bonnie are the backbone of our successful organization and a welcome addition to LLI's Honor Circle. Thanks, Bonnie, and we hope you continue to offer your many talents to LLI.

LLI's Friendship Connection

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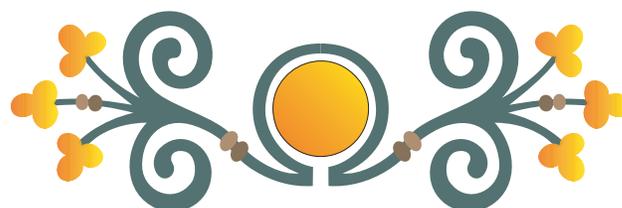


One of the benefits of LLI membership is making friends. We like to show support for fellow members by sending a card to anyone who is ill or has suffered a loss. If you would like a card sent to an LLI member or

spouse on behalf of the LLI membership, please contact Pat Harrison. Be sure to include sufficient information so an appropriate card can be selected.

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.



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March 17

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March 31



St. Patrick's Day



Passover



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