

## June LLI Forum

**Wednesday, June 5, 2013, at 10 a.m.**  
**(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)**

***Educating Current and Future  
Community College Students***

LLI is pleased to welcome **Dr. Ellen Fancher-Ruiz**, Dean of Students at NOVA-Annandale to our Forum for an informative discussion of issues facing community colleges and their students. Appointed to her current position in January 2013, Dr. Fancher-Ruiz has worked at NOVA for 25 years at the Annandale and Woodbridge campuses, with a significant focus on a wide variety of counseling positions.



*Dr. Ellen Fancher-Ruiz*

As the largest part of the nation's higher education system, community colleges enroll more than 6 million students, and the numbers are growing rapidly. Community colleges feature affordable tuition, open admission policies, flexible course schedules, and convenient locations. They are particularly important for students who are older, working, or need remedial classes. Working with business, industry and government, community colleges create tailored training programs to meet economic needs like nursing, health information technology, advanced manufacturing, and "green" jobs.

Opened in 1964, and comprised of more than 75,000 students and 2,600 faculty and staff members, Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) is the largest educational institution in Virginia, and the second largest community college in the United States. NOVA is also one of the most internationally diverse colleges with a student body consisting of individuals from more than 180 countries.



## LLI Spring Picnic

Several members have been inquiring about the annual picnic — that no one has seen any information. Well, sad to say, LLI cancelled this Spring event when no one stepped up to chair it. We are a volunteer organization and, if no one is willing to take on an occasional leadership role, events and activities will go by the wayside.

Perhaps in the Fall, or next year, someone will fill this vacancy. If you would consider being that volunteer, please contact Merry Macke at (703) 451-3248 or [merry.macke@verizon.net](mailto:merry.macke@verizon.net). Members with prior experience planning this event will gladly help you learn what is needed.



## NVCC Newsletter Notice

The Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus, has begun issuing an electronic community newsletter. Goals of the newsletter include providing information regarding activities and events on campus and addressing community concerns. If you would like to receive this newsletter, send your request with your email address to [rhull@nvcc.edu](mailto:rhull@nvcc.edu).



Dr. Fancher-Ruiz will discuss trends in community college education, including collaborations with businesses, partnerships with secondary schools and universities, on-line learning, remedial education and student success initiatives. She will also share information about how NOVA is addressing the challenges of meeting the needs of current and future students.

**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.*

# Calendar of Events



## June 2013

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

## July 2013

- 12 Retreat at The Virginian
- No Forum scheduled

## August 2013

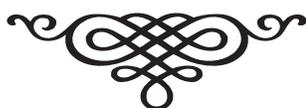
- 9 September newsletter deadline
- 19 September newsletter mailing
- No Forum scheduled

## September 2013

- 4 Forum
- 6 October newsletter deadline
- 13 Board Meeting
- 16 October newsletter mailing

## October 2013

- 2 Forum
- 11 Board Meeting
- 11 November newsletter deadline
- 21 November newsletter mailing



## 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).

### LLI Board of Directors

<b>President:</b> Ed McKnight	<b>Members:</b> Ray Bednarsky 15 *,
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	13, Gina Trapp 13

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## Members

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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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## Volunteer Opportunities

LLI always needs your help with volunteer activities. We hope you have a clearer picture of what we offer because of the Information Fair at the May Forum. Please contact one or more of the following LLI coordinators about your talents, then choose an area in which to contribute your time and energy. Join other volunteers and have fun!

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Merry Macke, 703-451-3248, [merry.macke@verizon.net](mailto:merry.macke@verizon.net)

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**Speaker Forum Committee:** Joseph Pincus, 703-569-0973, [joseph@pincus.org](mailto:joseph@pincus.org)

## President's Message

Well, here we are — approaching the end of another successful year in LLI. In June, we award our scholarships; have our business meeting to elect the Board members; and approve a budget for the coming year. While LLI doesn't stop operating — in fact, far from it — we recognize that many of us have family and other commitments (travel and the like) during the summer. As a result, no Forums are scheduled during July and August and the number of class offerings (twenty-five this summer) is reduced by design. Even the Board, with the exception of one early July meeting, takes a break. The LLI pace slows just a bit.

The one area I ask we not slow down in is getting out the word about LLI. Each of us needs to let our friends, neighbors, and others know about LLI and what it can offer them. There are many reasons to do this. First, and most obvious, is that our membership is constantly changing. In past surveys, people have indicated that they leave LLI because of their health, health of a family member, or a move out of the area, all of which are normal conditions for seniors. Second, our ONLY source of revenue is from dues. Clearly, we want to keep them as reasonable as we can, but our expenses don't directly correlate to the size of our membership. For example, whether we have ten members attending a class or forty, the cost per use of that classroom remains the same. Up to a point, increased membership provides us more flexibility.

But by far, revenue is not the major reason for bringing in new members. As you have already seen as a member of LLI, we each bring a great deal to the organization. We all had "previous lives" with interesting occupations and experiences. And all of that has made us a richer organization. Well, new people will bring these same qualities. New people will bring new ideas, new "previous lives," and new experiences. New members add greatly to that pool of talent we constantly tap for instructors, group leaders, future ideas, and the like. Simply put, new members keep us vibrant as a group, so we are always evolving.

We currently have a very active ongoing publicity effort to get out the LLI word, but the personal touch means so much more. To assist in this effort, we have prepared a tri-fold pamphlet, which is designed to provide basic information about LLI, what we do, and how to join. Included with it is a sheet listing the 48 classes we had during the Winter/Spring session. This handy tool helps

## Community Outreach

Betty Lee Thatcher 703-354-8154  
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The food collection at the June Forum is our last one until September. We want to take this opportunity to thank each of you who has contributed to this important community service in the past year. We received a very nice thank you letter from the Executive Director of FACETS, Amanda Andere, for our April donations, which were valued at \$200.00. She noted that our generosity plays a vital role in helping FACETS provide critical assistance to families and individuals in our area who suffer the effects of poverty. Her statement can be applied to all of the food pantries we assist.



June's food donations are going to the **Koinonia Foundation**, originally scheduled for March when our meeting was cancelled. This charity 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. Current food needs are: **mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, coffee, cooking oil, sugar, and 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.** Thank you so much. Arlene Gribben will deliver this month's donations.

explain our organization and provides the prospective member with something tangible. Please pick up two or three "Tri-folds" from Laura during the Forum or call the office (703-503-0600) to ask for copies. Carry them with you (I carry them in my gym bag) and pass them out when the opportunity presents itself.

Have a great summer, and to paraphrase Rick Steves, the Europe travel guide on PBS —

*Keep on Learning!*

*Ed McKnight*

# Special Interest Groups



## LLI Arts & Smarts

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No events are currently scheduled for June, July, or August.



## LLI Bridge Group

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**Time:** 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Mason District Governmental Center

**June/July/August Play Dates** — In June, we will play only once, on **Wednesday, June 26**. In July, we plan to play on **Thursday, July 11**, and **Wednesday, July 24**. In August, we will play on **Thursday, August 15**, and **Wednesday August 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. We will also continue our mini-lessons after each game.

**Recent Results** — In our game on April 10, the top four players were: **Jessica Burmester, Nate Rosenbaum, Carolyn Fowler, and Arline Sachs**. For the game on April 25, the top four were: **Jack Acey, Betty Pogerman, Janet Goodrich, and Nancy Sherman**. Finally, for our game on May 9, the top four were: **Betty Yeary, Raymond Burmester, Jack Acey, and Connie Fullerton**. Congratulations to all.



Please remember to wear your name badges as this is now a requirement for many facilities where classes are scheduled. It is also the best way for new members to get to know others and a way for established members to welcome new members. If you have lost your badge, just contact Laura Charron at the LLI office and she will send you a new one; a replacement lanyard has a fee of \$1.00.



## LLI Current Events Group

Marion Jacknow, 703-698-8702  
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**Date/Time:** Friday, June 7, 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

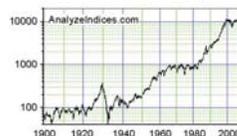
Lynne Smaldone, 703-525-9623  
smaldonega@hotmail.com

**Date/Time:** Thursday, June 20, 11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Braddock District Governmental Center, 9002 Burke Lake Road (in back of King's Park Library)

Our June meeting will focus on "summer reads". Those who wish to, are asked to recommend one book or author, give a brief oral description of their choice, and supply printed summaries of these selections that can be distributed to each of the other members. Favorite Books will not meet in July or August.

Come join us! For further information, contact Lynn Smaldone.



## Financial Discussion Group

Doug Johnson, 703-628-3115  
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**Date/Time:** No meeting in June. Our next meetings will take place on **Fridays, July 12, August 9 and Sept. 13**, 1:30 p.m. — 3 p.m.

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

*There is no July or August newsletter.*



## LLI French Conversation Group

Sally Reynolds, 703-866-3017  
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**Date/Time:** Tuesdays, June 4 and June 18, 10:00 a.m. — noon

No classes are scheduled for July and August

**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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**June Event: Vermilion, Thursday, June 13, at noon.** This restaurant, located at 1120 King Street, Alexandria, appeared in Tom Sietsema's 40 Faves in the Washington Post Fall Dining Guide. The phone number is (703) 684-9669 and the website is [www.vermilionrestaurant.com](http://www.vermilionrestaurant.com). A small, two-story restaurant, the group will be limited to 12 or fewer. Please notify Mary Underwood by Wednesday, June 5, if you wish to attend. Phone: (703) 329-8391 or email: [maryunderwood29@verizon.net](mailto:maryunderwood29@verizon.net).

**July Event: Idylwood Grill, Wednesday, July 17, at noon.** The Idylwood Grill is located at 2190 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, (703) 992-0915. Parking is available and separate checks can be offered. Please call Gloria Rothman at (703) 256-0853 or email [grothman1@cox.net](mailto:grothman1@cox.net) no later than 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, if you would like to attend.

**May Event:** Eleven LLI Gourmands had a delightful luncheon at Clyde's at Willow Creek in Broadlands on May 9. Mindy Rojahn planned this event.



## LLI Photography Group

Buck Myers, 703-532-3726  
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**Date/Time:** Friday, June 21, 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** Braddock District Governmental Center, 9002 Burke Lake Rd, Burke (on the right hand 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

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 and editing and organizing techniques for digital pictures. Meetings also include lessons from the "Fundamentals of Photography" video course. Each lesson 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. For further information, please contact Buck Myers.



## LLI Walkabouts

Merry Macke, 703-451-3248, cell phone:  
978-505-9506 [merry.macke@verizon.net](mailto:merry.macke@verizon.net)

**Date/Time:** First and third Fridays at noon

**June 7 Hidden Ponds Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield** From the intersection of Old Keene Mill and Rolling Rd., head west on Old Keene Mill. Turn left at the next light onto Greeley Blvd. Coming east on Old Keene Mill, turn right onto Greeley. Continue to the park and we'll meet in the parking lot.

**June 21 Oak Marr RECenter** Take I-66; exit onto Rte. 123 north. Turn left onto Jermantown Rd. Oak Marr RECenter is to your right. Meet in front of the Center. We will pick up the CTT (Cross-Country Trail) going west and then north.

**July 5 Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike.** Take Columbia Pike going east from Little River Turnpike (inside Beltway) Park is on the right before Sleepy Hollow Rd. Take a right and then right again to parking lot by tennis courts. We will meet there.

**July 19 Lake Mercer.** Franconia-Springfield Parkway going west. Take Pohick exit but proceed to Hooes Rd. going south, which is the second left. Pass 1st light (Newington/Valleyfield Drive) and then look to the right for a small parking area in the woods. Park and path begin there. Meet there.

**August 9 Pohick Creek.** Take Springfield/Franconia Parkway going west. Pass Rolling Road; next light is Whistler's Creek Ct./Walkers Creek Rd. Take a left and then right onto Hooes Rd. On your left will be a small parking area. Sign says Pohick Stream. With several pedestals to cross the creek and the hills, this walk is more challenging than usual.

**August 23 Burke Lake Park.** From Braddock Road, take Burke Lake Rd. south until Rte. 123. Turn left and the second left will be the park entrance. Stay to right. Park in the parking lot closest to the lake and wash rooms.

# Meet the 2013 LLI Scholarship Recipients

## ***Really, you ought to come meet them.***

The LLI Scholarship Committee takes great pleasure in announcing the winners of this year's scholarships. While many applicants were found to be deserving, after the interviews, deliberation, voting and discussions, unfortunately only a few are able to be selected. Each one has a clear direction of what he or she wants to achieve in life; and each has made great sacrifices to attain those goals.

Give yourself a treat and get a glimpse of the world's future leaders by meeting them at the June Forum. Once you take a moment to speak to these impressive individuals, you will understand the committee's enthusiasm in awarding these scholarships that your generosity makes possible.

With great pride, we introduce each of these exceptional young people to you.

## ***Leadership Scholarships***

**Cherise Britt** is this year's winner of the \$2000 **Knox Singleton Leadership Scholarship**, and there is no question this young lady is destined for success. She already has her degree in dental hygiene, and now wants to make a greater impact in the world by studying public health. "Cherise is a natural leader," Paul C. Fitzgerald, Ph.D. and Honors Program Chair of NVCC, wrote in his recommendation letter. We thought so, too.

**Angela Joy Impat** is awarded a \$1000 Leadership Scholarship. Angela graduated as Salutatorian from her school in the Philippines, an achievement she credits to her parents, who set the bar high and expected only the best from her. An admitted math-fanatic, Angela looks to a future in finance and hopes to work for the World Bank. But she's not just about numbers; she re-energized the Filipino student club on campus to become more active and socially involved.

## ***Academic Scholarships***

**Tracey Le** is receiving a \$2,000 Academic Scholarship to further her studies in marketing and brand management. Tracey credits her success to learning from her mistakes, and this candid, open approach to life makes her a winner in the scholarship team's eyes. Her letters of recommendation were glowing, too. One professor said, "I would rank her in the top five percent of

students I have had the privilege of teaching over the past four years."

**Meilin Lu** is awarded a \$1,000 scholarship toward additional studies in the United States, after receiving a B.A. in Russian language from a university in China. Because of the lack of employment opportunities here for someone who speaks Russian, she now concentrates on math, business and economic studies, hoping to become an actuary. Meilin exudes confidence and, in spite of all the life changes she's had, she maintains a 4.0 GPA.

A \$1,000 Academic Scholarship goes to **Karl Larsson**, originally from "an incredibly small town in northern Sweden," who has wanted to study in America since he was little. Now he's fulfilling that dream by studying arts and language at NNV. A nominee for the All-USA Community College Academic team, Larsson has already been accepted at the prestigious Corcoran School of Art for next year. He specializes in combining various media to improve global communications to improve international understanding.

**Pajareporn Maneechot** is also awarded a \$1,000 Academic Scholarship toward her studies in medicine. Pajareporn follows her Buddhist ideals of living a life of high meaning through helping people who live in distant areas and those who don't have opportunities for health services. "Personally," she writes in her essay, "I think the idea of having free healthcare service is marvelous and honorable." We are pleased to be able to play a small role in helping her accomplish her vision.

Please join us on June 5 in celebrating these ambitious students who have already proven their mettle by being the 2013 selectees for LLI scholarships.



## **Study Travel 2014**

The members interested in travel have selected Grand Circle Travel's 14-day land tour, Northwest National Parks, for the 2014 LLI trip. The group will fly to Seattle and travel by bus to Glacier National Park, Banff National Park and view the Columbia Icefields, among many other sights. Exact dates in July 2014 and cost have not been determined. Look for this information in the September newsletter.

# From the LLI Scrapbook

## *At the LLI Information Fair*



*The Information Fair  
was held on May 1  
at the May Forum.*



### May Forum Speaker



*LLI President Ed McKnight thanks Mike Canning for his entertaining presentation of the movies' relationship with Washington, D.C.*



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