

## November LLI Forum

**Wednesday, November 6, 2013, at 10 a.m.**  
**(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)**

***How Poverty and Inequality Endanger  
America. Are There Solutions?***



*Prof. Richard E. Rubenstein*

Professor Richard E. Rubenstein teaches at the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (S-CAR) at George Mason University and has been active in resolving conflicts here and all over the world for many years. The author of eight books, Professor Rubenstein holds degrees from Harvard College, Oxford University

(as a Rhodes Scholar), and received his Doctorate in Jurisprudence from Harvard Law School. While he is an active globe-trotter, this time he focuses attention on inequalities within the United States and the urgency of reducing current and future conflicts.

As the nation's oldest and largest conflict studies program, S-CAR studies the root causes of conflicts and strives to mediate and interrupt the cycles of violence. Putting theory into practice, the students undergo vigorous clinical training in the skills needed to work with people and disparate groups and parties from around the globe. S-CAR has pioneered books and articles about the situation in Syria; problem solving in Myanmar, China, Japan and the East China Sea; established a joint program with the University of Malta offering a Masters degree in Conflict resolution and Mediterranean Security; and recently hosted a conference, Searching for Peace and Stability in the Post Arab Spring.

This will be Dr. Rubenstein's second appearance at the LLI Forum, and, considering the reviews from his first, his presentation is not to be missed.



## Ask the Board

### **Question:**

Have you considered having the Forums on Fridays to avoid congestion in the parking garage?

### **Answer:**

The problem is that the Ernst Center has to be self-funding and we do not pay anywhere near the fair charges. The school has the best chance of renting it on Thursday, Friday and the weekend so they required we meet earlier in the week. Wednesday was the best we could get so we chose that day.

### **Question:**

What is the connection between the Trip Committee and the Board? Is it necessary for the Board to approve a suggested trip?

### **Answer:**

No, the Board does not approve LLI day trips (overnight trips do require Board approval due to the large costs). However, the Board has a fiduciary interest in the Trip Committee work in that any expense obligations incurred by the Trip Committee must be paid by the Board using LLI funds. Otherwise the Trip Committee has free rein to plan a trip, choosing the destination and the proposed date.

Additionally the Trip Committee estimates the fee per person for each trip so that all the trip costs will be covered.

When the Trip Committee has decided on a trip and the date for the trip, the Board Treasurer will assign a unique trip number so that individual checks and trip payments can be entered into the LLI financial system for tracking.

In short, the Board does not approve day trips, but is an interested party for these LLI trips.

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

# Calendar of Events



## November

- 6 Forum
- 8 Board meeting
- 8 December update deadline
- 18 December update mailing

## January 2014

- 10 Board Meeting
- 10 February newsletter deadline
- 15 Forum
- 21 February newsletter mailing

## December

- 3 LLI Holiday Party
- 5 Longwood Gardens Holiday Tour
- 6 January newsletter deadline
- 13 Board meeting
- 16 January newsletter mailing

## February

- 5 Forum
- 14 Board meeting
- 14 March newsletter deadline
- 24 March 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).

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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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## 2013 Holiday Luncheon



*See registration form in this newsletter.*

## President's Message

**W**here did Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia come from? What's our history, our pedigree so to speak? Well, it's the result of some keen vision and a lot of hard work by a few dedicated people.

On September 27, 1995, Audrey Markham and Knox Singleton met with Dr. Richard J. Ernst, then President, NVCC, to discuss the need and opportunity for the college to sponsor the development of a new group for learning in retirement for older adults. George Mason University had such a program, but it was at maximum capacity and was considering capping its membership, while the need for this type of educational opportunity continued to grow. Dr. Ernst readily agreed with the caveat that, while there were no college funds available to finance such a program, Dr. Kay Haverkamp, Director of Continuing Education, would assist in making space available in the Community Cultural Center.

On November 20, 1995, a meeting was held in the Cultural Center for all persons interested in the development of LLI/NOVA; about 50 people attended and the interest was established. By March 13, 1996, LLI obtained its Virginia State Charter and advertised for a first membership meeting, which was held on May 20, 1996. After that meeting 38 people joined; a 12-member board of directors was elected; and LLI/NOVA was on its way!

The 1996 fall term started with 16 different courses, and interestingly enough, had a nice mixture of history, art, government issues, and the like. By April, 1997, LLI had 78 members and the summer "catalog" (put together by hand) contained 24 courses. By FY 1999 (July 1, 1998 – June 30, 1999), there were 130 members, with fall, winter/spring and summer catalogs each offering a wide variety of subjects, much like today.

Study/travel was a popular program right from the beginning and continues its popularity up to the present time. In September, 1997 LLI travelers went to Istanbul, Greek Isles, and Athens. In May, 1998, it was Vienna/Budapest/Prague and in July of that year, it was a Danube river cruise. Those were followed by a journey through Spain in May of 1999. The list continues, with one or two major trips annually, preceded by classes about the planned destination.

And believe it or not, we still have a number of current members who were either charter members or joined the first year. LLI would like to recognize

## Community Outreach

Carol Weber, [caroljeanweber@hotmail.com](mailto:caroljeanweber@hotmail.com)  
Marianne Moerman, [mcmoerman@juno.com](mailto:mcmoerman@juno.com)

November's food collection will be donated to the Food Pantry operated by the Church of the Nativity in Burke. The Food Pantry distributes non-perishable food to anyone who comes to them for help as it is a program for those in need in the surrounding area.



Despite the area's affluence, there are many in need who come to the pantry. **Any non-perishable food item is welcomed.** Trudy Hynes will deliver the food this month.

In spite of the slowly reviving economy, the U.S. Department of Agriculture finds that 35 million Americans live in households that experience hunger or are at risk of hunger. In Fairfax County alone there are 1500 homeless, 76,000 who are "food insecure" (about 7% of the population), and over 26,000 who receive help through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program). Food for Others, one of the groups we support with our donations, distributed 2.3 million pounds of food locally between July 2012 and June 2013. Even in a generally wealthy community, needs are great, and it is good that we are helping. Thank you.



the following current members: Bruce Birnberg, Deborah Birnberg, Danetta Chapman, Laura Charron, Marjorie Clark, Anna Fish, Frances Grimes, Trudy Hynes, Martie Klee, Elizabeth Mahon, Alan Mayer, Leah Porzel, Philip Reeves, Richard Risk, Marjorie Singleton, and Joan Steyn.

Not a bad pedigree at all!

*Ed McKnight*

# Special Interest Groups



## LLI Bridge Group

Bob or Merry Huley, 703-534-4819 or  
703-489-9045 [roberthuley@cox.net](mailto:roberthuley@cox.net)

**Upcoming Play Dates** — In October, we are tentatively scheduled to play

on **Friday, October 25**. In November, we are scheduled for **Thursday, November 14**, and **Wednesday, November 20**. In December, we plan to play on **Wednesday, December 11**, and **Wednesday, December 18**.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Mason District Governmental Center  
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 October 10, the top four players were: **Nate Rosenbaum, Mindy Rojahn, Merry Huley** and **Bob Huley**. Congratulations to all.



## LLI Current Events Group

Marion Jacknow, 703-698-8702  
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**Date/Time:** **Friday, November 1**, 10:00 a.m. — 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 Marion Jacknow.



## LLI Favorite Books Club

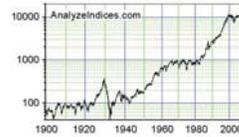
Lynne Smaldone, 703-525-9623  
[smaldonega@hotmail.com](mailto:smaldonega@hotmail.com)

**Date/Time:** **Thursday, November 21**, 11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

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

The selection originally chosen for October will be discussed at our November meeting. We will be reading the novel "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith, chosen by the Library of Congress staff as one of the "Books That Shaped America."

**There will be no meeting in December.** For further information, please contact Lynn Smaldone.



## Financial Discussion Group

Doug Johnson, 703-628-3115  
[llinovadoug@gmail.com](mailto:llinovadoug@gmail.com)

**Date/Time:** **Friday, December 13**, 1:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Braddock District Governmental Center (in back of the King's Park Library)

Come join us as we try to figure out the market's gyrations and other financial matters. **There will not be a meeting in November due to a scheduling conflict regarding our meeting space.** For further information, please contact Doug Johnson.



## LLI French Conversation Group

Lois Czapiewski, 703-578-7562  
[loisczap@gmail.com](mailto:loisczap@gmail.com)

**Date/Time:** **Tuesdays, November 5 and November 19**, 10:00 a.m. — noon

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

Church

Under the expert guidance of AI Brothers, we will continue to increase our French language skills and also our appreciation of French culture with the program "French in Action," Leçon #20. For more information, please contact Lois Czapiewski.

*Deadline for the Winter Update, if needed, is November 8.*



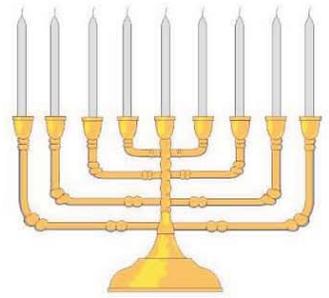


# HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern Virginia  
Cordially Invites You to Our

## Annual Holiday Luncheon

Tuesday, December 3, 2013



### 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 Florentine  
 Beef Tenderloin Tips

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Total No. of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_

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Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to LLI/NOVA  
and mail to:

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NOVA Annandale Campus

Godwin Bldg (CG), Room 202

8333 Little River Turnpike

Annandale, VA 22003-3743

**Reservation Deadline: November 20th**

### Office Use Only

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

December 3, 2013 Holiday Luncheon

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Country Club of Fairfax

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## LLI Gourmands

Mary Underwood, 703-329-839,  
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Patti Volz, 703-892-6124, pattivolz@verizon.net

**November Event: Tuesday, November 19, noon** at **Maplewood Grill**, 132 Branch Road, S.E., Vienna. The phone number is 703-281-0070, website: [www: maplewoodgrill.com](http://www.maplewoodgrill.com). If you plan to attend, please contact Suzanne Pastura at [hookedonwool@cox.net](mailto:hookedonwool@cox.net) or 703-560-1477 by November 12.

No event has been planned for December. Gourmands are encouraged to attend the LLI Holiday Luncheon on Tuesday, December 3.

In October, the Gourmands dined at Côte d'Or in Arlington. Edie Berman planned this event.

In 2014, Linda Cyr and Patti Volz, two new LLI members, will assume the leadership of the Gourmands.



## LLI Photography Group

Buck Myers, 703-532-3726  
hbm@hbmphoto.com

**Date/Time: Friday, November 15, 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.**

**Location:** Braddock District Governmental Center, (in back 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 and also include lessons from the video series "Fundamentals of Photography." Each lesson includes a small assignment to practice the information taught, which we review at the following meeting. New members are always welcome.

For further information, please contact Buck Myers.

**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 Walkabouts

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

**Date/Time: Fridays at noon — If the temperature is below freezing or the roads are icy, the walk will be cancelled.**

**November 8 — Fairview Park.** From the Beltway, take Rt. 50 east. After exiting, follow the signs for Fairview Park south and to the Marriot Hotel on your left. Park there and meet in front of the hotel.

**November 22 — Colvin Mill.** For the prep for turkey day, we will walk a nice horse trail near Colvin Run Rd. Take Rt. 7 past Beulah Rd. At the light on Colvin Run Rd., turn right. Keep to the right to follow a road to a parking area by a building. Do not go to the Mill. Merry may stay by the road to direct you to the bigger parking area. You may want to bring walking sticks. Hope to see you there.

## LLI Trips and Travel News

### Reminder

**Sign up by November 14 for the Longwood Garden Holiday Tour** on December 5. Wander through half a million twinkling lights, thousands of poinsettias,



and magnificently adorned trees. Beautifully lit fountains dance in the garden's starry holiday wonderland and concerts are presented daily. Longwood's Conservatory is one of the world's great greenhouse structures. It shelters 20 indoor gardens and 5,500 types of plants.

The Conservatory, which was built in 1919, has been periodically expanded and renovated and is beautifully decorated for the holidays. This event is both indoors and outdoors, so visitors should dress accordingly and wear comfortable shoes. To see all of the outdoor lights, there is considerable walking involved. Don't miss this lovely celebration of the holiday season.

**Study Travel July 10 to 23, 2014 — Grand Circle Travel's Northwest National Parks Land Tour —** Seattle, Glacier National Park, Banff, Jasper, Sun Peaks, Vancouver. Also there is an optional pre-trip extension to Seattle and Victoria. Family and friends are welcome. For more information, contact Terry Brittain at 703-425-8240 or [terry\\_brittain@cox.net](mailto:terry_brittain@cox.net).

## Farewell and Best Wishes to Mary Underwood



Mary Underwood

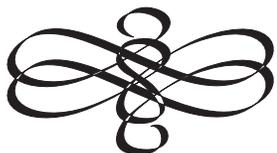
Mary Underwood will be leaving our area this winter to return to her roots in North Carolina. The members of LLI wish to express their appreciation and gratitude for her contributions to our organization during 11 years of membership. Mary has been an amazingly positive and energetic force, demonstrating

willingness to lead a project or play a supporting role for others. Her bright smile, sense of humor, and the myriad ways in which she devoted her time and expertise, will be greatly missed by all.

The following represents a sampling of Mary's involvement:

- *Curriculum Committee* — member, 10 years; chair, 2 years; developed numerous courses
- Instrumental in obtaining classes through the *National Park Service*
- *Board of Directors* — member, 2006-2008 and 2009-2011
- *SIGs* — Initiated position of Board SIG coordinator
- *Gourmands SIG* — coordinator and member since 2005
- *Bridge SIG* — member
- *Trip Committee* — coordinated Spring 2013 Eastern Shore trip
- *Budget and Finance Committee* — member
- *Scholarship Committee* — member for 2 years
- *Nominating Committee* — member (twice)
- *Class coordinator and Forum greeter* — multiple occasions

We extend our best wishes to Mary knowing that she will continue to play an active role in her new community. Her commitment and skill set will be an asset to any volunteer position that she chooses to undertake.



## 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.

The Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus, issues 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).

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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 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.

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## Volunteer Opportunities

LLI always needs volunteers to help with a variety of activities. For a list of these activities please contact one of the LLI Coordinators listed below. Match your talents with an area in which you can contribute your time and energy. Join other volunteers, support LLI, and have fun!

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Phil Centini, 703-658-1545, [barry.centini@verizon.net](mailto:barry.centini@verizon.net)

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

# From the LLI Scrapbook

## October Forum Arts & Crafts Exhibit



## From the October Forum



*Bill Kallio, Virginia's AARP director, reviews Social Security and Medicare issues for the LLI audience.*

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