

Calendar of Events



February

- 5 Forum
- 14 LLI Valentine Party
- 14 Board meeting
- 14 March newsletter deadline
- 24 March newsletter mailing

April

- 2 Forum
- 11 Board meeting
- 11 May newsletter deadline
- 21 May newsletter mailing

March

- 4 Forum (note change of date)
- 14 Board meeting
- 14 April newsletter deadline
- 24 April 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.

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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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President's Message

It is true that the mission of LLI is, first and foremost, to provide affordable and convenient opportunities for older adults to enjoy continuing education. And we do that through classes and trips and Forums and the like. But we soon discover very powerful byproducts of the process those of intellectual stimulation and socialization.

Where do you see these occur? Come early to a Forum, any Forum, and you will observe a great deal of socialization: members, who have become friends, sharing news and thoughts with each other over coffee. Attend any Special Interest Group meeting and observe people who come together on a scheduled basis to pursue a common subject or activity. There is a united need for intellectual stimulation surrounding that specific interest. Friendships are formed and socializing occurs. And if you attended our holiday party, well, you clearly understand the social part!

Have you ever noticed how we bond with fellow classmates both before and after classes? We are friends meeting friends and making new friends. We attend classes not only because we want to learn, but also for the need to be with others. We socialize; we find this enjoyable; and we become more alive as a result.

How many times, after attending a class that really piqued your interest, have you visited a library to do further reading or you researched the topic on the Internet? Have you ever used the instructor's provided bibliography to delve further into the subject? What about the conversations you have with others not associated with the class, in which you recall information you learned during the class? Without realizing it, intellectual stimulation is occurring.

It has been said that involvement in an educational experience, with all the ensuing social interchange, gives us a chance to look for our best selves. I think there is truth in that thought. And that is ultimately what LLI is all about; a chance to learn, a chance to be with others, and a chance to look for our best selves. Please, feel free to take full advantage of all we have to offer and, maybe, offer a little of yourself as well.

Ed McKnight

Community Outreach

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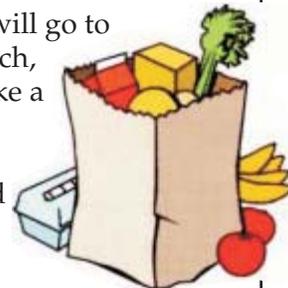
The February food collection will go to Providence Presbyterian Church, located on Little River Turnpike a short distance from NVCC.

Providence is a long-time provider of food, clothing, and furniture to the needy who live in the nearby community.

Additionally, members prepare a hot meal for the residents and guests of the Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter. Their food pantry, maintained with items donated by parishioners, is quickly being depleted as more people require help. This year has been especially challenging.

The most needed items at this time are: **cereal, pancake mix, syrup, dried beans, rice, all canned vegetables and fruits, pasta, and tomato sauces.** As always any non-perishable food that you have on hand is welcomed.

Clint Hall will deliver our donations this month. Thank you very much.



In Memoriam



Former long-time LLI member, **John Manion**, died on December 13, 2013. He was a resident of Green Spring Village and had served on the LLI Board as Treasurer.

Volunteer Opportunities

LLI always needs volunteers to help with a variety of activities. For a list of these activities please contact one or more 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

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

Special Interest Groups



LLI Bridge Group

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

Location: Mason District Governmental Center,
6507 Columbia Pike

February/March Play Dates — In February, we plan to play on **Thursday, February 13** (tentative), and **Wednesday, February 26**. In March, we will play on **Wednesday, March 12**, and **Wednesday, March 26**.

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 results from last year, in our game on December 11, the top four players were: **George Chalou, Bob Huley, Raymond Burmester, and Carolyn Fowler**. On December 18, the top four were: **Carole Compton, Bob Huley, Jack Acey, and Victoria Blackman**. Starting off the New Year, the top four players on January 9 were: **Erma Blassic, Janet Goodrich, Merry Huley, and Lynda Brittain**. Congratulations to all.



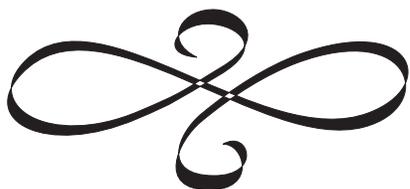
LLI Current Events Group

Marion Jacknow, 703-698-8702
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Date/Time: Friday, February 7, 10:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

Location: Small Conference Room, Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike

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

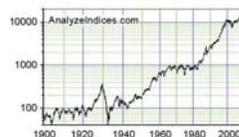
Lynne Smaldone, 703-525-9623
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Date/Time: Thursday, February 20,
11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

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

In recognition of Black History Month, we will be reading *Invisible Man*, by Ralph Ellison. First published in 1952, it was immediately hailed as a masterpiece, and changed the shape of American literature. Not only did Ellison's journey across the racial divide tell unparalleled truths about the nature of bigotry and its effects on the minds of both victims and perpetrators, his use of imagery and improvisation, or "jazz set to words," also provided an entirely new model of what a novel can be.

Come join us! For further information contact Lynne Smaldone.



Financial Discussion Group

Doug Johnson, 703-628-3115
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Date/Time: Fridays, February 14 & March 14,
1:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center,
9002 Burke Lake Road (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. For further information, please contact Doug Johnson.



LLI French Conversation Group

Lois Czapiewski, 703-578-7562
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Date/Time: Tuesdays, February 4 and February 18, 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 #23.

For more information, please contact Lois Czapiewski.



LLI Gourmands

Linda Cyr 703-750-1257,
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February Event: Sunday, February 9, 1:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m. at **Sweet City Desserts**, 131-A Maple Ave. West, Vienna. Members are invited to get a “head start” on Valentine’s Day with a casual afternoon snack of coffees, teas, hot chocolate and sweet treats, including gluten free options. A dedicated seating area will be reserved for Gourmands, who may drop in at their leisure between 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. You will order and pay individually at the café counter. If you are interested in attending please contact Linda Cyr at 703-750-1257, or by email to linda.cyr@verizon.net, or Patti Volz at 703-892-6124, or by email to pattivolz@verizon.net.

Reminder: Gourmands members are needed to volunteer to plan events for March, May and June so we can continue the tradition of new and favorite dining adventures. **Please** contact Patti Volz at pattivolz@verizon.net and/or Linda Cyr at linda.cyr@verizon.net as soon as possible so we don’t miss any opportunities for our monthly gatherings!



LLI Photography Group

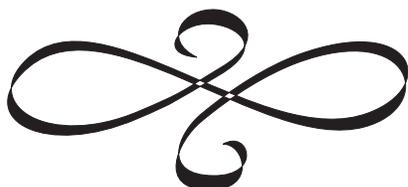
Buck Myers, 703-532-3726
hbm@hbmphoto.com

Date/Time: Friday, February 21, 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Location: Braddock District Governmental Center, 9002 Burke Lake Road (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” course, which is part of the curriculum offered by The Great Courses. Each lesson includes an 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

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

cancelled.

January 24: Lake Mercer. Fairfax County Parkway (VA 286) 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. The path has been made into a paved road on the east side. Meet there.

February 21: Lake Barcroft area, Falls Church. We will explore the Lake Barcroft area but will walk on roads rather than any path. The area is hilly with views of the lake and lovely homes. Please wear your LLI name badge for this walk. Turn onto Sleepy Hollow Rd. from Columbia Pike then left onto Fern Lane. Park alongside the road and Merry will meet you there. Google Lake Barcroft to learn its interesting history.

February 28: Rutherford Park. 4798 Guinea Rd, Fairfax, north of Braddock Rd. Cross Streets: between Bayard Pl. and Braeburn Dr. The park is on the left coming from Braddock Rd.

March: A possible walk around Lake Royal, south on Guinea Rd. in the Burke/Fairfax area.

For further information, please contact Merry Macke.

*Deadline for the
March issue is
February 14.*

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 Needs You!

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to serve on the Board of Directors beginning in July 2014. All LLI members in good standing are eligible. Elections will be held at the June 2014 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 of members.

If you have any questions about the duties and responsibilities of a Board member or would like more information, please contact a nominating committee member: Pat Harrison (Chair), Ray Bednarsky, Phil (Philippa) Centini, Colletta Hammond, or Bob Huley. If you are interested in being considered, please notify a committee member no later than February 21.

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.

Enjoy Tea & Chocolates on a Cold Winter Day!

Space is still available in **Course 14W21A, Tea Tasting & Presentation: Pairing Tea and Chocolates**, for those of you who would like a treat to brighten up a winter day. Join Chef Laurie Bell at her home in Great Falls as she tells us about the main growing regions and botanical aspects of the tea plant and the cacao tree and how they were first introduced into America. We will sample diverse teas and several styles of chocolate; you'll be amazed at how well some teas and chocolates taste together! The course is on **Thursday, February 6**, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you would like to attend, please contact Gina Trapp at GTrapp_26@msn.com or 703-522-7528 for details.

Study Travel

We currently have a full bus of 40 travelers going on the Study Travel Northwest Parks trip in July 2014. This will be the largest group LLI has sponsored. I am sure everyone is looking forward to a wonderful trip.

While we are making final arrangements for the 2014 trip, it is time to start planning for 2015. If you are interested in travel in 2015, please attend a planning meeting following the February forum. This meeting will allow you to nominate your desired trips/destinations. The proposed trips will then be reduced to a more manageable number by a show of interest of those attending the planning meeting. The Study Travel Committee will analyze the proposed trips and report back to the group at subsequent Forums, with the target of determining the final trip in March or April. So, bring your travel ideas to the meeting after the February Forum. In addition, if you are interested in joining the Study Travel Committee, contact Terry Brittain at 703-425-8240 or at terry_brittain@cox.net.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Honors LLI Members

LLI members Jessica and Raymond Burmester were honored on January 14, 2014, by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS), which named that date "**Jessica and Raymond Burmester Day**" to recognize the many years they volunteered to serve as BOS appointees. In addition to serving on several other county boards and councils, for the past 25 years, they have served alternately on the 16-member Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, which provides and/or coordinates all publicly funded mental health, intellectual disability, and substance abuse services in Fairfax County, and establishes priorities and sets policies for providing those services.

LLI congratulates the Burmesters for receiving this honor and thanks them for their service to the county.



From the LLI Scrapbook

Great Falls Tea Tasting



Ragtime Years



LLI Member Betty Jane Owen

January Forum



Jessica and Raymond Burmester



LLI President Ed McKnight thanks Dr. Kalahn Taylor-Clark for advising LLI members on expected changes.

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