

March LLI Forum

Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 10 a.m.
(Social Time at 9:30 a.m.)

***How Can the World Stop Somali Pirates?
Insights from Rear Admiral Terry
McKnight, USN, (Ret.), Task Force
Commander in the Gulf of Aden.***



Rear Adm. Terry McKnight

About 11 percent of the world's shipped oil passes through the vulnerable Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean. The amount of high seas to be patrolled is larger than the area of Europe. Somali pirates, operating speedy skiffs, have hijacked hundreds of commercial vessels; held at least 3,000 crew members hostage; and disrupted global trade at an estimated cost of nearly 7

billion dollars.

Rear Admiral Terry E. McKnight, a highly decorated, thirty-one year U.S. Navy veteran, served two Naval ship command duties: on the USS Whidbey Island, January 1995-November 1996, and on the USS Kearsarge, July 2002-December 2003. McKnight assumed duties as Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group 2, in September 2007, his final military assignment. Later, in January 2009, he served as the first Commander of Task Force 151 for counter-piracy operations, a new multi-national task force to patrol the Gulf of Aden to fight back against piracy. The Admiral captured many pirates and freed hostages held for ransom.

In his best-selling book, *Pirate Alley: Commanding Task Force 151 Off Somalia*, Admiral McKnight provides a comprehensive strategy — best



Study Travel

As we await our July 10 departure date for our 2014 Study Travel trip to the Northwest Parks, we have begun planning for our 2015 trip. Although our initial planning meeting in February was cancelled due to bad weather, we have solicited possible trip ideas via email from a large group of potential travelers. Then, using an email straw poll, the initial two dozen trip options will be reduced to a more manageable number and the results will be presented to all interested members at a planning meeting after the March Forum.

The Study Travel Committee will further analyze the trips receiving the most votes to develop more detailed information, and the final trip will be selected at a planning meeting after the April Forum. If you are interested in participating in the 2015 trip selection, join us at the planning meeting after the March 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.

management practices — to counter piracy.

He will give an insiders' view of the military tactics, the battles, and the qualities of leadership required to coordinate among the many diverse countries, including some that do not work well together.

Recently, every copy of *Pirate Alley* at the Fairfax County Library was checked out with a substantial waiting list. If you found the movie *Captain Phillips* suspenseful, then come to the March Forum and bring your questions.

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



March

- 4 Forum (note change of date to a Tuesday)
- 14 Board meeting
- 14 April newsletter deadline
- 24 April newsletter mailing

May

- 7 Forum
- 9 Board meeting
- 9 June newsletter deadline
- 19 June newsletter mailing

April

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



Members

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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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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.

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.

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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 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,
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Speaker Forum Committee: Joseph Pincus,
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President's Message

In a previous President's message, I indicated that the Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC), Annandale Campus, began supporting LLI as a sponsor as early as 1995. Over time, this has developed into a great working partnership. So what does that mean to us, the members?

Well, NVCC has been very helpful by providing us with office space. While it isn't large, our office in Room 216A in the Godwin Building (CG) is quite adequate for the copying, collating, stuffing, and filing that is required. Because the office is not manned every day, the College also provides a mail drop point in the Provost's Office, Room 202 CG, a wonderful service.

Additionally, the Board is allowed to meet in the Provost's Conference room when necessary.

Another important way the college supports us is by providing space for classes and the Forum. We rent the space for the Forum but at a much reduced cost. Without that assistance, we could not afford the room. Additionally, we use the Seminar rooms in the Ernst Center when they are not required by the College and the school assists us in finding other campus classroom space when those rooms are not available. Space at the College is tight for everyone and we greatly appreciate the space we are offered.

But the greatest asset we receive from the college, without a doubt, is the super support we receive from the faculty. Think of all the courses you have taken that were taught by a college faculty member. Without naming names, the faculty from Liberal Arts has provided courses on Art History, Economics, English, History, Literature and Poetry, Music, Political Science, Psychology, Religion, and Sociology. The Information Technology Department has provided various "how to" courses. And who can forget the Science and Mathematics Department with Biology, Geology, and Mathematics? Talk about a cornucopia of offerings and talent! Great classes taught by extremely knowledgeable individuals who, many times, key the subject to the older learner. For example, "Using Your Brain to the Fullest" and "Decision Making in Late Adulthood" are courses specifically geared to our needs.

Community Outreach

Carol Weber, caroljeanweber@hotmail.com
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Because the February Forum was cancelled, **Providence Presbyterian Church** instead will receive our March food collection. Last month's newsletter outlined the various community assistance programs, including food assistance, that this church has provided to the nearby community for many years.



The following items are most needed by the food pantry: **cereal, pancake mix, syrup, dried beans, rice, canned vegetables, canned fruits, pasta, pasta sauce, and tomato sauce.**

Clint Hall will deliver this month's food collection. Participation in the food drives this year has been excellent and all contributions are greatly appreciated.

On the national level, the five-year farm bill passed both the House and Senate and has been signed by the President. There will be an \$8.6 billion cut to food stamps (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) over the next decade but this will affect only 15 states and the District of Columbia because of a loophole in regulations. Virginia is not one of those states.

And what do we bring to the party? First, we have generated as many as eight scholarships each year for the students attending the Annandale Campus and we have been doing this for a dozen or so years. Many talented young people have directly benefited from the largess of our members. Second, we have served as "training aides" for classes that needed an older person or persons to be a part of a class. The Physical Education Department comes to mind. Finally, I think we bring our own personal community support for the College. We are here; we are a part of it; and we support the goals of a super organization.

So thank you NVCC/Annandale for being the organization you are and for a partnership that has grown over time and continues to grow. I think we have all benefitted.

Ed McKnight

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

March/April Play Dates - In March, we will play on **Wednesday, March 12**, and **Wednesday, March 26**. In April, we will play on **Wednesday, April 9**, and **Wednesday, April 23**.

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 — The top four players from our game on January 30 were: **Doug Johnson, Carolyn Fowler, Bob Huley**, and **Janet Goodrich**. Our games on January 22 and February 13 were snowed out. Congratulations to all.



LLI Current Events Group

Marion Jacknow,
703-698-8702 mjacknow@aol.com

Date/Time: Friday, March 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.

*Deadline for the
April issue is
March 14.*



LLI Favorite Books Club

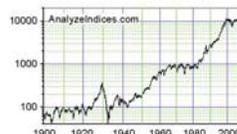
Lynne Smaldone, 703-525-9623
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Date/Time: Thursday, March 20,
11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

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

In recognition of National Women's History Month, we will be reading *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor. The first Hispanic, and third woman, appointed to the United States Supreme Court, she has become an instant American icon. In this memoir, Justice Sotomayor recounts her journey from a precarious life in a Bronx housing project to her appointment to the federal bench, a reading that offers an inspiring testament to her own extraordinary determination and the power of believing in oneself.

Come join us! For further information contact Lynne Smaldone.



Financial Discussion Group

Doug Johnson, 703-628-3115
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Date/Time: Fridays, March

14 & April 11, 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, March 4
and March 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

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Get your green on! Celebrate an early St. Patrick's Day with the Gourmands at **Ireland's Four Provinces**, 105 W. Broad St., Falls Church, www.4psva.com on **Friday, March 14**, at noon. If you would like to attend, please contact Bev Portman at (703) 560-6740, or firse@juno.com by **Tuesday, March 11**.

Reminder: We are always looking for people to host our monthly events. If you are interested, please contact Linda Cyr at 703-750-1257, or linda.cyr@verizon.net; or Patti Volz at 703-892-6124, or pattivolz@verizon.net.



LLI Photography Group

Buck Myers, 703-532-3726
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Date/Time: Friday, March 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.

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

cancelled. Meet in the parking areas.

February 28: Rutherford Park. On Guinea Rd. a few blocks north of Braddock Rd. Cross streets: between Bayard Pl. and Braeburn Dr. Parking is on the left coming from Braddock Rd. We will cross Guinea Rd. and walk east.

March 7: Mason District Park. 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Going east on Braddock Rd., turn left on Lincolnia Rd. and then left on Columbia Pike. The park will be on your left. Another alternative is to take Columbia Pike, northeast from Little River Turnpike. Mason District will be on your right.

March 14: Lillian Carey Park. Take Columbia Pike, going towards Baileys Crossroads. Several blocks past Lincolnia Rd., turn right onto Powell Lane, and park there. Take the sidewalk that is going southwest paralleling Columbia Pike. The beginning of the walk is at the bottom of the hill to the left. To the right is the dam for Barcroft Lake. Several pedestals cross the creek and, if you have a balance problem, bringing poles might be helpful. The park is in the middle of the walk.



Coming Events

Wednesday April 2 Forum

We have good news regarding our February Forum speaker, who got iced out due to the Forum cancellation. Ms. Nora Dowd Eisenhower, Assistant Director of the Office for Older Americans, a part of the new Federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, will be joining us in April.

NVCC Newsletter

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.

LLI's Friendship Connection

Pat Harrison, 703-550-7530, pjharris80@msn.com



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 may be selected.



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.

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



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.

Ask the Board

Each month colored 3x5 cards are placed on tables throughout the Forum. You may use the cards to address any questions that you would like answered by the Board. Please print or write your question legibly and leave the card on the table to be picked up by a Board member. You may sign the card or submit it anonymously. Responses will be posted in the first available LLI Newsletter.

Question:

How does Joseph Pincus and his group actually chose the forum speakers?

Answer:

At the beginning of each season, usually in July or August, the Forum Committee meets to review the Committee's annual report of the past year's topics and especially, the feedback from members, who often suggest future topics or new speakers. We always take these into account, but that then means matching a potential speaker with a specific topic. Sometimes this works and sometimes it does not. If the potential speaker is local and is speaking in the Washington area, a committee member volunteers to attend the event. Occasionally, we eliminate a person because he or she is not an interesting public speaker. We are also very careful to ascertain that the topics are of wide interest or that they will expand the knowledge of LLI members.

After a list of potential topics and possible speakers is prepared, the committee members then divide the task of contacting the speakers. The process is voluntary in an attempt to not burden any one Committee member. If a favorable response is received on the initial contact with a possible speaker, the contacting committee member writes to the speaker, providing more detailed information about our Forums. Included are some of the Forum limitations, such as day and time of our meetings; the speaking time restriction; the dangers of inclement weather; and that, while as a voluntary organization, a normal honorarium is not provided, a Barnes and Noble gift card is awarded. If they are government, an honorarium is not provided as it is against the

rules. (These gifts are provided for in the LLI budget.) But we also stress that our membership welcomes speakers by showing their appreciation and asking relevant questions. We rule out any political organizations that may have an agenda; however, we do permit speakers who have published a recent book to sell the book at the meeting.

The Forum Committee is ably chaired by Joseph Pincus, who is currently assisted by Susan Alexander, George Chalou, Virginia Moser, and Moe Moser. Any LLI member is welcome to join. The Committee also wishes to thank LLI Board member Phil Myers for his assistance at every Forum meeting.

And the LLI membership thanks the Forum Committee for a job well done.



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