

## Lifetime Learning Institute/NOVA December 2015 Newsletter

**Forum:** No Forum in December. January's Forum is **Tuesday**, January 5, at 10:00 a.m. Details will be available in the January 2016 newsletter. *Note the change to a Tuesday.*

**Annual Holiday Party, Thursday, December 3:** Don't forget toys for the children of Bethany House of Northern Virginia, ages 2 – 16. If you choose to participate in this voluntary program, bring a new, unwrapped toy for distribution.

**Community Outreach:** Food collection will resume at the January 2016 Forum when our donations will go to ECHO. Your donations are needed and appreciated. Thank you.

**President's Message:** We hope to see everyone at the LLI Holiday Party on December 3, at the Country Club of Fairfax. *June and George Chalou*

**Study Travel:** At our kickoff planning meeting in November, we reduced the possible tour destinations for 2017 from almost 30 down to about 10. Join us at our next planning meeting after the January Forum, and we will review information about those 10 and select the destinations for further assessment. If you want to join the Study Travel email list, contact Bob Huley at [roberthuley@cox.net](mailto:roberthuley@cox.net).

**Special Interest Groups:** **Favorite Books, Financial Discussion,** and the **Gourmands** will **NOT** be meeting in December.

**Bridge:** In December, we will play on **Wednesday, December 2,** and **Wednesday, December 16.** In January, we plan to play on **Thursday, January 14,** and **Wednesday, January 20.** Location: Mason District Government Center. Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a bag lunch. Happy Holidays to all. Please call Bob Huley at 703-534-4819, or email him ([roberthuley@cox.net](mailto:roberthuley@cox.net)), if you would like to attend (or for more information) so that we can provide sufficient card tables.

**Current Events:** **Fridays, January 8, February 5, and March 4, 2016:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Location: Small Conference Room, Mason District Governmental Center. Contact Peter Schwarzkopf, 703-998-0769 or [pschwarzkopf@verizon.net](mailto:pschwarzkopf@verizon.net) for further information.

**French Conversation:** Tuesdays, **December 1** for lesson 39 and **December 15**, for lesson 40, at the Top of the West at the Goodwin House Baileys. Contact Patty & Richard Steelman, 703-504-6866.

**Photography Group:** **Friday, December 18,** 10:00 a.m. – Noon, Braddock District Governmental Center (Braddock Hall Meeting Room), 9002 Burke Lake Rd, Burke (on the right hand side of the King's Park library building). Our current photographic theme is "Autumn Leaves." Contact Buck Myers, 703-532-3726 or [hbm@hbmphoto.com](mailto:hbm@hbmphoto.com).

**Walkabouts: Fridays at Noon.** *We will have two walks in December, weather-willing*

**December 4:** Mason District Park: 6621 Columbia Pike. Going east from Little River Turnpike on Columbia Pike Rd, park is on the right just before Sleepy Hollow Rd. If one is driving west on Columbia Pike, pass Sleepy Hollow Road and on your left is the park. On entering, go right, and then stay on the right into the parking lot in front of the tennis courts. Meet by the restrooms. The walk goes by a dog park.



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**Walkabouts: Fridays at Noon.** (continued)

**December 18:** Barcroft neighborhood. See the lovely Xmas decorations of the folks there, but do not trespass. We stick to the public roads. Take Columbia Pike east from Little River Turnpike, turn left onto Sleepy Hollow Rd. Take a left on Fern Lane, and park there. Meet at the corner of Fern and Sleepy Hollow Rd. Contact Merry Macke, 703-987-7751.

**New LLI Email address:** [llinova.admn@gmail.com](mailto:llinova.admn@gmail.com) This is our new official email account. Please use this new email address for all future LLI/NOVA inquiries.

The NOVA Annandale campus and the LLI office are closed December 23 – January 3.

Deadline for the January newsletter: **December 9, 2015**

**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.