

# Lifelong Learning Institute NEWSLETTER

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## INTERGENERATIONAL LEARNING AT THE LLI

In November/December 2014, the LLI welcomed NSU University School high school seniors to interview LLI members about their lives here in Florida. Quite a few members have lived here for many years, making this a fascinating experience for students who have been studying Florida history.

Although longtime LLI member Betty Hill was unable to attend the interview sessions, the LLI staff members were able to share some of her personal stories with the students.

### Memorable Moment

*By Betty Strother Hill*

It was fall 1962. After work I stopped for cocktail hour with my friend, Ann, who lived on the Intracoastal Waterway in Fort Lauderdale. Her husband was out of town, so it was just the girls. Dusk was falling and bringing cooler air, so we decided to close the sliding doors to the terrace.

Ann went to the door and stopped, "What the —?!" Silence. Both of us ran outside to the dock. We stood wordless, mouths agape. Huge barges with almost silent motors and no lights were moving south slowly. The tanks and trucks on the barges were covered with camouflage tarps. Soldiers with guns, standing alert along the sides of the barges were the only signs of life on the normally active waterway.

After a few more moments of stunned silence, Ann ran to the neighbor's house calling back to me, "Jim'll know what this is all about!"

Within a few seconds her neighbor returned with Ann and stood with us on the dock. Now there were three silent people standing in awe looking at this endless, almost silent, dark parade in the water. Finally Jim's gentle voice said, "It's Cuba. That's what it's about, Cuba."

After another long silence on the dock, Anne turned to us and said, "Oh, Betty, this is Jim Hill. Jim, this is Betty Strother."

Jim and I married four years later.



*Pictured above: The LLI's Intergenerational Learning—  
The University School high school seniors interview  
LLI members as part of their class on Florida history.*



**From the  
LLI Director**  
Linda E. Maurice, M.A.

Winter is always such an invigorating time here at the Lifelong Learning Institute. We welcome returning members and look forward to including new ones into the LLI family. There is so much on offer both inside and outside the classroom.

Our program continues to grow and expand. We are again on the way to breaking another membership record. We ended last year (2013-14) with 222 members, and we are rapidly closing in on 190—before the winter membership is even tallied. Program-wise, we are always adding new and exciting speakers. Already, names like Janet Erlick, Yair Levy, Madhavi Menon, Tyler Smith, and Albert Williams have become familiar, and we look forward to welcoming them back regularly to our classroom.

Our invaluable Members Advisory Committee has so many exciting upcoming field trips, social events, and ideas on how to enhance the social aspect of LLI life. Please consider getting involved in a committee or volunteer opportunity. We welcome back our newsletter editor, Ciro Mazzola, who would certainly welcome folks who wanted to work with him on this publication.

More new offerings at the LLI, courtesy of our membership: Member Gary Kay created the LLI Poet's Corner, which now meets regularly, twice a month. Bob Lieberman introduced the concept of a Thanksgiving Special Sides celebration. Good food was enjoyed by all.

More and more members are taking advantage of the enriching experience that comes from sitting side by side with undergraduates and graduates throughout this wonderful university. Our auditing program is a testament to the intensity with which the LLI members approach learning throughout a lifetime.

So to all of our members—here's to a wonderful winter and spring semester.

*All the best, Linda*



**MAC Chairman Column**  
Stuart P. Farber, M.D.  
Chairman of the MAC

I would like to congratulate new MAC members Bruce Yoskin and John Vetter and returning member Moe Weiner on their elections. I would also like to thank retiring members Jill Cohen and Lee Sacks for their dedicated efforts on the MAC in service of the LLI. It has been an absolute pleasure working with such talented and productive people. Lastly, thanks to the members for electing me to another term. I hope to continue to represent your interests in the best possible way.

This is my fifth year watching fall turn into winter at the LLI, and it struck me that this is longer than it took to earn both my B.A. and my M.D. So, I began to think, if one could earn a degree from the LLI, what would it be?

If one attended every class, it would take 12 hours of lectures every week for 38 weeks for 456 hours, plus 5 hours a week for 14 weeks of the summer for another 70, for a total of 526 hours each year. Ridiculous. What would be the area of concentration? That is difficult to define when the range of offerings goes from astrophysics to existential philosophy, from political science to romance literature, from history through cinema as artifact to history through costume as artifact, from geography to art to music.

It's enough to boggle the mind. Add the full range of university courses from all schools eligible for audit, the learning opportunities on the field trips to the Oceanographic Center, the Norton Museum of Art, the Chocolate Factory, plus what we can learn from each other's vast life experiences at lunch. What's really cool is, although I pick and choose my courses, after four years, I still can't get enough and look forward to the next week's offerings.

As we recently sat through the New Members' lunch, we heard the common reaction of new members about how fortunate they feel to have found this place. They don't know yet that it only gets better as time goes by. No matter how they choose to experience the LLI, the intellectual stimulation will be great enough to keep them smiling all year—year after year.

So, as I thought about what degree would be offered if we were matriculating, an epiphany brought a smile to my lips. There is no degree, because there are no exams. Without exams, there is no mandated homework. My goodness, life is good.

To paraphrase Ray in *Field of Dreams*, when his father asked about the baseball field, "Is this heaven?" and my reply, "Nah, it's just the LLI."

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## CONCERTO

By Dorrith Leipziger

The sky grew dark with pews for the angels  
Who brought their trumpets and their harps.  
“Good,” said God. “Let us make some music.”  
“Come,” he said to his major composers.  
“Let us have entertainment.”  
“You, Mozart,” said God, “Play an overture.”  
“You, Beethoven, a piano sonata, con brio  
“And you, fugue master Bach, go to the organ  
Use your hands and your feet and announce the finale.”  
“Then, angels, you may take off your halos  
And twist them to violins or flutes  
Or you may sing. I will conduct.”  
Down here, we watched the arpeggios of lightning  
Slashing and crashing in minor keys  
Heard the clumsy bassoons of thunder  
Keeping time for the chorus of voices  
Urging to climax the cymbals and drums  
Until the embellished major chords  
Slowed to come back to the ritornello  
Resolved to a steady curtain of rain  
As God and the angels wept for joy,

## LLI COMING ATTRACTIONS

**JANUARY 21 AND 27—12:30-2:00 P.M.**

**French Literature: Le Cid (Corneille) and Paul et Virginie (Bernadin de Saint Pierre)**

Presenter: Arnold Ages, Ph.D.

**JANUARY 27, FEBRUARY 24, MARCH 31, AND APRIL 28—10:00-11:30 A.M.**

**Four Great Short Story Writers**

Presenter: Kurt Stone, D.D.

**JANUARY 29—12:30-2:00 P.M.**

**A Buddhist Teacher's Perspective on the Search for Inner Peace**

Presenter: Geshe Tenzing Tamding

**FEBRUARY 2—10:00-11:30 A.M.**

**Oscar Preview 2015**

Presenter: Steven Alford, Ph.D.

**JANUARY 26 AND FEBRUARY 15—12:30-2:00 P.M.**

**Should We Be Afraid of Ebola?: Fact and Fantasy After Ebola: Emerging Diseases in Our Future**

Presenter: Marion Fass, Ph.D.

**MARCH 3—10:00-11:30 A.M. AND**

**MARCH 11—12:30-2:00 P.M.**

**Looking Back on the Old Days of Television and Media**

Presenter: Barney Rosenzweig, producer of the 1980's hit Cagney & Lacey

**MARCH 2, 9, AND 16—10:00-11:30 A.M. AND**

**MARCH 16—12:30-2:00 P.M.**

**Theatre in the Time of Shakespeare, Understanding Hamlet, Parts One and Two**

Presenter: Vernon Dickson, Ph.D.



Thanksgiving meal at the LLI



Janet Erlick, director, Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre, leads group exercises to explore how actors get inside their characters.

## LLI Welcomes New Members

David Caswell  
Robert L. Cahn  
Joyce Curtis  
Carole Dembek  
Steven Dolgin  
Bonnie Eletz  
Ronda Finkelstein  
Ellen Freling  
Mel Frishman  
Wynne Frishman  
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Muriel Y. Pickard  
Beverlee Rosen  
Alfred Rosenthal  
Ellie Schnell

Bruce Schobel  
Marilyn Shapiro  
Judith S. Schwartz  
Maruja Silva  
Rochelle Suster  
Abby Weiner  
Larry Weiner  
Sheryl Weingarten Weinsier  
Steven Weinsier  
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Loretta Willard  
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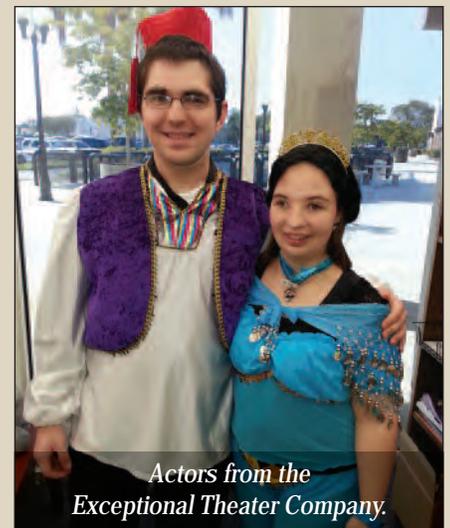
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Richard Ascher  
*In memory of Judith Jaffe Ascher  
and Dr. Arthur Stillman*

John Vetter



Marc Newman during the lecture  
*American Revolution Spies.*



Actors from the  
*Exceptional Theater Company.*

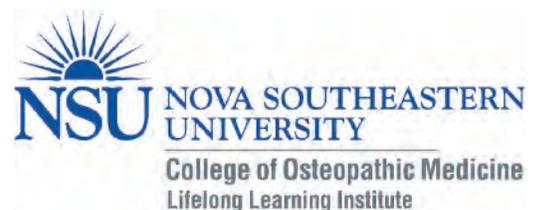
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