

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

November 2014 Newsletter



It's who you know....

Washington think tanks, research institutes, and policy organizations can be a rich resource for OLLI at AU, and we would like to recruit more of their experts to participate in our program offerings. If you have a good connection to one of these nonpartisan, independent organizations that we might approach, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Tony Long. tlong@american.edu

Letter from the Chair



When Fall registration began, I asked you to consider making a contribution to the OLLI Future Fund. The result has been gratifying. So far this semester, 310 donors have given a total of \$23,749 to the Fund -- an average of more than \$75 per donor. We are very grateful to all of those who have given.

Fundraising has become more intensive at OLLI in recent years as our needs have grown. We do not yet know what our costs will be when we move into the current American University Law School building, but we do know that they will be higher. Costs will be associated with moving our property, but these will be comparatively small. We also will incur costs with a much-needed upgrade to our audio/visual equipment. These will be more significant than the move itself. And there may be costs associated with remodeling, which could be even more significant.

In addition to these one-time costs, there will be the continuing cost of higher rent. This is where the Future Fund becomes vital. We hope to raise the Fund to a level at which a conservative annual distribution to OLLI's operating expenses will reduce, if not eliminate, the need for a significant increase in annual membership fees, without diminishing the principal.

As the end of the year approaches, we will again be asking those of you who have not yet contributed to consider a tax-exempt donation to OLLI. And we hope that those of you who have so generously given this year will be able to make an additional contribution before the year ends. You will, of course, be entitled to a tax deduction for your gift, but you will receive much more -- the satisfaction of knowing that you've done your part to insure your institute's future.

Dave Palmeter
Chair, Board of Directors

Dates to

Town Meeting Next Week

Remember:

Veterans' Day: All classes will be held on Tuesday, November 11, EXCEPT those at St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church.

Annual OLLI Civil War Trip with Ed Bearss:
Wednesday, November 19, 2014. Please register by Friday, November 14.

Thanksgiving:
OLLI will be closed and no classes will be held from Wednesday, November 26 through Friday, November 28.

Just a reminder that next Tuesday, November 11 is the fall Town Meeting from 12:15 - 1:15 pm in the Lower Level of Temple Baptist Church. Because of the Town Meeting, there will be no lecture.

Special Invitation

On behalf of Dean Jeff Rutenbeck and the AU School of Communication, OLLI members are invited to join us for Czech Films - The Play's The Thing: Vaclav Havel, Art & Politics-- a film series coinciding with the 25th Anniversary of the Velvet Revolution. The Czech Film Series will begin with an opening night reception of Mediterranean foods (antipasto, cheeses, grilled vegetables) at 6:30 p.m, followed by two films at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7. The reception and screenings will take place at American University in the McKinley Building, the new home of the School of Communication.

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