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Recent Member Survey on Zoom Classes

Many thanks to all those who responded to the brief survey we sent recently. Your feedback is tremendously helpful as we tackle the budget for next year and plan for the fall semester. We were pleased to learn that 93% of those who have taken Zoom classes would be willing to do so again in the fall. This speaks to the terrific job our SGLs and support staff did in converting from on campus to online learning. Bravo! We were also gratified to learn that 62% of those who have not taken Zoom classes are willing to try them if need be in the fall. The ongoing support for OLLI coupled with the eagerness of our members to keep learning inspires us to do our best for you.

Spring Semester Feedback

As you finish your study group(s) for the semester, please take a few minutes to complete the feedback form available on the OLLI website <u>here</u>. Although this is not a normal semester, our study group leaders are eager to know what members think of their classes. As always, the feedback is completely anonymous. The form will be open through Friday, May 22.

Registration is Open for June Minis & July Shorts

Registration is now open for the June Minis and July Shorts. There is no print catalog for the summer sessions, so registration is through the OLLI website. Please make sure to register before the lottery date for each session.

Click to view courses and register: June Minis | July Shorts

Below are the dates for each session:

• June Minis (June 1-26)

- Lottery: Monday, May 18
- July Shorts (July 13-17)
 - Lottery: Friday, June 26

Due to Covid-19, the June Minis will be conducted online over Zoom. The July Shorts will also be over Zoom *unless there is a change in circumstances closer to that time.* We will have more information for members and several optional Zoom training sessions available.

Bloomsday by OLLI is Going Virtual

Our Zoom-powered celebration (involving readings from "Ulysses" as is customary) will take place at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, June 16. If you would like to participate as a reader, please contact Bob Kolodney at **bobkolive@gmail.com**.

Class Gifts for Study Group Leaders

As Study Group Leaders teach on a volunteer basis, it has been long-time tradition among the members to collect (completely voluntary) monetary donations to accompany a thank you card. Because classes are meeting remotely this semester, members have asked how they can still contribute.

We have created a page on the website where you can donate to your SGL using a credit/debit card, as well as add a message if you wish. OLLI will collect all of the donations, write a check to each SGL, and send them any messages that were received.

Click here to make a donation to your SGL(s): <u>Spring 2020 SGL Gifts</u> by Friday, May 22.

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