



September 8, 2017 OLLI Newsletter

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AU Library Events

The AU Library has posted a [list of upcoming events](#), all of which are free and open to the AU community, including OLLI.

Technology Assistance

GTGtech is a non-profit organization started by three DC area teenagers that seeks to close the gap that exists between the technologically advanced teenagers, and the not so tech-savvy senior citizens. GTG -- Grandparents to Grandkids or Generation to Generation -- provides

Letter from the Chair



What's New?

The academic program is the heart of OLLI. Each of us has received our OLLI fall course schedule. Wednesday's lottery brought joy to most, but inevitably disappointment to some. Staff report that 80% of members received the number of study groups they requested. Of 94 courses offered, 48 are closed, two were cancelled, and 44 are still open. By October everyone should be comfortably settled into their classes. Supplementing the courses are our Lecture Series, trips, coffees, and more.

This fall you will find some significant changes. We're awaiting American University's (AU) approval to place our display monitors on the fifth floor. And we hope to improve the acoustics in the classrooms and lecture hall no later than Spring 2018.

We are reaching out to OLLI members who have an AU connection. Were you an AU student, professor, lecturer, employee, or otherwise have a link to AU? If so, please update that information in your membership account. We've already identified more than 30 members with ties to AU and OLLI. Furthermore, to promote diversity within OLLI, efforts are underway to identify organizations and websites with which OLLI might coordinate to expand its membership and offerings.

The DC nonprofit Compass awarded OLLI with approximately \$150,000 worth of free, year-long strategic consulting services, to begin in October. We'll also be reaching out to learn how you envision the future of OLLI through a survey and in other ways.

Can OLLI continue to increase its membership? To

free tutoring to help senior citizens learn how to navigate their cell phones or the internet in general.

GTGtech offers occasional tutoring session. Check their [website](#) for tutoring session dates and [online learning modules](#). A number of OLLI members have attended the tutoring sessions and found them helpful.

continue to serve more of our population, OLLI needs more classrooms, longer classroom hours, and larger lecture space. We are first exploring expansion within 4801 Massachusetts Avenue before considering other options.

As the semester gets underway, we will keep you informed and engaged. In the meantime, I hope to see you at 4801!

Myra Barron
Chair

Study Group Assignments

The lottery was run Wednesday. If you registered for any study groups, you should have received a letter by email confirming your study group assignments. If you have not received an assignment letter, please check your online account or call the office immediately.

Many Study Groups Still Open

As of press time, there are still 36 study groups which are open. If you are interested, you can sign up for any of these classes. If you have a friend who has expressed an interest in OLLI, it's not too late for them to register.

The easiest way to find out which classes are open is to go to the [View All Study Groups page](#), then double click on the word "Status" above the far right column. This will bring all of the open study groups to the top of the page.

Thank You

Many thanks to Andrea Barnett, OLLI member and Holocaust Museum docent, for giving two tours of the museum's "Some Were Neighbors: Collaboration and Complicity in the Holocaust" exhibit this month.



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