



OLLI

at American University Washington DC



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

April 2009

April

2: Digital Photography Lecture. POSTPONED

3: Board Meeting

7: Town Meeting (12:15 pm TBC)

20: Board Voting Begins

20: Fall Course Proposals Due

24: Final Curriculum Comm. Meeting (1 pm, TBC)

Spanish Luncheon Group

Join **Tony Cafoncelli** and others for Spanish conversation Wednesdays at noon at the Temple Baptist Church. (Except for April 1, when Tony has another engagement.)

Curriculum

Our Curriculum Committee has been working hard to recruit new and previous Study Group Leaders. Course proposals are due in the office by April 20. Please let the office know if you need

Letter from the Chair

We completed our second successful **food drive** for the Capital Food Bank on Friday, March 27. We will pass along the results when they are available. Many thanks to those who responded so generously.



Please put April 7, 12:15 pm on your calendar.

That's when we will be having our final **Town Meeting** for this school year. It's a good time to see old friends and to get answers to all your OLLI questions. It will also be an opportunity to meet the members who will be candidates for Board positions. You will be able to talk with them after the meeting.

The date for our final luncheon, where voting for Board members will take place along with a delicious meal, has not yet been finalized by AU. We will pass along that information just as soon as possible.

If you will be unable to attend the luncheon, absentee ballots will be available (see following article).

Feedback cards have been collected, read carefully, and are being turned over to SGLs. There were many positive comments and some very useful, constructive suggestions. Study Group Leaders find these cards helpful and thank everyone who participated.

It has happened!! Study Group Leaders now have designated parking spaces in the church parking lot. Brand new Handicapped signs have also been installed. Please be sure that you have proper identification in a visible spot in your car to use either of these benefits.

--Selma Rosenthal

Town Meeting: Tuesday, April 7 12:15-1:15 pm

Please join us at the Temple Baptist Church to discuss any questions or concerns.

The People of OLLI: Mary Bullock

a proposal form, or [download](#) one here.

Additional Study Group Reps

464 Bob Bullock
624 Shirley Buttrick

A Tribute to Former OLLI Member: Marilyn Howe

Memorial Walk for **Lyn (Marilyn) Howe** on Sat. May 9 to benefit Depressive Illness Awareness.

The walk is co-sponsored by Lyn's exercise club, CURVES, at 3414 Idaho Ave, NW, near Wisconsin Ave.

Meet between 8:30 and 9 am at CURVES, eat some of Lyn's Banana Nut Bread with coffee or juice, enjoy a string trio, and then proceed on a 3-mile walk.

--*Warren Howe*
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Condolences

We are sorry to have lost longtime member, **Irving Sirken**.

Parking Alert

Please do not block driveways behind the Temple Baptist Church.

Mary Bullock is the English teacher we all wish we'd had in high school. She is well read, able to discuss a subject in an articulate and interesting way, and has a warm and friendly personality to go with it all. She came to Virginia from New York City in her twenties and taught for many years in an Arlington high school. During that time, she and her doctor husband Robert raised six children too! After retiring from teaching, Mary worked for eight years at the National Science Foundation on projects of legislation and public affairs.



When Mary retired from NSF, she did not choose a life of well deserved rest and relaxation. She and her husband are devoted OLLI members. She was a member of the Board and taught a course in creative writing. One of her favorite ongoing classes is the Poetry Workshop. Mary writes complex poems with multiple layers of meaning, and her knowledge of the classics frequently runs through her writing.

Besides her classes at OLLI, Mary works at the Food Bank in Fairfax County. Some years ago, she became interested in the Maxine Greene Foundation for the Arts, Education and Social Imagination based in New York. Mary runs a satellite salon in Fairfax. Recently she led a group of 40 people in a discussion of aesthetics in education. In addition, she is active in the Center for Peace International at American University. Currently they are working on a project concerning personal narratives from Rwanda.

Oh yes, I haven't mentioned Mary's love of music. She's an accomplished pianist and sings in choruses, but her childhood ambition was to become an opera singer.

So far, she hasn't realized this dream, but with her determination, there is no telling what Mary may do next!

--*Jeanne Baron*

Nominations and Elections

We have a wonderful group of nominees for the OLLI Board next year. The slate of candidates will be mailed April 6, and absentee voting will be available during coffee breaks at the Temple Baptist Church from Monday, April 20 until Friday, May 1. Those attending the Annual Meeting may vote there.

