



OLLI

at American University, Washington DC



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Registration Open

Catalogs and Registration

Catalogs are in the mail, but for those too eager to wait, registration is **now open online**. Go to our [website](#) and choose the Join/Register/Log In page. You'll need to register or use your user name and password to access your registration information. You can also view or download the catalog, schedule, and/or registration form on the [Current Semester](#) page.

Lecture Series

Our January Lecture series has begun! Join us Wednesday the 7th for a lecture by AU President Neil Kerwin. Lectures this week are at the Ward Circle Building on Nebraska Ave. Park in the New Mexico Avenue lot (**parking is free both week one and week two in both the Katzen Center and the New Mexico Ave. lot**), cross Nebraska Ave. and enter the Ward Circle building. Turn left and you can go down the stairs one flight or take the elevator to the terrace level (T).

You can also enter via the ramp from the campus side and turn right to get to the elevator.

Inclement Weather

Please keep in mind that if DC or Montgomery Schools are canceled or delayed, our lecture is canceled that day.



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March 2009

March

2: First Day of Classes

6: Board Meeting (1 pm, RRUUC)

10: First Tuesday Lecture (12:15, TBC)

18: Study Group Rep. Luncheon (noon, Capital Hall)

23-27: Food Drive

27: First Curriculum Comm. Meeting (1 pm, TBC)

Letter from the Chair

When I walked out of Capital Hall recently, I saw it - a field of daffodils pushing up out of the cold ground to welcome the mild, sunshiny day. Spring is in the air! I also fancied that I heard bells ringing, but then I realized that the sound was in my head, alerting me that classes at OLLI are about to begin again.



There was a wonderful turnout at both the Open House on the 24th of February and the meeting of Study Group Leaders and Study Group Reps two days later. Enthusiasm filled the room. All of those SGLs and SGRs are volunteers at OLLI. Volunteers are the backbone of this institution, and we are always in need of people to help us with various duties. So please volunteer often, as Vonn Quayle and Madeline Fried so willingly did to recruit SGRs when our two veteran coordinators were not able to do it this semester.

Another program full of courses to fascinate and educate you awaits. Have a wonderful, stimulating semester!

--Selma Rosenthal

Snow Policy Reminder

OLLI Classes are canceled if DC or Montgomery County Schools are delayed or canceled.

Congratulations!

Our own **Robert Coe**, past co-chair of the ACLU-National Capital Area Montgomery County Chapter, will be awarded the Alan and Adrienne Barth Volunteer Service Award this month.

Spanish Discussion Group

OLLI study group leader Tony Cafoncelli will lead a Spanish discussion group on Wednesdays at noon this semester at the Temple Baptist Church. This group is for people with some basic conversational Spanish skills who would like a tune-up. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in Room 6 near the stairs.

Capital Area Food Bank Food Drive

Due to the great success of our Fall Food Drive, we are sponsoring another one from March 23-27. Please bring in canned and boxed food. Suggestions of items needed will be posted.

Bohuslav Martinu Concert

And to **Don Quayle** for being appointed to the WAMU Community Advisory Council.

Condolences

To the family and friends of **Cissy Smull**, a longtime OLLI member, who recently passed away.

Friday Music Club

Concert at noon on March 6 at the Sumner School Museum. **OLLI member Jacqueline Birn** plays the cello in the Friday Music Club. They will be playing a CPE Bach concerto for cello, Johann Christoph Pepusch's *Kammersinfonie*, and a Mozart divertimento. Concerts are free and open to the public. More information on their [website](#).

Web Article

Peter Wolfe has written an online [article](#) about Angelica Schuyler Church, the sister-in-law of Alexander Hamilton, and possible romantic acquaintance of both Hamilton and Jefferson. Contact Peter for more information.

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum committee begins planning the fall semester in early March. The Committee is looking for input from members who are considering submitting a

Sunday, March 22, 3 pm

Three generations celebrate the 50th anniversary of the death of the Czech composer Bohuslav Martinu. Julia Bogorad-Kogan, flute; Ben Ullery, viola; **OLLI Member: Hope Bogorad**, narrator; with Margo Garrett, piano.



Sponsored by the Washington Conservatory of Music.

Westmoreland Congregational Church, 1 Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda, MD.

Study Group Representatives

Again, thanks to Vonn Quayle and Madeline Fried for organizing a terrific band of Study Group Representatives. Their names are listed below. We appreciate all of your help!

- 101 Susan Blacklow
- 102 Margot Hahn
- 103 Ravidia Preston
- 104 Dian Petty
- 139 Gerry Padwe
- 155 Donald Quayle
- 156 Tina Fried Heller
- 159 Amelie Burgunder
- 220 Catharine Ratiner
- 223 Kristin Ruckdeschel
- 227 Stuart Stanmore
- 229 Kenneth Guenther
- 325 Joyce Kessler
- 327 Ange Hassinger
- 329 John Poole
- 333 Devereaux Barnes
- 438 Carl Rappaport
- 445 Seymour Efros
- 449 Naomi Heller
- 453 Coralyn Colladay
- 455 Jacqueline Boehme
- 456 Arlene Shykind
- 458 Nancy Berman
- 460 Ruth Brand
- 462 Consuelo Hirshon
- 464 Solomon Glass
- 509 Marion North
- 557 Mary Bullock
- 559 Phyllis Homes
- 601 Therese Rousseau
- 603 Christopher Bradley

study group proposal or suggesting a friend who would be interested in joining OLLI as a member and Study Group Leader. Interested members should contact the appropriate committee chair to discuss ideas for courses:

Gloria Kreisman, *Chair*

Law, Politics & Government

Myrna Whitworth

Psychology

Sociology & Culture

David Grass

Economics

Betsy White

Biology, Physics, Chemistry & Math

Ed Goldin & Barbara Searle

Music: Alan Frey

Art: Sidney Steinitz

Literature & Language

Gloria Kreisman

History & Geography

Sandra Levenbook

Philosophy

Alice Bralove & Dave Palmeter

The success of OLLI comes directly from the efforts of our members, so please join us in continuing to make OLLI an interesting and vibrant community.

605 Dorothy Pocinki
609 Barbara Johnson
610 Phyllis Silverman
612 Dolores Kirby
614 Gloria Kreisman
618 Mary Shoemaker
622 Bertha Johnson
624 Shirley Buttrick
669 Sorrell Caplan
691 Valeria Saak
761 Helen Seasonwein
769 Patricia Herman
775 Naomi Glass
777 Ruth Weisgall
780 Harriet Bramble
782 Alan Frey
784 Sandra Grant
786 Sue Boley
788 Marilyn Smith
790 Barbara Rollinson
792 Jim Nix
793 Joy MacDonald
794 Elaine Vande-Hei
818 Jacqueline Gallagher
820 Mel Hurwitz

Bell Ringers

Thanks to Jaleh Labib for organizing an enthusiastic group of bell ringers to help keep us all on schedule.

MONDAY

am - Carol Bird Ravenal
pm - Lucy Mallan

TUESDAY

am - Miriam Israel
pm - Sheila Grunwald

WEDNESDAY

am - Poul Arendal
pm - Michele Morris

THURSDAY

am - Sidney Steinitz
pm - Dorothy Hartland

FRIDAY

am - Ann Doyle





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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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yw6042@hotmail.com

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.



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May

1: Study Group Leader Luncheon (noon, Mary Graydon Center)
Board Meeting (1:30 pm TBC)

5: Last Tuesday Lecture

8: Last Day of Classes

15: Annual Meeting and Luncheon (noon, Mary Graydon Center)

June

Lecture Series: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in June at the Katzen Arts Center (see list in newsletter and on [website](#).)

July

Catalogs Mailed

August

Registration begins

September

9: Lottery

30: Classes Begin

Letter from the Chair



Do you want to have some fun and also help a most worthy cause? Volunteer with OLLI. We are always looking for people to help with mailings and work on various committees. We so appreciate those who are already giving their time so generously to this organization, and hope they continue to do so, but we always welcome new faces. Some committees that could use help include: Administration, Hospitality, Study Group Representative Coordinators, Newsletter, and Lecture.

This year I have truly enjoyed experiencing lectures in different sites on the AU Campus and at the United Methodist Church, and I hear tell that the Gandhi Center experience was spectacular. We were delighted to have the Spanish lunch bunch Wednesday at noon and hope that will continue. Anyone interested in sharing their language another day would be welcome.

Thanks to Barbara Rollinson and Beverly Zweiben, we had a fine lecture series this spring, and thanks to Barbara, Mickey Klein, and Beverly, we have another terrific lecture series (which will be held in the Katzen Arts Center) lined up for June. Check the [website](#) for a full list of lectures.

We are so grateful to the Study Group Leaders who, each semester, give their time and expertise. Our thank you luncheon for them is May first.

If you haven't signed up to join us at the Annual Meeting and Luncheon on May 15, please do so before May 8. It will be at the Mary Graydon Center and costs \$25. Forms are available in the Temple Baptist Church. If you haven't already voted for Board members, you will have one final opportunity to do so at this meeting. Election results will be in the June newsletter.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors. I came to the task enthused about OLLI and am leaving it with even greater excitement about our future.

--Selma Rosenthal

Annual Meeting and Luncheon: Friday, May 15

Please join us at American University's Mary Graydon Center at noon. We will enjoy lunch and each other's company. Those who have not voted for Board members



will have an opportunity to do so. Please submit a \$25 check made out to OLLI by May 8 to reserve your spot.

OLLI Study Group Leader, Helen Schwartz, Receives Fulbright Award

Helen Schwartz, Emerita Professor of English, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture at Bilkent University in Ankara, Turkey during the 2010 academic year.

[Helen](#) is happy to talk with anyone interested in applying for a similar grant or to those OLLI members with experience in Turkey.

Joan Aron Contribution

Thanks to the members of the *History of the CIA* class who made a generous contribution to the OLLI Future Fund in memory of Joan Aron.

Study Group Leader Course Next Fall

Will Blacklow will be taking the helm of the third Study Group Leader course, offered in the fall for four sessions. This is a great opportunity for those of you interested in perfecting your skills or gaining new ones. Please [email](#) the office if you are interested in participating in the class or have someone to recommend.

Gandhi Center Class

The People of OLLI: Arnold H. Leibowitz

When 70 students crowd into the church basement on Friday mornings for their Constitution course, they listen to Arnold Leibowitz, one of the world's experts on Change of Status, the process whereby a territory or protectorship becomes an independent state, a US state, or a territory. Leibowitz has helped many of these entities write their constitutions, and, since 1964 when he was General Counsel of the US Commission on the Status of Puerto Rico, he has represented all of them before the federal government.



One of his six books, *Defining Status: A Comprehensive Analysis of US Territorial Relations*, has been cited by the Supreme Court, by a number of lower courts, and in numerous articles.

Lest anyone think that constitution writing is a dull, albeit necessary, task, Leibowitz's sojourn in Palau (a North Pacific island group) was marked by a murder, a bombing, and a suicide - all relating to the proposed constitution. From that experience he wrote *Embattled Island: Palau's Struggle for Independence*. The book has been praised as "the definitive work on Palau," and "wonderful, and quite readable ..." It's even on Oprah Winfrey's Around the World Reading List.

Leibowitz's professional interests also include immigration and refugees. As Special Counsel to the US Senate Subcommittee on Immigration and Refugee Law, he was the primary draftsman of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. In addition, he has worked on economic development issues and has taught at the University of Iowa Law School and the Howard University School of Business and Public Administration.

With his large body hunched over the podium, his bald head cradled in one hand, and his rat-a-tat delivery hinting of a New York City accent, Leibowitz has become a popular OLLI teacher of courses as varied as Yiddish literature, great trials, and the reforms of the Gilded Age. He graciously welcomes questions from the floor at any time and knows his students so well that he calls on them by name. After each class, he invites a few students to join him for lunch so that they can get to know each other better.

After graduating from Yale Law School, the tennis playing Leibowitz went to Harvard for the summer to work on a novel. The novel remains unfinished, but he did succeed in meeting and courting another Harvard summer school student. He and Sandy have been married for 54 years, and now live in a friendly, sun-filled home in DC, comfortably filled with children's toys for their three grandchildren and the art they have



This in from the Gandhi Center Class offered this spring: "Here is a photo from the session at the Gandhi Center last week. It was a wonderful afternoon lecture and demonstration of Hindustani Classical Vocal Music. The Center seemed to enjoy having us as much as our members enjoyed the class. Look for another class next spring."

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Lecture Committee

The fall lecture committee is now forming. Please let the [OLLI office](#) know if you are interested in helping to identify and contact interesting speakers.

Piano Recital

Join Grace and Irwin Lebow as their grandson, Samuel Oram and fiancée, Shou Ping Liu, give a piano recital on Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 PM at the Levine School, 3801 Upton St., NW, Washington

collected from their travels. Here in the city they enjoy attending theater, especially the thought-provoking plays at Studio Theater.

--Jacqui Gallagher

Terrific June Lecture Series

Join us at the **Katzen Arts Center**
Nebraska & Massachusetts Avenues at Ward Circle.

Parking: street parking and in the
Katzen Arts Center lot at \$1.50/hr.

AU Transportation Services will offer OLLI members the opportunity to buy a pass for all 12 lectures on June 2 between 9:15 and 10 am. Bring a check to the first lecture for \$36 made out to *American University* or cash.

*Special thanks to the coordinators of this lecture series:
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10:00 am - 11:50 am No reservations are needed.

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DC 20008. RSVP:
irwinle@comcast.net.

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(Detailed descriptions found on the [OLLI Website](#))

Hands on Mobile Project

On **Monday, May 4 from 2:00 to 4:00**, Kevin Reese (actor and artist) will be working at the Chevy Chase Library (just south of Chevy Chase Circle) on the first day of a community mobile-making project. He will have a model there and would like help drawing and cutting out pieces, sanding corners and setting them to wires. Kevin will be delighted to have up to 10 people. Please check out his website at



www.schoolsculptures.com, call him at 202.232.5397, or email him at: Schoolsculptures@aol.com.

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Letter from the Chair

I am very honored to have been elected to the Board of Directors of OLLI and especially honored to be chosen as Chairman of the Board. I see a bright future ahead for all, given the excellence of our staff and the diversity of experience of our members. I continue to be impressed by the quality of the courses that are offered for our consideration. I'm told that about 65 courses will constitute the fall semester offering, many of them new ones for us to choose from.



I'm also pleased to let you know that many of the individuals who have brought us this far will be continuing for another year doing what they have done so well in the past, continuing to volunteer their time and talent to work on the many committees that support OLLI. We are in good shape financially and look for continued improvement. We have an abundance of riches in Study Group Leaders providing the learning opportunities we all relish, and we look forward to a wide variety of lectures in the fall and in January. I have just seen a preview of what's to come, and I am confident you will be as impressed and enthusiastic as I am.

Thanks to you all, and let's have a great year.

--Don Quayle

Congratulations

Results of the 2009-10
Board Elections:

Mickey Klein

Don Quayle

Carl Rappaport

Selma Rosenthal

The People of OLLI: Alice Bralove

During the 1930s and '40s the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, with George Balanchine, Leonide Massine, and Alexandra Danilova in its Diaghilev repertory, was the world's most influential ballet company. Its tours of the United States brought classical ballet to audiences that had never seen such performances, and in one of those audiences was little Alice Aycok. She decided that she would become a ballet dancer and dance with the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. And she did.

After training at Washington School of the Ballet, she went to New York at 18 to study for a year with Pavlova's partner, then joined the Gollner-

Thanks

Thanks to **Irwin Lebow** and **Dave Palmeter** for donating their class gifts to the OLLI Future

Fund.

Petroff Ballet that toured South America and was headed for Europe when its manager absconded with the funds. Nonetheless, Alice Aycock was now a professional ballet dancer - with a plane ticket back to New York.



There she was accepted into the corps of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, sharing a tiny hotel room with two or three other dancers during extended stays in major cities. When touring the South for one-night stands, the company's railroad cars would be off-loaded onto a side track where stage hands unloaded scenery and costumes and rushed to the local theater. There the dancers rehearsed in the new venue, took a technique class, then performed, took off their costumes and makeup, and headed back to the railroad cars to sleep on the jostling train. It was, Bralove recalls, "a lonely, pressure-filled life."

In the summer, when companies didn't perform, she supported herself by dancing two to three shows a night at the Copacabana Club in New York where she performed with popular stars Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra, and Jimmy Durante. Years later, when she was married to Bernie Bralove, the owner of Washington's Shoreham Hotel, she introduced him to the hotel's headline performer, Jimmy Durante, who exclaimed, "You mean one of my goils owns the joint?"

After living her dream for five years, she recognized that she really enjoyed the classroom more than the stage and returned to DC to teach at her dance alma mater. There Alice Bralove remained, becoming recognized, according to Kathleen Bannon, retired Executive Director of International Arts Enterprises, "by a generation of dancers for the thoroughness of her teaching, her compassionate approach to her students, and her dedication to passing along to them the heritage of the ballet tradition."

And it is that ballet tradition that makes the life of a dancer worthwhile, explains Bralove. It manifests itself in the personal training for a role under the tutelage of one of its great performers, in the smallness of the close-knit international community, in the great respect accorded to teachers by their students, and in the almost religious focus on the moment that demands your best. It also appears in the passing along of talismans from generation to generation of dancers. Alice Aycock wore the same costume worn by Maria Tallchief in the "Scheherazde" corps, and she prizes the earrings that Alexandra Danilova gave her after wearing them in "Capriccio Espanol."

Now retired from teaching, Bralove devotes the same intensity to her OLLI classes where her class comments often reflect her extra reading. She has taken so many philosophy courses that she was finally asked to co-chair the philosophy section of the Curriculum Committee.

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[Online](#) Registration is Open!

The Library Committee Will Highlight OLLI Authors

A unique opportunity is at hand for all OLLI members who have published books. The Library Committee is planning an exhibit of books you would like displayed at the Winter Open House, scheduled for February 17. That's not as far away as you think; we're planning to make this a Big Event. Attached is a form which all interested authors should fill out and return to the committee by September 16. There will also be an opportunity to sell your books.

We'll keep you posted as plans develop. For now, please fill out the [form](#) and submit it to committee chair Ruth Darmstadter (6514 Callander Dr., Bethesda, 20817) before the September 16 deadline. Ruth is also available for comments and questions; (joelruthd@verizon.net). Other committee members you may contact are Barbara Rollinson, Hope Bogorad, and Therese Rousseau.

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COURSE REVIEW: GRANDPARENTING

Grandparents, today, are facing many new challenges in terms of their relationships with their grandchildren. Unlike their own grandparents, modern day grandparents are generally more active, travel more easily, and certainly have many new technical means of communication with their grandchildren.

Study Group Reps Role

OLLI is reviewing our feedback process so that we can help our Study Group Leaders be more effective and responsive to our members. We hope to make better use of our Study Group Representatives to aid the SGLs and communicate more with the office.

Martha Horne, the Study Group Leader for Grandparenting: Theory and Practice, is well equipped to teach this course. She is a retired special educator and clinical social worker as well as a parent of four children and six grandchildren. The class discusses issues such as the roles of grandparents, parental discipline, nontraditional marriages with cultural and religious differences, gay and lesbian families, single parents, step

Remember-OLLI is a membership organization. If you get a call to volunteer to be an SGR, we hope that you will be able to jump in and help our program run more effectively.

Iona Art and Poetry Gathering



A few OLLI members were pleased to join OLLI SGL Leader and Iona Poet Laureate, Jenny Pierson, and Iona Artist in Residence, Pauline Jakobsberg, at Iona on June 30 to hear them share their work.

parenting, and divorce problems. Other topics of discussion include legal and financial issues, visitation rights when there is a divorce, coping with special needs and seriously ill children, and dealing with long distance involvement. The class also addresses the difficult and delicate handling of parents' problems and focuses on how to be supportive without criticizing their methods of child rearing. Class members do individual presentations and are given a reading list of appropriate books. for further study.

One of the past participants of this class, Alan Frey, writes, "I would like to give kudos to a new OLLI course on Contemporary Grandparenting. The course, beautifully taught by Martha Horne, allowed us not only to share wonderful experiences and stories about our grandchildren, but to study complex issues facing all grandparents through discussion of our text as well as research presentations of our students."

This course seems to successfully combine the theoretical and intellectual approach of most OLLI classes with a practical guide to the joys of grandparenting.

--*Jeanne Baron*

Book Club Volunteer Needed

A Friendship Terrace Volunteer, Elinor Talmadge, is trying to resurrect a book club at Friendship Terrace and is looking for a leader. Friendship Terrace is an independent living facility on 42nd and Butterworth Place, behind Best Buy and the Tenley Metro. They had a very popular group that fell apart a couple of years ago when the leader moved away.

Books for the group will be selected by the group leader. Elinor will purchase all books for the participants for a year, but her work involves traveling, so she can't be a leader now. The time options are very open-days, evenings, or weekends. Mondays or Saturdays have been suggested.

Elinor would be most appreciative for suggestions or for one or two volunteers who might be interested in sharing leadership. Contact Elinor if you are interested: Elinor Talmadge 202-243-0113 or elinort2gs@yahoo.com

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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute September Update

Lottery Day

Remember the lottery is scheduled for next Wednesday, September 9, and if you haven't registered, this weekend is the time to do it. You may register [online](#) or by snail mail, but forms need to be in the office by close of business Tuesday.

Elliot Berlin

Our condolences go out to Larry and Harriet Berlin on the loss of their son Elliot. A memorial service is scheduled for this Saturday, September 5 at 1:00 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd., Oakton, VA.

Register Your Car

Please remember to register your car with the University. Call 202.885.3069 or email:

parkingassistant@american.edu.

Let them know that you are an OLLI member, give your car license numbers/state, name and phone number. Thanks!

IMPORTANT - Change of Venue

Two Classes are moving to the Kay Spiritual Center on the AU Campus

Because of very large enrollments in class **570, Beethoven**, and class **713, European Trials**, we will be holding both in the Kay Center on main campus. The Center is located across Massachusetts Ave. from the Katzen Arts Center, and can be seen on the map in the back of the OLLI catalog. Parking is available in both the Katzen garage and the large AU lot at Nebraska and Ward Circle for \$1.50/hour. Kay is also a short walk from the parking on Nebraska and behind the church (remember to be mindful of the 2 hour limit).

Many of you are aware of the sound difficulties OLLI has experienced at Kay. We have had discussions with the A/V Department Chair, and he assures us that they will work closely with us and that it has been problem free all summer. The good news is that they are replacing the system during the winter break. We will have our hearing enhancement units available.

If, for whatever reason, this change of venue does not work for you, please email the office and let us know which other class you would rather be in, preferably before the lottery. Thanks.

Upcoming Events of Interest

Saturday, September 12, 2009, 8:30 AM - 5 PM

[Natural History Museum](#)

Baird Auditorium, Ground Floor (enter from Constitution Ave.)

Free; first come, first served

Since Darwin: The Evolution of Evolution

Natural History Museum scientists Dr. Hans-Dieter Sues (associate director for Research and Collections) and Dr. Douglas Erwin (curator, Department of Paleobiology) host a symposium celebrating the bicentennial of Charles Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of his book *On the Origin of Species*. This all-day event features talks by internationally renowned experts from the museum and

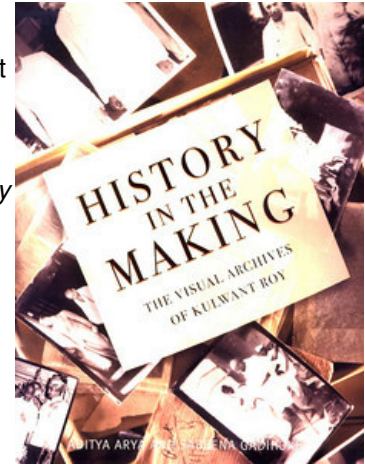
other institutions. See the link above for details.

Gandhi Memorial Center events including *History in the Making, Images from the early years of independent India*

Friday, October 2, 2009 7:30 pm
Gandhi Jayanti and Inauguration of Exhibit

Saturday, October 17, 2009 2 pm
Panel Discussion: *India: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*

The Gandhi Center is located at 4748
Western Ave., Bethesda MD 20816.



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October

2: Board Meeting

6: First Tuesday Lecture

15: Study Group
Representative Lunch
(noon, room 111 Capital
Hall)

16: 1st Curriculum
Committee Meeting (1-2:30
pm, TBC)

26-30: Capital Area Food
Bank Collection

November

6: Study Group Leader
Lunch (noon, Mary Graydon
Center)

6: Board Meeting (1:30 pm,
TBC)

13: 2nd Curriculum
Committee Meeting (1-2:30
pm, TBC)

25-29: Thanksgiving Break

Off to a Good Start

As I mentioned at the Open House get-together, we are off to a great start this year in terms of membership. We have 592 members. One hundred are new members. Kudos go to Helen Schwartz, past head of the Publicity Committee; Larry McCarthy who has taken over that committee from Helen; and to Jack Chamberlain, heading up the Membership Committee. And we have a great offering for them and for you this fall with 60 courses to choose from. I would add one small reminder. This is the largest gathering for the Fall Semester that we have ever had which means more cars parking near the Temple Baptist Church. Let's all remember not to park in a way that would block a driveway or offend the neighbors. And everyone should call to register his license plate with American University parking. You have their number and email address with your class registration packet.



I would like to acknowledge the great work done by Madeline Fried and Vonn Quayle in recruiting Study Group Representatives to assist our SGRs in the administration of their classes. SGRs and SGLs met recently to make sure we get off to a smooth beginning and enjoy a rewarding semester.

Please do remember to tell your SGR if you are going to be absent any time during the semester. I know of one SGR who is going to miss a couple of classes because she will be picking olives in Italy. Just try to imagine; the next time you have a martini, your olive might have been picked by an OLLI SGR. Wow!

--Don Quayle

OLLI Lecture Series

Our fall lecture series schedule is online at our [website](http://www.ollidc.org), www.ollidc.org. Please join us for an interesting series. Thanks to Barbara Rollinson for

Important - Semester Dates

In our rush to get our catalog out, the dates for the 10 week fall semester were put in incorrectly. The correct last day for classes is actually Friday December 11th and not Friday December 4th. **Mark your calendars! The holiday party is scheduled for noon on Friday**

organizing the lectures.

Welcome- Amelie

Amelie Burgunder is a new member of the OLLI Board. She replaces Will Blacklow, who recently resigned.



Third Set of Graduates

Our third Study Group Leaders class "graduated" this September. All agreed that the sessions were very valuable and helped new and "seasoned" study group leaders feel more confident about leading a group. We plan to offer this course again in the Spring, so consider whether you might be interested in joining us then.

Handicapped Parking Spaces

Please reserve the 12 handicapped parking spots in the church lot for those who really need them. If you do use the church lot, make sure your permit is prominently displayed.

Beethoven Concert

American University's

December 11th at the Mary Graydon Center on campus. The Annual Meeting and luncheon will be held Wednesday May 12, 2010 at Kenwood Country Club at noon.

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee is beginning its planning for the Spring Semester. Committee members are interested in recommendations for Study Groups Leaders. If you are interested in leading a group or want to recommend someone you think would be a good leader, call one of the committee members listed below.

Curriculum Committee

Gloria Kreisman, Chair

Law, Politics & Government: Myrna Whitworth

Psychology, Sociology & Culture: Linda Miller

Economics: Betsy White

Natural Sciences: Ed Goldin and Barbara Searle

Music: Alan Frey

Art: Sidney Steinitz

Literature: Gloria Kreisman

History and Geography: Sandra Levenbook

Philosophy: David Palmeter

Bell Ringers - New Policy

We are instituting a new system this fall. We will have Chris Chinn ring the bell for classes and breaks. If, however, he is busy setting up equipment, he may ask for an assist. Please give him a hand, and ring the bell. Thank you.

Keep our Membership Healthy

If you're coughing, if you're sneezy,
If you're feverish or queasy,
We wish you well; we think it best,
That you stay home and get some rest.
Your classmates, on the senior side,
Would be sincerely gratified.

Young at Heart

On December 5th at 4pm Iona has the great honor of hosting the fabulous chorus, Young @ Heart, at the Warner Theatre! Some of you were fortunate enough to have heard them at a previous benefit concert for Iona and hopefully many of you have seen the documentary, *Young @ Heart* by Foxlight Pictures. This group, whose average age is 80+, sings everything from the Beatles to Sonic Youth and Cold Play. You will be not only entertained, but inspired, by their talent and incredible spirit.

College of Arts & Sciences presents:
The Gorenman Beethoven Project

Yuliya Gorenman in Concert

Sat. Oct. 3, 8 pm
Abramson Family Recital Hall
Katzen Arts Center

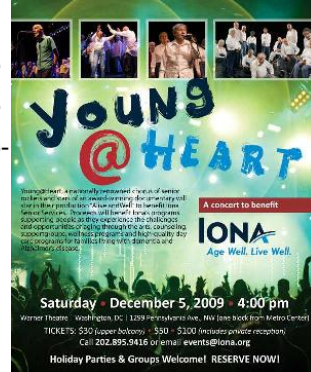
Tickets:
\$10 AU Community and OLLI members

OLLI Food Drive "Top Ten" for the week of October 26 - 30

- 1. Canned Protein**
(tuna, chicken, salmon, peanut butter)
- 2. Canned Fruit**
(applesauce, peaches, pears, pineapple)
- 3. 100% Fruit Juice**
(all sizes including juice boxes)
- 4. Canned Vegetables** (mixed, green beans, corn)
- 5. Soups** (beef stew, chili, chicken noodle, turkey rice)
- 6. Cereal** (Cheerios, Cornflakes, Grape Nuts, Raisin Bran)
- 7. Easy & Ready Meals** (macaroni & cheese, pasta bowls, canned pasta)

Tickets are \$30, \$50, or \$100 (with no service charge if you buy them through Iona). Please come, and bring your families, friends, and co-workers. Blocks of tickets can be purchased as a great alternative to the usual holiday office party and as gifts for clients or friends.

Questions? Call (202) 895-9416 or email events@iona.org
Iona Senior Services



Capital Area Food Bank

The Capital Area Food Bank is the largest, public nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area. Each year the CAFB distributes 20 million pounds of food, including 6 million pounds of fresh produce, to over 700 partner agencies.

For the 2nd year in a row, the OLLI Board has decided to have a food drive at Temple Baptist Church the week of October 26 - 30. Bring in items and deposit into the large boxes we will have in place in room 6 and upstairs in the hallway.

We would like to break our record of last fall of almost 900 pounds! Please donate.

Study Group Representatives

Thanks to all who have volunteered to be Study Group Representatives. We really appreciate your help. And thanks to Madeleine Fried and Vonn Quayle for making so many calls to find SGRs.

- 101 Susan Blacklow
- 102 Tessa Dinsmoor
- 103 Harold Schneiberg
- 118 Alan Frey
- 139 Lee Kotz
- 155 Eleanor Hillegeist
- 160 Lawrence McCarthy
- 162 Tina Fried Heller
- 164 Betsy White
- 211 Janey Cole
- 220 John Westley
- 232 Dorothy Hartland
- 234 Jeanne Talpers
- 236 Ange Hassinger
- 302 Carol Rendall
- 304 Earl Hall
- 335 Irene Sinclair
- 452 Therese Rousseau

8. Healthy Snacks

(raisins, dried fruit, nuts, cereal bars)

- 455 Patricia Herman
- 461 Naomi Heller
- 463 Edie Levine
- 465 Amelie Burgunder

9. Hygiene Products

(bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo)

- 469 Sidney Steinitz
- 527 Alice Bralove
- 557 Barbara Cassedy
- 560 Sue Boley

10. Paper Products

(paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, facial tissue, paper plates & cups, plastic forks & spoons)

- 562 Marion Connell
- 564 Barbara Lennhoff
- 566 Helen Schwartz
- 568 Larry McCarthy
- 569 Charles Sternheim
- 570 Jacqueline Boehme

Carpooling

Those interested in carpooling might want to post a note on the bulletin board near the stairs with their name, contact information, and sessions at the Temple Baptist Church, so that others who will be there at the same time can contact them. Lets all be "greener" and thoughtful to our non-driving members!

- 603 Marilyn Heilprin
- 607 Anne Mansfield
- 608 Barbara Rollinson
- 617 Barbara Johnson
- 619 Ellen Myerberg
- 622 Rachel Gur-Arie
- 629 Mary Hardman
- 630 Dorothy Pocinki
- 639 Donald Quayle
- 650 Ed Goldin
- 669 Maxine Finkelstein
- 692 Sylvia Brown
- 703 Phyllis Machta
- 705 Edward Berkowitz
- 713 Selma Rosenthal
- 714 Betsy White
- 720 Peter Wolfe
- 729 Bob Goodman
- 756 Chuck Lapine
- 776 Carolyn Reeder
- 777 Lila Berger
- 788 Sally Goldblum
- 823 Morton Gluck
- 825 Jacqueline Gallagher
- 827 Barry Smoler

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- 6: Study Group Leader
Lunch (noon, Mary Graydon Center)
- 6: Board Meeting (1:30 pm, TBC)
- 13: Curriculum Committee Meeting (1-2:30 pm, TBC)
- 18: Civil War Trip
- 20: Katzen Center Tour
- 25-29: Thanksgiving Break

December

- 11: Holiday Luncheon (noon, Mary Graydon Center)

December Luncheon and May Annual Meeting

Our Holiday Luncheon will take place on Friday, December 11 at noon in the Mary Graydon Center on American University's main campus. Come celebrate another great semester.

Reservation forms will be available next week.

Letter from the Chair

OLLI Countrywide

Each year, the Osher Foundation convenes a National Conference attended by representatives of the 120 OLLIs now supported, in part, by the Foundation. The foundation encourages the exchange of ideas regarding the programs and procedures of the various organizations. The aim is to improve each institute's operations and thereby enhance the learning opportunities of all participants. I had the privilege of attending the conference this year with Lena Frumin, our Program Manager. The conference was at a resort hotel in Park City, Utah. Since it was early October and ski season had not yet arrived, we attended all general meetings and divided up the smaller breakout sessions.



Attending the national conference for the first time, I was impressed with the diversity of OLLIs represented. The individual sessions that I attended were mostly concerned with creating partnerships within our community and beyond, with most OLLIs having similar goals and aspirations. I gained some perspective into ideas about our way of doing things. I also picked up some good points on providing leadership. All these things will be discussed during the coming weeks with a view toward improving what we do, while maintaining our goals.

A major part of the experience of the conference, like our own organization, is the socialization. I enjoyed meeting many representatives of other OLLIs, particularly the ones nearby. In fact, we are currently exploring ways to get together with our counterparts at Johns Hopkins, George Mason, Towson University, and the University of Maryland. You may well hear more about these gatherings in future newsletters.

--Don Quayle

The People of OLLI: Vee Burke

Our Annual Meeting and Luncheon is May 12, 2010 at Kenwood Country Club.

National OLLI Resource Center

I was thrilled to have the opportunity to go to the OLLI conference with Don. I encourage you all to look at the [National Resource Center](#). They have a conglomeration of interesting stories, [blogs](#), [authors](#), [life stories](#), and a [journal](#) that I encourage you to write for. The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) Review publishes relevant research, stories, poetry and articles-- all available online as well as distributed nationally. If you want to see how other OLLIs operate, I have left a stack of their catalogs in the Temple Baptist Church annex office for you to look at.

--Lena Frumin

Katzen Center Tour

Tour the Katzen Center exhibit on Aboriginal Art with



Museum Director, Jack Rasmussen, **Friday, November 20 at 1 pm**. Meet inside the gallery. Please click this link to [rsvp](#) so we know how

A small woman with heavy eyebrows shading merry, hazel eyes, Vee came to OLLI at the prompting of her old University of Chicago friend Brad Patterson (currently an OLLI SGL) who urged her to teach a course on welfare reform based on her work in Congress and at the Congressional Research Service (CRS). Vee's work for a subcommittee of the Joint Economic and Welfare Committee led to annual CRS reports about government programs ranging from Medicaid, cash aid, housing subsidies, and food stamps to tax credits and job training. "Vee was the US expert on welfare, and her highly respected research was indispensable for creating the Clinton welfare reform legislation," Patterson explains. *Nixon's Good Deed: Welfare Reform*, which she wrote with her husband, *Los Angeles Times* reporter Vince Burke, was published just after his death in 1973.



In 1974, Vee moved to CRS where she continued to specialize in the "social safety net" system. The next 30 years were rewarding ones because of the intellectual stimulation of defining things accurately and the delight of working in an organization "where everyone respected each other and joined in the pursuit of figuring out what is what." It was a privilege to be there, Vee says, adding that it was also a good place to develop meaningful friendships.

Although her OLLI course on welfare reform was, by all accounts, very successful, teaching the same class again would never appeal to the adventurous Vee Burke. So she next led two different Study Groups in philosophy. Regardless of subject matter, Vee's OLLI students find her an empathetic leader who encourages group discussion. David Palmetter, another OLLI SGL, elaborates, "I've taken two of Vee's classes, *The Idea of Justice* and *Aristotle's Rhetoric*. She is deeply knowledgeable about her subject matter, and invariably patient with us even when the study group gets a bit rambunctious --which can happen with courses that touch on hot-button social and political issues. Her classes are a sheer intellectual delight -- the kind of class I came to OLLI hoping to find."

When she retired from CRS, Vee settled on the activities she most wanted to pursue: swimming, playing the piano, and inviting friends over for dinner. Her grandson gave her a book on playing the piano, and she now plays Brahms's "Hungarian Dances". One of her daughters asked Vee to shop with her for upholstery materials, but instead, she drove Vee to the YMCA where she had enrolled her mother as a member and where Vee now swims regularly.

With her four children, Vee recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of the huge Burke family tent. And when one of her daughters and her husband visited recently, while collaborating on a book, Vee found it especially touching that they were working together in the adjoining studies as she and her husband Vince had done decades ago with their

many people to expect.

book. All of her children "are good persons," she says proudly.

There will also be a sign-up sheet at the Temple Baptist Church.

--Jacqui Gallagher

OLLI Authors

Contact Ruth Darmstadter if you would like to share your book during the Winter Open House. Call her at 301.229.0419 or email

joelruthd@verizon.net

Condolences

We will miss Larry Shulman and Irwin Vogel who passed away last month.

Caregivers' Support Group

Flora Ingenhousz invites you to a Caregivers' Support Group she is facilitating beginning November 4th in Silver Spring.

Please feel free to contact Flora with any questions.

Flora Ingenhousz,
LCSW

flora-lcsw@comcast.net

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Civil War Trip

It isn't too late to join the Annual Civil War Bus Trip as they venture to Antietam National Battlefield on **Wednesday, November 18** from 8 am to 5:30 pm. The cost is \$40. [Contact](#) the office (202.895.4860) so we can send you a form and add you to the list.



Iona Art Reception

Please join Iona Senior Services in welcoming their new Artist in Residence, Grace Lebow, and their Special Guest Artist, Helen Grunstein

Thursday, November 5th from 5:00-8:00 PM

4125 Albemarle Street, NW

Refreshments will be served.

Please press this link to [RSVP](#) or call (202) 895-9407.

Young at Heart

On December 5th at 4pm Iona House will be hosting the fabulous chorus, Young @ Heart, at the Warner Theatre! This group, whose average age is 80+, sings everything from the Beatles to Sonic Youth and Cold Play. This should be an inspiring event.

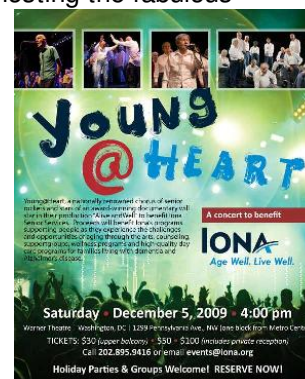
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Reservation forms are at the Temple Baptist Church, or send a check for \$27 to the OLLI office **by Thursday, December 3.**

SGL Class

Are you interested in being a Study Group Leader or improving your leadership skills? Let us know if you want to take the four-session class that will be offered in February, led by Willie Blacklow.

Civil War Trip: Antietam National Battlefield

By all



accounts Chris Bradley led another very successful Civil War trip. See Sarel Kromer's wonderful [slide show](#) of the trip.

Don't Miss OLLI Member

Letter from the Chair

The excitement evident at the beginning of the fall semester continues into the spring when approximately 60 courses will be offered. This comes as a result of the outstanding work of the Curriculum Committee which has been laboring behind the scenes to bring you this stimulating and diversified program. We want to pay tribute to this Committee and the superb work of the retiring **Chairperson, Gloria Kreisman**. The members of the Committee include **Allen Frey, Ed Goldin, Sandra Levenbook, Linda Miller, Dave Palmeter, Barbara Searle, Sidney Steinitz, Betsy White, and Myrna Whitworth**. You hard-working folks are wonderful, and we are all very much indebted to you. This will be obvious when you leaf through the spring course catalog which will be in the mail in early January. The spring semester runs from March 1 to May 7, 2010.



Note that the level of excellence continues as you peruse the list of January lectures arranged by the Lecture Committee. We will let you know when the January Lecture series will be online. Lectures will take place Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, from 10 to 11:50 a.m. in the Katzen Center, Mary Graydon Center, and the Ward Circle Building. We will be mailing the list to those who don't have email.

The Tuesday Lecture list for the spring semester will be available at the Open House and online in February. Again, our deepest appreciation goes to Barbara Rollinson, Chairperson, and to Committee members Hope Bogorad, Tina Fried Heller, and Mickey Klein. It is this kind of volunteer effort that makes OLLI what it is today. And, remember, these lectures are free and open to the public so bring your friends, give them an OLLI brochure, and invite them to join our organization.

As we move into December toward the holidays, I wish you all happiness and joy during the season. We hope to see you all at the Annual Holiday Luncheon on December 11. The holidays are for celebrating with your family, so join your OLLI family for this festive get-together.

Grace Lebow, Iona Artist-in-Residence, at the Gallery at IONA (4125 Albemarle St. NW). Open to the public: Mon-Fri, 9-5 through January 7, 2010.



--Don Quayle

The People of OLLI: Ray Rasenberger

It seems as if Ray Rasenberger has always set goals for himself and then succeeded in attaining them.



Ray majored in Public Administration at Dartmouth, received a masters at Syracuse University, and eventually spent six years at the Bureau of the Budget (now the OMB) as an examiner. While at OMB he met and married his wife, Nancy Presek, and, with her encouragement, decided that he really wanted to be an administrative lawyer. Two weeks after they married, Ray enrolled at The George Washington University School of Law at night and received his law degree. He co-founded the firm of Zuckert, Scoutt and Rasenberger which specialized in all aspects of aviation law. Ray enjoyed everything about this kind of administrative law, including writing briefs.

His law practice allowed him to devote time to his next passion-- politics. In 1960 he served as advance man for Senator John F. Kennedy's presidential campaign, a job Ray said "was definitely a young man's job" because it required a great deal of energy to make advance preparations for the candidate in a city. Years later he also worked on the Muskie campaign along with some other up-and-comers like Mark Shields and Madeleine Albright.

After a long and successful law career, Ray retired from active practice, but continued vigorous pro bono activities and found time to pursue another long-term goal. He felt that he had never had the opportunity to explore some aspects of his education, such as the Humanities. He joined OLLI (then known as ILR) in 1998 and enrolled in Jenny Pierson's Poetry Workshop. Although he is very modest about his poems, his teacher and many others regard Ray as a sensitive and original writer of poetry. He did self-publish a group of his poems to distribute to family and friends. In addition to taking classes, Ray also taught a course, "Politics and the Supreme Court," and served as Board Chairman in 2007-8. He is still an active member of OLLI

All in all, Ray Rasenberger has achieved many of his goals. He and Nancy have five children and six grandchildren, which, in itself, is a most satisfying achievement.

--Jeanne Baron

How many classes do OLLI members take?

OLLI members taking:

- 1 class- 20%
- 2 classes - 40%
- 3 classes - 37%
- 4 classes - 3%

Food Drive

Congratulations! We collected 751 pounds of food in our Fall Food Drive.

10% off Purchases at the Katzen Center Gift Store

Unique jewelry, decorations, scarves, gloves, etc. Tell them that you are an OLLI member and receive 10% off the purchase price.

Condolences

We will miss Larry Shulman, Nien Cheng, Elaine Kirk, and Irwin Vogel who have recently passed away. There will be a memorial service for Larry at the Cosmos Club on Saturday, January 9 at 3 pm.

Thanks

Thanks to Martha Horne for donating her class gift to the OLLI Future Fund.

Message from Helen Schwartz

Dear Friends,
As many of you know, I'm leaving December 2 to fly to Turkey for some travel and a semester-long Fulbright, teaching American Drama and Writing

Nominations and Elections Committee

The Board of Directors has appointed the following members to the Nominations and Elections Committee:

for the Internet at Bilkent University in Ankara.

I'm writing a blog about my adventures. Since the blogname "Teaching in Turkey" was taken, Blogspot assigned the name "turkey in teaching"! Here's a link to my blog:
<http://turkeyinteaching.blogspot.com/>

The latest blog is about why the Thanksgiving staple and the country have the same name.

Happy Holidays to all of you at OLLI.
--Helen

**Marcia Crandall, Ray Rasenberger, Phillip Schwartz
Ed Stelzer, Beverly Zweiben.**

This Committee will select six nominees for four vacancies on the Board for the 2010 election. The Board consists of 12 members elected for three-year terms, four members being elected each year.

The Committee will make its selection in accordance with the OLLI Policies and Procedures, completely independent of the current Board, in consultation with one another and with emphasis on the background and experience of each potential nominee.

Members who would like to volunteer either themselves or a colleague as a possible candidate may submit a special form to the Committee. Forms will be posted on the bulletin board, and copies are available in the office.

The elections will be held at the Annual Meeting in May. Photos and biographical data of all candidates will be posted in early April and mailed to every member prior to the election.

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