



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

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Register Soon!

If you have not registered, please try to do so before February 10. This is the day we will make class assignments and run our random lottery for oversubscribed classes. You can register [online](#) or by mailing in the form at the back of the catalog. There is also a registration form online.

February Calendar

5: Board Meeting

9, 11, 16, 18: Study Group Leader Training;

10 am, Temple Baptist Church

10: Class Assignments and the Lottery

11: Mailing Class Assignments

17: Open House with OLL I Authors; 1 pm, Temple Baptist Church

24: Study Group Reps (SGR)/

Study Group Leaders (SGL) Meeting;

10 am, Temple Baptist Church

25: Audio/Visual Training;

10 am, Temple Baptist Church

Yuliya Gorenman Performance

Sat, February 13, 8 pm

Sun, February 14, 3 pm

Beethoven Concerto No. 4 with the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra

Rachel M. Schlesinger Hall & Arts Center

3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria, Virginia

Free parking at all ASO Concerts

<http://www.alexsym.org> 703-548-0885

To take advantage of the opportunity of "Friends of Yuliya" discount: either call ASO at 703-548-0885 and mention "Friends of Yuliya" or buy [online](#) and enter promotional code "piano." Upon entering the code, tickets prices will be reduced by 50 percent.

For more information on upcoming performances, please visit her new [website](#).

First Tuesday Lecture: Howard Jacobson

March 2 at 12:15 pm

Letter from the Chair

I have just attended the final lecture of the January series. My reaction to the series can be summed up in one word: 'Wow!'

The diversity and the quality of the lectures during the month were as outstanding. Luckily, my own schedule allowed me to attend every lecture. They covered the full spectrum from Afghanistan to Health Care Reform to the Real Danger in the Death of Newsrooms.

Locally, we looked at the history of The Studio Theatre and, broadening to a worldwide view, we looked at The Three Faces of Chinese Power: Might, Money, and Minds. Again, kudos to Barbara Rollinson and the members of her Lecture Committee. And it appears that the June Lecture Series, too, will reach those lofty levels of quality and variety.

Looking at the future schedule, I do want to remind everyone that the **Spring Open House** will be held at the Temple Baptist Church on **Wednesday, February 17 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm**. This is your opportunity to visit with and hear from the Study Group Leaders who will lead classes during the Spring Semester. It is also an opportunity for you to ask any questions and raise any issues regarding the entire OLL I program. All Executive Staff and Board members will be there, happy to discuss your concerns. It is also a great opportunity to socialize with other members and to get acquainted with many of the new members.

Most of us have a bit of a break during the month of February between the January lectures and the beginning of courses on March 1st. I do hope you have all registered for the Spring Semester and are looking forward to the learning opportunities ahead. I am halfway through my term as Chairman of your Board, and I want to say 'Thank you' to each and every one of you for the support that you have provided me and the Board this year. It truly is a pleasure being amongst you.

--Don Quayle

Open House & OLL I Authors

Twenty-five OLL I authors of published books will be exhibiting their wares at a reception in their honor, immediately following the Open House on February 17.

All are invited to stay, munch another cookie or two, and discover the previously unknown talent of that quiet person who sat next to them in last term's "Math for Humanists" class. Browsing is encouraged, and some books will be for sale (cash or checks only please). The



Thanks to the British Council and the George Washington University creative writing program, Washington will soon host one of England's outstanding novelists, Howard Jacobson. But "novelist" doesn't begin to describe the breadth of Mr. Jacobson's talents. In his weekly column for the Independent, on television, in books and articles that comment on comedy, religion, current events, and literature, he ranges over British life with laugh-out-loud humor and stunning insight. His recent novel, *Kalooki Nights*, explores growing up Jewish in 1950's Britain with Jacobson's trademark intelligence, wisdom, and tragedy. He will be speaking in the OLLI lecture series on March 2 at 12:15 pm. Don't miss this chance to meet an Englishman of many talents.

--Susan Willens

Learn How to Use the Equipment

We would love to have a few members who are trained to use the audio/visual equipment. Our own Chris Chinn, who can't be in two places at once, will be conducting a hands-on training session on the use of the TV/VCR/DVD machines and their remotes, as well as other equipment, on Thursday, Feb. 25 from 10-11:50 am at the Temple Baptist Church. A bit of basic knowledge would be great. Please [email](#) the office if you are interested in participating.

Classes at the AU Library

Are you interested in using the AU library or attending classes in the updated research systems it houses? Check out the [classes](#) the library offers at <http://www.library.american.edu/about/services/instruction/schedule.html>. Your name is on the OLLI member list at the circulation desk, so you are entitled to use the facility and take books out.

Quick Links

[OLLI Website](#)

[American University Website](#)

[AU Library Classes Website](#)

[AU Community Relations Website](#)

committee which planned and designed the exhibit includes Ruth Darmstadter, Barbara Rollinson, Hope Bogorad, Therese Rousseau, and Phyllis Homes.

The authors participating in the exhibit are: Fred Bosco, Vee Burke, Michael Cernea, Mary Coddington, Joel Denker, Arthur Domike, James Doyle, Ed Goldin, Marilyn Heilprin, Edward Kaitz, Mickey Klein, Grace Lebow, Irwin Lebow, Arnold Liebowitz, Enrique Lerda, Don Oberdorfer, Mark Ozer, David Palmeter, Alex Radin, Carolyn Reeder, Jeanne Roberts, A. Haeworth Robertson, Harold Sharlin, James Weaver, Phil Wogaman, and Susan Willens.

OLLI Author in *The Washington Post* Recently

Yesterday's Washington Post ran an opinion piece I wrote about a recent visit to the Washington Humane Society Animal Shelter. I'm certainly thrilled to see the piece in print, and I want OLLI to know that I wrote it during this semester's study group, Writing for Publication, led by Karl Wirsing. This was the usual great group of OLLI people with a wonderful group leader. The effect on my enthusiasm for writing was immediate. Many thanks.

[See the article.](#)

--Andrea Meyerhoff

Condolence: Fred Exton

Fred Exton, a retired US foreign service officer of French-American descent who became a popular study group leader at OLLI, died at his home in Washington on December 30 at age 82 after a long illness. Over more than a decade, Fred led a series of study groups focused on successive phases of French cultural history, from pre-historic times down to the present, in which he enthusiastically shared his knowledge of French history with devoted participants, many of whom followed him from one course to another.

--Ed Cohn

AU Community Relations

Interested in what's happening at AU? Check out "AU in the Neighborhood," a new monthly electronic newsletter produced by AU's Community Relations Office. If you would like to receive a copy each month, send an email to Penny Pagano, Director of Community and Local Government Relations, at pagano@american.edu. You can also see current and past issues by going to the AU website www.american.edu. Click on Discover AU at the top left-hand corner of the opening page. Then click on Community Relations in the left-hand column of the next page. Scroll down, and you'll see a box for "AU in the Neighborhood." We welcome any information or ideas that you would like us to include in our site.

--Penny Pagano, AU Community Relations

Recycling OLLI Nametags

Reuse last semester's OLLI nametag! We will collect the names of those who need new nametags at the Open House and during the first weeks of the semester.

Thanks

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