

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

October 2010



October

- 1: Board Meeting
- 7: Dave Hedgepath talk-noon, Temple Baptist Church (TBC)
- 14: Study Group Rep. Luncheon-noon, (TBC)
- 15: Curriculum Committee-1 pm, TBC
- 19: Town Meeting-12:15, TBC

Curious about Sex and the Single Strawberry?

Read the story about how two New World strawberries meet and mate in the Old World

My columns on food lore and history now appear online each month. You can find the latest column, as well as past columns, here:

<http://www.intowner.com/food-in-the-hood/>.

Hope you enjoy! I'd love to hear your reactions.

--Joel Denker

Center for Israeli Studies Programs

Monday, October 11, 7 pm, "Jewish-Muslim

Letter from the Chair



What a **wonderful** start to our 2010 fall semester, but...

The other day, I was attending two sequential OLLI events, along with about 70 people at each, downstairs in room 6 at the church. One event was a class lecture, the other was an invited speaker. Both were really exciting presentations.

However, given the state of our aging facility, we had to put up with feedback and some cranky sound system adjustments, rustling and chair movement noises, reverberations from the floor, ceiling and walls, and stuffy air until the windows were finally opened. Then, there were outside street traffic noises and murmuring people entering and leaving through doors in the rear of the hall.

Well, I had an epiphany!

I saw a flash of a beautiful auditorium adorned with nicely upholstered comfortable and noiseless seats. There was a state-of-the-art climate control and a flawless acoustical system. I even saw, in my reverie, a banner proudly announcing, "**OLLI Lecture Hall, Where Curiosity Never Retires**".

...and just then, I was shocked into consciousness by the clattering of a helicopter, luckily, being drowned out by the spontaneous applause of a presentation well done.

As a result, I am asking you to think about this, and give me your best advice about how we can grow our half million dollar Future Fund (abetted by interest from the OLLI endowment to American University) to a level that can support my **epiphany**.

--

Ed Goldin

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee is beginning its work recruiting new and renewed Study Group Leaders for the Spring Semester. Please contact the following

Relations: Bridging the Divide" with Ambassador Akbar Ahmed, Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies at American University, and Senior Rabbi Bruce Lustig of Washington Hebrew Congregation. School for International Service (SIS) Founders Room. Dessert Reception. Free parking in SIS Garage. RSVP: cutler@american.edu and let Laura Cutler know if you would like to receive email notification about other events.

OLLI Losses

Longtime OLLI member Alan Sahm passed away. Our condolences.

Iona Senior Services Art Event

Friday, October 15 from 5 to 8 pm

Lee Goodwin is a fine arts photographer who has concentrated on landscape photography in and around Washington, DC with particular emphasis on Great Falls, the C&O Canal and the Potomac River. His photographs have won numerous awards, and have been widely exhibited in solo and group shows in the area. He makes his living as a

members of the Committee if you would like to lead a study group or if you have suggestions of other possible leaders:

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400: Biology, Physics, Chemistry & Math- [Barbara Searle](#) (202) 331-7660
500: Art-[Naomi Heller](#) (202) 362-3885, Music-[Allan Frey](#) (703) 684-6847
600: Literature & Language-[Gina Guglielmo](#) (202) 965-4845
700: History & Geography-[Larry McCarthy](#) (202) 669-8806
800: Philosophy-[Mel Hurwitz](#) (202) 244-2368

Take Us Out to the Stadium

Thanks to **Stanley Cohen** for donating baseball tickets to OLLI. OLLI staff member Chris Chinn took this photo and reported "that it was the most entertaining game between two non-contending teams he has ever seen! Thanks to Espinosa's triple and seventh inning homer, it made for a great night under the lights as the Nationals beat the Astros 4-3 on the 22nd, and beat them again the 23rd."



Dave Hedgepath

In the interest of fair play and equal time, Mary Chehs opponent for the Ward 3 council seat, Dave Hedgepath, will be addressing OLLI on Thursday, October 7 at 12:00 noon. Please join us in room 6 to hear what he has to say.

Renoir Trip

On September 1st, a group of 42 Olli members hustled onto a bus headed to the Philadelphia Museum of Art to see an exhibition on Late Renoir, focused on the last thirty years of Renoir's work. The Curator designed the exhibit to show that the late work of Renoir rivaled that of Cezanne as an influence on the younger Modernist artists. To make their point she included works by



Matisse, Picasso, Maillol, and Bonnard for comparison. Whether or not they agreed with the Curator, our group of Impressionist lovers was happy to see so many Renoirs together in one place. My favorite work was an exquisite red chalk drawing of a beautiful young girl. I'm sure there are many different favorites from among the landscapes, sculpture (usually only the design by Renoir), and paintings of innocent young girls and not so innocent nudes. The last painting was Renoir's "Great Bathers" pointing the way to Cezanne's "Great Bathers" down the hall in the European Galleries. The most commented on part of the show seemed to be two short films by Sasha Guitry showing the 70 year-old Renoir painting. Confined to a wheelchair, his body contorted by a

partner in the law firm of Nixon Peabody LLP.

Marilee Shapiro began her art education at a class being offered in her neighborhood through the Work Projects Administration (WPA). She then studied with sculptor Alexander Archipenko. Although her life's work has been in sculpture, at the age of 89 she took her first computer graphics course at the Corcoran and now uses her computer as an expressive painting tool. Her work is found in the collections of the Kreeger Museum and the Bowdoin College Museum of Art among other private collections.

Iona Senior Services, 4125 Albemarle Street, NW Washington, DC One block from Tenleytown Metro, garage parking available. This event is free and refreshments will be served.

Thanks

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severe form of arthritis, Renoir had a brush tied to one hand and with a cigarette in the other continued to paint. So great the need of the artist to create. We had a wonderful day.

--Carol Michalowski

The OLLI office would like to know of any other events or exhibitions that might be of interest to our members. We would like to add additional day trips to our program. Please email us at OLLI@american.edu.

Bob Coe Update

Longtime SGL Bob Coe has taken a temporary sabbatical from OLLI this semester to try and solve his neck problem. He is looking forward to coming back and sends his best to all. We are wishing him a speedy recovery.

Will Blacklow Update

For those many of you who have expressed concern about Will Blacklow, here is a brief update from Susan Blacklow: We are thrilled to have Will home after his hip replacement at Sibley. His physical therapists (both at home and earlier, in the hospital) make sure he's continually working--the one aspect of his too-long hospital stay that he actually looked forward to. He claims the 'PT' helped him maintain his sanity. Willie's cell: 240-447-4994; home phone: 301-652-3623. Some of you have also requested our address....so, if you want to send a card, interesting article, whatever, mail it to: 6912 Oakridge Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815-5172. Thanks! Susan Blacklow

A 'P.S.' from Willie: I want to thank all of my OLLI cohorts for their many, many kindnesses, including hospital visits, calls, well-wishes, etc.--you have no idea how important they were to me....I'm quite honestly overwhelmed. I'm progressing rapidly, although I won't have a final assessment on what doctors term 'the primary cause'--bone cancer originating from the prostate--until mid-October at the earliest.

I miss OLLI, I miss all of you, I miss our Contentious Crew in my Mon. and Tues. 'News in Context' study groups. A special thanks to Jessine M. and Ed S., who are serving as SGL's in my stead. For those of you who are enrolled in my OLLI 101/102 groups: Please be kind to them....after all, they willingly agreed to leap into the belly of the (101/102) beast.

Gratefully,

Willie

OLLI Players?

Would anyone be interested in getting together to discuss the possibility of

Tina Tate
(our thanks and apologies to anyone who may have been omitted.)

Quick Links

[OLLI Website](#)

[American University Website](#)

[AU Library Classes Website](#)

[AU Community Relations Website](#)

forming a group of OLLI members who would put on a staged reading, perhaps as a Tuesday "lecture" in the Spring term?

There is probably a lot of thespian talent hidden among our members just waiting to be tapped. But the question is how to go about it -- picking a piece to put on, deciding whether to have a director or make it a Study Group with a leader, selecting cast members by audition or not, and generally trying to have fun while ending up with something that we and others would enjoy.

If you are interested in spending some time discussing possibilities and probabilites, please contact Carol Light at clichtdc@hotmail.com

KATZEN MUSEUM STORE OFFERS DISCOUNT TO OLLI MEMBERS

Shop the Katzen Museum Store, on Monday lecture days (1-2:50 pm) at the Katzen Arts Center (Sept. 27-Nov. 22, 2010), and save 10% on all regularly priced merchandise! With the holidays just around the corner, your gift giving shopping couldn't get any easier!

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