

# Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

November 2010



at American University Washington DC



## November

**1-5: Food Drive**

5: Board Meeting

17: Study Group Proposals Due

19: Study Group Leaders Luncheon-noon, Mary Graydon Center

19: Curriculum Committee Meeting- 1:45 pm, Temple Baptist Church

24-26: Thanksgiving Break, no classes

## Holiday Lunch

**Please join us:**



**Friday, December**

**10 at noon at the**

**Mary Graydon Center for our annual festive holiday lunch. RSVP with a**

## Letter from the Chair: Giving Is Getting



Thanksgiving is coming quickly upon us. What better time to be thinking about giving. The year's end is nearing, and the IRS turns a new leaf on charitable deductions after midnight December 31<sup>st</sup>. Don't miss your chance this year to express your support for OLLI's future, and even possibly get part of it back on your 2010 1040, Schedule A. This is your opportunity to thank yourself and your OLLI members with whom you share this experience.

Speaking of the future, our OLLI Future Fund is over a half million dollars. It represents our reserve for the immediate future and, most importantly, our march toward a permanent home in the not too distant future.

We share a close affiliation with American University (AU). In 2007 AU received, on behalf of our OLLI, an Osher Foundation Endowment award of one million dollars which is managed by AU's endowment and from which we receive annual interest on the principal. AU faculty participates in support of some of our programs. Our speaker programs are open to AU and the community. We lease AU facilities for our office and some classroom and auditorium use. We have other AU privileges such as library, computers, bookstore and dining services.

We are exploring possibilities for extending these interactions to our mutual benefit which could include developing a long term commitment involving permanent

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Baptist Church.**

**Planner to the  
Nation's Capital:  
Frederick Law  
Olmsted, Jr. and  
Washington, DC**

**Wed, November 3  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm,  
Bender Library,  
Training and Events  
Room, First Floor**

Join the American University Library for a presentation by OLLI member Mark Ozer and Associate University Librarian Diana Vogelsong on landscape architect and city planner Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., to be held in conjunction with the library's current exhibit, Century of Design: The U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, 1910-2010.

Often overshadowed by his renowned father, Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. has remained virtually overlooked outside of his

siting. Your contributions will be directly related to OLLI's pursuit of these goals.

The more we give, the more we get. I thank you personally.

--Ed

*Goldin*

**Annual Civil War BUS TRIP  
Booth's Ride**

**Please join us:**

Led by former Chief Historian,

National Park Service

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**Wed, Dec. 1, 2010**

Depart 8:00 Return 5:30 pm

Forms available at the Temple Baptist Church or email the [office](#).



Cost includes sit down lunch at the Wayfarer Restaurant, admissions fees to Ford's Theater, the Surratt Museum and Mudd House.

Bring a FRIEND! Reserve a seat NOW, space limited.

Questions? Office 202- 895-4860 or Study Group Leader, Chris Bradley 301-718-4583

**Curriculum Committee**

The Curriculum Committee is continuing its work recruiting new and returning Study Group Leaders for the Spring Semester. Please contact the following members of the Committee if you would like to lead a study group or if you have suggestions of other possible leaders:

Chair: [Dave Palmeter](#) (202) 387-0975

100: Politics, Law, & Government-[Myrna Whitworth](#) (301) 865-9397

200: Psychology, Sociology, & Culture- [Linda Miller](#) (202) 363-3320

300: Economics-[Betsy White](#) (202) 966-4428

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

profession. Few are aware of the significance of his work in relation to the District of Columbia from 1901 to 1934. This presentation will feature the son's important contributions in the context of the McMillan Plan and its implementation by the Commission of Fine Arts, as well as the development of Rock Creek Park in his association with the National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Elizabeth LaRocca at larocca@american.edu or (202) 885-3847.

### Watch this Great Youtube Movie

For a 12-minute piece on an inspirational, joyful musician, and oldest Holocaust survivor, click here for a [special treat](#).

### Simon Wiesenthal Book Talk

Monday, November 8, 12:45 pm. **Simon Wiesenthal: The Life and Legends. Book Talk with Tom Segev.** Historian, award-winning author and *Ha'aretz* columnist, Tom Segev brings us the first fully

700: History & Geography-[Larry McCarthy](#) (202) 669-8806  
800: Philosophy-[Mel Hurwitz](#) (202) 244-2368

## Food Drive - Capital Area Food Bank

Beginning on **Monday, November 1 through 10 am on Friday, November 5**, OLLI will be sponsoring a food drive to benefit area residents who are coping with hunger. Our collection of canned and boxed food, paper products and other goods will be distributed by the Capital Area Food Bank through their member agencies shortly thereafter. A list of the "Top Ten" most desired items is printed below. 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. Please bring several items along with you on your way to classes this week!

You are also welcome to bring in checks made out to **CAF**. Or, checks may be mailed to Selma Rosenthal at 4201 Cathedral Ave. NW 822E, Washington DC 20016. Checks may also be left in the lucite box at the Temple Baptist Church.

### OLLI Food Drive "Top Ten" for the week of November 1-5:

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)
8. **Healthy Snacks** (raisins, dried fruit, nuts, cereal bars)
9. **Hygiene Products** (bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo)
10. **Paper Products** (paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, facial tissue, paper plates & cups, plastic forks & spoons)

### OLLI Players

In response to last month's Newsletter, a group of people met and decided that, yes, there ought to be an OLLI Players. We will be an affinity group, an OLLI OP if you will, and we will aim to put on a presentation at an OLLI lunchtime session this coming spring.



We have not decided yet on what we will present but we will be selecting something and then developing a plan to see that we actually do put it on. At some point, we will probably want to close participation so we can begin

documented biography of Simon Wiesenthal, revealing the fascinating truth behind this simultaneously admired, despised and feared hunter of Nazis. Mary Graydon Center 2 (paid parking in Katzen Arts Center garage or Nebraska Avenue lot). Cosponsored by Embassy of Israel.

assigning parts and actually rehearsing.

At the moment, though, OLLI Players is just getting started and would welcome participation by one and all. No committee stuff, no firm time commitments, and no one has to promise anything or bring anything to the table except an interest and willingness to collaborate on something new and, we hope, exciting in the OLLI firmament.

Right now, we are meeting on Friday mornings in Room 1 at the Church. Take a chance and come on by or email [clichtdc@hotmail.com](mailto:clichtdc@hotmail.com) to get updates and latest information.

(Photo by Carol Light)

#### Quick Links

[OLLI Website](#)

[American University Website](#)

[AU Library Classes Website](#)

[AU Community Relations Website](#)

--Carol Light

### An OLLI OP - "Cool Stories for Hot Days" Takes Off

Summertime, and the livin' is easier if the beach books or stories are short.

On alternating Tuesday afternoons this summer, 6 to 8 OLLI booklovers met to discuss short stories by Sherman Alexie, Alice Munro, Annie Proulx, and others. Here are some of their comments:

--Meeting twice a month worked well around everyone's summer vacations. We each selected a story from a collection chosen by Ginny Finch, our host and program organizer. The leader of each session reported biographical information on the week's author, prepared talking points, and led the discussion on the story's literary characteristics. I was impressed with the commitment of the members, their insightful comments, analyses, and general observations. It was time refreshingly well spent.

--The discussions were lively, each participant learning about aspects of the story from comments of others. There were disagreements but the debates were civil.

-- Thanks for making "Cool Stories for Hot Days" possible for us. I really enjoyed the mental stimulation and getting to see old friends and make new ones. The group was stimulating and something I looked forward to throughout the summer.

--Ginny Finch

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