



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

February 2010

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 OLLI 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 OLLI 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 & OLLI Authors

Twenty-five OLLI 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.

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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 Lerdaud, 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

Thanks to Irwin Lebow, Dave Palmeter, and Irmgard Scherer for donating their class gift to the **OLLI Future Fund**. And thanks also to Jaleh Labib, Barbara Rollinson, Ange Hassinger, Ernie Heck, Janey Cole, Earl Hall, Connie Hirshon, and Stephanie Brandes for their help with recent mailings.

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Calendar

March

1: Classes Begin

5: Board Meeting

19: Curriculum Committee Meeting

23: Town Meeting-12:15 pm

First Lecture: Tomorrow

Don't miss the first lecture in our terrific [Tuesday Spring Lecture Series](#)

12:15-1:15 pm Room 6/
Lecture Hall: Temple Baptist Church

Howard Jacobson British Novelist

Howard Jacobson, the prize-winning English novelist, will be talking about growing up Jewish in England -- especially Manchester -- and about "Why Jewish People Play Table Tennis." One critic describes him as "a very literary man, a very funny, very literary man..." His comic vision joins an easy manner, deep learning, and an impressive list of novels published to great acclaim

Letter from the Chair

Twenty-five OLLI authors of published books exhibited their wares at a reception in their honor after the Open House on February 24th.

The committee which planned and designed the Exhibit included Ruth Darmstadter, Barbara Rollinson, Hope Bogorad, Therese Rousseau, and Phyllis Homes.

We have completed another successful training session of "Re/newed Study Group Leaders" thanks to the leadership of Will Blacklow and his team.



There are 558 members this spring, and about a third of you were in the lottery!

since 1983. Much more than an ethnic writer, Jacobson draws a bead on sex, comedy, jealousy, and other universal human frailties. In addition to his novels, he has created TV series and travel books. Susan Willens will introduce him.

Condolences

To the families and friends of longtime OLLI members Hilda Mintzes and Judith Eckman who passed away recently.

MANY THANKS

Thanks to Barbara Johnson-our diligent, careful, witty, and observant catalog and newsletter editor. And thanks to Gloria Kreisman for her hard work assembling the many Spring classes in the catalog and editing the catalog, as well.

THANKS TO OUR HEARTY VOLUNTEERS



With snow on the ground and more in the forecast, the office was forced to do a very rare Saturday mailing of the registration letters.

Thanks to Jack

We are excited to begin our new semester, and I think we are all truly looking forward to Spring.

--Don Quayle

The People of OLLI: Susan Willens

A literature class with Susan Willens is like the ideal dinner party: the conversation is substantive but witty, and the genial atmosphere is punctuated by bursts of laughter - even when the literature under discussion deals with contentious topics.



Teaching English - from composition to literary analysis - to students ranging from high school to college age to lawyers, to students overseas, and to OLLI seniors, has been the key to a deeply rewarding life, says Susan, Professor Emerita of [George Washington University](#). The daughter of a teacher, she had always wanted to teach. After graduating from the [University of Michigan](#) with a BA in teaching and English, Susan taught for a year, then enrolled in the [Yale University](#) MA in Teaching program where she studied under Cleanth Brooks, author of *Understanding Poetry*, the fundamental text of the New Criticism school which emphasizes close reading and formal analysis, an approach she still values.

Then, only 23 years old, Susan secured her first university appointment at The College of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. By the 60s she was living in Washington, married with four children, and lecturing at the American University English Department while pursuing her PhD at Catholic University.

Susan believes that a school's atmosphere is the most significant factor in learning. Even in a composition course, she believes, "students really need to be thinking and talking, debating and exploring while they are together in a class." In 1970 she found that feeling at the liberal Edmund Burke School where she worked for 12 years, heading the English Department and serving on the Board of Directors.

From 1986 to 2005, Susan found another stimulating niche as Professor of English at George Washington University, which was her "primary

Chamberlain, Ruth
Darmstadter, Tessa
Dinsmoor, Ed Goldin,
Jacqui Gallagher, Earl Hall,
Kate Headline, Tina Fried
Heller, Jaleh Labib, Barbara
Lennhoff, Larry McCarthy,
Don and Vonn Quayle,
Barbara Rollinson, Selma
Rosenthal, Therese
Rousseau, Barry Smoler,
and Tina Tate for their
gracious and much
appreciated assistance.

Piano Recital

Please Come Hear **Samuel
Oram**
(Grace and Irwin Lebow's
grandson)
and **Shou Ping Liu**
(his bride)
in Selected Works for Four
Hands

Saturday , March 13

3 to 5 pm at
St Columba's Episcopal
Church
4201 Albemarle St. NW

We hope you can attend.
Questions? Contact:

[Grace and Irwin](#)

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interest and pride for 20 years". GWU honored her with the Robert
Kenny Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1996.

When her marriage ended, Susan had a life-changing revelation: if she
could teach English here, she could teach it anywhere in the world. Her
adventures included chairing the English Department at the International
School in Kfar Shmaryahu, Israel; being a Fulbright lecturer at Safarik
University in Presov, Slovakia; a Visiting Professor of American
Literature and American Studies at Bogazici University in Istanbul,
Turkey; and, just recently, participating in a teachers' workshop in
Yakutsk, Siberia. But she has always thought of herself as "a GWU
professor who had a lot of fascinating side-trips."

This natural teacher has also pursued her favorite activity outside the
halls of academia, teaching at the Smithsonian Resident Associate
Program and Politics and Prose and lecturing for Smithsonian study
tours and at the Foreign Service Institute. At OLLI, Susan says, the
students themselves are experts, and the students recognize the
individual sense of themselves and their fellow classmates in the
intimacy of the class discussion. Such teaching is "like playing the
piano with all 88 keys."

For 12 years her life was enriched by her loving relationship with
philanthropist and writer Philip M. Stern, author of *The Best Congress
Money Can Buy* and *The Shame of a Nation* (about poverty in the US).
His philanthropic work endorsed governmental responsibility, journalistic
freedom, and individual rights. The two lived together until his death.

Grandmother of eight, Susan is an active member of the DC community.
She worked to elect President Obama and serves as a board member of
the Higher Achievement Program that tutors and mentors disadvantaged
high school students. But she is most proud of helping to start the
Jenny McKean Moore Fund for Writers. When her friend Jenny Moore
died prematurely, she left a fund for small creative writing workshops at
GWU for GW students and for metropolitan Washington residents, to be
taught by a visiting writer each semester. Susan and the other trustees
helped design the program that is now administered by GWU. She
considers this effort "my idea of immortality."

For leisure, she reads, attends the theater, entertains friends, walks 45
minutes a day with old neighbors, and spends her vacations with Global

Volunteers, where she has helped build a school and taught in Tanzania, then taught in Xi'an, China, and worked on handicrafts in a women-run shelter in Costa Rica and in a Northern Ireland kitchen. In 2009, Susan's adventure was moving from her Cleveland Park house into an apartment on Connecticut Avenue.

Susan Willens is back at OLLI this spring teaching a course in minority American stories since World War II. Susan's frequent student Linda Miller predicts the class will "be a walking invitation to think, learn, and laugh."

--*Jacqui Gallagher*

Nomination Committee

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

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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Calendar

April

2: Board Meeting-1:30 pm, Temple Baptist Church (TBC)

23: Curriculum Committee Meeting-1 pm, TBC

May

7: Last scheduled day of classes

12: Annual Meeting and Luncheon- noon, Kenwood Country Club

Planning for Fall 2010

The Curriculum Committee is soliciting course proposals for Fall. Contact the following members if you are interested in offering a study group in their areas.

Law, Politics & Government

Myrna Whitworth
1.301.865.9397
myrnawhit@verizon.net

Psychology, Sociology & Culture

Letter from the Chair

As I mentioned at the Town Meeting, we are planning an OLLI Board of Directors retreat at the end of May. Also included will be some additional folks with expertise in the areas listed below. I would like to invite your contributions, as well.

The participants will be looking at the future of OLLI, concentrating on four main areas: (1) Curriculum and Academic Programs; (2) Financials and Facilities; (3) Member Activities and Programs; and, (4) Governance and Administration. The meeting participants would like to hear from members with thoughts and suggestions about OLLI's future relating to these categories. We consider this project a way of refining and improving an already very successful enterprise. This is also a follow-up to the long-range planning study undertaken four years ago. If you would like to review the 2006 Strategic Planning Report, please contact the OLLI office and it will be emailed to you. Your comments, questions and recommendations can be sent to me at drquayle@aol.com.

A very exciting group of OLLI Members has expressed interest in joining or continuing to serve on the OLLI Board of Directors. The slate will be mailed to you in the coming weeks. Please read the bios and think about who you would like to represent your interests. There will be opportunities to vote in the Temple Baptist Church and at Capital Hall during coffee breaks beginning April 19. You will also be able to vote at the Annual Luncheon.

The **Annual Luncheon** will be held at the Kenwood Country Club on Wednesday, May 12. This is always one of my favorite social events of the OLLI year. I hope you will all make arrangements to attend.

Reflected on events of this past year, I have concluded that I have become a Jolly OLLI, having had some of the best and most enjoyable experiences that I have ever known. My advice to you is that you, too, can know the **Joy Of Lifelong Learning Yourself** by participating in this program. You, too, can become a Jolly OLLI!



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***Please submit
proposals by April 20.***

--Don Quayle

May Luncheon

The Annual Luncheon will be held at Kenwood Country Club on Wednesday, May 12. To reserve a place, please mail your name and a check for \$30 to the OLLI office by May 4. You can also reserve a place by using the forms at the Church. (Checks may be made out to OLLI.)



The Gorenman Beethoven Project

Yuliya Gorenman

The Gorenman Beethoven Project
Beethoven Sonatas Nos. 22 - 26.

This series includes the famous "Appassionata" and "Les Adieux" Sonatas.

Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 8:00 pm
Katzen Arts Center
American University
4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20016

For tickets, please go to <http://american.tix.com/Event.asp?Event=228910>

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--Last Chance

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June

[Terrific Lecture series](#) now posted on the OLLI website on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in June from 10-11:50 am. Lectures will be at the Katzen Arts Center, starting on June 1 with a lecture by Rabbi Mordecai Schreiber entitled

Jeremiah: The Prophet Who Shaped our World.

Study Group

Leader Workshop

Its not to soon to sign up

Kudos from the Chair

As I approach the end of my tenure as Chairman of the Board, I look both forward and backward. Immediately ahead I see a series of lectures planned for the month of June and marvel at the diversity of subjects and the excellence of the lecturers. I am pleased but not surprised because, as I look back, I am aware of a consistently high standard set all year by the excellent performance of the Lecture Committee, and wish to compliment Barbara Rollinson, Committee Chairperson, and members Mickey Klein, Hope Bogorad, and Tina Fried Heller.



Still looking back, I am very impressed by the expansion of our program. We offered more courses than ever before and attracted the largest membership in the history of OLLI at AU. We had 600 members selecting from 62 class offerings last fall. And the number of courses will increase this fall. Most of these courses result from the hard work of the Curriculum Committee. My thanks and appreciation go to last year's Committee Chairperson, Gloria Kreisman, and this year's Chair, Dave Palmeto and the Committee Members, Myrna Whitworth, Linda Miller, Betsy White, Ed Goldin, Barbara Searle, Alan Frey, Sidney Steinitz, Gina Guglielmo, and Sandra Levenbook.

I was particularly pleased to note the increased participation of American University faculty in the courses offered by the School of International Service and the School of Public Affairs. I felt privileged to participate in both, and I especially wish to thank Tina Fried Heller for her efforts in arranging these programs. I look forward to increased interaction with the AU faculty in the future.

Volunteerism is what OLLI is all about, and we certainly appreciate the efforts made by all members. But we also know who does the heavy lifting, and I do wish to congratulate and thank the OLLI staff for their efforts this year. Jacqui Gallagher, Staff Assistant, has kept things totally organized and running smoothly at the River Road Unitarian Church location. Barbara Lenhoff, Staff Assistant, does everything necessary to help Lena and Anne. Chris Chinn, Audio Visual Manager,

for the fall study group leader workshop. We plan to hold our four-session workshop in September. [Email](#) the OLLI office if you are interested in participating.

Condolences

We mourn the losses of OLLI members, Julie Hoard and Robert Nathans.

Cool Stories for Hot Days--NEW Summer Book Group

WHEN: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1:30-3pm, June-August.

WHERE: 2939 Van Ness St. NW (Van Ness East), Apt. 1221. Note: This condominium is metro-accessible and has valet parking.

FORMAT:
Participants will take turns leading a discussion on selected short stories from *The Best American Short Stories, 2004* (editor, Lorrie Moore). For the first session (June 1) participants should read Sherman Alexei's *What You Pawn I Will Redeem*.

makes sure that we can all see and hear so we can benefit from the courses we take. Barbara Johnson is our magical and visionary editor. Our Program Manager, Lena Frumin, makes sure information is available and programs are running smoothly. And, on top of it all, is Anne Wallace, our esteemed Executive Director. Anne, you have always been there for me this year and for all other members as needed. I have been aware of your many frustrations regarding our physical space needs and have admired your tenacity and patience. We are grateful for the talent you have exhibited in making OLLI work so well and want you to know that we appreciate all you do for all of us.

And, finally, I simply want to thank all OLLI members for your support and friendly congeniality this year. It has been a pleasure to be among you and I look forward to the future with confidence of continuing a great learning experience.

--Don Quayle

The People of OLLI: Brad Patterson

One of the first things new members discover is that OLLI commands an extraordinary faculty of Study Group Leaders. And Brad Patterson, the SGL for "The Presidential Office," is an outstanding example.



Washington Post columnist David Broder says Brad "has made a specialty of examining the workings of the White House and probably knows as much as anyone ... how to organize the presidency." Brad has served 14 years on the White House staff, as Deputy Cabinet Secretary under President Eisenhower, as Executive Assistant to Leonard Garment under President Nixon, and as Assistant Director of the Office of Presidential Personnel under President Ford. So the career Washington public administrator knows all about the 135 offices known as "the White House staff" with their 5,900 members who do everything from assisting the chief executive by writing the drafts of presidential policy to preparing the president for summit conferences to crafting the president's language for state occasions such as State of the Union addresses and for what some call "Rose Garden rubbish," such as pardoning the Thanksgiving turkey. One of the offices is responsible for presidential security and overseeing who rides on Air Force One. (Brad, a political independent, volunteers that riding on AF1 is "really fun!")

In one way Brad was crucial to the development of the organization of

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or 202-686-0053 by
May 20.

the White House staff. Although President Franklin Roosevelt officially created the White House Staff in 1939, before Eisenhower, most presidents ignored the office.

In 1954 Brad helped create a review of the White House staff organization requested by Eisenhower. As a result of the report, the president created the first cabinet secretariat in US history and appointed Brad as the Assistant to Cabinet Secretary Rabb. The president was a doodler, and Brad's Bethesda home boasts a White House agenda memo that includes what appears to be a self-portrait sketch of a confused-looking Ike.

Brad has summed up his experiences in three books about the White House staff, *Ring of Power: The White House Staff and Its Expanding Role in Government* (Basic Books, 1988), *The White House Staff: Inside the West Wing and Beyond* (Brookings Press, 2000) and *To Serve the President: Continuity and Innovation in The White House Staff* (Brookings Press, 2008.)

Those White House years had tense moments too. During the Nixon administration, as part of the Trail of Broken Treaties protest, Indians invaded and occupied, Wounded Knee, Alcatraz Island, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) building in Washington. Three or four hundred people with arms, Molotov cocktails, and gasoline barricaded themselves in the BIA for three days. Appointed to begin negotiations with the angry activists whose leader told him that they were prepared to die, Brad followed the administration approach of restraint, which he feels was responsible for preventing potential loss of life. One image captured by the press shows a senior Indian leader in full native dress and Brad in full Washington bureaucrat dress: dark suit, white shirt, tie, and briefcase.

But for all his access to power, the house that Brad and Shirley, his wife of 66 years, designed speaks of a love of nature, with a living room overlooking a grove of woods dotted with bird feeders, and decorated with paintings by family members - not with autographed photos of the power elite. Exotic sculptures and objects from around the nation and the world reflect the family's openness to new worlds and new experiences. These experiences included a 5:30 am worship service conducted by red-robed monks in Nepal that inspired "a sense of a real religious service going back to the 13th century," and riding camels in

the deserts of Morocco. But the Middle East travel also introduced Brad to sights of poverty which "have never left" him.

He has always been a vigorous camper and backpacker and, in 1992, prepared for a two-week expedition in the Himalayas to see Mt. Everest by walking up and down Metro's longest escalator wearing ankle weights. He was 72-years-old at the time.

The enthusiastic Brad also worked tirelessly to get a second high school in Bethesda and has been active in his River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation, serving on the Board twice. He and Shirley are devoted to their four children, 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

--Jacqui Gallagher

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Thanks

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Annual Luncheon and Board Meeting

We had a lovely luncheon on May 12 at the Kenwood Country Club, with pianist Johann Weiss. **The new board members re/elected are: Bob Coe, Bob Goodman, Tina Fried Heller, and Linda Miller. Congratulations!** Thanks to the members of the Nomination and Elections Committee and to all the members who ran in the election.

Study Group Leader Workshop

It's not too soon to sign up for the fall study group leader workshop. We plan to hold our four-session workshop in September. [Email](#) the OLLI office if you are interested in participating.

Kudos from the New Board Chair

May flowers bring June bugs, weddings, graduations, summer and the **OLLI June Lecture Series**. It's educational, invigorating, and social. Come and hear stimulating talks and participate in interaction with the presenter. Lectures are open to all. Bring friends, family, and neighbors with you.



The location is the Katzen Arts Center. Parking is easy and low-cost, right underneath the building. The entrance to parking is on the right side of Massachusetts Avenue going north, immediately past Ward Circle. There are 12 presentations during the month, one each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00 to 11:50 am from Tuesday, June 1 to Thursday, June 24. Information about the talks can be found on the OLLI website www.ollidc.org or by calling the OLLI office at 202-895-4860.

I will be there looking for you.

Since this is the last OLLI Newsletter of the academic year, I want to wish you a wonderful summer. Come back in the fall, happy and eager to learn, teach and "play well with others." We have a terrific curriculum of well over 60 courses, from the arts to the sciences and everything in between, waiting for you. **Registration** information will be on the website in August. The Fall Catalog will be in your mailbox at the beginning of August. Get your registration in to the OLLI office **no later than September 6**. Don't forget

OLLI Loss

We mourn the loss of longtime OLLI member Vivian Sadin, beloved wife of Stan Sadin.

"Swingtime! The Fabulous Forties"

The In Series presents *Swingtime! The Fabulous Forties*

Swingtime: The Fabulous Forties produced by The In Series in the Sprenger Theatre at Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H Street NE, Washington DC 20002.

Performances Saturday 6/5 at 2pm, Sunday 6/6 at 3pm, Thursday 6/10 at 7:30pm, Friday and Saturday June 11 & 12 at 8pm. **Tickets:** \$38 (General Admission) \$34 (Senior) \$19 (Student) **In Series Box Office:** 202-204-7763 or

www.inseries.org the Atlas Box Office at 202-399-7993 or

www.atlasarts.org. Reserved cabaret table seating available on June 4,10,11 & 12, at \$4 additional per ticket. Friday 6/4 performance followed by Audience Discussion as part of OUT at In Series.

Don't miss the premiere of this new musical written and directed by Tom Mallan (son of OLLI member and SGL, Lucy

to tell your friends, family, and neighbors about our great program. Invite them all to our Open House, September 15 at 1:00 pm at the Baptist Church to meet the OLLI community for refreshments, socializing, and program information.

I look forward to another great year at OLLI and wish to invite your comments, concerns, and dreams about our program. I'm in the OLLI Directory and would be pleased to hear from you directly.

--Ed Goldin

Congratulations Dr. Quayle

Congratulations to Don Quayle and



Danny Glover, who both received Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees at the commencement ceremony at Utah State University. Depicted here is Don shaking hands with Danny Glover who had just given the commencement address.

Ode to Karl Wirsing, Spring 2010 SGL

Presented to Karl Wirsing in gratitude for a wonderful course, "Writing for Publication."

So here's to Karl Wirsing
Who spends his time nursing

Our stories, our word choice
Our Chapters and Versing

Watch your Tone and your Pacing
Your fine letter-spacing

LESS IS MORE...Karl's insisting

Mallan), with acclaimed jazz pianist, arranger, and bandleader Burnett Thompson at the musical helm. This first run of the show includes eight performances at the Atlas PAC, with a return engagement planned for December.

MORE IS MORE WE'RE RESISTING

Check your math, ...Karl, remember
You're teaching to Sages,
Not a Pink-cheeked and gullible bunch of Teen-agers

We're a Group and you know it
Even though we don't show it

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We bring personal stories,
Some gentle, some gory
Some even defy a category.

So, our courses have ended
With new friends befriended

With Karl we have blended
Till Rails Trails have ended

Karl's instruction was peerless
We now all go fearless

To the editor's YES-BOX
Then on to OUR BANK BOX

Thanks.
Martin K Greenfield

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Kudos to Jeanne Roberts



Jeanne Roberts, who has taught and taken a variety of OLLI courses, recently got an award from the Folger Shakespeare Library's Teaching Shakespeare Institute for her work as a founding scholar-director of the Folger's annual summer program for high school teachers. Jeanne is a professor emerita at American University.

WAMU Night

Join OLLI Chair Ed Goldin for OLLI Night during the WAMU pledge drive between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday October 20, 2010. Seven additional volunteers are needed.

The phone bank is located in the WAMU studios 4000 Brandywine Street, NW, within a block of the AU/Tenley METRO station. These pledge drives are noted for their delicious (and healthy) buffets donated by up and coming Metro area restaurants. You'll be in the middle of the action to observe network feeds and local broadcast operations for the DC market's second highest rated radio station during this "drive time" period.

Station staff will give us a 20-minute training session on phone room procedures, pledge recording, and premium ("thank you gift") structures before we go to the phones. Volunteers record pledge calls on pre-printed forms. No computer skills are necessary. Station staff and experienced phone room managers are at your side to assist you for any special situations.

Parking is limited around WAMU. Metered parking may be available on 40th street NW, between Wilson High School and back of CVS/Whole Foods

OLLI will receive several on-air acknowledgments during our tour of duty. In addition, OLLI participation will further support our affiliation with the American University community.

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The time to "seal the deal" is limited. Volunteers accepted on a "first come" basis. Please call Larry McCarthy at 202-363-9846 or email ltmccarthy@verizon.net by **Monday, 16 August**. Thanks

Baseball Tickets Available

OLLI member, Stanley Cohen has generously donated a block of tickets to the Washington Nationals games on **Wednesday, September 22 at 7:05 pm** and **Thursday, September 23 at 4:35 pm** at Nationals Park against the Houston Astros. If you are interested in the Wednesday 7:05 tickets email the OLLI office with the number of tickets you need and your address and we will mail you the tickets on a first come-first serve basis. If you are interested in the Thursday, 4:35 pm tickets, please email Barbara Rollinson at Bjcbcr@aol.com and let her know how many tickets you would need, and if you are interested in carpooling.



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Registration

Reminder: Get your registrations in to the office **BEFORE** Tuesday 7 September, Lottery Day.

Calendar

September

10: Board Meeting-1:30, Temple Baptist Church (TBC)

15: Open House- 1pm, TBC

17: Study Group Leader/Study Group Rep (SGL/SGR)-10 am, TBC

20: First Monday classes at River Road U.U.C.

22: First Day of Classes at Temple Baptist Church.

School of International Service (SIS)

AU and SIS invite OLLI members to

Welcome to Fall 2010

Kindergarden through whatever, pick a number. When do we graduate? The answer is NEVER! Curiosity Never Retires (the OLLI marching song).



Here we go again, ready to learn, interact, be social and just plain have a good time with all that OLLI has to offer. This semester, we've got 70 courses worth of stimulating experiences to whet your appetite. Admit it. You couldn't wait to return and start talking, listening, arguing, discussing, joking and sharing with friends old and new. You're ready to feel that rush of joy and challenge of learning and exchanging with one another.

OK, enough cheerleading, let's get to, "Nothing but the facts Ma'am/Sir":

1. Come to the **OLLI Open House** on September 15, 1-2:30 pm. Meet OLLI members and Study Group Leaders.
2. Park on streets around church for less than 2 hours (read signs carefully), or use AU parking lots (\$1.50/hr). **Register your auto with AU Public Safety, 202-885-3111, to avoid AU citations, even if you have a Ward 3 permit.** Carpool if possible.
3. Check activities in the catalog and the OLLI website for program announcements. Try to attend all events. In particular, consider the **Tuesday Speakers Program**, 12:15-1:15pm in the Baptist church auditorium. Brown bag it and bring a friend. Coffee and tea are available.

their Open House in the new building on Nebraska Ave. on **Wed. Sept. 22 from 2-4 pm.** Enjoy a tour and refreshments.

Conversational French

Jaleh Labib will be leading a french conversation lunchtime group on Thursdays from 12-1 in the Temple Baptist Church, room 6. Please [email](#) the office if you are interested in participating. The first session will be Thursday, Sept. 30 at noon. Bring your lunch!

Condolences

Long-time participant Philip Yaney died on July 20 at 91.

Article in *The Huffington Post*

OLLI member and Study Group Leader, **Harold Sharlin**, had an [article](#) in The Huffington Post, entitled "Back to School: Time to ReSET" describing his program to involve retired scientists and engineers in the

4. Attend the October 19, **OLLI Town Meeting.** Communicate your ideas and reactions about the OLLI experience. It's your program. Staff and board members will be there to listen and exchange.

5. Consider **volunteering** for a committee (see committee list in catalog or on-line) or offer help for ad hoc OLLI activities and ideas. Contact office to express interest.

6. If you know someone who could make an interesting **Study Group Leader (SGL) or speaker**, let our staff know. If you have a friend or relative curious about OLLI, **invite them** to come and sample a class. Please ask the SGL in advance.

7. Don't let the **lottery** get you down. There are plenty of other great classes to experience.

In the meantime, sit back and relax with a good book or your class text, and warm up for your OLLI courses. Until then, I extend my best wishes to you for a **great semester.**

PS If you see me wandering the halls the first week, please say hello and introduce yourself. I'll be the one with the **red carnation.**

--Ed Goldin, Chairperson

OLLI OPS

Do you miss OLLI when the semester is over? A surprising number of us do. Some of us have found ways to continue our *opportunities* for intellectual stimulation and friendship. We've formed groups which we design and manage on our own. I belong to three, which range in size from nine to fifteen. I'll describe them so you can get a sense of some possibilities.

Group 1 has been meeting for more than 6 years. We meet only when OLLI is not in session. Meetings are held once a week and we read books slowly - about 50-100 pages a week. Choosing the books is a collaborative process, and over the years has become quite formal. We take turns leading, do research on authors and/or historical

Washington DC schools.

Other News

OLLI member Carol Bird Ravenal received a Post-50th Lifetime Achievement Award from her undergraduate college, Brooklyn College this year. She will be lecturing on Edvard Munch at OLLI during the January lecture series.

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background, and really dig in. We have read an astonishing number of classics.

Group 2 has a more relaxed approach. We meet once a month for 10 months (taking summers off). We take turns leading and it is the responsibility of the leader to pick the book. We found it necessary to adopt a rule that no one is allowed to complain about the book choice, but this selection method has produced wonderful results. We've read an amazingly eclectic variety of books, most of which I would never have read on my own.

Group 3 meets every two weeks when OLLI is not in session, and much more sporadically during school time. The books are chosen collaboratively. (In this group the topic is science). We do not use a leader; rather we let the discussion flow freely. We've become quite good at detecting flaws in the books, and learned a great deal in the process.

All three of these groups grew out of OLLI classes. Today, each has a closed membership, pegged at what each group considers its optimal size. But others are doing things differently. Willie Blacklow continued his current affairs class after OLLI finished last spring, and the first meeting had over 50 people!

Clearly, the opportunities for forming these kinds of groups are endless. The curriculum committee would like to make them a more prominent part of the OLLI program, so we've decided to give them a name: OLLI Opportunities, or OLLI Ops. Do you know of an existing group? Would you like help in starting a new one? Let us know by getting in touch with me (bsearle70@msn.com) or the OLLI office (OLLI@american.edu).

We plan to publish a list of current and potential OLLI Ops in our next newsletter, and perhaps focus on some of the Ops in other newsletters.

Please let us know the following about each "OLLI OP"

Name:
Where it meets:
When it meets:
No. People:
Coordinator:
Contact email and phone:

--Barbara Searle

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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.

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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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."



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

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

Many thanks to the following people who helped with our September mailing including:

Alice Bralove
Tessa Dinsmoor
Jacqui Gallaher
Earl Hall
Ange Hassinger
Ernie Heck
Kate Headline
Connie Hirshon
Joanne Levine Vine
Carol MacPeak
Natalie Mulitz
Barbara Rollinson
Clare Sponis

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.)

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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 probabilities, please contact Carol Light at clightdc@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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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 31st. 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

check made payable to OLLI for \$30 per person. Mail your checks to OLLI at 4400 Mass. Ave, WDC, 20016 or leave checks in the lucite box in the Temple 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

ED BEARSS

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

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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 **CAFB**. 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 clightdc@hotmail.com to get updates and latest information.

(Photo by Carol Light)

--Carol Light

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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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December

1: Civil War Trip
3: Board Meeting
10: Holiday Lunch-noon,
Mary Graydon Center

There is NO lecture next week. Barbara Graham has been rescheduled to the Spring speaker series.

Holiday Lunch

Please join us:

Friday,
December
10 at noon
at the Mary
Graydon



Center for our
annual festive holiday
lunch. RSVP with a
check made payable to
OLL I for \$35 per person
before **Friday, Dec. 3.**
Mail your checks to OLL I
at 4400 Mass. Ave,
WDC, 20016 or leave
checks in the lucite box
in the Temple Baptist
Church.

Speaker Series

Letter from the Chair



As the World Turns...

to the Solstice, we are reaching the end of another OLL I semester. And what a semester it has been- with the largest array of courses ever. We experienced interest, fascination,

joy, interaction, excitement and learning, something for everyone. Can we ask for more? Well, frankly, yes.

We celebrate the holidays with a luncheon on Friday, December 10 at noon in American University's Mary Graydon Center.

From the Solstice we start the New Year. We join again for the January Speaker Series. They begin on Tuesday, January 4 and run each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 am to noon in the Temple Baptist Church throughout the month. Bring a friend. Sit back, relax and enjoy.

And then there's the spring semester, shaping up with another banner array of courses. Need I say more? Oh yes, "To all --holidays filled with light and a Happy New Year."

Ed Goldin

P.S. Many thanks to those of you who have so quickly and generously responded to the opportunity to contribute to the OLL I Future Fund. I hope to extend my appreciation to everyone.

Next Semester

The Curriculum Committee has met and we have over 65 classes slated

Many thanks to Barbara Rollinson who has done a superb job of organizing our speaker series for the past few seasons.

Martha Horne is going to replace her. If you have ideas for speakers, please contact her at mhorne9008@aol.com, 301.656.7782.

A dynamic group of people are lined up to address us during our **January Speaker series**, which is <http://olli-dc.org/lectures/lectures.html>.

June Survivors Panel

We are planning to have a group of Holocaust Survivors speak on a panel discussion on Thursday, June 16 during the June Speakers Series. Please let us know if you (or someone you know) would like to share some experiences. Contact [Martha Horne](#).

Thanks to our Volunteers

We want to particularly thank our small but heroic team of mailers who folded and licked our recent "thank you" mailing. Organized by Jaleh Labib, they were Earl Hall, Joyce Johnson, Mary Alice Stotlemeyer, and Barbara Rollinson. Way beyond the call of duty!!!

OLLI Food Writer

Joel Denker's recent columns on the eggplant, "The Mad Apple," as well as past

for the Spring 2011 semester. Our Spring catalog will be mailed in early January. Please get your registrations in (by mail or through the internet) by February 8. On Feb. 8 we will be running our registration procedure which assigns Study Groups to OLLI members.

THANKS

A heartfelt thank you to all of our Study Group Leaders for a terrific fall semester. Additional thanks to Barbara Coleman, Irwin Lebow, Linda Miller, Stan Weiss, Bruce Wolff and Sybil Wolin for contributing their SGL gifts to the OLLI Future Fund. It is much appreciated.

Part Time Help Needed

Part-Time Receptionist Needed in 2011: Dupont Circle Office

Multi-disciplinary office suite (attorneys, mental health professionals, financial experts) seeking receptionist 2-5 days a week, 8:30am - 3PM. Duties include phones (not busy), greeting clients, light administrative chores, setting up for meetings (refreshments) and cleaning up after meetings, ordering supplies. Start date some time after January 1st. Cheerful presence required. Call Lisa Herrick for more information: 703-847-5793.

OLLI OPs (additional OLLI Opportunities)

Interested in reading a classic study of American character, David Riesman's *The Lonely Crowd*, over coffee? Join a group that will meet once a week during the January and February OLLI break (day to be determined) at Soho Tea and Coffee, 2150 P Street, N.W. (walking distance from Dupont Circle Metro). Joel Denker, an OLLI study group leader, author, and student of American culture and society, will organize the group. He will be a co-participant, not in any way a teacher. If interested, please contact Joel Denker, 202-483-3137, email: denker@starpower.net.

OLLI Players Meeting in December Casting in January for April Play Reading

OLLI Players will be meeting several times in December, starting on Thursday, December 2 at 1:00 PM at the Church in room 6.

If you are interested in participating, please come or email: olliplayers@ymail.com (yes, "y" mail) to get on our mailing list for more details and information as it becomes

columns, are available at
<http://www.intowner.com/food-in-the-hood/>.

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