

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

October 2011



at American University Washington DC

October

7: Board Meeting, 1 pm, Temple Baptist Church (TBC)

10: Columbus Day, **Classes will be held**

13: Curriculum Committee, 2:15 pm, TBC

17: Study Group Representative Luncheon, noon, TBC

18: Town Meeting, 12:15 pm, TBC

26: Civil War Bus Trip (See below)

Civil War Bus Trip

Join former **Chief Historian of the National Park Service Ed Bearss on the Annual Civil War Bus Trip** on Wed. Oct. 26 to First Manassas. Ed has been volunteering on OLLI trips for many years and his knowledge is remarkable. Sign up fast as seating is limited. A terrific opportunity! Download the [information & form](#).

Study Group Representatives

We like to thank you for your work at a **luncheon on October 17** at noon at the Temple Baptist Church. Please [RSVP](#) and let us know if you will be able to attend.

OLLI Directory

Letter from the Board Chair

Finally, we are back to school. This semester there is a record 73 classes with 750 students, 20 percent more than we have ever experienced. This growth has made it necessary to hold three classes on Wednesday and Thursday, as well as meeting in several locations outside of the Temple Baptist Church. It is still a squeeze. Our classes have all filled. The unprecedented increase in membership has obviously caused some logistical problems. When we have 3 classes the break periods are more crowded and parking is sometimes difficult. We are competing with each other and with Homeland Security for limited neighborhood parking. Our members are trying to accommodate this difficulty, but some of you have commented on the inconvenience that results from holding 3 sessions per day. Unfortunately, unless someone loans us a building, we will have to live with what we have for the time being or else we would be forced to offer fewer classes, limiting our membership. This is unacceptable to OLLI's mission.



On **Tuesday, October 18, at noon** there will be a **Town Meeting** that is scheduled each semester so that the Board and staff can inform the membership about what is going on and to listen to your ideas and concerns. As you know from previous announcements OLLI is planning a 30th Anniversary celebration this year. I hope to tell you more about it at the Town Meeting. See you there.

OLLI will be collecting money and food for the Capital Area Food Bank the week of 7 - 11 November. More specifics to follow.

--Bob Goodman, Board Chair

Missing from the Fall Directory (now available at the Temple Baptist Church) is OLLI SGL and Board Member, **Phil Schwartz** who may be contacted at phillipschwartz@verizon.net or 301.881.2872. Please let us know if others have been omitted so we can provide the information here. As a reminder, the Directories are meant for OLLI purposes only.

Condolences

We mourn the death of OLLI members, **Joan Plavnick Kaim** and **Eileen Wennik**.

Parking Passes

If you wish to **park** in the Katzen garage or the AU outdoor lot at Nebraska & New Mexico Ave., you may buy a pass from AU's Public Safety Dept. Call at 202.885.3111 or email them at: dpscustomerservice@american.edu

Young@Heart

Young@Heart, the world-renowned chorus of senior rockers who bring an eclectic mix of rock to new life, return for a LIVE performance of their new show "This is Getting Old?" on October 20th at the Warner Theatre to benefit **Iona Senior Services**. Since 1975, our neighbor Iona has helped Washingtonians age and live well. Proceeds from the concert will help sustain Iona's essential services including arts and wellness programming, care

Curriculum Committee

We are starting work on our Spring 2012 Semester. If you would like to lead a Study Group or talk to a member of the Curriculum Committee, please contact the following members. Their names are below (consult the directory for more contact info):

- 100 Politics, Law & Government: [Myrna Whitworth](#) and we welcome new Curriculum Committee member: [Pat Bennett](#)
- 200 Psychology, Sociology & Culture: [Andrea Meyerhoff](#)
- 300 Economics: [Betsy White](#)
- 400 Biology, Physics, Chemistry & Math: [Barbara Searle](#)
- 500 Art: [Naomi Heller](#)
- 500 Music: [Alan Frey](#)
- 600 Literature & Language: [Gina Guglielmo](#)
- 700 History & Geography: [Larry McCarthy](#)
- 800 Philosophy & Religion: [Mel Hurwitz](#)

The proposal forms are available [on-line](#), and due November 16, 2011.

Chair, [Dave Palmeter](#) 202.387.0975

SHORTS ARE BACK!

Back by popular demand, **OLLI "SHORTS"**--- the new course offerings of 1-week/5-days--- are going to be held February 6-10, 2012. (Snow days: Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 13 and 14.) We hope to grow the program to 12 courses this winter and are currently soliciting recommendations for course topics and leaders.

If you took a SHORT last May you know that there are special features to such a compressed schedule, presenting interesting challenges to participants and course leaders alike. In thinking through options please remember that the content needs to fit the format. We also learned last year that all reading materials need to be distributed well before the classes begin.

The proposal forms are available [on-line](#), and due Wed., Nov. 2, 2012.

Linda Miller, SHORTS coordinator
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16th Annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference

management, counseling, support groups, and high-quality day programs for families coping with dementia and Alzheimer's disease. IONA IS OFFERING A SPECIAL DISCOUNT TO THE OLLI FAMILY.

Visit the ticket site

<http://youngatheartdc.eventbrite.com>

and enter the discount code OLLI.

Call 202.895.9443 with any

questions. Let's rock for Iona!

Wilson High Alum



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Wilson High is celebrating its 75th Anniversary with a Gala (Oct. 14) and Music and Arts Festival (Oct. 15) at the renovated building on Nebraska Ave. and Fort Drive. Visit www.75wilsonhighdc.org to buy tickets or participate. (Come see Lena's scarves & paintings on Saturday 10 am-4 pm.)

Support DC Public Schools by buying a raffle ticket. First Prize \$5,000. Tickets \$25. Winner need not be present to win. Email Lena if you wish to buy a ticket.

Meet the Artists Reception

Friday, October 14, 2011 5-8 pm.

Free. Featuring live music and refreshments. Come to the Gallery at Iona (4125 Albemarle St. NW) to see Artist-in-Residence, **Mickey Klein's** watercolor paintings and Special Guest Artist, **Susana Garten's** enamel vessels and sculptures.

On Saturday, October 22, 2011, the 16th Annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference will be held from 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the Rockville campus of Montgomery College. This year, the conference will honor **Maxine Hong Kingston**. OLLI SGL, **Ellie Heginbotham** (will be participating in a small seminar on *The Great Gatsby*).

The full schedule and registration information are available here:

www.montgomerycollege.edu/fsfitzgeraldconference.

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