

# Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

January 2011



## January

7: Board Meeting

January [Speakers](#) Series: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 10-11:50 at the Temple Baptist Church.

## Spring Registration

The catalogs are in the mail and you should be getting them next week. In the meantime the catalog is [online](#) and [registration](#) is open! Do check out the terrific array of classes and make your selections. Please also sign up to be a study group representative (SGR).

SGRs facilitate smooth operation of our program. Volunteer (when you register online or with the registration form) for this fun way to get to know OLLI.

## New Book

Our own Jeanne Roberts has a new book available for purchase at Politics and Prose entitled *Literary Criticism as Dream Analysis*. The book features essays on Shakespeare and other

## Letter from the Board Chair



### Another Zip around the Sun

Tempus fugit. The days begin to lengthen as we approach the rebirthing of spring. Not just physics, but biology rules, giving life to all we have and do. And here we are at OLLI having each other and doing our best to give and take in the marketplace of knowledge, ideas and actions of life.

Breathe deeply, feel the rush of challenge and satisfaction in this new year. Be happy; be well. We'll be seeing each other soon 'round the OLLI campus.

Happy New Year!

--Ed Goldin

## Call for Papers from National Resource Center for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes

I am writing to encourage you to send in submissions for the 2011 issue of the LLI Review. The mission of the LLI Review is to present original research and provide thoughtful and engaging commentary on issues related to learning among persons over the age of fifty. This is your opportunity to share your experience or encourage someone whose work you admire to send in their paper.

A wide variety of genres are welcome including research, memoir, reviews of literature, brief fiction, and poetry. If you or a member of your OLLI has an interest in submitting a manuscript but cannot make this deadline please contact Mike Brady at [mbrady@usm.maine.edu](mailto:mbrady@usm.maine.edu)

The deadline for submission of manuscripts for Volume 6 of The LLI Review is January 17th.

Renaissance writers-male and female-critics and authors whose works, like dreams, illuminate the worlds of their creators and audiences.

## Speaker Series

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 their experience. Contact [Martha Horne](#).

## Thanks to our Volunteers

We want to particularly thank our team of mailers who helped us fold, staple and label the lecture series. Organized by Jaleh Labib,

The "Call for Papers" may be viewed on the last page of the 2010 OLLI journal (Volume 5) or at:

<http://usm.maine.edu/olli/national/lli-review-cfp.jsp>

A quote to inspire you to start typing:

"Close the door. Write with no one looking over your shoulder. Don't try to figure out what other people want to hear from you; figure out what you have to say. It's the one and only thing you have to offer."

Barbara Kingsolver

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## Building Museum

This in from the Building Museum:

The Museum offers hundreds of tours each year, which are led by docent-volunteers who play a vital role in communicating the mission of the Museum, as well as the story of our historic home in a unique and personal way. We are looking for more ambassadors for the Museum through our docent program. This special training, available in the evenings and weekends and only offered every 2 years, is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the history of our historic home, an overview of the history of architecture, and provide interpretation skills for working with visitors of all ages. Docents contribute their knowledge of, and enthusiasm for, the building arts and receive a variety of benefits, including social events, enrichment trips to area cultural institutions, and membership privileges.

Applications for the docent program will be accepted through January 15, 2011 and can be found on the National Building Museum web site, <http://www.nbm.org/support-us/volunteer/>. Training will begin with an Open House on Monday, January 24, 2011.

## WAMU Pledge Drive

they were Stephanie Brandes, Penny Doolittle, Sally Goldblum, Earl Hall, Ange Hassinger, Kate Headline, Natalie Multiz, Mary Alice Stotlemeyer, Tina Tate, Barbara Rollinson, and Joanne Vine.

## OLLI Losses

Our condolences to **Ginger Newmyer** on the loss of her husband and longtime OLLI member, **Jimmy** on December 10, 2010.

We also mourn the loss of **Aileen Moss**, OLLI member of 20+ years who passed away on December 25th.

**Bob Chartrand**, a recent Study Group Leader, passed away on 26 December. A memorial service will be held for him on Friday, January 28th at Kenwood Country Club from 5:00 - 7:30.

## Center for Israel Studies (CIS) Lectures

***United Forever? Reflections on the Place of Jerusalem in the Zionist Imagination*** by Prof. Eran Kaplan  
**Mon, Jan. 10, 4 pm**

***Space and Place in the Israeli Cultural Imagination*** by Prof. Barbara Mann  
**Wed, Jan. 12, 4 pm**

Both lectures are in the East Quad Building Lounge (Old



On October 20, nine OLLI members joined Board Chair Ed Goldin to answer phones at the WAMU pledge drive. This team worked during the "PM Drive Time segment" and helped raise a significant amount toward the station's record total of over one and one half million dollars for a single pledge period. WAMU Development Director Walt Gillette, who was the on air "pledge pitcher" during our shift, gave OLLI frequent acknowledgement of our support, and mentioned our motto: "curiosity never retires" as yet another reason to pledge to WAMU.

In the photo (left to right) are Larry McCarthy, Ruth Darmstadter, Steve Litwin, Gail Silverstone (?), Elli O'Toole (?), Phil Schwartz, Anne Wallace and Ed Goldin. Jack Chamberlain was there with us but missed the "photo op"; volunteer Zelda Litwin cheered us from home while nursing her cold. This dedicated turnout demonstrated the commitment of OLLI members to the university community: all ten volunteer spaces were filled within 24 hours of the first request to our membership. Thank

## 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](mailto:denker@starpower.net).

## OLLI Players: Casting in January for April Play Reading

The Players, an OLLI OPS entity, will hold casting calls on Friday, January 7th and Monday, January 10th. The Players, an OLLI OPS entity, will do a reading from a Pulitzer Prize winning play on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at the regular lunchtime speakers session.

SIS Building) of American University. Paid parking in the Nebraska Av. lot across the street.

See [CIS](#) website for more information.

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There are many performance opportunities: four female characters, two male characters, and up to seven other speaking roles which could be taken by either men or women. In addition, we will need several coaches willing to run rehearsals and assist performers in developing character and speaking voice.

Read-throughs and rehearsals will begin in late January and will not interfere with any OLLI classes or activities. Those sessions will be held during lunchtimes and, as the performance date gets closer, some Friday or Sunday afternoons. Not everyone will be expected to be at every session but in April you must commit to being generally in-town and available for rehearsals, especially the entire week of April 17<sup>th</sup>. Expect at least one dress rehearsal on Friday afternoon, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you cannot make a commitment to this time frame, you cannot be considered for one of the major character roles.

If you are interested, please email [olliplayers@ymail.com](mailto:olliplayers@ymail.com) and we'll reply with more details as well as some material to use at your casting session. The Players expect to utilize everyone who wants to participate.

Carol Light

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February 2011



# OLL I

at American University Washington DC



## February

4: Board Meeting  
8: Registration  
Assignments  
9: Mailing and OLLI Trip  
17: Open House  
23: SGL/SGR Meeting  
28: First Day of  
Classes

## Spring Registration

Please [register](#) before **Feb. 8, our registration assignment day**. We will mail out registration letters on February 9. Please call [Jaleh Labib](#) at 301.951.9681 if you would like to help with the mailing.

## Thanks to OLLI Givers

"You only give the love you live," goes the words of an old song that I think I remember more or less correctly.

This was OLLI's first ever end-of-year letter reminding you of the opportunity to contribute to OLLI's future. As a

## Letter from the Board Chair

### A REAL OLLI WHIMSY

Neither dark energy nor late sunrise  
Will slow the OLLI Member  
From the Dutiful rounds of  
Another semester, another show.



Not that I want to mix my metaphors,  
But we, the collective force of leading experiences,  
Are ready to Face-the-Book, Kiddle around and  
Digest the profundities of another OLLI semester.

I confer upon you all, Bachelors, Masters and Doctors,  
Alike, the rights and privileges of sharing your wisdom  
With our indefatigable Group Leaders to Study,  
To Teach, to Learn and to Reach the next level of  
Knowing and sharing what life is all about.

Thus, Hail Ye, Life Long Learners and Doers,  
Give 'em Hell (as Harry said), whatever the hell, 'em are,  
Stand tall, go right and enjoy the ride.

-- Ed Goldin, your humble OLLI chairperson

## Call for Nominations for the OLLI Board of Directors

The OLLI Nominations and Elections Committee has been selected by the Board Chair.

Suzanne Rosenthal, chair/suzros@verizon.net

Poul Arendal/arendal@clear.net

Jo Anne Friedenthal/jofriedenthal@aol.com

Bob Goodman (Board member)/anbgoodman@verizon.net

Tina Fried Heller (Board member)/TFH1415@gmail.com

result \$7,500 have been added to the Future Fund. In combination with the one-line about donation that appears on the registration form for each semester, you, the membership, have graciously donated a total of \$20,000 in the 2010 year.

Approaching our thirtieth year of operation with 650 members, and needs for scheduling 65 Study Groups and our extensive Lecture Series, permanent residence is becoming imperative. Currently, we are actively exploring new venues for securing long term facilities for the OLLI program. Our Future Fund, standing at one half-million dollars today, is just a beginning to undergird our drive for a future home.

To date your support of the OLLI program, has been a measure of the strength and depth of our mission, and gives us the confidence that we will achieve our future goals.

I want, personally, to acknowledge my deep feelings and gratitude for your generosity in giving to this experience, that has created such an inspiring community for us all. We are already

The committee will select six candidates for the four open slots on the Board.

The Nominations Committee welcomes your suggestions of possible candidates. Please submit the names, with a very brief statement of why they would make a good Board member, to any member of the Nominations Committee by Feb. 7.

In addition, any member may have their name included on the ballot by presenting a petition (located by the coffee table on the bulletin board), signed by 25 OLLI members, to the OLLI office by March 31. The petition must be accompanied by a biographical statement (approximately 10 typed lines) and a small photo (3x3).

## Join Us for a Special Presentation on Haiti

**Wednesday, March 2 at noon**

Barbara Balman, AU park resident and landscape architect, will conduct an illustrated presentation from her experiences in Haiti last year assisting in a medical mission as she prepares to return in March. Bring **chewable children's vitamins with iron or prenatal vitamins** and she can bring your contribution directly to Haiti when she goes.

## Philosophy Book Group

A new book group will be starting to read philosophy books during the semester on the first and third Friday of every month at 12:00 at the Church. Meetings will begin on Friday, March 4th. Bring your own lunch.

Allen Scult, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at Drake University and OLLI Group Leader, will serve as philosophical resource person, however the group might define that. The first book will be a newly published book for philosophers and non-philosophers alike. It's by James Miller, a well-known philosopher and intellectual historian, and is entitled *Examined Lives from Socrates to Nietzsche*. It follows Socrates' well-known edict, "An unexamined life is not worth living," and looks at the relationship between the lives and the philosophies of twelve of our best known philosophers. The book was very positively reviewed on the front page of the January 23rd *New York Times Book*

breaking new grounds for friendship, dedication and the joy of building the foundation of this learning, giving and sharing community.

Most simply, again, "Thanks".

--Ed Goldin, One Proud  
OLLI Member

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*Review*, which indicated the book's significance by citing Nietzsche's insistence that "the ultimate test of a philosophy was whether it was possible to live by it."

If you would like to join, please e-mail Allen Scult at [allen.scult@drake.edu](mailto:allen.scult@drake.edu) by February 20.

### News from Yuliya Gorenman

Dear Friends,

I have recently made more videos available on YouTube. Please visit the [Video](#) link on my [web site](#) to view all of them. Of the recent uploads, I would like to mention one of my "signature" pieces - Scriabin's *Nocturne for the Left Hand* - as well as Tchaikovsky's *Seasons* and *Piano Trio*. I hope you enjoy them!

I would love to share with you the wonderful news that I have been nominated by [WAMA](#) (The Washington Area Music Awards) for "Best Classical Instrumentalist." Also, my newest CD ([Yuliya Gorenman: The Gorenman Beethoven Project, Vol. 1, Beethoven Piano Sonatas Nos. 1, 2, 3](#)) was nominated as "Best Classical Album." This CD and my other recordings are available at [CDBaby.com](#), [Amazon.com](#), [iTunes.com](#), and others sites.

All the best,

Yuliya

### New Book Inspired by OLLI Class

This just in from OLLI Study Group Leader, Art Downey. He gave two courses relating to the Civil War a couple of years ago which turned into a book that was published last month called *Civil War Lawyers: Constitutional Questions, Courtroom Dramas and the Men Behind Them*. It is available only via [www.ababooks.org](http://www.ababooks.org) until March, and then it will move into normal commercial distribution channels,

We hope to have Art in to talk about his book and that it's now the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War.

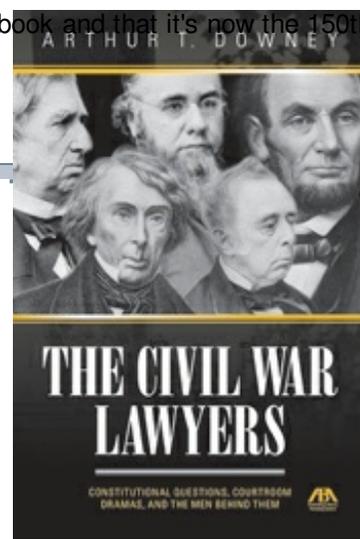
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## March

4: Board Meeting

14: Study Group Rep.  
Lunch-noon, Temple  
Baptist Church

15: Special Concert by  
Yuliya Gorenman-12:15  
pm, Katzen Arts Center

29: Town Meeting-12:15  
pm, Temple Baptist  
Church

## Assistance

If you are an experienced engineer, architect, developer, contractor, builder, or the like, and would be willing to donate some time to helping the OLLI Board assess options for facility improvements at the Church, please contact Anne Wallace. We are looking at immediate upgrades to ceilings, flooring, heating, and handicapped accessibility.

## Thanks to OLLI Mailers

Thanks to Jaleh Labib and her team who

## Letter from the Board Chair

### It's OLLI All Over Again

"Another Opening, Another Show....," and this looks like an exciting Spring semester.

Our classes are mostly full, and everyone is eager to do the OLLI "Macarena" as the buds begin to grow and the birds make their first chirps.

We are blessed with a thriving crowd, new and old, of seasoned and experienced learneds and learners--that would be us. So sharpen your pencils and lengthen your step for a good seat in your seminar to join with like-minded mates challenging us all. May the learning begin and the togetherness be joyful.

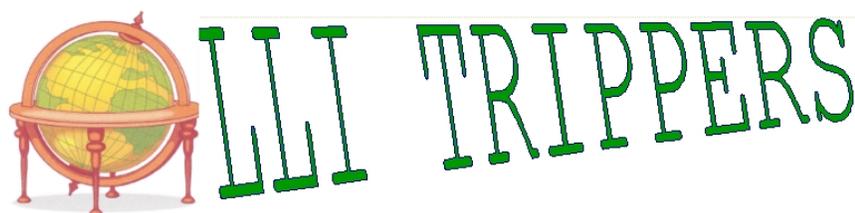
We have never been needed more in this wobbling, uncertain human-occupied earth. Together we contribute and help strengthen the pathways to a better future.

Go get 'em. Learn and exchange well, and, above all, have fun.

--Your smiling chair, Ed Goldin



## OLLI Trippers



### We're Off and Rolling

OLLI Trippers officially got its 2011 season underway on

helped mail out the registration packages: Stephanie Brandes, Patricia Bruck, Hanne Caraher, Chris Chinn, Ruth Darmstadter, Earl Hall, Jaleh Labib, Barbara Lennhoff, and Natalie Mulitz.

## ARE YOU AN ILR PIONEER?

As part of OLLI's celebration of its thirty years, we are looking for people who were involved in the early days of ILR. If you, or a friend, were one of the pioneers, **WE WOULD LOVE TO TALK TO YOU!** We're hoping to produce a history of OLLI, and your reminiscences would be a wonderful part of our OLLI story. PLEASE HELP US. You can contact Beverly Zweiben at [bz1394@gmail.com](mailto:bz1394@gmail.com), or at 202 237-8782. Many thanks.

## Survivor's Panel

We are planning a **Holocaust Survivors Panel on Thurs. June 16.** Are there any OLLI members who are children of survivors? Please contact Martha Home [mhome9008@verizon.net](mailto:mhome9008@verizon.net) 301-656-7782 if you would be interested in joining the panel.

One of our June panelists, **Jaqueline Birn** will be interviewed

February 9 when 35 of us braved the coldest day of the winter to visit Charlottesville. The trip was a resounding success. We are indebted to OLLI member Carolyn Alper for the royal reception and tour we were given at the University of Virginia to view her brother's Independence Collection and eat our box lunches in the stunning dining hall/auditorium that adjoins the collection.

What's next? We have secured the bus and 50 tickets to go **Monday, May 9** to Richmond, Virginia to see the **Picasso** exhibit at the Richmond Museum of Fine Arts. That will be its exclusive east coast venue on its 2011 USA tour. A reservation form can be downloaded [on the calendar page of our website](#) (Under May 9). I highly recommend sending it in promptly, since there is no chance of securing another bus for this tour.

OLLI members have been marvelous with suggested locations for future trips. If you have something you want me to research email me, Barbara Rollinson, at [bjcbcr@aol.com](mailto:bjcbcr@aol.com) and I will investigate the viability of your suggestion. Keep in mind that at the present time we are limiting the trips to a three hour drive each way. My goal is to plan trips for July, August and September 2011.

So welcome aboard! We see great things, but we also socialize with great people coming and going.

-- *Barbara Rollinson*

## OLLI Players



In Search Of:

We're off and rehearsing for the April 26<sup>th</sup> Players Premeire Presentation of Thorton Wilder's ***Skin of Our Teeth***.

For that, we are In Search Of:

- Two understudies (1 male and 1 female)
- Property Crew (making and/or assembling minimal props, like a fedora hat and stand-up microphone)
- Scenery Crew (We have some minimal background and scene thoughts but need more ideas and creative people to implement them.)

Please email: [olliplayers@ymail.com](mailto:olliplayers@ymail.com)

live on **March 9th at 1:00pm** in the Rubinstein auditorium of the US **Holocaust Memorial Museum.**

### Condolences

Condolences to Giorgio Borgiotti at the loss of his wife, Janet.

Longtime member Herb Weintraub recently passed away.

### OLLI Courses Pay Off!

Who says taking OLLI courses doesn't pay off? Ruth Darmstadter was in Karl Wirsing's "Writing for Publication" study group last spring and has just sold a piece she wrote for the course to Bethesda Magazine (worth two terms of OLLI registration fees). It is scheduled to appear in either the Spring or Summer issue.

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Many thanks,

--Carol Light (organizer, OLLI Players)

### News from Yuliya Gorenman

**Yuliya Gorenman** will be performing at the **Tuesday lecture, scheduled for Tuesday, March 15 at 12:15 in the Katzen Recital Hall.** If you have not heard her before, now is your chance. She will be warming up for her final recital in her **Beethoven Project on Saturday, March 19 at the Katzen Arts Center.**

Dear Friends,

I have recently made more videos available on YouTube. Please visit the [Video](#) link on my [web site](#) to view all of them. Of the recent uploads, I would like to mention one of my "signature" pieces - Scriabin's *Nocturne for the Left Hand* - as well as Tchaikovsky's *Seasons* and *Piano Trio*. I hope you enjoy them!

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All the best,

Yuliya

### Collage Study group

If you have extra magazines, fabric or paper scraps, buttons, beads, cardboard, old photos, ribbons, textured paper, please put it in the box in the back of room 6 at the Temple Baptist Church for the collage group.

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1: Board Meeting

8: Deadline to submit your application to participate in the OLLI Shorts. [Download your brochure.](#)

22: Last Curriculum Committee

**One Topic, One Week,  
One Great Idea!**

We are starting a new program we call "**OLLI Shorts**". It will be one week of immersion into one of five classes to take place May 16-20 at the Temple Baptist Church. Please see the link above to download your brochure. It will cost \$50 and we need to have your check and form in by April 8, 2011.

**Spring Luncheon**

Will be at noon on **May 11 at the Kenwood Country Club**. Please mail a check for \$36/person with your name. Or, you may leave the check in the lucite box in the Temple Baptist Church. There are forms at the Church as well.

**Letter from the Board Chair**

**April 1, 2011, For Release, Washington, DC**

The Washington, DC OLLI has just accepted an offer from Homeland Security to take over the 20 acre facility, from the vacating organization, with fully-budgeted governmental support to run a new Center for Worldwide Wisdom (**WC**), having a mission to produce a new world order to save the globe from rampant un-American chaos everywhere beyond our borders.



As a result, the **new OLLI\*** is preparing to move across Nebraska this summer and set up for the fall semester. Our present SGLs will present a mega WC master class with 620 supporting mini WC sections each hosted by one of our present members for an audience of all world leaders to flush out their waste and inculcate the new American way to a perfect order in the world union.

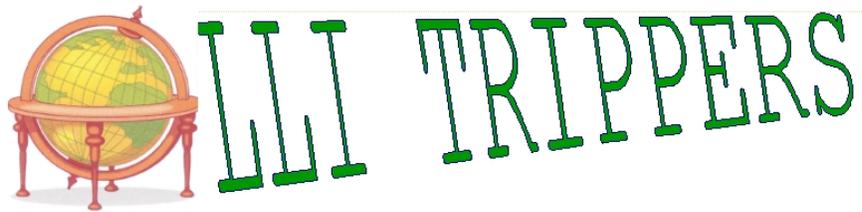
Happy April Fools Day!

Ed Goldin

\*Older Lass and Laddie Institute

**PS** Returning to reality, Anne and I will be attending the Osher Institutes Annual Conference in a few weeks to meet and exchange with the 117 other OLLI program leaders in the United States. I look forward to reporting back to you what we learn from this experience that relates to the continuing growth and strength of our wonderful learning community.

**OLLI Trippers**



## Thanks to Yuliya



Yuliya Gorenman sent her thanks to OLLI for the flowers we gave her. Many people were enraptured with her concert for OLLI on March 15 at the Katzen Arts Center.

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Our next trip will be on **Saturday, June 4** to see HMS Pinafore at Wolf Trap. Forms are available at the Church or you can download them on the [calendar page of our website](#) (under June 4).

-- *Barbara Rollinson*

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Jack Chamberlain**, who received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from St. Albans School on March 2nd.

## Art Exhibit

**OLLI member Carol Radin** will be exhibiting a series of calabash shell masks at Watergate Gallery. The masks incorporate a variety of natural and man-made materials which have been collected over decades. Show dates are April 9-May 7, opening reception is 5-8 PM on Saturday, April 9. Artist talk, Monday, April 15, 6 PM. For further info: [carolradin@aol.com](mailto:carolradin@aol.com), or 202 338-0607.

## Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee has begun work soliciting proposals for the Fall 2011 Semester. [Proposal Forms](#) are available on our website. Please feel free to speak with the following members of the Committee if you are interested in leading a Study Group:

### Curriculum Committee Chair:

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### Law, Politics & Government

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### Psychology, Sociology & Culture

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### Biology, Physics, Chemistry & Math

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### Art

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## OLLI Losses

**Robert E. Kemelhor** was a longtime OLLI member, who died at 91 on March 4. He will be missed.

## Omission

### Patricia Arnaudo's

information was omitted from the Directory. Her email is pdj256@aol.com and phone is (703) 836-2342

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### Language and Literature

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### History & Geography

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### Philosophy

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## Published Poet

Congratulations to **Martha Horne**, who has a poem in the *LLI Review, The Annual Journal of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute*. You can find it online at: [www.usm.maine.edu/olli/national/lli-review.jsp](http://www.usm.maine.edu/olli/national/lli-review.jsp)

*Martha wants to thank Jenny Pierson and the Poetry Craftshop for their support.*

### "At Carriage Hill" by Martha Horne

Mother lived a hundred years and so mourning came way before her death.

Wheelchair bound and shrunken  
to bones and sometime brittle feelings,

I took her to the garden. We watched leaves warm and wane.

We sat silent. I read snippets of the news which she could seem to understand.

Hungry, I brought food one day  
for me. She could not swallow sandwiches.

Leaves swirled in the aimless wind and she got cold despite the blankets,  
sweater, coat I tucked her in.

She motioned to go inside and then as clear as yesterday she told me to finish my sandwich first.

*(The assignment was to write an elegy to or about the dead- be surprised by them. Write an elegy to a moment with an individual - 20 lines long, - one stanza - no rhyme 4 beats but occasionally 3 or 5 beats for emphasis - let a departure provide emphasis.)*

**OLLI members are encouraged to contribute other writings to the review.**

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# Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

May 2011



## May

**3: Special OLLI Art Exhibit during the Speaker series**

**4: Last day to RSVP for May 11 luncheon!**

6: Board Meeting and last day of most classes

9: Picasso Trip to Richmond, VA

**11: Spring Luncheon: noon, Kenwood Country Club**

16-20: OLLI Shorts (one week of OLLI Courses)

## OLLI Players Debut

Three cheers to the OLLI Players, who made a captivating start to their season with a Tuesday, April 26th performance of *The Skin of Our Teeth* by Thornton Wilder. The cast included Stan Wolf, Stan Newman, Natalie Mulitz, Ruth Darmstadter, Carol Light, Caroline Simon, Barbara Rollinson, Don Quayle, Sid Steinitz, and Renee Taft and was directed by Carol Light. The production was lively and well-attended. Congratulations all!

## Letter from the Board Chair

### Springtime Rebirth

Our Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at American University is flowering. It is year's end, and what a year it has been!

New membership records have been scaled and more courses offered than ever before. We are experiencing new events-OLLI Day Trips (to remote museums and sites), OLLI Ops (informal groups of continuing study), OLLI Players (a new playgroup happening) and OLLI "Shorts" (one-week long immersion classes in May).

From the humble beginnings of our far-sighted founders to our thriving, lively learning institute of today, we are looking forward to a year-long celebration of our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary beginning this fall. As is our OLLI tradition, we are planning special speakers and events for us all to further enjoy, share, grow and contribute together. Look forward to September.

A few weeks ago, Anne Wallace, our Executive Director, and I attended the Annual National OLLI Conference. We are one of 117 OLLIs located in every state of the union, including Hawaii and Alaska. Together, all the OLLIs have a combined membership of almost 100,000 participants. Mr. Osher graciously put his money where "we seasoned learners" are, to help support and honor our own vital growth and continuing contribution to society. Most of the OLLIs, I learned, are programs within their particular Colleges and Universities. Our own OLLI, however, is one of the very few independent, non profit 501(C)(3) corporations.

Proudly, we are responsible for our own destiny. We are thankful for the generous support we have received from the Osher Foundation. We are also fortunate to share a mutual collaboration on multiple levels with American University to the advantage of both operations.

After our OLLI June speaker program, we mostly disperse until the fall. Since this is the end of my term, and my last newsletter contribution, I wish to use this opportunity to thank you all for making this year such





## Spring Luncheon

Will be at noon on **May 11 at the Kenwood Country Club.**

Please mail a check for \$36/person with your name. Or, you may leave the check in the lucite box in the Temple Baptist Church. There are forms at the Church as well.

**Please RSVP by May 4.**



## Big History

In preparing a discussion group on "Big History", Rene Springuel has prepared an eight page summary of "Maps of Time" by David Christian, that will be the basis of the group discussions in the fall. Rene will email that summary quickly to any OLLI member who expresses interest.

[rene.springuel@verizon.net](mailto:rene.springuel@verizon.net)

## Thanks

Thanks to Coralie Bryant and Van Ooms for donating their class gifts to OLLI.

## Congratulations!

Sharon Helgason Gallagher

an enriching, vibrant, educating, heartfelt, exciting and expanding experience. I can not say enough.

I wish to thank, personally, so much, Anne Wallace, Lena Frumin, and Chris Chinn, who so securely and energetically have been there every day for all of us. I am grateful to the Board members who, with Anne, tirelessly fire up the policy and support for our operations, and put out fires that require wisdom to guide us over the whole year. And to so many of you, who volunteered your time and energy to make our many committees, functions and programs work so well for all of us, I give you a most major OLLI "salud" for a job, better even than well done.

Separately, I must say to all Study Group Leaders (SGLs), our pro bono talented masters, who are the heart, the intellect and the deliverers of OLLI education to the promised land of curiosity and understanding, "The force is with you." We appreciate your love and dedication to giving and learning.

Again, I thank you all. Keep up your learning, living, loving and laughing. I look forward to seeing you again and again and again,

*--Ed Goldin*

## June Speaker Series

We have a terrific June Speaker Series which spans an unusual five weeks. Special thanks to speaker coordinator Martha Horne for her work arranging the series. If you have suggestions of other dynamic speakers, please let [Martha](#) know.

The series is Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday mornings in June beginning with a very special concert on **May 31** performed by pianists Samuel Oram and Shou Ping Liu. The series will be held at the Katzen Arts Center from 10-11:50 am. Park in the Katzen garage at \$1.50/hour. American University will be selling discounted parking passes at \$50 (instead of \$75) for the 5-week series. Or you may park behind the Temple Baptist Church and walk over behind Nebraska Hall. **If you have registered your car with AU's public safety service since Fall 2010 you don't need to reregister, but if you have not, please call 202.885.3111 or email [dpscustomerservice@american.edu](mailto:dpscustomerservice@american.edu) and give them your name, phone number, email, car make/color and car license/state.**

(daughter of Jacqui and Bill Gallagher), President and Publisher of ARTBOOK | D.A.P. was honored as one of the 30 most influential women in the arts on Saturday, April 16th at a gala at The Museum of Modern Art, New York.

## OLLI Summer Stock



## OLLI PLAYERS SUMMER STOCK

### Omission

**Vee Burke's** information was omitted from the Directory. Her email is [vee.burke@verizon.net](mailto:vee.burke@verizon.net) and phone is 202-537-1016

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**Organizational Meeting Wednesday, May 18**  
**Temple Baptist Church Room 5, 1:00- 3:00 PM**  
**RSVP to [olliplayers@ymail.com](mailto:olliplayers@ymail.com)**

Come on the Wednesday of OLLI Shorts week to discuss having a fun-only (no productions) Summer Stock season of OLLI Players.

We're thinking about having a once-a-week or once-every-other week "drop-in" sessions during which OLLI Players can just show up and join an ongoing play reading. Should we do a movie script like *Duck Soup*? An unproduced movie melodrama by Raymond Chandler? A Classic American drama like *Our town*? Or perhaps something lighter like Eugene O'Neil's *Ah Wilderness*?

Come and help decide. RSVP to [olliplayers@ymail.com](mailto:olliplayers@ymail.com) to be kept up to date on latest developments.

--Carol Light

### Art Exhibit

**OLLI member Carol Radin** is exhibiting a series of calabash shell masks at Watergate Gallery. The masks incorporate a variety of natural and man-made materials which have been collected over decades. The show closes on May 7. Carol is offering a special opportunity for OLLI members to see her work on Sat. May 7 from 12-2 pm. [carolradin@aol.com](mailto:carolradin@aol.com) , or 202-338-0607.



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June 2011



# OLLII

at American University Washington DC



## Calendar

[June lecture series](#)

July 7: Field Trip to Philadelphia, PA  
[\(form on calendar page\)](#)

## OLLII Losses

We mourn the loss of OLLI member Paul Fernandez.

## Thanks!

Thanks to Tony Cafoncelli, Barbara Coleman, Enrique Lerdau, and Dave Palmeter for donating their class gifts to OLLI.

## Thanks!

Thanks to Patricia Bruck, Penny English, Joyce Johnson, Natalie Muiltz, Lisa Roney, Therese Rousseau, and Betsy White for their help with our recent mailing. Also many thanks to Jaleh Labib for organizing the mailing.

## Catalog Mailing

## Letter from the Board Chair

It's June and the weather is finally warm.

June is also the time for the OLLI Board of Directors to begin its new term for 2011-2012. Welcome to the new Board members, Larry McCarthy and Phil Schwartz, and many thanks to the outgoing members, Beverly Zweiben and Ray Rasenberger.

In the May Newsletter, Ed Goldin, our outgoing Chair, summed up the exciting year we just completed.

We had a growing enrollment that reached 620 in the spring, 68 courses, and introduced OLLI Shorts. Our year closed with the annual luncheon when we were entertained and impressed with readings of poetry by members of Jennifer Pierson's Poetry Craftshop.



I am looking forward to continuing what has been accomplished in the past year. We expect membership to continue to grow in 2011-2012 and it looks as if we will have about 75 courses to offer.

A major theme for next year will be our celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of OLLI at AU. We plan to have several events marking this milestone and to honor our founding mothers and fathers and the long time contributors who have made OLLI a vital educational resource for lifelong learning.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the June Lecture Series and during the coming school year.

*--Bob Goodman*

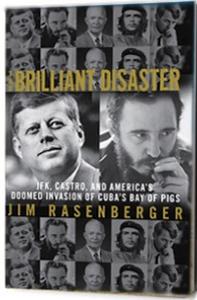
## June Speaker Series

Our Speaker Series started out this Tuesday. The series will be held at the Katzen Arts Center from 10-11:50 am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through the month of June. Park in the Katzen garage at \$2.00/hour. You may

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### New book

OLLI members Ray and Nancy Rasenberger's son, Jim, has a new book out called *Brilliant*



*Disaster*, describing the Bay of Pigs debacle.

### Board and Committee Chairs

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Bob Goodman

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Phil Schwartz

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Edmund Stelzer

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### Viewing Chagall

Sign up early to join the group going to the Philadelphia Museum of Art to see the Exhibit on Mark Chagall and his Circle on **Thursday, July 7, 2011**. Download and mail in the form found on the [OLLI website calendar page](#).



### Sondheim Follow-Up: Follies

by JoAnn Udovich *SGL*, *Sondheim Turns 81*

Many "Sondheim Turns 81" participants have been making their way to the Kennedy Center to see the current lavish revival of James Goldman and Stephen Sondheim's *Follies* directed by Eric Schaeffer.



More than the cavalcade of musical set pieces that have traditionally defined this show, this production privileges the complex relationships between the four main characters. Bernadette Peters inhabits and interprets the psychology of her character Sally in a manner that I found simply profound. Though anachronistic, I sensed Dot from *Sunday in the Park with George* in her performance of Sally. Both women characters find themselves in frustrating situations where the man they love is distracted by relationships with objects, although George from *Sunday* is certainly a very different character, and interested in very different objects, than Ben in *Follies*. The dancing, the sets, and the costumes are all very satisfying to look at, reminding that the visual in the theater stands along side the aural in ways that are difficult to consider outside of actual performance.

*Follies* is ultimately about women of a certain age, about the wisdom or at least the emotional insight of women in their maturity, and about the nature of women's emotions in general. And here are Olli-age actors, singing and dancing across the stage of the Eisenhower Theater (trailed by their younger *doppelgänger*) eight times a week. Bernadette Peters is 63, plays a character who is 49, and still looks even younger. Elaine Paige, too, is 63. Terri White is 56. Linda Lavin (Phyllis Homes' cousin)

**Catalog Editors**

Cathy Kruvant  
Gloria Kreisman

is 73. Rosalind Elias is 84. The cast is a refreshing break from the near invisible place older women have in our society, and more remarkable in the context of the original production in 1971 when Sondheim was just 40 and the youth culture was at its height.

**Curriculum**

Dave Palmeter

The four main characters not only interact with each other, but are in dialogue with themselves as they were thirty years earlier. Here are the expectations they had as young people; and here is how it all turned out. Both male leads have failed lives, economically comfortable, but personally bankrupt for complex, largely non-stereotypical, and perhaps timeless reasons. And what are their wives to make of this? In many ways they are simply stuck. Stuck because of the decisions they made and the feelings they had thirty years ago.

**Facilities & Dev.**

Ray Rasenberger

**Hospitality**

Clare & Marianne  
Soponis

The privileging of the four main characters also serves to privilege Sondheim's original musical voice. This show is best known for Sondheim's *tour-de-force* exploration and imitation, in all of those individual set pieces, of every significant style of both music and lyrics for the commercial stage extending back nearly a hundred years. Yet it is the music for the rest of the show, where Sondheim's contrapuntal writing, motivic development, and colorful harmonies (concepts our study group considered at length) serve both the character development and the plot, as this production illuminates.

**Investment**

Judith Berson

**Membership & Publicity**

Jack Chamberlain  
Larry McCarthy

**Newsletter Editor**

Helen Schwartz

I think I can speak for all of us who have been to the Kennedy Center in the last few weeks that our perception of Sondheim's achievement has been forever changed and enhanced by our class time together. The production runs through June 19. For more information, feel free to speak with any of the following, who have attended the performance: Carolyn Alper, Fran Burka, Kate Headline, Phyllis Homes, Gloria Kreisman, Sara Landau, Bruce Montgomery, Natalie Multz, Ginger Newmyer, Ellie O'Toole, Gerry Padwe, and Alison Taylor.

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Myrna Whitworth

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Jaleh Labib

**Study Group Training Session Coordinators**

Selma Rosenthal

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Phil Schwartz

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Barbara Rollinson

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July 2011



## Registration is Open!!!

The [Fall 2011 catalog](#) is now on our website, and despite what the website says, it is **open** to registration. Catalogs went into the mail today, 22 July.

Remember they go bulk so be patient.

## Vonn Quayle

It is with sadness that we tell you of the loss of OLLI member Vonn Quayle. She was a tremendous asset to OLLI, both in her participation and her volunteerism. Between, she and her husband Don, they have done almost every volunteer position. We will miss her very much. The family has asked that donations in her name be made to OLLI, 4400 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington DC 20016.

## Thanks!

Thanks to Martha Horne for her work organizing the June 2011 Speaker

## Letter from the Board Chair

It's July, the unofficial close of our OLLI year, leading to a brief lull until the Fall class schedule is published and we can anticipate the start of another exciting school year. This past year was a very good year for OLLI with significant growth in members and a record number of courses. The semester closed with our new series of intensive one week courses-OLLI Shorts coordinated by Linda Miller. The June lecture series was terrific thanks to Martha Horne and those others who contributed speaker ideas and helped organize the events. This series of lectures covered very diverse subjects appealing to a wide range of interests.



In May, Board members met with Neil Kerwin, the President of AU, and his senior staff to discuss the potential for AU to provide adequate space for OLLI if the AU 10 year Campus plan was approved by the DC Government. As a consequence, on behalf of the Board I wrote to the Zoning Commission in support of the plan. I also asked the OLLI members to write to the Zoning Commission and Planning Commission. The Board was aware that a number of members in the local area strongly oppose the expansion plans, but after long deliberation the Board agreed it was in the best interests of OLLI and the community to support AU. We greatly appreciate that many of you wrote to the Commissions to help support this opportunity.

Series. Thanks to Irwin Lebow for donating his class gift to OLLI.

### Condolences

Our sympathy to Brad Patterson at the loss of his wife, Shirley. We mourn the loss of OLLI member, Ben Okner.

### Thanks!

Thanks to Tessa Dinsmoor, Ange Hassinger, Kate Headline, Clare and Marianne Sponis, MaryAlice Stotelmeyer, and Tina Tate for their help with our recent mailing. Also many thanks to Jaleh Labib for organizing the mailing.

### Congratulations!

To Dorothy Marschak who was awarded Swarthmore College's (her alma mater) Arabella Carter Award for Outstanding Community Service (for her work with CHIME).

### Catalog Mailing

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Next year promises to be exciting. OLLI will celebrate its 30th Anniversary, with several events marking this milestone. We are also establishing a History Project led by Beverly Zweiben to document our 30 years and what OLLI has meant to our community. This fall, about 75 courses will be offered. This will mean that there will be three courses given on both Wednesday and Thursday to accommodate the increase, but we listened to your concerns and will reinstate the social/coffee break for those classes. OLLI Shorts will also be held in both February and June.

Have a wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing you in September.

Bob Goodman

## Andy White's Play at the Capital Fringe Festival

# Leviathan Production's *Enoch Arden*

**Premieres at Capital Fringe  
Festival July 7 - 24, 2011**

## Tennyson's Great Seafaring Epic In One-Man Show

**What:** Enoch Arden, by Alfred Lord Tennyson

**Who:** Andrew White, Leviathan Productions

- Where:** Fort Fringe - The Bedroom, 612 L St. NW, Washington D.C. Located on L Street between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Just 2 blocks from the Mount Vernon/UDC Metro (Green and Yellow Lines). For maps online, search "The Bedroom at Fort Fringe," or consult [CapitalFringe.org](http://CapitalFringe.org). You may also call Leviathan Productions' main number: 703-538-5333.
- When:** Sunday July 17 @ 4:30pm Thursday  
July 21 @ 6:45pm  
Sunday July 24 @ 2pm
- Tickets:** Tickets cost \$20.00 and can be bought online at [CapitalFringe.org](http://CapitalFringe.org) or by calling 866-811-4111

Hello, all! I'm looking forward to seeing you in the Fall, but in the meantime I wanted all my friends at OLLI know that I am performing a one-man show of Tennyson's epic poem, "Enoch Arden" - it's at the Capital Fringe Festival going on downtown through the month of July.

One note about the venue -- it's in the "Fringe Bedroom" at 610 L Street NW, a run-down part of town; it suits the poem, because Tennyson sets it in a run-down old seaside village, telling his story of a sailor and his family from bygone days. But some of you might find it hard to navigate -- it's not handicapped-accessible, and there are some stairs to climb up to the theatre. There is a little A/C, so it should be comfortable enough for a one-hour show.

If any of you can join me that would be

wonderful -- but whatever you're up to, I  
hope you have a great Summer!

Best wishes,

Andy White, Group Leader, Drama &  
Theatre History

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## Registration is Open!!!

The [Fall 2011 catalog](#) is now on our website, and is open to registration.

## Baseball Tickets!

OLLI member **Stanley Cohen** has very kindly donated tickets to two **National's** games on **September 6 and 7 at 7:05 pm**. Please call or email Barbara Rollinson at 202.966.0404 or [bjcbcr@aol.com](mailto:bjcbcr@aol.com) if you are interested in going.

## Condolences

We mourn the loss of longtime members Glory Letter and Vonn Quayle.

## Share Your Artwork



Woodrow 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. If you are interested in donating art

## Letter from the Board Chair

Welcome back to OLLI. It's registration time, a sign that the end of summer is approaching and that many of us in the OLLI community are returning home from vacations far and near. We have been to China, Croatia, Scandinavia, Italy, Canada and probably many other destinations, as well as exploring the USA, or carrying on family traditions in New England, local beaches, and similar places.



For those staying close to home, Barbara Rollinson, our trip coordinator, reported that the July 7 bus trip to see the Chagall exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art was fun for all.

Again this summer OLLI OPPs has provided continuity to stretch our minds and pursue in depth the things that excite us. The groups that met this summer include the News in Context, science, short stories, and OLLI players. A number of members have also taken advantage of Stanley Cohen's generous donation of 14 Nationals baseball tickets for games on September 6 and 7.

Please [register](#) early. This will help Anne and Lena to pace their work. We have a record 75 classes for this fall, so organizing what must be done is getting more complicated and time consuming.

to be displayed and sold to benefit the new building or if you would like to reserve a 10' x 10' space or table visit [www.75wilsonhighdc.org](http://www.75wilsonhighdc.org) and download forms. Space is filling up. It would be great to have a special OLLI exhibit area. Email [Lena](mailto:Lena) with questions.

Come to the OLLI Open House on September 14, from 1 to 2:30, to greet your fellow students and visit with the OLLI Board members. I hope to see everyone then.

*--Bob Goodman, Board Chair*

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## September 2011



### September

14- **Open House:** 1-2:30 pm, Temple Baptist Church (TBC)

16- SGL/SGR Meeting: 10-11:50, TBC

21- **Classes Begin**

27- **First Fall Speaker:** 12:15-1:15 pm. American University President Neil Kerwin with an update on the regulatory process in the Obama years.

### Study Group Reps

We can't thank Barbara Rollinson enough for stepping in at the last minute and wrestling 73 Study Group Representatives with grace and efficiency. Thanks to those who volunteered. We look forward to seeing you all at a meeting on September 16 at 10-11:50 am at the Temple Baptist Church.

### The Gorenman Piano Project: Bach Edition

### Letter from the Board Chair

By now you should have received your registration information for the fall semester. We have 73 courses and more than 700 members taking classes, almost a 15% increase over our previous peak enrollment. It will be a bit more crowded than in years past, and a bit more patience will be required. Fortunately we had so many excellent offerings to choose from that we hope you are happy with your choices.



On behalf of all of us, I want to thank Anne Wallace and Lena Frumin for their Herculean efforts to complete the registration process on time and to thank the volunteers who helped them with the mailing.

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of OLLI at AU. We hope to have several events to mark this exciting milestone. The specifics are being planned and I expect to report on them in the next couple of months. Part of the celebration is our History Project, which will document our origin, our evolution, and what we have become today.

I hope you all had a good summer. Now we have reached the season to return to OLLI for another year of learning and fellowship. Remember our Open House is on September 14 from 1:00 to 2:30 and that classes begin on September 21.

Bob Goodman, Board Chair

Internationally acclaimed concert pianist and American University Musician in Residence, and OLLI favorite, Yuliya Gorenman continues exploring masterpieces of the great composers with The Gorenman Piano Project. The inaugural [concert](#) of the new series, Bach Edition, will feature some of the composer's greatest works.

**Saturday, Oct. 1 at 8:00 PM**

American University  
Katzen Arts Center  
202-886-3634

## Hospitality

Thanks in advance to Claire and Maryanne Sponis who have agreed to serve on our hospitality committee.

## Condolences

We mourn the death of Hugh Spitzer, a longtime OLLI SGL. Our sympathy to the families of Everett Bauman and Glenn Lehmann, who died this month. Our condolences also to René Springuel at the loss of his wife.

## Wilson High Alum



## 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 back-up: 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.

If you have ideas or suggestions for SHORTS, please contact Dave Palmeter, Anne, Lena or me, Linda Miller. The proposal form will be available on-line, and will need to be completed and submitted by Wednesday, November 2, 2012.

Linda Miller, SHORTS coordinator  
[lrbmiller@yahoo.com](mailto:lrbmiller@yahoo.com)

## Mickey Klein Opening

Study Group Leader, and Iona Artist-in-Residence, Mickey Klein is exhibiting her watercolors, pastels and photographs at the Iona Senior Center Gallery. Do check out her work at <http://mickeykleinsart.com>. Mickey's work is on exhibit now and you are welcome to join her at the Meet the Artist Reception on Friday, Oct. 14, 5-8 pm. It is free with live music and refreshments.

## 16th Annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference

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, not far from where Fitzgerald, Zelda, and their daughter are buried.

Every year, the Conference honors a living American writer with the F. Scott Fitzgerald Award for Outstanding Achievement in American Literature. This writer gives a public talk to all conference attendees and a master class for select students. This year, they are proud to honor Maxine Hong Kingston. Along with Maxine Hong Kingston and Maureen Corrigan, **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](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/fsfitzgeraldconference).

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Questions? Contact [Erika Koss](#), Conference Director, at 410.293.6244.

## Thanks

Thanks to our team of mailers organized by Jaleh Labib. They included Hanne Carreher, Jack Chamberlain, Chris Chinn, Ruth Darmstadter, Ed Goldin, Earl Hall, Erika Latchkis, Phyllis Machta and her daughter, Natalie Multz, Dave Palmeter, Don Quayle, Carol Rendall, Elizabeth Robinson, Barbara Rollinson, Therese Roussou, Helen Schwartz, and Mary Alice Stotlemeyer.

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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.

## OLL I 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.

OLL I 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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
[lrbmiller@yahoo.com](mailto:lrbmiller@yahoo.com)

## 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



Woodrow

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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/fsfitzgeraldconference).

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## November

2: **Shorts Proposals** due

4: **Board Meeting:** 1 pm,  
Temple Baptist Church

7-11: **Food Drive**

16: **Spring Proposals** due

18: **Study Group Leader**

**Luncheon:** noon, Mary  
Graydon Center:

**Curriculum Committee**  
**Meeting** 1:30, Temple  
Baptist Church

23-25: **Thanksgiving**  
**Break**

## OLLI Directory

Missing from the Fall

Directory were **Mel**

**Hurwitz**

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and Curriculum

Committee Chair **Dave**

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**Jan Oltman**

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301.881.0425;

**Trudy Stanchfield**,

202.362.5457; and **Sandy**

**Silverman**,

## Letter from the Board Chair

We are halfway through the 2011 fall semester and we seem to have acclimated to our surprising growth spurt. I hope our 170 new members as well as our veteran members have experienced the kind of satisfaction that brings me back to OLLI each year.



At the town meeting on October 13 there was considerable discussion about our ability to accommodate the large increase in membership and our expected continued growth. The Board does not want to put a cap on membership if that can be avoided. We feel it would be contrary to our goal of providing Lifelong Learning opportunities to the community. Clearly there is a need to add more classroom space at another location as well as continue to increase the number of courses offered. As you know, identifying new space for the near term has been an ongoing priority for a number of years. We expect to reach a decision on space for the near future soon. For the longer term our ideal solution is to work with AU to obtain space on campus as AU's expansion plans are realized. We see our ties to AU as an important part of OLLI, which gives us an identity along with access to faculty and facilities unique to a university.

To be prepared to take advantage of any opportunity to obtain additional space, we want to increase the OLLI Future Fund. As we did last year, OLLI will again ask that you contribute to the Fund when you consider your charitable donations at the end of the year.

OLLI will be collecting food and money for the **Capital Area Food Bank** the week of **7 - 11 November**. A flyer will be posted to provide the details.

wd46xx@aol.com  
301.652.2346. A  
reminder: the directories  
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purposes only.

## Curriculum Committee

We are working hard on our  
Spring 2012 semester. If  
you would like to lead a  
Study Group or talk to a  
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202.387.0975

## A Question: Evening Art Class?

We have been presented  
with **the opportunity to  
have an AU art history  
class in the early  
evenings.** Would that be  
of interest to OLLI  
members?

Please let us know at  
[OLLI@american.edu](mailto:OLLI@american.edu).

## Condolences

Our sympathy to the  
family of Chapin  
Carpenter.

## Yuliya Gorenman

So many of us have been

Finally, save the date of Wednesday, **December 7**, for the end of  
semester OLLI holiday festivity. There will be a special appearance by  
the **OLLI Players!**

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

--Bob Goodman, Board Chair

## "The Life Report" -- A Wonderful Opportunity

Please take a look at David Brooks' column in the *New  
York Times* from Thursday, October 27, titled "The Life  
Report":

[http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/28/opinion/brooks-the-life-report.html?\\_r=1&emc=eta1](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/28/opinion/brooks-the-life-report.html?_r=1&emc=eta1)

In it, he is asking that individuals over 70 send him a brief  
report on their lives so far, which he will then use as the  
basis for his columns around Thanksgiving....AND as  
many of the essays as possible will be posted online.  
Instructions for sending the essays to him are included in  
his column.

This is a terrific opportunity for us to put in a plug for  
lifelong learning, talk about our own learning journeys,  
and hopefully mention our OLLI and perhaps all OLLIs.

## OLLI: Growing Pains

OLLI is growing dramatically, both in numbers of participants and  
numbers of courses. This fall we have 748 people taking 73 courses, a  
record! What does this mean for each of us as we try to craft an exciting  
and fulfilling study program? Unfortunately, for some of us it means  
disappointment. Let's look at the numbers.

This fall, by registration day, we had 750 members vying for space in 73  
classes. Prior to starting the computerized process, we had almost 50%  
of the 73 classes full or oversubscribed. The computer decided the  
placement of members in their classes, and as a result of our large  
numbers, 271 members were directly affected by the lottery and were  
put on wait lists. Fortunately we were able to pull some members off  
the wait lists and get them into their top choices.

gifted by the magnificent talent of YULIYA GORENMAN, either at one of her dazzling concerts or during her demonstration lectures in collaboration with Nancy Snider's Spring music course. Sadly, Yuliya's mother died just a short time before her October Bach concert at the Katzen. Yuliya is in the early stages of making a CD in honor of her mother. I know she would be greatly touched by our expressions of sympathy and our contributions to that project.

To that end, I will leave a card to be signed and an envelope for your contributions on the bulletin board in Chris' office at the Temple Baptist Church. Alternately, you can mail your contributions to me. I will forward the card and our group's expressions of condolence to YULIYA.

--Carol Levison  
4452 Q Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20007

## Summer 2012 Trip: Italy

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Cost: \$3,475 (airfare not

OLLI's policy for dealing with the problem is as evenhanded as we have been able to devise. Everyone has an equal chance of being admitted to a course, except those who failed to gain admittance the previous semester. These people are given preference, but note that this does not guarantee entrance, because sometimes the waiting list left over from the previous semester is greater in number than the people who can be admitted. We are also trying to encourage study group leaders to repeat popular courses.

What's to blame? Our wonderful courses and our wonderful members. In short, we are suffering some pains of success. We are looking for larger quarters and always trying to recruit more study group leaders, so we can offer more courses.

--Barbara Searle, Curriculum Committee Member

## Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) Food Drive Monday, November 7, to Friday, November 11 at noon,

Donations are desperately needed by the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) for area residents who are coping with hunger. Please bring several canned or boxed (no glass) items along with you on your way to OLLI.

You are also welcome to bring in or mail checks made out to "CAFB." They can be mailed to Selma Rosenthal at 4201 Cathedral Ave. NW 822E, Washington, DC 20016 or dropped in the locked lucite box on the back table in room 6 of the Temple Baptist Church.

Selma will collect and forward the checks to CAFB. Our collection of canned and boxed food, paper products and other goods will be distributed by the CAFB through its member agencies shortly thereafter. The CAFB is the largest public nonprofit hunger and

included). Space limited- register soon. Put together by OLLI member Mike Daniels and the Festival organizers.

[To register and for more details see the link here](#)

Contact: [music@amalfi-festival.org](mailto:music@amalfi-festival.org) or 301.587.6189.

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Join OLLI SGL Gina Guglielmo on a trip to London on June 9-15, 2012.

Cost: \$2,500 (including airfare from Dulles, double-occupancy accommodation, hotel breakfasts, and transportation). \$300 deposit required, balance due March 2012.

Check out the trip at <http://ginaguglielmo.grouptoursite.com> or contact Gina at [ginargug@yahoo.com](mailto:ginargug@yahoo.com) or Barbara Rollinson at [bjcbcr@aol.com](mailto:bjcbcr@aol.com) for additional information.

nutrition education resource in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area.

Many thanks for helping to make Thanksgiving a happier holiday for many DC families.

### The People of OLLI: Lena Frumin

After changing her name from Ellen to Lena, her motto became "everyone should have an opportunity to reinvent themselves." Lena Frumin is OLLI's program manager. Lena does everything from managing the website, keeping track of the growing class schedule and SGL training,



registering members, orchestrating our feedback process, designing and illustrating publicity materials and signage, writing thank you notes and condolence cards, coordinating lunches, working with our wonderful volunteer cadre, laying out and sending the newsletter, lecture series, and catalogs to answering phones and making coffee-- and, like our membership, trying to keep track of all the new and challenging ways that technology can aid or confuse us.

Lena was born in Philadelphia but grew up in Great Neck, NY, and graduated from the University of Michigan's Residential College and Public Health School, where she earned a Master's in Public Health. She was a Peace Corps volunteer in northern Togo in West Africa. Lena worked for the Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH) for several years where she traveled throughout Africa and worked with local organizations to integrate health messages into print materials for low-literate audiences.

Married to Matthew Frumin, Lena chose to stay home to raise their three children. She used what spare time she had to learn how to paint and a variety of other artistic endeavors. Matt is an attorney, an advisory neighborhood commissioner, and chair of the Wilson (High School) Management Corporation.

Over the years, Lena has done mosaics, painting, watercolor, and party animals. Recently she and Matt helped to organize the arts portion of the Wilson High School's 75th Anniversary Celebration. Lena painted like a fiend and recruited her mother in from Berkeley, CA to help sell

her own hand-painted scarves and lanterns.

Six years ago, Lena answered an ad in the *Northwest Current* for an OLLI staff position and became program manager, reinventing herself again, when Anne Wallace became OLLI's executive director.

--Ruth Darmstadter

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## December

**2: Board Meeting 1pm**

**5: Final Lecture--  
POSTPONED to March 6,  
2012.** Our apologies.

**7: Dessert, Coffee and More!  
OLLI Players Presentation at  
1:30** at the Mary Graydon  
Center. Free of Charge.  
Please RSVP to  
[OLLI@american.edu](mailto:OLLI@american.edu) to let us  
know you are joining us.

## Spring Semester

Keep your eyes open for the  
Spring catalog which should be  
in the mail in early January.  
Be sure to get your  
registrations in before the  
**registration assignment day,  
February 7, 2012.** Classes will  
begin on Feb. 27 and end in  
early May.

## Big History Continuation

**1491: New Revelations of  
the Americas Before  
Columbus** (Mann, Charles  
C.; Paperback; \$11.53)  
describes recent  
archeological findings dated  
up to 40,000 BCE,  
contradicting the present  
views about early Americas.  
At the request of several

## Letter from the Board Chair

Our Fall Semester is about to end and I always feel  
a little sad about it until the January lectures begin.

Our last hurrah is the OLLI holiday party on

**December 7 at Mary Graydon Center at 1:30 pm,**

when we will get together just for fun and to kick off  
the holiday season. Do come and see the OLLI

players and join us for dessert. This is a free event, **but you must  
RSVP to [olli@american.edu](mailto:olli@american.edu).**



This fall has resulted in remarkable growth for OLLI. We surmise it is  
perhaps partly due to the high quality of what we offer and partly due  
to the Baby Boom generation coming of age. For whatever reason, we  
welcome the 160 new members that who joined us this fall. Many  
thanks to the Study Group Leaders and Representatives, our office  
staff, and the many other volunteers that make OLLI at AU so  
successful. A special thanks to Martha Horne for organizing another  
spectacular lecture series. The list of the January Lecture series is  
[online](#).

During this past semester Board members have frequently been asked  
three questions about space. I'll answer the questions as best I can.

*\*No, we don't have a final decision from the Temple Baptist Church  
Council about reconsidering and extending our lease, although we are  
in the midst of discussions with them.*

*\*Yes, we expect that in the future AU will accommodate our space  
needs on or near the campus.*

*\*Yes, we are still searching for interim space.*

You received a letter from me recently asking that you donate to the  
OLLI Future Fund so that we can be prepared for the uncertainty in

participants in this falls "Big History" class, SGL Rene Springuel will direct discussions on this book every Wednesday at 10-12 pm at Capital Hall on the AU Tenley Campus from January 18 to February 22, 2012 (6 sessions). In addition to the participants from "Big History", other OLLI members will also be welcomed (Maximum 25 participants). Please call Demaris Carroll at 202.686.6277 or demaris@carroll@yahoo.com before January 10, 2012.

## Thanks!

Many thanks to our group of mailers led by Jaleh Labib and including: Patricia Brock, Penny English, Earl Hall, Joyce Johnson, and Mary Alice Stotlemeyer.

## Condolences

We are saddened by the loss of OLLI member, Christina Steinman.

## VOA Coordinator

Anyone interested in being the Coordinator for the Voice of America Class in the spring? We need someone to be the point person for the speaker series. If you are interested, call the office at 202.895.4860.

## Food Bank

providing space. We don't know yet if our costs will increase in the near term, nor what is the long term picture. **It is not too late to make your tax deductible donation.**

**Remember to sign up for OLLI Shorts, February 6 to 12, by December 14. If you did not receive the Shorts feel free to [download](#) a copy here.**

Have a happy, healthy holiday season.

--Bob Goodman, Board Chair

## Nomination & Election Committee

The Board of Directors has appointed the following members to the Nominations and Elections Committee: Bob Coe, Tessa Dinsmore, Penny English, Natalie Muiltz and Carl Rappaport.

This Committee will select six nominees for four vacancies on the Board for the 2012 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 at the Temple Baptist Church 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.

## Feedback Forms

If you would like to provide some feedback for a study group, but didn't get the opportunity, please download [a form](#) and send it in to us. Many thanks!

Congratulations OLLI! We collected 523 lbs. of food and raised \$1100 for the Food Bank (including a very generous donation from Edith Wyss and her class.)

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- A Shakespeare Play at the rebuilt Globe Theatre
- A Day Trip to nearby Rochester, site of Dickens' Home, Gad's Hill, and other settings for his novels

## Art Show

Please stop and see the work from the two art classes this semester-- Collage and Drawing-- at the Coffee, Dessert and Performance on Wednesday, December 7 at the Mary Graydon Center. Last Chance to RSVP for this event: [OLLI@american.edu](mailto:OLLI@american.edu) or call 202.895.4860.

## Spring Study Group Leader Training Sessions

Please [email](#) or call the office 202.895.4860 if you are interested in participating in the February Study Group Leader (SGL) Training sessions. Seasoned and new SGLs have found these four morning sessions to be useful and interesting. They will be coordinated by Selma Rosenthal and are scheduled for February 14, 16, 21, and 23 from 10-11:50 am.

## Much Depends On Dinner Book Discussion Group

**What:** A five-session discussion of Margaret Visser's *Much Depends on Dinner* (available in paper), her "extraordinary story" of the elements of an "ordinary" dinner. She explores the "weird, passionate history" of corn, butter, salt, rice, among other basic foods.

For more commentary on this book, see the [Amazon link](#).

**When:** Five Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30 pm, January 25-February 22.

**Where:** Soho Tea and Coffee, 2150 P Street, N.W. Soho is a short walk from Dupont Circle and close to the Dupont Circle Metro. Leader: Joel Denker, a food writer and veteran teacher (including OLLI groups), is the author, among other books, of *Capital Flavors: Washington's Ethnic Restaurants* and *The World on a Plate: A Tour through The History of America's Ethnic Cuisine*.

**Format:** Each session will be an examination of selected chapters of the book (approximately fifty pages). Participants will share their reactions and observations gained from close reading of Visser. The role of the leader will be to help guide and stimulate discussion, not to summarize the reading or to lecture. If interested, please contact Joel Denker, 202.483.3137, or [denker@starpower.net](mailto:denker@starpower.net) at your earliest convenience.

- A Day Trip to Chawton where Jane Austen lived and wrote

Go Ahead, the Tour Company, also offers several Optional Tours from London, including day trips to Windsor, Bath, Stonehenge, Stratford and The Cotswolds

Cost: \$2,500 (including airfare from Dulles, double-occupancy accommodation, hotel breakfasts, and transportation). \$300 deposit required, balance due March 2012.

Check out the trip at

<http://ginaguglielmo.grouptoursite.com>

or contact Gina at

[ginargug@yahoo.com](mailto:ginargug@yahoo.com)

or 202.965.4845 for additional information. A meeting for interested travelers will be held early in February.

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