

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

May 2012



OLL I

at American University Washington DC



Last Chance: OLL I Shorts

There are still places open in a few of the OLL I Shorts, which will take place May 21-24 and cost \$40. [Email us](#) today to let us know that you want to participate in one of the following:

942: Fun with Mathematics: 1-2:50

954: Renaissance Motet: 1-2:50

964: Emily Dickinson's Productive Year: 10-11:50

965: Interpreting Shakespeare: King Lear: 10-11:50

967: Shakespeare: Two Roman Plays: 1-2:50

975: Teddy Roosevelt is full.

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Letter from the Board Chair

Because OLL I has wisely chosen a one-year term limit for the Board Chair, this is my last note to the members for the OLL I newsletter. I am honored to have served as Chairman during our 30th anniversary year. This has been an exciting year, marked by our growth to more than 750 members and over 70 courses. We have also supported the AU expansion plan and we look forward to them helping us with our space needs as we outgrow our current locations.



The year will conclude with the 30th Anniversary Luncheon, ably planned and organized by the 30th Anniversary Committee, including Phil Schwartz, Helen Schwartz, Ruth Darmstadter, Anne Wallace, and Lena Frumin. I hope you all will be there on May 16 to help celebrate our achievements.

On behalf of the Board and our members I want to thank those who have made this year so rewarding. First, thank you to Anne Wallace, Lena Frumin, Cory Asmuth, and Mary Ferguson, who diligently work to put our program in place and to keep it running smoothly. Then, thanks to the more than 150 volunteers who put in many hours to make OLL I a special community:

Thank you to the Study Group Leaders (SGL's) who conceive, develop, and lead our exceptional courses, and to the Study Group Representatives (SGR's) who help with the details.

Thanks to the Curriculum committee, chaired by Dave Palmeter, who review and select our courses, to the Speaker

4: Study Group Leader Appreciation Luncheon, noon-Mary Graydon Center

Board Meeting, after the luncheon -Temple Baptist Church (TBC)

7: RSVPs due for the Thirtieth Anniversary

9: Miro Trip to the Kreeger Museum

16: Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration, 10 am-Katzen Arts Center

Thanks!

to Bruce Eisen, Martha Horne, Irwin Lebow, and Susan Willens for donating their class gifts to OLLI.

Condolences

To the family of OLLI member, Michael P. Boerner, who died on April 24, 2012. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 12, at 11:00 a.m. at Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, One Chevy Chase Circle, Washington, D.C. 20015.

Thanks!

Many thanks to

Series Committee, chaired by Martha Horne, and to the OLLI Shorts Coordinator, Linda Miller and the Shorts SGL's and SGR's.

Thank you to the operations and administrative volunteers, chaired by Jaleh Labib. Thanks to the newsletter editor, Helen Schwartz, and other volunteers who help to keep OLLI functioning, to the Facilities and Development Committee, chaired by Ray Rasenberger, that spends much time dealing with Temple Baptist Church issues, and with the larger problem of planning for space and funds to insure our future.

I want to thank the OLLI Board of Directors for their service to OLLI this year. Their collective effort has helped smooth the way for me as Chair.

Four Board members terms are ending this spring: Mickey Klein, Don Quayle, Carl Rappaport, and Selma Rosenthal. They have provided continuity and direction to keep us newcomers on track. We thank them for their dedication and expect them to continue to help OLLI in the future.

--Bob Goodman, OLLI Board Chair

Cool Poems for Hot Days

After the OLLI Shorts...

WHAT: "Cool Poems for Hot Days"

WHEN: alternate Tuesday afternoons beginning JUNE 12
2:00 to 3:30

WHERE: The Van Ness East Bldg., 2939 Van Ness St. NW, Apt. 1221)
(Note: It's a 4-minute walk from Van Ness metro, and there's valet parking)

DETAILS:

On each biweekly session we'll read aloud poems from *The Best American Poetry of 2005* (editor, Paul Muldoon, Pulitzer Prize winner and current poetry editor at *The New Yorker*). We will also read any poems we may have written during the week.

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Martha Horne for organizing another terrific speaker series. She is amazing!

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Mailings

We so much appreciated the help of the following volunteers who folded, stapled, and labeled the OLLI Shorts Speaker Series information: Hanne Caraher, Elizabeth Gillbanks, Earl Hall, Jaleh Labib, Erika Latchis, Mary-Alice Stotlemeyer, Tina Tate, and Sarah Whitener.

Last Chance: OLLI Anniversary Luncheon

Don't miss out on our fabulous celebratory luncheon on May 16. The day will begin at 10 am with lectures by Arnold Leibowitz, who will speak about the Explosive Life of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Jack Rasmussen, who will review the Curatorial Practice in the American University Museum. We will enjoy a delicious luncheon together and hear some brief remarks by Bob Goodman, Neil Kerwin, Phil Schwartz and then NPR Special Correspondent, Susan Stamberg, will talk about *Holding the Picture up to the Microphone*. Please send in a \$40 check to "OLLI" for the luncheon by **May 8**. We also welcome special anniversary contributions to OLLI.

Lucky to get my Alternate Choice!

Hidden away in Room 1 in the church this semester is a delightful course about women composers. John Bowen, a retired economics professor and grandson of a concert pianist, has put together a stimulating and rewarding syllabus about "Daughters of Eve", women composers unknown to most music enthusiasts. For the past ten weeks we have learned about largely unknown women who have created beautiful and inspiring music that is mostly ignored in the concert halls and on classical radio programs, from Fanny Mendelssohn to Dolly Parton. John has used the You tube to bring performances to the class as well as CD's of works by women often performed by women. The crowning treat last week was a live presentation by Becky Bowen, John's daughter, of an original composition as well as works by folk music composers. Becky lives in Strasbourg, France where she is a wife, mother and working member of a blue-grass group. This course was not a first choice, but a lucky alternate!

--Phyllis Homes

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