

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

March 2013



March

Join us Friday March 8th at 12noon for coffee and cake to send Lena off on her new path! All are welcome.

8: Botanical Gardens Field Trip, 1:30 pm

15: Study Group Representative Luncheon, 12:15 pm, TBC

18: Special Free Chopin Concert by Yuliya Gorenman, 1-2:15 pm, Katzen Arts Center Recital Hall

22: Curriculum Committee Meeting, 1 pm, TBC

OLL I Directory

Each semester we publish a directory of OLLI members so that members can communicate with each other. **This information is not shared outside our organization.** If you do not want any of your information shared, please let us know at

Letter from the Board Chair, Linda Miller

Spring Forward; Look Back: A Tribute to Lena on Leaving OLLI

We are all digesting the news that Lena's departure from OLLI is imminent. She indeed has greener pastures: her husband is running for DC Council, her son is home from college to help, her life is abuzz with activity; and her options for the future are endless.



Lena spent seven amazingly fruitful years with OLLI, helping to shape what has become a true institution of higher learning. As staff to the Curriculum Committee--- along with her myriad other duties, Lena and Anne have nurtured a small, independent non-profit organization, at once homeless and woefully underfunded, into a membership of nearly 1000 education-hungry retirees, offerings of 75 first-rate classes, and a community resource that at times feels more like a party than a school. They have made Study Group Leaders out of a tattered band of merry men and women, many of whom had never thought of themselves as class-room teachers or leaders, and who have blossomed into a broad bouquet of historians, scientists, artists, musicians, philosophers, analysts, sociologists, anthropologists, mathematicians and English teachers.

Through it all, Lena has remained at heart an artist. She is a creator and has literally and figuratively left her creative mark on OLLI. Her illustrations throughout our catalogues and mailings and her thoughtful and emotive works everywhere around OLLI are in part legacy and in part a reminder that creativity and change go hand in hand.

I believe there is not a soul at OLLI who will not miss Lena's sweet presence, thoughtful insights, and unflagging willingness to help anyone anywhere anytime. And I know that everyone joins me in wishing her well, letting her know how much she will be missed, and most importantly, assuring her that we would all love to help and support her in whatever is next. Change is a good thing, and it is upon us all.

Don't be a stranger, Lena!

--Linda Miller

Many Thanks

Selma Rosenthal and her team did a terrific job of holding our study group leader training session this month.

To **Elizabeth Gillbanks** for days of dutiful alphabetizing at our office. She really helps us to organize ourselves.

Mystery Book Club

A new mystery book club will hold its first meeting on Thursday, March 14 at the River Road Unitarian Church at noon and every other week thereafter. Please contact Barbara Coleman, mickeybc6@gmail.com or Susan Greif, Susangreif@gmail.com if you are interested in joining.

Board of Directors Election

Although the nominations and election committee has finalized its slate of nominees for spring, members may still petition to be put on the ballot for voting in April. Petitions are available at Temple Baptist Church or in the office, and must be signed by 20 current OLLI members and returned to the office not later than Friday March 15th. At the same time, a small bio (approximately 10 sentences) and a 2" x 3" (passport size) picture will need to be given to the office for inclusion on the information sent to all members prior to the election.

Yuliya Gorenman in all-Chopin piano recital

March 23, 2013 (Saturday) at 8 pm
"The Gorenman Piano Project: Chopin Edition"

Chopin: Barcarolle, Sonata No. 2 in B flat minor, Four Ballades

American University
Katzen Performing Arts Center
Information and tickets:

<http://american.tix.com/Event.asp?Event=530085>
Abramson Family Recital Hall
4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20016

Box Office: 202-885-3634; 202-885-3634, kac@american.edu
Open 11:00 to 5:00, Mon-Sat (and 1 hr before any event)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pB0BFhfixxA>

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