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[Annual Civil War Trip](#)

Last chance to join OLLI members on Wed., Nov. 9, for the Annual Civil War Trip with **Ed Bearss**. The trip will trace John Wilkes Booth's ride through DC and Maryland. Cost is \$40 plus lunch.

[Registrations need to be in by c.o.b.](#)

[tomorrow. Read more and register](#) on our website.

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The collage study group



Letter from the Chair

After five weeks, we are settling into our new home. We now know where our classrooms are and, from the comments I have received, members are pleased with the rooms including the chairs, tables, and tech equipment. However, as several members at our Fall Town Meeting pointed out, we are not fully using our fifth floor social space.

To encourage folks to gather in the social space, we are instituting a once-a-week "Coffee Break" between classes. In addition to free coffee, we will have cookies and snacks once a week. The first "Coffee Break" will be next Monday, Nov. 7, at 11:15 am. I look forward to seeing you there.

As I mentioned at the Town Hall, you will be receiving a membership questionnaire shortly. This is the first time in many years our OLLI has surveyed the membership. We are using Survey Monkey because it is extremely easy to use, and, more importantly, responses are **totally anonymous**. Nobody, not even Survey Monkey staff, can find out who is responding. So, please answer the questions. We have limited questions to those that might result in responses useful to our Planning Committee and other committees as they work on short- and long-term plans. Although we hope that you will answer all questions, each question is optional.

Not surprisingly, parking was discussed at the Town Hall. Generally, parking has worked well with members finding space and with fewer problems using kiosks for payment. However, at least two members have received an AU \$200 parking ticket for violating the Good Neighbor Policy by parking on the street. Unfortunately the office cannot help in that

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situation. And one member received an AU \$50 parking ticket for allegedly overstaying their paid time in the garage. Luckily, the member had the receipt which showed the member did not stay too long. We contacted AU and AU voided the ticket. We don't think this will happen very often but please keep your receipt.

We will be holding our Holiday Party in mid-December. More details will be sent via email. The holiday party is always a joyous affair and I hope that all of you come and celebrate.

All the best,
Stan Newman

What OLLI Members Are Reading: Part 2

OLLI members tend to be avid readers. We've asked a random group, "What did you read over the summer?" Here are some of the replies (which have been edited for length and clarity). More in future newsletters.

Joy Mara: I tend to read mostly literary fiction, with recent titles including: *The Last Painting of Sara DeVos*, Dominic Smith; *Seeing Calvin Coolidge in a Dream*, John Derbyshire; *Capital*, John Lancaster; and *Roscoe*, William Kennedy. I also read a couple of non-fiction books: *The German War*, Nicholas Stargardt; and *Tsukiji: The Fish Market at the Center of the World*, Theodore Bester. In addition, I try to read some French each day, including *Les Vingt Ans du Jeune Homme Vert*, Michel Deon; and *Les Goldmans de Baltimore*, Joel Dicker. I did some light reading, such as *Love in Scotland Street*, Alexander McCall Smith; *Even Dogs in the Wild*, Ian Rankin; and *Cometh the Hour*, Jeffrey Archer.

Joe Gerber: *The Monuments Men*, by Robert Edsel (I enjoyed it very much, and recommend it); *Rogue Lawyer*, by John Grisham (Lots of humor, but truthfully, I thought it was a waste of time. I've read other Grisham novels and thought they were much better); and *Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling*, by Ross King (Michelangelo was without doubt a genius; recommended for art lovers as well as history buffs).

Patricia Bell: I had a great reading summer, mostly fiction with a mystery and biography thrown in for good measure: *Falling in Love* by Donna Leon, her latest Brunetti mystery; an older Joyce Carol Oates, *You Must Remember This*; a recent Elizabeth Strout, *My Name is Lucy Barton*; a biography to recommend: *Hissing Cousins: The Lifelong Rivalry of Eleanor Roosevelt and Alice Roosevelt Longworth* by Marc Peyser and Timothy Dwyer. And two other fiction: *King of Cuba* by Cristina Garcia and *The Hummingbird* by Stephen P. Kiernan.

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