



Letter from the Board Chair



Janus, the Roman god for whom this month is named, was the god of beginnings and transitions. This entire year promises to be a period of beginnings and transitions: a new resident at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, yet to be determined, and new occupants at 4801 Massachusetts Avenue: namely, us.

We start the new year on a high note, the announcement of a second million-dollar grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation. We are grateful for this acknowledgement of our OLLI's past performance, of our members' commitment and devotion, and of the promise of a secure and illustrious future.

Now it's time to consider our abundant choices for the months ahead: participation in the February Shorts, registration for the Spring semester, and attendance at our many fine open lectures.

Janus may look back as well as forward, but at OLLI, although we're proud of all we've accomplished, our eyes are fixed firmly on the future.

Gloria Kreisman
Chair, OLLI Board of Directors

Announcing Trip to Rodin Exhibit at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

Join other OLLI members for a trip to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts on Sat., Feb. 20. Members will have timed tickets for the *Rodin: Evolution of a Genius* exhibit and a docent-led tour of the new McGlothlin Collection focusing



on the pieces from the Gilded Age to the Ash Can School. [Read all the details and register online.](#) Cost is \$50/person. Deadline to register is Tues., Feb. 2.

Register for Trip to Walters Art Museum

The deadline is Wed., Jan. 20 to register for the trip to see the *Pearls on a String: Artists, Patrons, and Poets at the Great Islamic Courts* at the Walters Museum of Art in Baltimore on Friday, Jan. 29. You can [register online](#).

Study Group on Prehistoric Rock Art Visits the National Museum of Natural History



In December, Study Group Leader Ahmed Achrati (far left) led members of his study group on Prehistoric Rock Art on a tour of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. One of the joys of an OLLI Study Group is the opportunity to take a field trip with an expert.

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Spring Semester Catalog Updates

All changes to spring study groups are noted on the website. Under the "Study Group" menu, select "[Spring 2016 Catalog Updates.](#)"

The following classes are cancelled:

156: US and Global Challenges

425: Stem Cells

635: The Latin American Short Story II

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Congratulations! We made it through The Blizzard of 2016!

Now all the white stuff has melted, the streets are cleared, and transportation is back to normal (or what passes for normal in our nation's capital.) What remains is the warm memory of neighbors looking out for neighbors, of young people shoveling paths for those who couldn't, of an old-time, small-town feeling under all that beautiful, treacherous snow.

Now it's time to turn our thoughts to spring. Long before Daylight Saving Time begins, you'll be notified of your course schedule for the new semester that starts on February 29th. (Yes, this is a leap year.) In addition to wonderful classes to engage your mind, there are weekly lectures, trips, and special events. You will be invited to attend another gala musical event in May.

OLLI has so much to offer, most of which is included in your membership fee. We urge you to mark your calendar as these events are announced, and take advantage of the full OLLI experience.

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676: Connecting with Young Adult Literature

Other changes:

731: More New Perspectives on History:

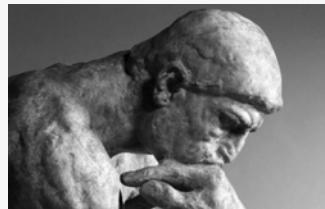
This study group will begin on **March 9.**

Lunch Bunch Mystery Discussion Group

Cindy Lisec and Susan Greif are organizing a lunch bunch mystery discussion group for the spring semester. It will meet at noon on alternate Wednesdays, beginning March 9, at the Greek Orthodox Church, noon-12:45.

Bring your bag lunch, meet fellow mystery enthusiasts, and read some fun books. (Books will be announced at the end of the month.) This does NOT count as an OLLI class. If you want further information, join the contact list by emailing Susan at susangreif@gmail.com

Reminder: Deadline Extended for Registering for Rodin Exhibit at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts



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Free Concert with Nancy Snider

Nancy Snider and the Alumni Music Ensemble are appearing at the Katzen Arts Center in the Abramson Recital Hall in a free concert this evening at 7:00 pm.

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THE ALUMNI MUSIC ENSEMBLE
P R E S E N T I N G



Carley DeFranco
soprano



Katherine Riddle
soprano



Nancy Jo Snider
violoncello
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Condolences

OLLI members Ed Cohn, Elizabeth des Cognets, Martha Hatleberg, and Fred North died early this year. We extend our condolences to their families and friends.

Mystery Lunch

Letter from the Board Chair



So much has been written about the benefits, physical and psychological, of keeping one's mind active and engaged as we grow older. We have only to look around us, in our new OLLI classes, to verify the truth of that premise. Observe your classmates as they participate in discussions, or simply listen with pleasure to your leaders and colleagues, and watch the years drop away. The learning experience is a powerful anti-aging medicine for which you don't need a prescription, just an OLLI membership.

Bernard Osher certainly was on to something of great benefit to society when he underwrote what has grown into a nationwide network of 119 institutions for lifelong learning. We are proud to be one of them.

Gloria Kreisman
Chair, OLLI Board of Directors

Thank You ...

... to our generous SGLs who donated their class gifts in the fall: Josh Berman, Ben Boley, Tony Cafoncelli, Bob Coe, Ken Coffey, Bruce Forrest,

Bunch

The Mystery Lunch Bunch will have its first meeting on Wednesday, March 9, from 12:00-12:45pm at the Greek Orthodox Church to discuss Louise Penny's *The Nature of the Beast*. (We understand that you may arrive a bit late and/or need to head out a bit early for your morning or afternoon classes elsewhere.) So bring your lunch and come ready to discuss Penny's latest work.

Other meetings will include:

- March 23: *Death of An Englishman* by Magdalene Nabb
- April 6: *The Crossing* by Michael Connelly
- April 20: *The Last Detective* by Peter Lovesey
- May 4: We'll leave this date open.
- Possible 5th book: possible presentations on favorite books, authors, and characters; possible book swap. We'll see what the group decides.

Be sure to RSVP to
susangreif@gmail.com
so we'll make sure there is enough seating for all.

Leslie Forrest, Irwin Lebow, Jim Lieberman, Van Ooms, Jacques Read, Phyllis Thorburn, and Stanley Weiss.

Study Group Rep (SGR) Appreciation Luncheon

If you are an SGR for a study group this semester, we invite you to join us for an appreciation luncheon at Temple Baptist Church on Thursday, March 17, at noon, in the large downstairs room.

Refund Reminder

The last day to request a refund, which must be in writing, such as an email, is Friday, March 11.

February Shorts Field Trip

One of the February Shorts, led by Ralph Buglass, was DC's Segregated Schools. The course examined the history of school segregation in DC and the consequences for DC's schools today. Below is a photo of course members at the Sumner School Museum in downtown DC. The Sumner School was one of the earliest schools for African Americans in DC.



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Thank You ...

to Osa Coffey for contributing her class gift to OLLI. We inadvertently left her out of the list last month.

Kalanidhi Dance Group Performance

Anurandha Nehru and her dancers will be performing at the UDC Theater of Arts on April 9 of Rasa Revisited. More information about Anurandha and the

Letter from the Board Chair



Never mind Bernie, Hillary, Ted and Donald: we have an election of our own coming up soon.

We'll be voting for four members to serve three-year terms on our Board of

Directors. The nominees include three current Board members who are eligible for re-election, and three candidates selected from the general membership by the Nominating Committee. The complete slate is shown below, and will make brief statements at our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 12, at 12:15, downstairs at the Temple Baptist Church.

We urge you to exercise your privilege as an OLLI member, and make your four choices known. You can vote online (highly recommended) on our election site (different from the OLLI website) or cast a chad-free paper ballot.

No debates, super-PACs, or conventions: just good old-fashioned democracy in action.

Gloria Kreisman
Chair, OLLI Board of Directors

2016 Board Elections

Dear Members,

Nominations and election of new Board of

performance can be found at www.kalanidhi.org. If interested, please call 202-361-3067 and tell them you are an OLLI member for a discounted admission.

Directors members are upon us. The Nominations and Elections Committee has developed their slate. OLLI By-laws also indicate that members may nominate themselves or others by obtaining 20 active members to sign a [petition](#) and return it to the OLLI office. We are running slightly behind so petitions must be at our office by this Friday, April 8. Along with the petition, please include a 150-word bio and a passport-sized photo. We will compile the final list of candidates and email it to all members as well as post it to our website by next Monday, April 11. At our Annual Meeting at 12:15 pm on Tuesday, April 12, all candidates are given a few minutes to introduce themselves. On-line voting will begin that afternoon and be open for two weeks, closing on April 26.

OLLI Staff

Bloomsday OLLI Op Reminder

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, June 16, 2016 for an OLLI Bloomsday Reading (of highlights from James Joyce's Ulysses). The reading will take place from 1:30 – 5:30 pm at the Tenley-Friendship branch of the DC Public Library, 4450 Wisconsin Avenue NW, with cast party to follow at a local pub.

All OLLI members may be readers. If you want to read and want a copy of the draft script (or if you just want the script), please contact OLLI member **Bob Kolodney** at rbk987@verizon.net.

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May 20
Dick Budson Sextet
Fundraiser

May 31
June lectures begin

July 25
Fall catalogs mail

Our Sympathies

OLLI member **Michael Horne**, husband of member **Martha Horne**, died in January. OLLI member **Janice Earl** died March 9.

We extend our sympathies to all of Michael's and Janice's

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2016 Board Election Results

Myra Barron, Gloria Kreisman, Dave Palmeter, and Betsy White were elected to the Board.

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Thank you to all of the candidates for running for office and to the Nominations and Elections Committee for their work.

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June Lecture Series

The June Lecture Series has been finalized. Flyers are available at OLLI locations. You can also [view or download the announcement flyer](#) online.

Fall Catalog Mailing

The Fall 2016 catalog should be mailed by Monday, July 25. Please allow at least one week for your catalog to arrive.

"Cool Poems for Hot Days" Starts June 9

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JUNE 1-2, 7-9, 14-16

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JUNE 9

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News Updates

Over the summer, the office will be sending out lots of information about our new space, along with parking information, notices of open houses, and tours. Please check your email regularly.

THANK YOU

We owe thanks to those members who have served as Chair of a committee or on the Board, including:

Bob Goodman, who has finished his terms on the Board,

Gloria Kreisman, who served as Chair of the Board.

Phil Schwartz, who served as Treasurer, and **Beverly Zweiben**, who served as Chair of the

Letter from the Board Chair



As your new Chair, I am delighted and privileged to announce that we have signed the 4801 Massachusetts lease with American University! Not since The Institute for Learning in Retirement became the Osher Lifelong

Learning Institute has there been a more momentous event in OLLI's history. We owe a big thanks to my wonderful predecessor, Gloria Kreisman, our excellent Executive Director, Anne Wallace, and our great lawyers, Ray Rasenberger and Bruce Wolff, all of whom worked so hard to secure OLLI's new home.

With our new venue we will enhance our sense of community and accomplish even more than we already have. And what we have accomplished in the past year is extremely impressive.

In the 2015-16 year, we increased our membership to 1228 members including 295 new members. With the outstanding efforts of Naomi Heller and the Curriculum Committee, we had 178 Study Groups and, under the amazing leadership of Denise Leibowitz and her committee, four outstanding lecture series. Barbara Rollinson, our Social Committee chair, organized two very successful new member breakfasts, two Open Houses, and our holiday party.

On May 20, we held a fabulous fundraiser with the Dick Budson Jazz Sextet, with thanks to Sue Rolnick, Mickey Klein, Anne Wallace and her staff,

Personnel Committee.

Here's to the ...

2016-2017 Board of Directors:

Stan Newman, Chair*
Barbara Rollinson,
Vice Chair*
Myra Barron, Treasurer*
Katy Adams, Secretary*
Sue Boley
Lewis Cohen
Gloria Kreisman
Denise Liebowitz*
Larry McCarthy
Dave Palmeter
Phil Schwartz
Betsy White

*Executive Committee

and Here's to ...

the 2016-2017 Committee Chairs:

Curriculum:

Naomi Heller

Development:

Sue Rolnick

Facilities:

Ray Rasenberger

Investment:

Phil Schwartz

Lecture Series:

Denise Liebowitz

Membership &

Publicity:

Larry McCarthy

Personnel:

JoAnne Friedenthal

Social:

Jeanne Kent

Volunteers:

Sue Boley

and the Development Committee, not only netted \$17,000 for the OLLI Future Fund but was a great community builder. Thanks to everyone who sponsored and all of the members who attended the event.

Alice Weinstein, our Trip Coordinator, did a stellar job organizing a trip to the Walters Art Museum, two trips to the Mosaic Theater, and a trip to the the Visionary Art Museum, .

I wish you the best of summers, while you are joyfully anticipating coming to classes, lectures, and events in 4801 this Fall.

Stan Newman

Chair, Board of Directors

Bloomsday

Thanks to all of the OLLI members who participated in reading James Joyce's Ulysses. A special thanks to Bob Kolodney for organizing the event. It was a great success. See photos below.



Catalog Mailing

The Fall 2016 catalog should be mailed on or around July 22. Catalogs

are mailed Bulk Mail.
Please be patient. We
will also post it on our
website.

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I hope everyone has had a happy and healthy summer and joins me in looking forward to our first semester at 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW. We have had a great response to the course offerings this semester including 181 new member registrations.

Open House Schedule

Mon., September 19

1:00-3:00 pm

Tues., September 20

9:30-11:30 am

Wed., September 21

1:00-3:00 pm

We will be holding three Open Houses before classes begin on September 26. **See the Open House Schedule at left.** Staff and volunteers will be on hand to give tours of our new and wonderful space and to answer any questions. The first week of classes we also will have Board members greeting everyone and facilitating to insure a smooth transition to our new space.

Meet Susan Kalil

Much to our delight, Susan Kalil has joined our staff as Administrative Assistant. Susan is likely the first person you will encounter as she answers the phone or greets you at the front desk. Susan was facility manager at River Road last spring.

As to parking, as you know we and AU are bound to follow the "Good Neighbor Policy," which was explained in an email sent to everyone this summer. You can also find the policy on [OLLI's website](#) and on [AU's website](#). We must park in either the 4801 garage or the Katzen Center garage. There is a free AU shuttle which runs from the Katzen Center to 4801, which is now called the Spring Valley Building. There is also a free AU shuttle bus from the Tenley Metro stop to the Spring Valley Building. Each shuttle going to the Spring Valley Building will display "SVB" in the electronic banner that runs above the windshield. I am sure that with a little patience and

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flexibility, parking will work out and that all of us will be delighted with our new space.

Please plan to attend the lectures which will be held on Friday afternoons from 1:30 - 2:30 pm. Denise Liebowitz and the Lecture Committee have once again brought outstanding speakers to OLLI. The first speaker this semester is AU professor Alan Lichtman, who many of us remember from past lectures as a dynamic and incredibly insightful speaker. Professor Lichtman will be speaking on Friday, **Sept. 30, at 1:30 pm at the Katzen Center**.

I hope to see all of you at one of the Open Houses and I know you will share my enthusiasm for our new OLLI home.

All the best,
Stan Newman

First OLLI Fall Lecture

**Friday, September 30, 1:30 pm
Abramson Recital Hall, Katzen Arts Center**

Predicting the Next President:

The Keys to the White House 2016

Forget the polls. Dismiss the pundits. Ignore the campaign news cycle. Professor Allan J. Lichtman has developed a system for predicting the behavior of American voters that is so accurate he has successfully predicted the outcome of every presidential election since 1984. Spurning the usual approach of demographics, analytics, and polling, Lichtman believes the American electorate to be smarter and more pragmatic than it is often given credit for and will reward the political party

that serves it well and punish those that fail. His thirteen keys are true/false statements that he says indicate whether the incumbent party will be able to hold onto the White House. Will he continue his winning streak in the 2016 election?

Allan J. Lichtman is Distinguished Professor of History at American University and the author or co-author of nine books and more than 100 articles. He has testified as an expert witness on civil rights in more than 90 cases and regularly provides media commentary and analysis. His 2013 book FDR and the Jews won the National Jewish Book Award. "Predicting the Next President: The Keys to the White House 2016" updates the forecasting system Professor Lichtman initially developed in 1981 with Russian mathematician Vladimir Kellis-Borok.

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Correction

There is a 35-cent surcharge per session for paying by calling PayByPhone or using the PayByPhone app. The surcharge is per session, not per hour.

Reminders

This Friday at 5:00pm is the deadline for requesting a refund.

There are NO CLASSES next Wed., Oct. 12,



Letter from the Chair

Congratulations to all! The first week in our new home, the Spring Valley Building, was a great success. I was delighted to hear from many members how much they enjoyed being in the new building. It would not have been so successful if it were not for the heroic efforts of our wonderful Executive Director Anne Wallace and the OLLI staff: Tony Long, Mary Fran Miklitsch, Susan Kalil, and Jade Carter-Smalley, and our temp. Delante Jackson. Board members were also wonderful in volunteering every day to help folks to find their way to classes and to use the parking kiosks.

Last week, we had 87 study groups and 980 members in the building. We were joined by 207 new members. Please make a special effort to welcome them.

We were all relieved to find ample parking, especially on C3 (the lowest level of the garage). I thank all of you for being so patient in learning how to use the parking kiosks. It appears nobody received an AU ticket for overstaying their paid time. Also thank you for complying with the Good Neighbor Policy.

We did notice that the social spaces on the fifth floor are underused. There is free coffee and lots of room. We hope that more folks, particularly those who have classes on the first floor, will come and greet their fellow members.

The week ended with a bang: Professor Allan

because of Yom Kippur.

Carpooling

If you are interested in carpooling to OLLI study groups with other members, sign the sheets in the social space nearest to the OLLI office.

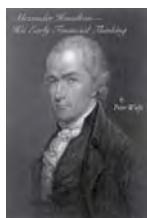
Lichtman's lecture on predicting the outcome of the presidential election. The reservation system worked beautifully with over two hundred people making reservations online. Remember, all remaining lectures in the Fall series will be held in room 101 at the Spring Valley Building.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the OLLI Town Hall on October 28 at 1:30pm in SVB room 101.

All the best,
Stan Newman

Materials Needed

The collage class welcomes any materials you no longer need which could be used in their artwork. Examples include magazines, old jewelry, interesting fabric scraps, and found objects with interesting shapes.



New Book by OLLI SGL Peter Wolfe

Alexander Hamilton, the first Secretary of the Treasury, was primarily responsible for the establishment of a financial system which led to the growth and stability of the American economy. This book, based in large part on Hamilton's writings, follows the development of his

Yuliya Gorenman

Piano recital

Sat., Oct. 8, 2016, 8 pm

"The Gorenman Russian Project"

Katzen Arts Center

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What OLLI Members Are Reading: Part 1

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Marty Nemirow: *Age of Ambition*, by Evan Osnos. a National Book Award winner. It is in-depth nonfiction reporting on colorful and controversial people who have both defied Chinese repression of human rights, but also have benefited often from huge corruption from its new economic freedoms. Osnos asks why western political freedoms have not accompanied freer markets. Businessmen, intellectuals,

financial thinking and describes how he fought for the implementation of that system before he became Secretary of the Treasury.

and bureaucrats of one regime are punished by succeeding regimes. The author spent years on China taking risks by befriending the main controversial characters.

Cindy Liseć: I moved this summer and while I was unpacking I listened to several of the books from the amusing cozy Fethering mystery series by Simon Brett. *Body on the Beach* introduces the retirees Carole and Jude, who are neighbors and opposites in personality and experience. Mary Beard's readable *SPQR* explores the growth of Rome from 63 BCE to 212 CE. She identifies why Rome grew and what bound together its citizens. *The Year of Lear* (1606), by James Shapiro, links the social, political and cultural events, especially the *Gunpowder Plot*, to show how they may have influenced Shakespeare while he wrote King Lear, Antony and Cleopatra, and Macbeth.

Sy Efros: My favorites were: *World of Yesterday*, by Stefan Zweig; *Citizens of London*, by Lynn Olson, and *Dead Wake*, by Erik Larson. Zweig's pictures of pre-Nazi Vienna and Paris are riveting. He met a tragic end. Olson's description of the broadcaster Edward R. Murrow, US Ambassador John Gilbert Winant, and Averell Harriman (who was in London to direct our Lend-Lease program) are vivid. She also describes the Churchill family and Roosevelt so as to make them true-to-life figures. Finally, Larson's *Dead Wake* is a good picture of WWI and the events that led us into that war.

Yuliya Gorenman

Piano recital

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Thank You ...

... to Stan Cohen who once again provided complimentary tickets to the Nationals game on September 13. Sixteen OLLI members attended, including several who had never seen Nats Park before. Thank

you, Stan, for your
continuing generosity.

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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.

Materials for Collage
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

welcomes donations of all kinds of materials, including magazines, fabric, ribbon, old books, etc. Bring your donations to the OLLI Office.

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

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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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Letter from the Chair

2016 is the historic year that OLLI at AU moved to our new home and we can all be grateful that we made the transition so effectively. Many thanks to Anne, Tony, Mary Fran, Susan and Jade for their hard work, cheerfulness and patience.

From all accounts, classes and lectures were extremely well received. The concerns we had about the use of the fifth floor social space have been lessened as more and more members became aware of the space. Jeanne Kent, our hospitality chair arranged “coffee breaks” every week on a different day. They were a great help in increasing awareness to members of our social space. Next year we will continue our once a week “coffee breaks.” Bob Hausman suggested that we add a once a week “lunch break” between morning and afternoon classes with coffee and lemonade, which we will do.

Next year is the **35th anniversary** of the founding of OLLI. We will be celebrating all year long with great **lectures** thanks to Denise Liebowitz and her lecture committee starting January 10th. A wonderful **series of short courses February 6-10th** and the beginning of a new semester March 6th. We are beginning to plan a gala event in late spring to commemorate our 35th year.

We are also beginning to plan for summer activities now that we have a year round facility. Thanks to all who filled out the questionnaire, we had a very good response with 405 replies. A summary of the responses will soon be on the OLLI website. The replies will be very helpful in our program planning.

I also want to thank everyone who has

Thank You ...

... to our volunteers who helped stuff, seal, and stamp our end-of-year mailing in record time!

Patricia Bell

Ben Boley

Sue Boley

Nancy Bryson

Diana Elkin

Penny English

Anne Fishman

Elizabeth Gillbanks

Elizabeth Hodes

Tess Johnston

Joanne McCarron

Paula McMartin

Dee Payne

Linda Roberts

Barbara Rollinson

Clare Soponis

Elizabeth Taylor

Susan Yoder

already responded to my end of the year fundraising letter and all those who will respond by the end of the year.

It is my pleasure to announce that the Board of Directors has approved Anne Wallace's recommendation that Tony Long be named Deputy Executive Director of OLLI. Congratulations to Tony for a well-deserved promotion.

I look forward to seeing you at the **OLLI holiday party on December 15th from 4-6pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church on River Road**. The party will be held in Fellowship Hall. Alan Frey has graciously agreed to play the piano for the event. **Happy Holidays to everyone!**

All the best,
Stan Newman

2016 Civil War Trip



On November 9, OLLI members joined Civil War SGL Chris Bradley and expert Ed Bearss for a tour of John Wilkes Booth's escape route through the District and Maryland.

What OLLI Members Are Reading: Part 3

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Larry Walders: I read *Everybody's Fool* by Richard Russo. It follows his best seller *Nobody's Fool*.

Both are set on a depressed area of upstate New York with a cast of bizarre characters who go through episodes of hilarious and semi-tragic experiences. The writing is entertaining and also provides insights into small-town life.

Dorothy Wexler: I did a mishmash of reading this summer. I started with a book I've been longing to get to: *Leningrad, Siege and Symphony* by Brian Moynahan, a long book focused on Shostakovich composing his Seventh Symphony during the siege of Leningrad, following up with the new novel by Julian Barnes, *The Noise of Time*, also about Shostakovich. The Barnes was a present as were a couple of other books I read: *A Thousand Miles to Freedom*, by Eunsun Kim about her escape from North Korea and *Memories from Moscow to the Black Sea*, by the Russian journalist "Teffi." For book groups I belong to, I read the extraordinary World War I novel by the Irish author Sebastian Barry, *A Long Long Way* and *Disraeli: The Novel Politician* by David Cesarini, which examines how "Jewish" Disraeli was. Then for fun: *Love in a Cold Climate* by Nancy Mitford and *Imperium: A Novel of Ancient Rome*, by the incomparable Robert Harris (in anticipation of the Roman history class which I was lucky to get into).

Robert Adamson: What I read this summer: Andrew Solomon, *Far From The Tree*; Dara Horn, *A Guide For the Perplexed* and *On All Other Nights*; M.L. Stedman, *A Light Between the Oceans*; Anne Tyler, *A Hole to America*; Thomas Buergenthal, *A Lucky Child*, and Dalia Sofer *The Septembers of Shiraz*.

Peter MacGahan: *Flashpoints*, by George Friedman, *The Garments of the Court and Palace*, by Philip Bobbitt, and *The Jewish Gospel of John*, by Eli Lizorkin-Eyzenberg.

Peter Sherman: I read *Waiting*, by Ha Jin. Highly recommend this novel set in China during the cultural revolution; *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*, by Carson McCullers, a classic well worth reading or rereading, and David Brooks' *Road to Character*.

Linda Roeder: *Between the World and Me*, by Ta Nehisi Coates; *Wolf Hall*, by Hilary Mantel; *The Sympathizer*, by Viet Thanh Nguyen; *Devil in the White City*, by Erik Larson; *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr; *The Secret River*, by Kate Grenville; and *Euphoria*, by Lily King.

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