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A SEASON FOR GIVING

This is the time of year when we take stock of what we truly value in our lives: family, friends, adventures, home, travel. For many of us, OLLI has become an important focus in our retirement. The intellectual challenge, staying current with the world around us, the sheer pleasure of learning something new, being part of a community, and sharing perspectives with others are just some of the reasons why OLLI plays a central role in our lives.

This is the season when we appeal to our members to support what they love. And our members love OLLI. How do we know? Because they told us.

Next to spending more time with grandchildren, participating in OLLI has been my greatest joy in retirement.

— Mark Nadel

I am energized by intellectual stimulation, perhaps more so than ever at this age. What a privilege to be surrounded by others at OLLI who feel the same way!

— Joanne Cogar

I came to OLLI for the stimulation of the classes. Over time, I have found a community of peers.

— Stu Frisch

Tuition alone doesn't pay for everything we need. Without generous OLLI members like Mark, Joanne, Stu, and so many others, we would not have been able to:

- Move from Temple Baptist Church into the Spring Valley Building
- Install hearing loops
- Provide full-time audiovisual support for our classes
- Expand the scholarship program
- Increase opportunities for staff development

Last year, 27 percent of our membership donated to OLLI at AU. How great would it be to see that participation rate climb significantly this year. Large gifts, small gifts, *all* gifts matter!

I hope that during this season of giving, you will be inspired to join your OLLI friends and colleagues who have generously given to ensure the continued excellence of our lifelong learning enterprise now and into the future.

Wishing you a meaningful and joyous holiday season,

Denise Liebowitz

Chair, OLLI Board of Directors

OLLI Book Club

The second annual OLLI Book Club will discuss the fascinating and provocative book by the acclaimed author Richard Reeves, *Dream Hoarders: How the American Upper Middle Class Is Leaving Everyone Else in the Dust, Why That Is a Problem, and What We Can Do About It*.

We hope that many OLLI members will read the book and come to the discussion which will be led by Richard Reeves. OLLI members and study group leaders Mark Nadel and John Peterson will join Mr. Reeves in the discussion.

The event will be held at **4801 Massachusetts Ave. in Room A (first floor) on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 10:00 AM**. There is no cost to attend. Please click [here](#) to register. If you have any questions, please contact Stan Newman at stanleynewman@prodigy.net.

Summer Curriculum Coordinators

OLLI is looking for several enthusiastic volunteers to help coordinate its summer academic programming for the June Minis and July Shorts. These programs run four weeks and one week, respectively. Summer Curriculum Coordinators will work closely with OLLI staff and be responsible for soliciting proposals, acknowledging receipt of proposals, and communicating

with potential study group leaders. Interest and/or experience in at least one of the subject areas is preferable but not necessary. A love of OLLI's academic programming and a desire to help it grow is necessary. If you're interested in learning more about this position, please contact Lesley Diaz at ldiaz@american.edu.

Upcoming Events at OLLI at AU

JAMES JOYCE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Friday, Feb. 1, 2019, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

1st Floor, Room A, Spring Valley Building, 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW

At this "birthday celebration" for James Joyce, participants will read the beginning of *Ulysses*. A complimentary light lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend. Please register if you are interested: <https://www.ollie-dc.org/events/jamesjoyce>.

Upcoming Events at American University

NOTE: For any AU-specific event, **please contact the sponsoring department directly.**

FILMS ACROSS BORDERS: STORIES OF WOMEN

Montparnasse Bienvenue

School of Communications

Tues., December 11, 2018

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM EST

Free, but reservations recommended. Seating on a first-come, first-serve basis.

[RSVP](#)

Léonor Serraille's debut feature isn't the first French film to follow a young woman lost in the city, flirting with madness following a difficult break-up. But it may well be the most surprising and most honest, snapping in and out of a comedic tone to reveal an honest portrait of someone in genuine distress.

Union Maids

School of Communications

Tues., December 18, 2018

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM EST

Free, but reservations recommended. Seating on a first-come, first-serve basis.

[RSVP](#) For Takoma location, [RSVP](#) For Shirlington location

Sitdowns, scabs, goon squads, unemployment, hunger marches, red baiting and finally the energetic birth of the CIO: the 1930s were a landmark period for the American labor movement. *Union Maids* is the story of three women who lived that history and make it come alive today.

Our Mission

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University is an association of, by, and for the people in the Washington, DC area who wish to continue to study and learn. OLLI at AU is dedicated to the proposition that learning is a lifelong process and that curiosity never retires.

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