

# Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

November 2011



## November

2: **Shorts Proposals** due

4: **Board Meeting:** 1 pm,  
Temple Baptist Church

7-11: **Food Drive**

16: **Spring Proposals** due

18: **Study Group Leader**

**Luncheon:** noon, Mary  
Graydon Center:

**Curriculum Committee**  
**Meeting** 1:30, Temple  
Baptist Church

23-25: **Thanksgiving**  
**Break**

## OLLI Directory

Missing from the Fall

Directory were **Mel**

**Hurwitz**

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and Curriculum

Committee Chair **Dave**

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301.881.0425;

**Trudy Stanchfield**,

202.362.5457; and **Sandy**

**Silverman**,

## Letter from the Board Chair

We are halfway through the 2011 fall semester and we seem to have acclimated to our surprising growth spurt. I hope our 170 new members as well as our veteran members have experienced the kind of satisfaction that brings me back to OLLI each year.



At the town meeting on October 13 there was considerable discussion about our ability to accommodate the large increase in membership and our expected continued growth. The Board does not want to put a cap on membership if that can be avoided. We feel it would be contrary to our goal of providing Lifelong Learning opportunities to the community. Clearly there is a need to add more classroom space at another location as well as continue to increase the number of courses offered. As you know, identifying new space for the near term has been an ongoing priority for a number of years. We expect to reach a decision on space for the near future soon. For the longer term our ideal solution is to work with AU to obtain space on campus as AU's expansion plans are realized. We see our ties to AU as an important part of OLLI, which gives us an identity along with access to faculty and facilities unique to a university.

To be prepared to take advantage of any opportunity to obtain additional space, we want to increase the OLLI Future Fund. As we did last year, OLLI will again ask that you contribute to the Fund when you consider your charitable donations at the end of the year.

OLLI will be collecting food and money for the **Capital Area Food Bank** the week of **7 - 11 November**. A flyer will be posted to provide the details.

wd46xx@aol.com  
301.652.2346. A  
reminder: the directories  
are meant for OLLI  
purposes only.

## Curriculum Committee

We are working hard on our  
Spring 2012 semester. If  
you would like to lead a  
Study Group or talk to a  
member of the Curriculum  
Committee, please contact  
OLLI@american.edu.  
The proposal forms are  
available [online](#) and due  
November 16, 2011.

Chair: [Dave Palmeter](#)  
202.387.0975

## A Question: Evening Art Class?

We have been presented  
with **the opportunity to  
have an AU art history  
class in the early  
evenings.** Would that be  
of interest to OLLI  
members?

Please let us know at  
[OLLI@american.edu](mailto:OLLI@american.edu).

## Condolences

Our sympathy to the  
family of Chapin  
Carpenter.

## Yuliya Gorenman

So many of us have been

Finally, save the date of Wednesday, **December 7**, for the end of  
semester OLLI holiday festivity. There will be a special appearance by  
the **OLLI Players!**

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

--Bob Goodman, Board Chair

## "The Life Report" -- A Wonderful Opportunity

Please take a look at David Brooks' column in the *New  
York Times* from Thursday, October 27, titled "The Life  
Report":

[http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/28/opinion/brooks-the-life-report.html?\\_r=1&emc=eta1](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/28/opinion/brooks-the-life-report.html?_r=1&emc=eta1)

In it, he is asking that individuals over 70 send him a brief  
report on their lives so far, which he will then use as the  
basis for his columns around Thanksgiving....AND as  
many of the essays as possible will be posted online.  
Instructions for sending the essays to him are included in  
his column.

This is a terrific opportunity for us to put in a plug for  
lifelong learning, talk about our own learning journeys,  
and hopefully mention our OLLI and perhaps all OLLIs.

## OLLI: Growing Pains

OLLI is growing dramatically, both in numbers of participants and  
numbers of courses. This fall we have 748 people taking 73 courses, a  
record! What does this mean for each of us as we try to craft an exciting  
and fulfilling study program? Unfortunately, for some of us it means  
disappointment. Let's look at the numbers.

This fall, by registration day, we had 750 members vying for space in 73  
classes. Prior to starting the computerized process, we had almost 50%  
of the 73 classes full or oversubscribed. The computer decided the  
placement of members in their classes, and as a result of our large  
numbers, 271 members were directly affected by the lottery and were  
put on wait lists. Fortunately we were able to pull some members off  
the wait lists and get them into their top choices.

gifted by the magnificent talent of YULIYA GORENMAN, either at one of her dazzling concerts or during her demonstration lectures in collaboration with Nancy Snider's Spring music course. Sadly, Yuliya's mother died just a short time before her October Bach concert at the Katzen. Yuliya is in the early stages of making a CD in honor of her mother. I know she would be greatly touched by our expressions of sympathy and our contributions to that project.

To that end, I will leave a card to be signed and an envelope for your contributions on the bulletin board in Chris' office at the Temple Baptist Church. Alternately, you can mail your contributions to me. I will forward the card and our group's expressions of condolence to YULIYA.

--Carol Levison  
4452 Q Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20007

## Summer 2012 Trip: Italy

An Insider's Tour for OLLI members and friends to the Amalfi Coast Music & Arts Festival, July 17-25, 2012

Cost: \$3,475 (airfare not

OLLI's policy for dealing with the problem is as evenhanded as we have been able to devise. Everyone has an equal chance of being admitted to a course, except those who failed to gain admittance the previous semester. These people are given preference, but note that this does not guarantee entrance, because sometimes the waiting list left over from the previous semester is greater in number than the people who can be admitted. We are also trying to encourage study group leaders to repeat popular courses.

What's to blame? Our wonderful courses and our wonderful members. In short, we are suffering some pains of success. We are looking for larger quarters and always trying to recruit more study group leaders, so we can offer more courses.

--Barbara Searle, Curriculum Committee Member

## Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) Food Drive Monday, November 7, to Friday, November 11 at noon,

Donations are desperately needed by the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) for area residents who are coping with hunger. Please bring several canned or boxed (no glass) items along with you on your way to OLLI.

You are also welcome to bring in or mail checks made out to "CAFB." They can be mailed to Selma Rosenthal at 4201 Cathedral Ave. NW 822E, Washington, DC 20016 or dropped in the locked lucite box on the back table in room 6 of the Temple Baptist Church.

Selma will collect and forward the checks to CAFB. Our collection of canned and boxed food, paper products and other goods will be distributed by the CAFB through its member agencies shortly thereafter. The CAFB is the largest public nonprofit hunger and

included). Space limited- register soon. Put together by OLLI member Mike Daniels and the Festival organizers.

[To register and for more details see the link here](#)

Contact: [music@amalfi-festival.org](mailto:music@amalfi-festival.org) or 301.587.6189.

### Summer 2012 Trip: London

Join OLLI SGL Gina Guglielmo on a trip to London on June 9-15, 2012.

Cost: \$2,500 (including airfare from Dulles, double-occupancy accommodation, hotel breakfasts, and transportation). \$300 deposit required, balance due March 2012.

Check out the trip at <http://ginaguglielmo.grouptoursite.com> or contact Gina at [ginargug@yahoo.com](mailto:ginargug@yahoo.com) or Barbara Rollinson at [bjcbcr@aol.com](mailto:bjcbcr@aol.com) for additional information.

nutrition education resource in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area.

Many thanks for helping to make Thanksgiving a happier holiday for many DC families.

### The People of OLLI: Lena Frumin

After changing her name from Ellen to Lena, her motto became "everyone should have an opportunity to reinvent themselves." Lena Frumin is OLLI's program manager. Lena does everything from managing the website, keeping track of the growing class schedule and SGL training,



registering members, orchestrating our feedback process, designing and illustrating publicity materials and signage, writing thank you notes and condolence cards, coordinating lunches, working with our wonderful volunteer cadre, laying out and sending the newsletter, lecture series, and catalogs to answering phones and making coffee-- and, like our membership, trying to keep track of all the new and challenging ways that technology can aid or confuse us.

Lena was born in Philadelphia but grew up in Great Neck, NY, and graduated from the University of Michigan's Residential College and Public Health School, where she earned a Master's in Public Health. She was a Peace Corps volunteer in northern Togo in West Africa. Lena worked for the Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH) for several years where she traveled throughout Africa and worked with local organizations to integrate health messages into print materials for low-literate audiences.

Married to Matthew Frumin, Lena chose to stay home to raise their three children. She used what spare time she had to learn how to paint and a variety of other artistic endeavors. Matt is an attorney, an advisory neighborhood commissioner, and chair of the Wilson (High School) Management Corporation.

Over the years, Lena has done mosaics, painting, watercolor, and party animals. Recently she and Matt helped to organize the arts portion of the Wilson High School's 75th Anniversary Celebration. Lena painted like a fiend and recruited her mother in from Berkeley, CA to help sell

her own hand-painted scarves and lanterns.

Six years ago, Lena answered an ad in the *Northwest Current* for an OLLI staff position and became program manager, reinventing herself again, when Anne Wallace became OLLI's executive director.

--*Ruth Darmstadter*

#### Quick Links

[OLLI Website](#)

[American University Website](#)

[AU Library Classes Website](#)

[AU Community Relations Website](#)

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