

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

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Equipment and more equipment

The office is acutely aware of concerns we have had regarding our a/v equipment at TBC. We are in the midst of again troubleshooting with Ambrose. In the meantime, if you encounter any problems, please let Ambrose handle them. Thanks very much.

It's who you know....

Washington think tanks, research institutes, and policy organizations can be a rich resource for OLLI at AU, and we would like to recruit more of their experts to participate in our program offerings. If you have a good connection to one of these nonpartisan,

Letter from the Chair of the Board



When I joined OLLI several years ago, I was interested in taking courses in philosophy, my undergraduate major, but there were none. I complained to Ed Goldin, then a member of the Curriculum Committee, who laughed and told me that, if I wanted a philosophy study group, I would have to lead it myself.

After letting the idea percolate for a while, I took Ed's suggestion seriously and started to prepare a group to discuss Aristotle's *Ethics*. Luckily for me, OLLI had just begun its highly-successful Study Group Leader's course. Soon I became an SGL without prior teaching experience—a group that numbers half of all SGLs.

We are very fortunate to have many retired educators leading our groups, but we don't have enough of them. Without others stepping up, OLLI wouldn't be OLLI.

Every OLLI member is capable of leading a study group. Simply being a member of OLLI demonstrates that. While those some of us have no formal teaching experience, we do have intellectual interests that we can share with others in a study group.

I have found that, while preparation requires effort, leading a group is a lot of fun -- much like being in a book discussion group where you always get to pick the book. Why not give it a try?

Dave Palmeter
Chair, Board of Directors

Annual Food Drive for Capital Area Food Bank

For the past few years, OLLI members have been supporting an important and worthwhile cause -- the **Capital Area Food Bank** (CAFB). You can find more information about the Food Bank online at www.capitalareafoodbank.org. Please bring canned or non-perishable food to Temple Baptist Church from Monday, Oct. 20 through Thursday,

independent organizations that we might approach, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Tony Long. **tlong@american.edu**

Oct. 30. If you wish to contribute by writing a check, you may either mail it to: Selma Rosenthal, 4201 Cathedral Ave. NW #822 E, Washington DC 20016, who will collect and forward the checks, or you may send a check directly to the Capital Area Food Bank, 4900 Puerto Rico Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20017.

Musical Adaptation of the Diary of Anne Frank

Many OLLI members who have taken our classical music courses, presented by the AU music faculty chaired by Nancy Snider, know that Nancy is a gifted cello performer and teacher and a good friend of OLLI.

Nancy has produced an innovative musical adaptation of the Diary of Anne Frank, titled "The Voice of Anne Frank", co-produced by award-winning Czech actress Mirenka Cechova. The program, a combination of cello music, dance, readings from the Diary, as well as special lighting and sound, is designed not only to portray Anne Frank's extraordinary story but to give it contemporary meaning. The production has been acclaimed in performances in South Africa, Israel, and Holland but never performed in the U.S. until now.

Nancy has received a commitment to do two performances at the Terrace Theatre of the Kennedy Center, on Monday night, November 24 at 6pm and Tuesday morning, November 25 at 11am. The Tuesday morning performance is directed particularly towards school children grades 8 to 12 and there will be a question and answer session with the performers following the program.

Admission is free of charge. Tickets for the November 25 performance can be ordered by calling 202-416-8835. The November 24 evening performance is on a first come basis. The Terrace Theatre holds about 500 persons.

See you at the Kennedy Center.

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