

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

June 2015 Newsletter



Summer Office Hours

The OLLI office, which is located at 4000 Brandywine St. NW, will be open from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm this summer.

Summer Poetry

WHAT: Cool Poems for Hot Days

WHEN: Biweekly Wed. afternoons, beginning June 3, 2-3:30 pm

WHERE: Van Ness East condominium, 2939 Van Ness St. NW, Apt. 1221

"Cool Poems" is back for the third year in a row! This summer we'll use *The Penguin Anthology of 20th Century Poetry* edited by Rita Dove, reading a certain number of poets for each session and writing an original poem based in some way on what we've read.

RSVP to Ginny Finch at 202.686.0053 or ginnyvne@yahoo.com

Letter from the Chair



Happy New Year!

OLLI's calendar year starts on July 1, so we're celebrating the year that is ending, and relishing the possibilities of the twelve months ahead.

Looking back, we can take pride in impressive numbers: during the last two semesters, we offered 178 study groups plus 14 shorts in a wide range of subjects to 1209 members. We continued to attract gifted Study Group Leaders from within our membership, and from the rich resources of the Washington community. Our four Lecture Series, open to the public, were well attended and well received. Our social events were wonderful opportunities for new and lasting friendships, culminating in May's sold-out concert fundraiser.... Kudos to Stan Newman, Development Committee Chair, and Susan Rolnick, Event Chair.

At OLLI, as usual, the best is yet to come. The schedule for the June Lecture Series is outstanding, thanks to Denise Liebowitz and her cohorts. By early August, you will receive the catalog for our Fall Semester, which starts on September 21. Prepare to be amazed. You will be offered a record-setting panoply of 100-plus courses, courtesy of Naomi Heller and her hard-working Curriculum Committee.

But I've saved the best for last. With a bit of luck, and much hard work, we will be in our new home, 4801 Massachusetts Avenue NW, for the Spring 2016 semester, and for many years to come. Thank you Ray Rasenberger, Dave Palmeter, Bob Goodman, Phil Schwartz, and our indefatigable Anne Wallace for your unstinting efforts to make this happen.

Enjoy your summer vacation, and be confident that many of your OLLI classmates will be working diligently to make the New Year our Best Year.

Gloria Kreisman
Chair, Board of Directors

Thank You to ...

... **Bob Coe, Dick Dunnells, Paul Van Nice, Louis Nevins,** and **Irving Rosenthal**

who donated their Study Group Leader gifts to OLLI.

Profile: John Chamberlain

For the preface to his family biography, former Board Chair John Chamberlain quoted Albert Schweitzer, "I do not know what path in life you will take, but I do know this: if, on that path, you do not find a way to serve, you will never be happy."

The retired pediatrician has volunteered with numerous organizations, and he advises young physicians that they "must have something other than their own private practice. There must be service ... to benefit the community at large. This is important to their personal growth and the sense of duty that every physician must have."

John is also an earnest learner. He studied at Amherst College and the University of Virginia Medical School. He has never had any regrets about becoming a doctor, a goal since he was fifteen. During a severe snow storm, he drove to a patient's home, and then drove the child to the emergency room when he realized the child had meningitis. As a consulting physician to St Albans School, he helped the school community weather the AIDS crisis and supported an affected teacher. On retiring from practice, he volunteered for two years in the US Army Medical Corps serving as a colonel at Walter Reed.

Over the years, his sense of adventure has been evidenced by embarking on an Outward Bound course, learning to fly a small airplane, river rafting, kayaking, and canoeing. In 1993, he discovered a new adventure: OLLI. In addition to volunteering in various positions, he has taught a Civil War class and has taken more than 150 classes (none in science).

Fall 2015 Semester

The Fall 2015 semester begins Monday, September 21, and ends on Friday, December 11.

The catalog will be mailed the last week of July. Registration opens when the catalog mails. We will send an announcement when this happens.

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