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Books at Politics and Prose

Politics and Prose bookstore (5050 Connecticut Avenue NW) offers OLLI members a 10% discount on books assigned at OLLI. The store carries most of the books assigned for the Fall Semester. Click [here](#) to see a listing of the books that are unavailable.

A Letter from the OLLI Board of Directors' Chair



A CULTURE OF GIVING

You will soon be receiving in the mail the 2017-2018 OLLI at AU annual report, part of your Board's effort to keep OLLI at AU members and friends better informed. The report gives us an opportunity to

acknowledge our generous donors who gave a whopping \$189,716 and to share an extraordinary statistic: 27% of OLLI members gave a financial gift in the past fiscal year. This remarkably high rate of participation would be the envy of most any university or nonprofit organization. This is particularly true since traditionally, OLLI at AU has done little active fundraising apart from the standard end-of-year appeal.

During the past year, we stepped up the fundraising effort, and when we asked, you gave.

In 2017-2018, the generosity of OLLI at AU donors helped close a significant budget gap. And while the budget for the current

fiscal year is in balance and reflects a far more sustainable model going forward, we will continue to look to the generosity of donors to help support our core programs while keeping tuition affordable.

Our new five-year strategic plan, scheduled for Board approval later this month, calls for initiatives on several fronts that will require investment. Initiatives, such as expanding the participation in the OLLI academic program of think tanks, museums, and cultural organizations or acquiring the technology to engage older adult learners and keep pace with new developments, will require funding beyond that available through tuition alone.

There are many reasons and ways to give. In recent months, several funds have been established for targeted needs. The Anne N. Wallace Fund supports staff development and training; the Zuckert, Scoutt & Rasenberger gift provides scholarships for OLLI members in need; and the Alfred E. and Sylvia K. Brown Memorial Fund sponsors social and volunteer appreciation activities.

And, finally, the generosity of OLLI at AU members today ensures that our remarkable lifelong-learning enterprise will thrive and grow in the years ahead and will be there for our successors. By building our reserve fund, we responsibly prepare OLLI at AU for the future and ensure that it will have the space and resources to accommodate a growing membership and provide an unrivaled academic program.

In the coming year we will be asking for your continued commitment to OLLI at AU as we all pursue the shared effort to secure our financial future.

OLLI Goodwill

The collage class would like all members to be aware that they welcome your old treasures! So, **feel free to stop by the office to drop off things you wish to**

donate, such as: magazines, old broken jewelry, any interesting plastic or fabric scraps, and art supplies.

Fall Open House

All members are invited to attend OLLI's Fall Open House on **Tuesday, September 18, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon. The program will take place in Room A on the first floor at 10:00 AM, followed by refreshments in the Social Space on the Fifth Floor.**

Whether you're a new member or OLLI veteran, join us as we usher in the 2018-2019 academic year. You also will meet fellow members and study group leaders, catch up with old friends, and hear from some of the committee chairs.

OLLI Welcomers Needed

We are still looking for more volunteers for the new OLLI Welcomer program this fall! As a Welcomer, you would provide a warm reception to new OLLI members before the start of classes and touch base with them throughout the semester, making certain they've had a rewarding term.

An orientation meeting will be held for this program on **Monday, September 17, at 10:00 AM in Room A on the First Floor.**

Since this is OLLI's newest program, we encourage anyone interested to attend the meeting. If you are interested, please email olli@american.edu by Wednesday, September 12. **If you would like to be a Welcomer, but are unable to attend the meeting, please let us know as well.**

Fall Semester Classes

Please be reminded that classes for the fall semester **will begin on September 24.** Also, remind your friends that have never attended OLLI before that they are

eligible to take a **single class that is OPEN for \$100**. Just call the OLLI office to register!

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