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Letter from the Chair



OLLI begins its 36th year with new resources and new challenges. We constantly seek to enhance our unique “college” with its wide array of courses, study group leaders, lectures, and welcoming sense of community.

This year our 1300 members successfully adapted to the facilities and changed class hours in our new home in the former AU law school. Though challenged by some space limitations, we are fortunate to hold all classes at one location.

As we continue to address member needs, we could benefit from expensive but more advanced technology such as hearing loops in the classrooms, and state-of-the art audio-visual equipment. To meet these challenges and others to come, we are launching Campaign 2020 to raise \$1.5 million over the next two-and-a-half years. You will learn more about this endeavor in the coming months. We’ve begun by applying for a strategic planning grant from Compass, a D.C nonprofit, and expect a response this August. These efforts are spearheaded by three OLLI volunteer committees: Strategic Planning (Denise Leibowitz, Chair) in coordination with Innovative Programs (Lewis Cohen, Chair) and Development (Susan Rolnick, Chair). They will be supported by several other committees and our five full-time staff. Still, we need and want to hear from you and hope you will help. Check out the OLLI website at [“Get Involved”](#) and let us know your interests and experience.

Our 12-member Board has nine returning members, including our dedicated past Chair Stan

Newman, and three talented new members: Jo Anne Friedenthal, Judy Havemann, and John Thorner. Our newly appointed officers and Committee chairs are listed on [OLLI's website](#). We will miss our longstanding friend, Board Vice-Chair, Barbara Rollinson, who resigned this May for health reasons.

A first, because our ten-year lease is year-round, was the June academic program. More than 290 members took 27 Mini courses. We are about to begin another first — July Fun including films, Scrabble, and chess. Our future is bright — our challenge great. I look forward to facing both together with each of you.

Myra Barron
Board Chair

July Fun

The full July Fun calendar is online in [calendar](#) and [list](#) format.

Next week, **Week One** (July 5-7) offers the following events:

- Wednesday: Poetry Workshop (Room 3)
- Thursday: Origami: first half (Room 3) and film one of the films of Gael Garcia Bernal (Room A)
- Friday: Origami: second half (Room 3) and the film *Richard III*, 1995, starring Ian McKellan (Room A)

Week Two (July 10-14) is French Week at OLLI. You do not need to speak French to enjoy French Week at OLLI!

French films Monday, July 10, through Thursday, July 13, at 1:30 pm (subtitles, of course) AND ... a Bastille Day potluck on Friday, July 14, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm in the social space on the 5th floor, followed by a Piaf film in Room A!

You are invited to bring something to the potluck. To start, there will be: croissants, baguettes, marmalade, butter, a variety of cheeses, some charcuterie, madeleines, coffee, and sparkling apple juice (a wine tasting being ruled out by the AU authorities). So, the potluck is just to add on to that base. Our only restriction is that foods you bring must be consumed at room temperature.

Fortunately, that leaves many, many items in the French repertoire – savory, salad, vegetable, fruit, fish, meat, egg, pastry, or other sweet, etc.

Sandy Leibowitz is the coordinator of the potluck. If you wish to participate, please let Sandy know what you suggest bringing. She will be able to provide guidance so that we can have a balanced table.

Other events and details of **Week Two**:

- Monday: Chess, *Jean de Florette* film, and Meet Detective Kubu
- Tuesday: German Conversation, *Manon des Sources* film, and Needle Arts
- Wednesday: Poetry Workshop and *Cyrano de Bergerac* film
- Thursday: Films of Gael Garcia Bernal, Scrabble, and the film *The Tall Blond Man with One Black Shoe*
- Friday: Bastille Day Celebration and *La Vie en Rose* film

June Minis

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first-ever June Minis, especially to the Study Group Leaders for developing and teaching their classes.

Also, if you haven't submitted feedback on your June Minis, please do use our **online form** now.

Tour of Echoes of the Great War: American Experiences of WWI

There is one spot open on the tour of this major exhibition at the Library of Congress on Wednesday, July 12, at 11:30 am. **Register on Eventbrite:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tour-of-american-experience-in-world-war-i-exhibit-at-library-of-congress-tickets-35080965111>

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