

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

February 2011



OLL I

at American University Washington DC



February

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Spring Registration

Please [register](#) before **Feb. 8, our registration assignment day**. We will mail out registration letters on February 9. Please call [Jaleh Labib](#) at 301.951.9681 if you would like to help with the mailing.

Thanks to OLLI Givers

"You only give the love you live," goes the words of an old song that I think I remember more or less correctly.

This was OLLI's first ever end-of-year letter reminding you of the opportunity to contribute to OLLI's future. As a

Letter from the Board Chair

A REAL OLLI WHIMSY

Neither dark energy nor late sunrise
Will slow the OLLI Member
From the Dutiful rounds of
Another semester, another show.



Not that I want to mix my metaphors,
But we, the collective force of leading experiences,
Are ready to Face-the-Book, Kiddle around and
Digest the profundities of another OLLI semester.

I confer upon you all, Bachelors, Masters and Doctors,
Alike, the rights and privileges of sharing your wisdom
With our indefatigable Group Leaders to Study,
To Teach, to Learn and to Reach the next level of
Knowing and sharing what life is all about.

Thus, Hail Ye, Life Long Learners and Doers,
Give 'em Hell (as Harry said), whatever the hell, 'em are,
Stand tall, go right and enjoy the ride.

-- Ed Goldin, your humble OLLI chairperson

Call for Nominations for the OLLI Board of Directors

The OLLI Nominations and Elections Committee has been selected by the Board Chair.

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result \$7,500 have been added to the Future Fund. In combination with the one-line about donation that appears on the registration form for each semester, you, the membership, have graciously donated a total of \$20,000 in the 2010 year.

Approaching our thirtieth year of operation with 650 members, and needs for scheduling 65 Study Groups and our extensive Lecture Series, permanent residence is becoming imperative. Currently, we are actively exploring new venues for securing long term facilities for the OLLI program. Our Future Fund, standing at one half-million dollars today, is just a beginning to undergird our drive for a future home.

To date your support of the OLLI program, has been a measure of the strength and depth of our mission, and gives us the confidence that we will achieve our future goals.

I want, personally, to acknowledge my deep feelings and gratitude for your generosity in giving to this experience, that has created such an inspiring community for us all. We are already

The committee will select six candidates for the four open slots on the Board.

The Nominations Committee welcomes your suggestions of possible candidates. Please submit the names, with a very brief statement of why they would make a good Board member, to any member of the Nominations Committee by Feb. 7.

In addition, any member may have their name included on the ballot by presenting a petition (located by the coffee table on the bulletin board), signed by 25 OLLI members, to the OLLI office by March 31. The petition must be accompanied by a biographical statement (approximately 10 typed lines) and a small photo (3x3).

Join Us for a Special Presentation on Haiti

Wednesday, March 2 at noon

Barbara Balman, AU park resident and landscape architect, will conduct an illustrated presentation from her experiences in Haiti last year assisting in a medical mission as she prepares to return in March. Bring **chewable children's vitamins with iron or prenatal vitamins** and she can bring your contribution directly to Haiti when she goes.

Philosophy Book Group

A new book group will be starting to read philosophy books during the semester on the first and third Friday of every month at 12:00 at the Church. Meetings will begin on Friday, March 4th. Bring your own lunch.

Allen Scult, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at Drake University and OLLI Group Leader, will serve as philosophical resource person, however the group might define that. The first book will be a newly published book for philosophers and non-philosophers alike. It's by James Miller, a well-known philosopher and intellectual historian, and is entitled *Examined Lives from Socrates to Nietzsche*. It follows Socrates' well-known edict, "An unexamined life is not worth living," and looks at the relationship between the lives and the philosophies of twelve of our best known philosophers. The book was very positively reviewed on the front page of the January 23rd *New York Times Book*

breaking new grounds for friendship, dedication and the joy of building the foundation of this learning, giving and sharing community.

Most simply, again, "Thanks".

--Ed Goldin, One Proud OLLI Member

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Review, which indicated the book's significance by citing Nietzsche's insistence that "the ultimate test of a philosophy was whether it was possible to live by it."

If you would like to join, please e-mail Allen Scult at allen.scult@drake.edu by February 20.

News from Yuliya Gorenman

Dear Friends,

I have recently made more videos available on YouTube. Please visit the [Video](#) link on my [web site](#) to view all of them. Of the recent uploads, I would like to mention one of my "signature" pieces - Scriabin's *Nocturne for the Left Hand* - as well as Tchaikovsky's *Seasons* and *Piano Trio*. I hope you enjoy them!

I would love to share with you the wonderful news that I have been nominated by [WAMA](#) (The Washington Area Music Awards) for "Best Classical Instrumentalist." Also, my newest CD ([Yuliya Gorenman: The Gorenman Beethoven Project, Vol. 1, Beethoven Piano Sonatas Nos. 1, 2, 3](#)) was nominated as "Best Classical Album." This CD and my other recordings are available at [CDBaby.com](#), [Amazon.com](#), [iTunes.com](#), and others sites.

All the best,

Yuliya

New Book Inspired by OLLI Class

This just in from OLLI Study Group Leader, Art Downey. He gave two courses relating to the Civil War a couple of years ago which turned into a book that was published last month called *Civil War Lawyers: Constitutional Questions, Courtroom Dramas and the Men Behind Them*. It is available only via www.ababooks.org until March, and then it will move into normal commercial distribution channels,

We hope to have Art in to talk about his book and that it's now the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War.

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