

# Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

September 2011



## September

14- **Open House:** 1-2:30 pm, Temple Baptist Church (TBC)

16- SGL/SGR Meeting: 10-11:50, TBC

21- **Classes Begin**

27- **First Fall Speaker:** 12:15-1:15 pm. American University President Neil Kerwin with an update on the regulatory process in the Obama years.

## Study Group Reps

We can't thank Barbara Rollinson enough for stepping in at the last minute and wrestling 73 Study Group Representatives with grace and efficiency. Thanks to those who volunteered. We look forward to seeing you all at a meeting on September 16 at 10-11:50 am at the Temple Baptist Church.

## The Gorenman Piano Project: Bach Edition

## Letter from the Board Chair

By now you should have received your registration information for the fall semester. We have 73 courses and more than 700 members taking classes, almost a 15% increase over our previous peak enrollment. It will be a bit more crowded than in years past, and a bit more patience will be required. Fortunately we had so many excellent offerings to choose from that we hope you are happy with your choices.



On behalf of all of us, I want to thank Anne Wallace and Lena Frumin for their Herculean efforts to complete the registration process on time and to thank the volunteers who helped them with the mailing.

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of OLLI at AU. We hope to have several events to mark this exciting milestone. The specifics are being planned and I expect to report on them in the next couple of months. Part of the celebration is our History Project, which will document our origin, our evolution, and what we have become today.

I hope you all had a good summer. Now we have reached the season to return to OLLI for another year of learning and fellowship. Remember our Open House is on September 14 from 1:00 to 2:30 and that classes begin on September 21.

Bob Goodman, Board Chair

Internationally acclaimed concert pianist and American University Musician in Residence, and OLLI favorite, Yuliya Gorenman continues exploring masterpieces of the great composers with The Gorenman Piano Project. The inaugural [concert](#) of the new series, Bach Edition, will feature some of the composer's greatest works.

**Saturday, Oct. 1 at 8:00 PM**

American University  
Katzen Arts Center  
202-886-3634

## Hospitality

Thanks in advance to Claire and Maryanne Sponis who have agreed to serve on our hospitality committee.

## Condolences

We mourn the death of Hugh Spitzer, a longtime OLLI SGL. Our sympathy to the families of Everett Bauman and Glenn Lehmann, who died this month. Our condolences also to René Springuel at the loss of his wife.

## Wilson High Alum



## SHORTS ARE BACK!

Back by popular demand, OLLI "SHORTS"--- the new course offerings of 1-week/5-days--- are going to be held February 6-10, 2012. (Snow days back-up: Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 13 and 14.) We hope to grow the program to 12 courses this winter and are currently soliciting recommendations for course topics and leaders.

If you took a SHORT last May you know that there are special features to such a compressed schedule, presenting interesting challenges to participants and course leaders alike. In thinking through options please remember that the content needs to fit the format. We also learned last year that all reading materials need to be distributed well before the classes begin.

If you have ideas or suggestions for SHORTS, please contact Dave Palmeter, Anne, Lena or me, Linda Miller. The proposal form will be available on-line, and will need to be completed and submitted by Wednesday, November 2, 2012.

Linda Miller, SHORTS coordinator  
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## Mickey Klein Opening

Study Group Leader, and Iona Artist-in-Residence, Mickey Klein is exhibiting her watercolors, pastels and photographs at the Iona Senior Center Gallery. Do check out her work at <http://mickeykleinsart.com>. Mickey's work is on exhibit now and you are welcome to join her at the Meet the Artist Reception on Friday, Oct. 14, 5-8 pm. It is free with live music and refreshments.

## 16th Annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference

On Saturday, October 22, 2011, the 16th Annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference will be held from 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the Rockville campus of Montgomery College, not far from where Fitzgerald, Zelda, and their daughter are buried.

Every year, the Conference honors a living American writer with the F. Scott Fitzgerald Award for Outstanding Achievement in American Literature. This writer gives a public talk to all conference attendees and a master class for select students. This year, they are proud to honor Maxine Hong Kingston. Along with Maxine Hong Kingston and Maureen Corrigan, **Ellie Heginbotham** (will be participating in a small seminar on *The Great Gatsby*).

The full schedule and registration information are available here:

[www.montgomerycollege.edu/fsfitzgeraldconference](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/fsfitzgeraldconference).

Woodrow Wilson High is celebrating its 75th Anniversary with a Gala (Oct. 14) and Music and Arts Festival (Oct. 15) at the renovated building on Nebraska Ave. and Fort Drive. Visit [www.75wilsonhighdc.org](http://www.75wilsonhighdc.org) to buy tickets or participate.

Questions? Contact [Erika Koss](#), Conference Director, at 410.293.6244.

## Thanks

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