Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter February 2012



February

Letter from the Board Chair

Remember to get your registrations in by next Monday, by mail or register online!

3: Board Meeting 10 a.m. Temple Baptist Church (TBC)

6-10: OLLI Shorts, TBC

7: Registration Assignment Day. Any calls we receive that day will be returned after Registration is complete.

8: Registration Mailing 1 pm,TBC

14, 16, 21, 23: Study Group Leader Training, 10-11:50 am, TBC

15: Come One, Come All. **Open House,** 1-2:30 pm, TBC

22: Study Group Leader & Study Group Rep.Training,10-11:50 am, TBC.

27: First Day of Classes First, I want to thank all of you who donated to the OLLI Future Fund. Our future looks bright, although there is the ongoing concern about the need for increased classroom space. The Future Fund will help us with this in the near term



and when we look at our options for a permanent solution.

As we start into February I always look forward to an important date. It's not Groundhog Day or President's Day, but February 7, when our staff completes the assignment of spring classes. Whether elated because I received my first choices or a bit disappointed, I am always relieved when the selection is over and I can begin to think about my courses. With hundreds of members, it is inevitable that all of us will not get our first choices but the alternatives usually work out well.

This is an important year for OLLI. For now we are doing well with the classrooms at Temple Baptist Church and our increased use of River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation. There is little new or firm about space now, but we may have some clarity by the town meeting in March.

The highlight of this year will be our 30th Anniversary Celebration on May 16. We are fortunate to have Susan Stamberg of NPR as the keynote speaker. Another celebration will be the OLLI History Project led by Beverly Zweiben. This will include a book that summarizes our development for the last 30 years from a group of friends

Cancelled Classes

A few classes have been cancelled: 250 Collecting 355 US Economy 461 Motion 470 Epigenetics 615 On Reading 681 Fiction Please call the office to select another choice.

Summer 2012 Trip: Italy

An Insider's Tour for OLLI members and friends to the Amalfi Coast Music & Arts Festival, July 17-25, 2012

Cost: \$3,475 (airfare not included). Space limitedregister soon. Put together by OLLI member Mike Daniels and the Festival organizers.

To register and for more details click here Contact: <u>music@amalfi-</u> <u>festival.org</u> or 301.587.6189.

Collage Class

discussing what to do in retirement to a vibrant community of 750 scholars. It will also present thoughts from our long term and newer members reflecting on their experience with OLLI.

One other exciting note: we have upgraded our technical capabilities throughout the church. We now have wifi capability throughout the building. We have two brand new sound systems, one for upstairs and one for down, and a new giant, smart TV for downstairs.

-Bob Goodman, OLLI Board Chair

Summer 2012 Trip: London

Sign up soon for an OLLI trip to London from June 9-15. While the tour is based in the capital city, it offers these options, led by Gina Guglielmo:

- A Shakespeare Play at the rebuilt Globe Theatre
- A Day Trip to nearby Rochester, site of Dickens' Home, Gad's Hill, and other settings for his novels
- A Day Trip to Chawton where Jane Austen lived and wrote

Go Ahead, the Tour Company, also offers several Optional Tours from London, including day trips to Windsor, Bath, Stonehenge, Stratford and The Cotswolds

Cost: \$2,500 (including airfare from Dulles, double-occupancy accommodation, hotel breakfasts, and transportation). \$300 deposit required, balance due March 2012. Check out the trip at

http://ginaguglielmo, grouptoursite.com or contact Gina at ginargug@yahoo.com

or 202.965.4845 for additional information. A meeting for interested travelers will be held early in February.

Quick Links

OLLI Website

American University Website

AU Library Classes Website

AU Community Relations Website Please bring in fabric scraps, found objects, yarn, wool, magazines, other interesting things for the Collage class to incorporate into their projects. There is a box in the back of the **Temple Baptist** Church. Many thanks. 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW Washington, DC 20016 Tel: 202.895.4860 Email: OLLI@american.edu Website: www.OLLI-DC.org Bob Goodman, Board Chair/ Anne Wallace, Executive Director Lena Frumin, Program Manager/Helen Schwartz, Newsletter Editor _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _