Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter June 2012



Congratulations!

Letter from the new Board Chair, Linda Miller

To our **new board members:** Alan Frey, Carol Light, Stan Newman, and Barbara Rollinson. Thanks to Carol Michalowski and Bob Turner for stepping up to run.

June Speaker Series

Don't miss the great OLLI Speaker Series Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. The first three weeks of June's lectures will be at the Katzen Center from 10 am to 11:50 am. Please see the <u>lectures</u> <u>online.</u> Pay \$2/hour to park at the Katzen Center garage or the open air lot. Our speaker series is free and open to the public. No reservations are needed. Thanks to Martha Horne and her team for organizing this exciting lineup.

Thanks!

To Barbara Coleman, Bob Hausman and Dave Palmeter for donating their class gifts to OLLI.

Thanks to Jean Van der Tak whose name was omitted from the list of donors at the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Condolences

To Gloria Kreisman at the loss of her husband, Norman, who died at home on May 27th.

Katzen Center Gallery

During the Anniversary celebration last week, one of our alert OLLI members suggested that members might be interested in joining the Katzen Center Museum mailing list.



What an exciting time in OLLI's history to become Chair! Bob Goodman left some big shoes: we're 30 years old; we've never been stronger; we're growing by leaps and bounds.... we are weighing options as to where we will be holding classes over the next 3-5 years. I guess the only thing we know for sure right now is that we're not joining the European Union.

OLLI'S leadership - board members, committees, staff-- is remarkably driven and focused and will be working hard over the coming months to lend some finality to this ongoing space problem. We look forward to making our home on the AU campus eventually, cementing our growing ties with the University and building on the flourishing teaching relationship we have with the faculty. But that's for the long-term.

In the meantime for the Fall of 2012, it's OLLI as usual: the Baptist Church, the RR Unitarian Church, and AU campus venues when possible; 70+ courses, OLLI Ops, Trippers, SHORTS, and Lectures and all the other wonderful things that happen around this extraordinary organization.

I hope you will all give some thought to how you, personally, would like to relate to and support these programs. We have multiple committees all staffed and chaired by Members, and there is plenty of room for newcomers or others who'd like to get involved. We are open to new ideas from every corner and welcome all of you who'd like to lead, initiate or support programs.

And then there's that insatiable need for money. There is no doubt our rent will increase, probably excessively, and we are trying desperately to continue to offer the lowest membership fees in the area. So as we head into the exciting month of June lectures (thanks to the remarkable Martha Horne and her committee), remember that tangible expressions of gratitude and faith in the future remain welcome.

Bottom line: get involved, stay in touch, and have a lovely summer. And



Jack Rasmussen, photo: Dave Freeman

http://www.american.edu/cas/museum/mailing.cfm

OLLI OPs OPPORTUNITY

Summertime with



This summer, as we did last year, the OLLI Players will have weekly "drop-in" sessions at which all present will take turns No performances.

reading aloud from various scripts. No performances, just reading for the sheer joy of it. We will change "casting" every couple of pages so everybody who comes will get to read.

Our readings will include selections from *One Act: Eleven Short plays of the Modern Theatre*, which includes one acts by, among others, Thorton Wilder, Tenessee Williams, and Arthur Miller as well as from *Tonight at 8:30: Ten* One Act Plays by Noel Coward.

We'll meet on Wednesday afternoons beginning May 30th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the homes of Players, mostly in DC (all locations will have ample free parking). The rules are simple: come when you can; if you miss a week because you're doing something fun, an edible souvenir will be expected when you return; and if you sign up, please respond to the weekly email if you are planning to attend that week's reading. We will hold sessions each week we have more than four people coming.

If you are interested, please email <u>olliplayers@ymail.com</u>.

--Carol Light

thank you for your support.

--Linda Miller

Happy Anniversary!!

We want to thank everyone again for a terrific 30th anniversary

celebration on May 16 at the Katzen Arts Center. Thanks to photographers Dave Freeman, Sarel Kromer, and Wendel Swan for capturing the day's events.



Speaker, Susan Stamberg photo: Dave Freeman



View from Overhead photo: Dave Freeman

Outside the Katzen Center photo: Sarel Kromer

We enjoyed Susan Stamberg's talk, as well as Arnold Leibowitz's presentation on Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Jack Rasmussen's presentation on the Katzen Center gallery.



President Kerwin & OLLI Board Chair, Bob Goodman photo: Wendel Swan

Cool Poems for Hot Days

There is still room in this OLLI Op, starting June 12 from 2-3:30 pm. Contact Ginny Finch at <u>ginnyvne@yahoo.com</u> or 202.686.0053.

Text: *The Best American Poetry, 2005*, ed: Paul Muldoon and David Lehman. Please call for more information.

--Ginny Finch

Looking for a Co-Study Group Leader

Stan Newman is looking for a co-study group leader to help

develop and present a course, hopefully in the Spring of 2013, on the Sixties. Stan and his co-SGL would narrow down the subject to ten sessions. Contact Stan at stanleynewman@prodigy.net if you are interested.

Artomatic Opens

Artomatic is the DC area's biggest arts festival. It features visual art, music, performance, film, fashion, and more and is run entirely by volunteers. Check the events calendar for specific happenings -- daytime workshops for kids, DJ appearances, comedy acts and even wine tastings.

When: Now until Saturday, June 23

- Wednesdays and Thursdays: noon 10 pm
- Fridays and Saturdays: noon 1 am
- Sundays: noon 5 pm
- Closed Mondays and Tuesdays

Where: 1851 S. Bell St. in Crystal City, a block from Metro

Come see Lena Frumin's work on the 11th floor.

http://www.artomatic.org/events

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