

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

November 2012



November

Letter from the Board Chair, Linda Miller

2: Board Meeting,
Temple Baptist Church
(TBC) at 12:30 pm.

14: Spring and February
Shorts Proposals Due

16: Study Group Leader
Luncheon, noon Mary
Graydon Center:
Curriculum Committee
Meeting, 1:30 pm at TBC

23: Field trip forms to
Chihuly exhibit due.

**OLLI Holiday
Celebration
December 14**

Before we
know it that
busy month
of
December
will be upon
us.



Mark your calendar now
and plan to attend
**OLLI's Holiday Cocktail
Party at 4:30 PM on
Friday, Dec. 14
at The National 4H
Center
7100 Conn Ave. Chevy**

WHY YOU SHOULD BE THE NEXT **STAR** STUDY GROUP LEADER!

OLLI at AU has so many attributes, but maybe none is more spectacular than our classes. First of all, they are led by volunteers (even AU professors give their time!); second, they span an incredible spectrum of ideas, subjects and perspectives; third: there are more than 75 choices; fourth: they evoke passion, repeats, and waiting lists; fifth, they pique our curiosity, stimulate thought, and inform us, and sixth, they provide a springboard for wonderful camaraderie and lasting friendships. Phew!



Anyone who has joined OLLI and partaken of the amazing array of offerings should think back to the fact that many of the best classes were--- and are--- discussion groups. In fact, it was the original OLLI concept: find something you love and share it with others who would love it too. Whether it's reading Shakespeare together, or the Federalist papers, or philosophy. Or science, or the newspaper or great books; some forethought and organization, some prep in terms of research and leading questions, and voila...a study group! And you do NOT have to be a teacher by background to be a great study group leader. In fact OLLI offers a class each semester to help us conceptualize a study group and lead it effectively.

To the extent that we think of OLLI as a community.... of interests, of new friendships and as a social life; and, to the extent that we take that away, let's agree we should also think in terms of giving back as well. Let's call it an obligation of exchange. Drink deeply from the lectures, the classes, the trips, the parties and the fun, but provide succor in return: think of yourself as an SGL, design a class, lead a discussion group, share the wealth of a lifetime!

--Linda Miller, Chair,

Come celebrate the end of the semester and upcoming holidays with your friends from OLLI. There will be no charge for this event.

There is ample parking on their campus.

Please RSVP before December 7 to OLLI@american.edu

**JOLLY-OLLI-
HOLIDAY Song**



We are looking for a fun OLLI Holiday Song. Take your hand at an OLLI adaptation of The 12 Days of X-Mas or another familiar song. Send it to OLLI@american.edu by December 7.

OLLI OP

Editor's note: OLLI Ops are spin-offs of OLLI classes. Ellen Siegler's description shows how easy and enjoyable it is to form such an independent but OLLI-born group. Last spring, many of us in Susan Willens' Short Stories class wanted to continue meeting during the summer. A small group of us from Susan's class reached out to our classmates and to those

Curriculum Committee

We have begun work looking for new proposals for the Spring curriculum. If you have an idea for a new class or would like to teach a class, please contact the member of the curriculum committee you think best represents your interest or Dave Palmeter, chair of the committee, at dpalmeter@comcast.net or (202) 387-0975. Download the [proposal form here](#).

Curriculum Committee (Consult the directory for contact information)

- 100: Politics, Law & Government--Sid Booth
- 200: Psychology, Sociology, & Culture--Andrea Meyerhoff
- 300: Economics--Betsy White
- 400: Biology, Physics, Chemistry, and Math--Ed Goldin & Barbara Searle
- 500: Art--Naomi Heller/Music--Alan Frey
- 600: Literature & Language--Gina Guglielmo
- 700: History & Geography--Larry McCarthy
- 800: Religion & Philosophy--Mel Hurwitz

Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) Food Drive

Monday, November 5 - Friday, November 9 at noon,

Donations desperately needed for area residents who are coping with hunger. Please bring several items along with you on your way to OLLI.

You are also welcome to bring in or mail checks made out to "CAFB". They can be mailed to Selma Rosenthal at 4201 Cathedral Ave. NW 822E, Washington DC 20016 or dropped in the locked lucite box on the back table in room 6 of the Temple Baptist Church.

Suggestions:

- Canned Protein (tuna, chicken, salmon, peanut butter)
- Canned Fruit (applesauce, peaches, pears, pineapple)
- 100% Fruit Juice (all sizes including juice boxes)
- Canned Vegetables (mixed, green beans, corn)
- Soups (beef stew, chili, chicken noodle, turkey rice)
- Cereal (Cheerios, Cornflakes, Grape Nuts, Raisin Bran)
- Easy & Ready Meals (mac & cheese, pasta bowls, canned pasta)
- Healthy Snacks (raisins, dried fruit, nuts, cereal bars)
- Hygiene Products (bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo)
- Paper Products (paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, paper plates, plastic forks & spoons)

Selma will collect and forward the checks to CAFB. Our collection of canned and boxed food, paper products and other goods will be distributed by the CAFB through their member agencies shortly thereafter. The CAFB is the largest, public nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area.

in Susan's other class, and pretty soon we had critical mass! About ten of us met every two weeks in meeting rooms at the local libraries. At each meeting, we discussed two stories, as we had done in class. For each, one of us selected the story and (more or less) led the discussion for each. Even with summer vacation schedules, we had good participation, and great fun, well into August. So...don't let your OLLI experiences end with the end of the semester!

--Ellen Siegler

Big Bucks



Linda Mounts sent in this photo taken outside the Temple Baptist Church last Friday. The deer greeted her as she was heading into class. She looked like she wanted to learn something about trials. Phil Schwartz suggested that there was a rumor circulating in the neighborhood that the trial being discussed would be about someone suing for Big Bucks.

Many thanks for helping to make Thanksgiving a happier holiday for many DC families.

Dale Chihuly's Work

Saturday, December 1 Trip

Dale Chihuly's work

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA)

Join us for a trip to see the fanciful glass works of Dale Chihuly at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and enjoy an audio tour narrated by Chihuly himself!

The museum is located in Richmond VA - just over two hours away (by our bus).

VMFA has a highly respected and varied collection in addition to the special Chihuly exhibition.

Go to their website: "vmfa.museum" to learn more about this gem of a museum!

We will leave the AU parking lot (at New Mexico and Nebraska Avenues) at 8:45 AM and return at about 5PM. Parking Free of Charge

The cost is \$55 and will include the bus, entrance fee, and audio tour.

There are restaurants at the museum or bring your lunch.

There is a limit on how many we can accommodate - so register now!!

Cost: \$55 (make checks payable to "OLLI") No refunds

Send signed form and check to Trip Coordinator by October 19:

Liz Nicholas, 4109 Stanford St. Chevy Chase, MD 20815 For questions, call: 301.652.7652 or email: liznicholas@earthlink.net

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Sign me up for the Chihuly trip on December 1, 2012

The undersigned, a member of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), or the guest of a member, intends to participate in the above-described trip. I hereby release OLLI, its officers, employees, agents and representatives, and AU, from liability for any and all injury to my person, loss or damage to my property, or other claims of any kind arising from or otherwise related to this trip (including any claims in case of my death), except when the direct result of OLLI's gross negligence. I further understand that various aspects of the trip (such as transport, lodging, meals or the venues to be visited) are being provided by independent contractors and are not in any event the responsibility of OLLI. I give OLLI permission to use photographs of me participating in the trip in marketing and other publications.

Name _____ Signature _____

Address _____

Phone# _____ Cell # _____

Email: _____

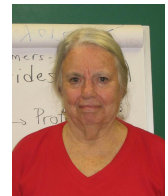
I need help getting on and off the bus Yes _____ No _____

Wanted: Italian Study Group Leader

OLLI members have shown Interest in a study group for people who have a good knowledge of Italian vocabulary and grammar but need practice with speaking in everyday situations. If you are interested in leading this group or know someone who is, please contact Gina Guglielmo at ginarosa@verizon.net

Brotherly Blog Posting

Dave Palmeter brought to our attention a blog posting written by Barbara Searle's philosopher brother, Robert Paul Wolff, which discusses Barbara's early passion for science. [Read the blog post.](#)



Any OLLI members interested in setting up and nurturing an OLLI blog? [Email](#) the office if you think that would be a fun assignment.

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