

# Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

January 2013



# OLL I

at American University Washington DC



## January

4: Board Meeting, 10:30 am, TBC

Lecture Series, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in January: [See our speaker series.](#)

## Catalog Clarifications

We are thrilled that the catalogs went out and many people have received them.

A few small changes:  
**338 Following Economic Policy** will be held Wednesday mornings at the Temple Baptist Church.

**340 Globalization** will be held Tuesday mornings at the Temple Baptist Church.

**744 How World War II Happened: Decisions, Decisions** will be held Monday mornings at River Road.

We did not include the **reading list** this time although most reading requirements are

## Letter from the Board Chair, Linda Miller

2013 promises to be another spectacular year at OLLI at AU.

The spring semester catalog is out and we have the usual amazing panoply of course offerings---- some 75 of them to be exact! Another good sign is that our SHORTS program for February has not only finally hit its stride, but we are going to have to hold a lottery for places in a few of the classes! We are truly a hungry bunch when it comes to gobbling up courses, and it is hard to keep pace with the growing demand. We are indeed trying...

expanding beyond the Temple Baptist Church and forever exploring new opportunities for lectures, course formats, trips, teaching venues, and OLLI Ops.

As you are aware, this coming semester will be our trial run at the 4-H Center. It is our hope that the new venue will prove easy to negotiate--- and park at--- and that we can expand further in the 2013 fall term. Please, please do not reject courses there out of hand: give it a try and let us know what you think. That's true, of course, with the course offerings as well; if you don't get a first choice, try a second. It's amazing how many of us have discovered that even an English major can learn in a physics class--- speaking personally of course!

And to this happy new year message, one final thought: we are trying mightily to expand the participation of our members beyond the handful that people our committees. Please give some thought to where you might be willing to help out. Committees include Curriculum (which recruits and vets SGL's); Social (which plans our parties, open houses, lunches, etc); Investment (which oversees our GROWING endowment); Development (which is creating that endowment); Membership, Personnel, Administration, Speakers, Trippers, and others which come and go or others which need to be created. If you haven't talked yourself into leading a class yet, why not start by joining a committee?

Happy new year to everyone and I wish you health and happiness in 2013.

--Linda Miller



included in the descriptions in the catalog and online. They will be in your registration letter as well.

## John Radner at Politics and Prose

New study group leader, John Radner will be speaking at Politics and Prose on February 2 at 6 pm about his book *Johnson and Boswell: A Biography of Friendship*, published by Yale. John will be teaching a class on Orwell for OLLI in the Spring.

## OLLI SGL Donations

Many thanks to Study Group leaders Irwin Lebow, Dave Palmeter, Phil Schwartz, Barbara Coleman, Susan Willens and Mark Zweig for their donations to OLLI.

## Condolences

We mourn the loss of long-time OLLI members Lucille Frohling and Jeanne Talpers.

## OLLI Shorts

The OLLI Shorts acceptance letters are almost in the mail. Those people who did not get in this time will be receiving a refund next week.

## Nomination & Election Committee

The Board of Directors has appointed the following members to the Nominations and Elections Committee: Stan Newman, Ruth Darmstadter, Henry Guyot, Ira Adler and Ellen Siegler.

This Committee will select six nominees for four vacancies on the Board for the 2013 election. The Board consists of 12 members elected for three year terms, four members being elected each year.

The Committee will make its selection in accordance with the OLLI Policies and Procedures, completely independent of the current Board, in consultation with one another and with emphasis on the background and experience of each potential nominee.

Members who would like to volunteer either themselves or a colleague as a possible candidate may submit a special form to the Committee by March 15. Forms will be posted on the bulletin board at the Temple Baptist Church and copies are available in the office, or can be [downloaded here](#). Candidates will be identified in person at a Tuesday spring lecture. Photos and biographical data of all candidates will be posted and mailed to every member. Voting will take place in all classroom locations (TBC, RR and 4H) for the two weeks prior to the annual meeting and close with the annual meeting April 23, 2013.

## OLLI Trippers

On Saturday December 1, 2012 twenty-six curious and art-loving OLLI members traveled to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, VA.

While we went specifically to see an exhibit of glass works by Dale Chihuly, everyone explored the whole



museum and found it charming and full of wonderful works of art. The bus ride was a nice opportunity to talk and get to know each other and a good time was had by all!

This trip was coordinated by **Liz Nicholas**. We are delighted that Liz has consented to be our new trip coordinator (and we neglected to give her proper acknowledgment in the catalog). If you have suggestions for interesting excursions, do email her at [liznicholas@earthlink.net](mailto:liznicholas@earthlink.net).

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