

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

February 2013



February

12, 14, 19, 21: SGL Training Course- 10-11:50 am, Temple Baptist Church (TBC)

21: Open House, 1 pm with special speaker **Don Bliss** to speak on the Politics of Mark Twain, TBC

26: Study group leader (SGL), study group representative (SGR) meeting- 10-11:50 am, TBC

27: SGL/SGR meeting- 10-11:50 am, 4H

28: SGL/SGR meeting- 10-11:50 am, River Rd.

OLLI SGL Donations

Many thanks to Study Group leaders **Van Ooms** and **Stan Weiss** for contributing their class gifts to OLLI.

OLLI Chamber Music Players

OLLI Chamber Music Players welcome new members especially

Letter from the Board Chair, Linda Miller

OLLI (almost) has a new home!! Thanks to the unflagging vision and perseverance of long-time OLLI member and former board chair Ray Rasenberger and our Executive Director, Anne Wallace, it looks like we are close to a deal with American University for a campus home for OLLI. Hopefully, potentially, and.... now, probably, we will be moving into the Washington College of Law building at 4801 Mass Ave NW. We hope the date is as early as the fall of 2015, and have as yet to negotiate a contract and/or price, BUT.... AU has identified us publicly as one of very few potential occupiers of that space. Imagine a building with parking, a cafeteria, and a vast assortment of classrooms, lecture rooms, and social gathering areas. This is definitely progress and, after nearly 30 years in the desert, shines a bright light on our future.



More good news and a giant **"THANK YOU"** to all who gave; we raised more than \$20,000 in annual giving! It is an all-time high and a tribute to the enthusiasm, support and encouragement that we continue to hear from OLLI's members despite the limitations we have been living with over the past many years.

I am thinking BIG! It starts with getting rid of the need for a lottery with more classes and space, and then goes to easy access (like elevators!) for everyone, and having a place to meet and greet, to clean classrooms with microphones that work (and that doesn't even touch the restrooms...)

We still have lots of work to do. The rent will be considerably more than we are paying now, so we are growing the Friends of OLLI Fund as best we can--- and the annual giving number is a great down payment. We are also adding more staff (a third person for Anne and Lena), hoping to earn another grant from Osher, and looking for other ways ---- sponsorships, grants, contributions, legacy giving, etc----to secure our future. Right now it feels like that future is closely tied to AU and to continued and mutually rewarding collaboration with the various schools and their deans.

It feels like a great place to be!

strings. Our next meeting is Friday, February 22, 6 to 7:30. Nancy Snider, AU Music Dept. Director, is our coach.

Contact
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if interested.

Hexagon 2013: Political Satire - All Proceeds to ALS Association

One of our members has asked that we publicize Hexagon Theaters 2013 production of *A Raucous Caucus* performances on March 1-6 at the Montgomery College Cultural Arts Center at 7995 Georgia Ave. Silver Spring, MD 20910 and March 21-23 at the Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre at 125 South Old Glebe Rd. Arlington, VA 22204

For more information go to their website at www.hexagon.org or call 202.333.SHOW.

OLLI Thanks

Thanks to **Martha Horne** for organizing another great January Speaker Series. Thanks to **Bob Coe** for his work organizing the OLLI Shorts. Special thanks to the study group leaders who led Shorts. Also thanks to **Barbara Rollinson** who is coordinating finding study group representatives.

Happy Spring semester to everyone; now all we need is Spring!

--Linda Miller

Welcome Margaret and Mary Fran

We're delighted that **Margaret Haffey** is joining us. She'll be providing AV/tech support for OLLI at TBC during the Spring semester prior to doing graduate work.

Additionally, **Mary Fran Miklitsch** is currently assisting in the office. An long time friend of both Anne and Lena, she is providing much needed administrative support. She has had a successful career in graphic design (including OLLI publications) and is now chasing and carpooling two wonderful children.

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.

Botanic Gardens Field Trip: March 8 at 1:30

Join us for a tour of the U.S. Botanic Garden's Conservatory. The tour will be one hour in length and will include a short history of the Botanic

Thanks in advance to those of you who volunteer to be SGRs!

Thanks to ...

... these people who helped with our registration mailing organized by **Jaleh Labib**.

Patricia Bruck
Hanne Caraher
Anne-Claude D'Agostino
Ruth Darmstadter
Sue Edson
Di Elkin
Elizabeth Gillbanks
Margaret Haffey
Earl Hall
Erika Latchis
Don Quayle
Gloria Rall
Luz Riches
Lisa Roney
Joan Rooks
Clare Sponis

OLLI Members in Art Exhibit

OLLI members Marguerite Beck-Rex and Ed Goldin are among the featured artists in The Chevy Chase Citizens Association's "Exhibition Celebrating Artists in Our Community." The opening reception is Tues., Feb. 19, 6:30 to 7:30 pm, at the Gallery Lounge, Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Ave. NW

Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held for Christopher Van Hollen at the Friends

Garden, the US Exploring Expedition and many fabulous plant stories. We will venture from the moist rainforest, through the orchid and medicinal houses, dry out in World Desert, take a quick run through Hawaii and learn about a number of rare and endangered species. We can only take **15 people so email our trip coordinator, Liz Nicholas with your name to: liznicholas@earthlink.net** as soon as you can for this special opportunity. The group will meet at the Gardens and will receive instructions where to meet. Going by Metro is the best way to get there.

OLLI Directory

Each semester we publish a directory of OLLI members so that members can communicate with each other. This information is not shared outside our organization. If you do not want any of your information shared, please let us know at OLLI@american.edu.

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

I am a Georgetown University PhD student currently looking for participants who are:

- Native speakers of English with limited experience with foreign languages OR
- Native speakers of English who read, write, speak, and hear English and Spanish regularly
- Age 60 or older
- Comfortable with computers; i.e., can type with two fingers and use a mouse, no need to be a proficient user of particular programs.

I need people like you to help me complete my dissertation by participating in a study on foreign language learning in older adults. The study consists of three sessions, each 1-2 hours long. You will be compensated for participation. Sessions will take place on Georgetown's campus or in a public location convenient to you. To find out more about participation in the study, contact me (Jessica Cox) at jgc48@georgetown.edu or (302) 354-7122, or Dr. Cristina Sanz at sanzc@georgetown.edu. This is an ongoing project; we can accommodate your schedule.

Mystery Book Club

A new mystery book club will hold its first meeting on Thursday, March 14 at the River Road Unitarian Church at noon and every other week thereafter. Please contact Barbara Coleman, mickeybc6@gmail.com or Susan Greif, Susangreif@gmail.com if you are interested in joining.

OLLI Players In Search of Writers

Meeting House, 2111
Florida Ave. on Friday,
Feb. 22 at 2 pm followed
by a reception at the
Cosmos Club.

There isn't a class this semester, but we'd still like to put on a staged reading this spring. If you are interested in helping write the script, please contact Carol Light (clightdc@hotmail.com). The script will be inspired by a well known modern play about the criminal justice system.

If we can get a usable script, there will be a separate casting call for performers.

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