

# Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

## October 2013



# OLL I

at American University Washington DC



### Annual Food Drive

Support the **Capital Area Food Bank** by bringing canned or non-perishable food to Temple Baptist Church from Oct. 21-24.

If you wish to contribute by writing a check, please mail it to Selma Rosenthal, 4201 Cathedral Ave. NW #822E, Washington DC 20016.

### OLL I Lectures

The OLL I Speaker Committee is seeking speaker recommendations. Please fill out the form [online](#) or pick up a copy at class sites.

Members of the committee are Martha Horne, *chair*, Tina Fried Heller, Ken Guenther, Stan Newman, Alice Weinstein and Susan Willens.

### Letter from the Board Chair, Phil Schwartz



Well, we are off and running as we begin our 32nd year of operations at OLL I. This semester, we are offering 85 courses at five separate locations and about 890 members have registered so far. Our outstanding staff has been working frantically to assure that all classes and events are up and running as smoothly as possible.

I hope you are enjoying the opportunity to learn with our remarkable study group leaders and the special group of adults who share your desire to make learning an integral part of their lives.

If you would like to participate even more, please visit our website (see below), read below about the OLL I Ops, or contact Mary Fran Miklitsch at the OLL I office. In addition to our classes, there are guest lectures, trips, hikes, evenings at the theater, and more. Think about starting a group if you have an interest others might share. I encourage you to participate to the extent that works best for you - and enjoy!

Phil Schwartz, Chair of the Board

### Study Group Brainstorming Brown Bag Lunches

Have you had an idea for a study group you'd like to lead but never got it down on paper? Now is the time.

The Curriculum Committee would like to learn what courses you would like OLL I to offer that are not being offered now, and -- very important -- where we might find Study Group Leaders for them. Do you know of people who you think would make great study group leaders, but who are unsure about what kind of study group to offer, or whether they have the qualifications? We would like to have the chance to speak with them about what the job entails and about the help OLL I offers to those who undertake to lead a group.

We invite you to meet with the Curriculum Committee at a "brown bag" lunch, with coffee and dessert provided by OLL I, at the Temple Baptist Church. We'll be splitting into subject matter groups (listed below) to discuss possible courses and SGLs from noon to 1 p.m. on Thurs., Oct.

## OLLI Ops Hiking and Biking

About 25 members have joined the Hiking Group. They went on their first 3-mile hike on Roosevelt Island. They will be organizing additional hikes in the upcoming weeks. If you are interested in joining the group, email [Ray Johnston](mailto:Ray.Johnston).

We are still wondering about bike riders in our midst...if interested contact [Mary Fran](mailto:Mary.Fran) in the office.

## OLLI Ops Artist Group?

Are you a serious artist? If you are interested in meeting once a month to discuss your work, share ideas, etc., please email [Rose Mosner](mailto:Rose.Mosner).

## Did you know?

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## You're Invited

### A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow  
by Washington Irving,

17.

### SUBJECT MATTER AREAS:

100's: Politics, Law, and Government -- Sid Booth  
200's: Psychology, Sociology, & Culture -- Beneva Weintraub  
300's: Economics -- Betsy White  
400's: Biology, Physics, Chemistry, & Math -- Barbara Searle and Ed Goldin  
500's: Visual Arts -- Naomi Heller  
500's: Music -- Alan Frey  
600's: Literature & Language -- Phyllis Homes and Sandy Leibowitz  
700's: History & Geography -- Bob Coe  
800's: Philosophy & Religion -- Mel Hurwitz

Naomi Heller, Chair, Curriculum Committee

## OLLI Ops Theatre-Going Group

The OLLI Theatre-Going Group invites you to join us for our first play, *The Argument* by Alexandra Gersten-Vassilos at Theatre J, Sunday, Nov. 3 at 3:00 pm. See [www.theatrej.org](http://www.theatrej.org) for more info. The drama chronicles Sophie, a charming, vibrant artist, and Phillip, a loyal, solid businessman, as a 40-something couple whose new relationship is rocked when Sophie learns she is pregnant.

Please send your check for \$30 per ticket (made payable to OLLI) to Cynthia Chase, 3654 Upton St. NW, Washington DC 20008. Checks are due Fri., Oct. 11 to get the group discount. Non-OLLI members welcome. Sorry, no refunds are possible. [www.theatrej.org](http://www.theatrej.org) for more info.

Our second play is an edgy comedy entitled *Appropriate* by Branden Jacobs-Jenkins, at Woolly Mammoth Theatre, Sunday matinee at 2 pm, Nov. 17. Tickets cost \$38 each. In this searing and audacious comic drama, the estranged members of the Lafayette family return to Arkansas, and their crumbling old plantation home, to settle the accounts of their recently deceased patriarch. Sorting through mementos and junk, they discover a gruesome relic that sends the family spiraling into a dark history of repressed memories and family secrets.

Please send checks (payable to OLLI) for \$38 per ticket by Fri., Nov. 1 to Cynthia Chase, 3654 Upton St NW, Washington, DC 20008. Sorry, no refunds are possible. See <http://www.woollymammoth.net/performance/appropriate> for more info.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the Theatre Group, please email [Helen Schwartz](mailto:Helen.Schwartz).

Oct. 15,  
7:30-9:00pm,  
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Law, AU

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*Phil Schwartz, Board Chair / Anne Wallace, Executive Director*

*Tony Long, Curriculum Coordinator / Mary Fran Miklitsch, Program Coordinator*