

# Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Newsletter

## January 2014



### Our Sympathies ...

to Lois Berkowitz on the death of her husband **Ed Berkowitz** who has been an OLLI member since 2008.

to the family and friends of **Mary Shoemaker**, one-time Study Group Leader and long-time member, died on Nov. 30.

### Thank You ...

... to **Bob Hausman, Dave Palmeter** and **Jacques Read**, who donated their class gifts to OLLI. Thanks very much.

### Did you know?

You can click on underlined text in this newsletter and it will take you to a website or open an email. Underlined text like this is called a "link."

### The Ever Living Tree by Grace Lebow

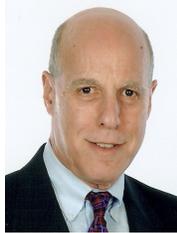
**Upcoming Exhibit at River Road Unitarian Universalist Church, Bethesda, Maryland January 6 - February 14, 2014**  
Reception: January 5, 3:00-5:00 P.M.

Please RSVP:

[gracelebow@comcast.net](mailto:gracelebow@comcast.net)

Grace's work can be viewed at her website at [Gracelebow.com](http://Gracelebow.com).

### Letter from the Board Chair, Phil Schwartz



#### LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD

I want to wish everyone a very happy and educational new semester (and New Year). We are set to have another wonderful semester with a record-breaking 92 classes. One of my favorite study groups this past fall was "New Media Landscape," a series of presentations by AU School of Communication professors, which explained the mind-boggling array of media competing for our attention. They are coming back this spring. One of my wife's favorites was "The Dodgers and Brooklyn: A Horsehide Love Affair." For me, these two study groups represent the array of classes available at OLLI: from the legends of our youth to the current bombardment of information.

This January we will usher in a new registration process. While we still cannot guarantee that everyone will get her or his first choice of study groups, we can assure that fewer people will get shut out of their preferred choices, with the understanding that those who have taken the most popular courses during the previous two semesters may have to wait to take them again. You will be asked to indicate how many study groups you want to attend and you may list up to six study groups in order of preference. You can include among your six preferences, several study groups that are offered on the same day and at the same time because the computer will not allow you to be assigned to a study group if the time conflicts with a study group that you have already been accepted to. **We will demonstrate the new registration process and answer any questions at Temple Baptist Church on Monday, January 6th, from 10:00 to 11:30 am.**

The Spring 2014 catalogs will mail on Jan. 3. Please look them over carefully. We have a wide range of subjects and a record number (92) of study groups. (OLLI continues to attract many new and knowledgeable SGLs, who are excited about leading groups of students who are eager to continue learning.)

I hope you enjoy looking back, looking forward, and learning with a group of people who are also perpetually intrigued by the process of lifelong learning.

**Land of the Sirens:  
Art & Music on  
Italy's Amalfi Coast!**

**Insiders' Tour for Opera  
Lovers to the Amalfi Coast  
Music & Arts Festival, Maiori,  
Italy**

Lead by Bruce Eisen,  
instructor of opera appreciation  
classes  
& opera aficionado  
extraordinaire  
July 6 - July 14, 2014

During your idyllic stay in  
southern Italy, join  
opera singers, painters &  
renowned professors of music  
and art to partake of the rich  
offerings of an international  
music & arts festival in the  
incomparable setting of Italy's  
Amalfi Coast.

To register, go to:

[http://amalfi-  
festival.org/guest/alumsOlli.php](http://amalfi-festival.org/guest/alumsOlli.php)

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For more details, contact:  
music@amalfi-festival.org or  
301-587-6189.

Sincerely,  
Phillip Schwartz, Chair of the Board of Directors

**January 2014 Lecture Series**

**The January 2014 Lecture Series is now available online.** You can  
download a [PDF of the January Lectures](#) or you can visit the [OLLI  
website](#) to review them.

**OLLI Playgoing Group: ACT NOW!**

**Note: Discounted tickets require early payment. Please sign up  
today for a January 22 deadline.**

In February, our OLLI Playgoing Group will attend "**Yellowface**" at  
**Theatre J, Sunday matinee, Feb. 9 at 3:00 pm.** Ticket prices \$35.  
David Henry Hwang, author of *M. Butterfly*, blurs the lines between truth  
and fiction with hilarious results in this unreliable memoir. Hwang leads a  
community protest against the casting of a famous white actor as the  
Eurasian pimp in *Miss Saigon*, condemning the practice as "yellowface."  
His position soon comes back to haunt him when he mistakes a  
Caucasian actor for mixed-race, and casts him in the lead Asian role of  
his own new play. Hwang struggles to "save face" amidst family politics,  
international intrigue and government investigations.

*Please send your \$35 check made out to Theatre J and send it to arrive  
by January 21 to Joan Wessel, 4101 Cathedral Ave. NW, #904,  
Washington, DC 20016.* Feel free to invite your friends and family at this  
great price! **Pick up your ticket(s) in your name at the Theatre J Box  
Office the day of the performance.** Please put your email address on  
your check; if we have to cancel, we'll return or rip up your check.

Again, we need to pay early for discounted tickets, so send in your  
reservation now!

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