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Letter from the Chair

2016 is the historic year that OLLI at AU moved to our new home and we can all be grateful that we made the transition so effectively. Many thanks to Anne, Tony, Mary Fran, Susan and Jade for their hard work, cheerfulness and patience.

From all accounts, classes and lectures were extremely well received. The concerns we had about the use of the fifth floor social space have been lessened as more and more members became aware of the space. Jeanne Kent, our hospitality chair arranged “coffee breaks” every week on a different day. They were a great help in increasing awareness to members of our social space. Next year we will continue our once a week “coffee breaks.” Bob Hausman suggested that we add a once a week “lunch break” between morning and afternoon classes with coffee and lemonade, which we will do.

Next year is the **35th anniversary** of the founding of OLLI. We will be celebrating all year long with great **lectures** thanks to Denise Liebowitz and her lecture committee starting January 10th. A wonderful **series of short courses February 6-10th** and the beginning of a new semester March 6th. We are beginning to plan a gala event in late spring to commemorate our 35th year.

We are also beginning to plan for summer activities now that we have a year round facility. Thanks to all who filled out the questionnaire, we had a very good response with 405 replies. A summary of the responses will soon be on the OLLI website. The replies will be very helpful in our program planning.

I also want to thank everyone who has

already responded to my end of the year fundraising letter and all those who will respond by the end of the year.

It is my pleasure to announce that the Board of Directors has approved Anne Wallace's recommendation that Tony Long be named Deputy Executive Director of OLLI. Congratulations to Tony for a well-deserved promotion.

I look forward to seeing you at the **OLLI holiday party on December 15th from 4-6pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church on River Road.** The party will be held in Fellowship Hall. Alan Frey has graciously agreed to play the piano for the event. **Happy Holidays to everyone!**

All the best,
Stan Newman

2016 Civil War Trip



On November 9, OLLI members joined Civil War SGL Chris Bradley and expert Ed Bearss for a tour of John Wilkes Booth's escape route through the District and Maryland.

What OLLI Members Are Reading: Part 3

OLLI members tend to be avid readers. We've asked a random group, "What did you read over the summer?" Here are some of the replies (which have been edited for length and clarity). More in future newsletters.

Larry Walders: I read *Everybody's Fool* by Richard Russo. It follows his best seller *Nobody's Fool*.

Both are set on a depressed area of upstate New York with a cast of bizarre characters who go through episodes of hilarious and semi-tragic experiences. The writing is entertaining and also provides insights into small-town life.

Dorothy Wexler: I did a mishmash of reading this summer. I started with a book I've been longing to get to: *Leningrad, Siege and Symphony* by Brian Moynahan, a long book focused on Shostakovich composing his Seventh Symphony during the siege of Leningrad, following up with the new novel by Julian Barnes, *The Noise of Time*, also about Shostakovich. The Barnes was a present as were a couple of other books I read: *A Thousand Miles to Freedom*, by Eunsun Kim about her escape from North Korea and *Memories from Moscow to the Black Sea*, by the Russian journalist "Teffi." For book groups I belong to, I read the extraordinary World War I novel by the Irish author Sebastian Barry, *A Long Long Way* and *Disraeli: The Novel Politician* by David Cesarini, which examines how "Jewish" Disraeli was. Then for fun: *Love in a Cold Climate* by Nancy Mitford and *Imperium: A Novel of Ancient Rome*, by the incomparable Robert Harris (in anticipation of the Roman history class which I was lucky to get into).

Robert Adamson: What I read this summer: Andrew Solomon, *Far From The Tree*; Dara Horn, *A Guide For the Perplexed* and *On All Other Nights*; M.L. Stedman, *A Light Between the Oceans*; Anne Tyler, *A Hole to America*; Thomas Buergenthal, *A Lucky Child*, and Dalia Sofer *The Septembers of Shiraz*.

Peter MacGahan: *Flashpoints*, by George Friedman, *The Garments of the Court and Palace*, by Philip Bobbitt, and *The Jewish Gospel of John*, by Eli Lizorkin-Eyzenberg.

Peter Sherman: I read *Waiting*, by Ha Jin. Highly recommend this novel set in China during the cultural revolution; *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*, by Carson McCullers, a classic well worth reading or rereading, and David Brooks' *Road to Character*.

Linda Roeder: *Between the World and Me*, by Ta Nehisi Coates; *Wolf Hall*, by Hilary Mantel; *The Sympathizer*, by Viet Thanh Nguyen; *Devil in the White City*, by Erik Larson; *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr; *The Secret River*, by Kate Grenville; and *Euphoria*, by Lily King.

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