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September 28, 2018 OLLI News

Fall Registration Is A Record Breaker!

This fall, OLLI at AU is welcoming the **largest number of members ever: 1,160 and 202 of those are new members, another record-setting number.** The other good news is that in spite of this growth, most members found places in most of the classes they requested.

Both returning members and new ones were welcomed at an Open House and standing room-only orientation program the week before classes began. And **special thanks to Jeanne Kent, Ellen Passman, and their tireless Social Committee for laying out plenty of morning coffee and treats and OLLI hospitality.**

Kudos also to Lesley Diaz, Martha Cutts, Barbara Rollinson, and Ginny deRoze who this year instituted a new effort to organize OLLI volunteers to personally welcome new members. **More than forty “Welcomers” reached out to new members** with a phone call or an email and will touch base at several points during the semester, making sure all new arrivals truly feel they have become part of a community.

Refunds

Deadline for Refunds: The deadline for requesting a refund is **next Friday, Oct. 5.** You may request a refund online or by contacting the office. If you paid by credit card, your refund will be automatically returned to the credit card you used. If you paid by check, OLLI will mail a check to you. **There is a \$10 service charge for refunds.**

Fourth Class

Adding A Fourth Class: If you wish to add a fourth study group, you may do so after Friday, Oct. 5. You must register for the study group, not just show up. The study group must be “open,” that is, it must be accepting registrants. You can view the list of open study groups on the website. Go to “View All Study Groups,” then doubleclick on the column head “Status” at the far right. That will bring all open study groups to the top of the list. You can also stop by the office and ask to be added to a study group. Please determine ahead of time in which study group(s) you are interested.

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AU Safety and Security Services

If you would like to receive AU alerts to your smartphone, please download [the Rave Guardian app](#).

Gandhi Jayanti

The Gandhi Memorial Center in cooperation with the Embassy of India will present

Call for Docents at AU Museum

The AU Museum is searching for enthusiastic, art-loving storytellers who want to join their team of museum docents. This diverse group would lead tours of their interesting exhibits. If you would like to know more about this opportunity, please click the link: [I'm Interested](#)

Write Rite Workshop

On **Friday, October 19, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM**, OLLI and the Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop will co-sponsor our fourth *“Write Rite”* (formerly *“Write Lunch”*), led by Jenny Pierson and Ellen Siegler. Free Minds conducts literacy programs, including poetry classes, for incarcerated youth in DC. They will provide us with a packet of poems written by incarcerated young men for us to read and to provide comments.

We are seeking a community of 20-25 OLLI members who will give the youth's poetry encouraging comments. Providing feedback on these poems is an enjoyable community activity and a great way to show these youth that others respect their work and appreciate their dedication. **A few men who have participated in and benefited from this program will be with us to share their experiences** in the program and express their appreciation. If you have questions, **contact Jenny Pierson:** piersonjen17@gmail.com or 202-248-

"Gandhi Jayanti" on **Tuesday, October 2 at 7:30pm.**

All are welcome to join in the 149th birth anniversary observance of Mahatma Gandhi in the Golden Lotus Temple. Special remarks will be offered by the Deputy Chief of Mission of the Indian Embassy, Ambassador Santosh Jha and by the Director of the Gandhi Memorial Center, Srimati Karuna. This program is free. For more information: www.gandhimemorialcenter.org or 301-320-6871.

8288.

Free Minds will also host an exciting new lecture **next Friday, October 5**, led by Mbachur Mbenda, outreach coordinator, and James Allen, Poet Ambassador, highlighting their efforts in empowering the young inmates. It will be held **in Room A on the first floor, from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM.** *To register, click here* :

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/olli-at-au-free-minds-tickets-50186619530>

Free Minds appeared this week on an episode of the PBS's new series *The Great American Read*. The episode, titled *Heroes*, showed the book club members discussing Lois Lowry's *The Giver*. To view this episode online, please visit the PBS website, or click [here](#).

Upcoming Events at American University

NOTE: If you have a question about any AU-specific event, **please contact the sponsoring department directly.**

Signature Series at the AU School of Communication

Films Across Borders: Stories of Women

Date: October 5 - December 18

Films Across Borders: Stories of Women is a multi-cultural series of cinematic works by and about women. Showcasing 50+ films in 14 venues throughout the DC area from October 5 to December 18, the series highlights the importance of gender-balanced perspectives and gives voice to vital and diverse female viewpoints through dramatic features, documentaries and shorts.

Screenings and featured speakers will explore key issues around the female gaze, women in film, and the ways in which women, fighting for equality on screen and behind the camera, raise awareness about

key social issues, inspire action and pave the way for stories of other underrepresented populations.

RBG

Date: October 5

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Malsi Doyle and Michael Forman Theater, McKinley Building

American University features *RBG*, the 2018 acclaimed documentary on Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, as its opening night event for the series. *RBG*, directed and produced by Betsy West and Julie Cohen, explores the exceptional life and legendary career of U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

The special opening night event will include a pre-screening reception and post-screening discussion with panelists Robert Barnes, Supreme Court *Washington Post* Reporter, and Julie Cohen, *RBG* co-director; moderated by Betsy Fischer Martin, executive director, AU Women & Politics Institute. Audience Q&A is encouraged.

6:00 pm -- Opening Night reception; Media Innovation Lab; AU McKinley Building

6:30 pm -- *RBG* film screening (98 minutes, In English); Doyle/Forman Theater, AU McKinley Building

8:15 pm -- Panel discussion and audience Q&A

Free, but reservations required. Seating on first come/first served basis. *To register:*

[RBGFilmsAcrossBorders.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/#!/search/rbg-films-across-borders)

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