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Keep Your Zoom Invitations

This is a reminder that we are no longer sending weekly invitations for Zoom classes. You should have received a Recurring Invitation. Please use that link or Meeting ID for the remainder of this semester.

2020 Election of OLLI Board of Directors

Voting for the 2020 Board of Directors is still open until Friday, April 17, at 5:00 PM. OLLI members were sent an email with your first name and password to login to SimplyVoting.com to vote. The ballot includes the photos and bios of the four candidates for office.

Passing of OLLI Member

OLLI notes with sadness the recent passing of our long-time member, Mildred Jacobs, who died just short of her 101st birthday. Mildred was an early OLLI member beginning close to 30 years ago. She was an avid student of current affairs and a bright, charming, and loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother with a zest for life and a great sense of humor. She will be greatly missed.

Summer and Fall Study Group Proposals

The OLLI office is accepting study group proposals for both the upcoming summer sessions and fall semester. We welcome proposals from both new and veteran Study Group Leaders. For more information about being a study group leader at OLLI, please visit the [Become A Study Group Leader](#) page. If you or someone you know is interested in leading a study group and

would like to speak with someone, please e-mail olli@american.edu with your contact information and we will get in touch with you. **To propose a study group, please click one of the links below.** You will be prompted to login with your OLLI username/password or create an account if it's your first time.

Summer

While we don't know yet whether our June and July offerings will be conducted in-person or online (such as ZOOM like our spring session), we are planning to hold classes. The OLLI Board of Directors will be discussing study group format at its April meeting and those who have submitted a proposal will be notified afterwards of the final format. If the summer sessions are conducted remotely, the following support would be provided for Study Group Leaders:

- Remote training sessions—both group and one-on-one as needed
- Continuous support from OLLI staff, including monitoring study groups remotely to handle troubleshooting
- Staff available by e-mail or phone
- Tips on remote teaching from current spring Study Group Leaders
- Step-by-step instructions developed specifically for OLLI

Remote classes can utilize PowerPoints, videos, music, discussion, and guest speakers. Classes can require a book if it can be found for purchase on Amazon or another online retailer. Documents can be sent to class members using an e-mail list OLLI provides.

The June Minis will be **June 1-26** and the July Shorts will be **July 13-17**. June Minis meet once a week for 4 weeks and July Shorts meet 3-5 times over the course of one week.

[**June Minis Proposal Form**](#)

[**July Shorts Proposal Form**](#)

Proposal Deadline: April 20

Fall

The fall semester will be September 21-December 4. Study groups are 8-10 weeks long and meet once a week. We are currently planning for the fall semester to be conducted in-person.

[**Fall Proposal Form**](#)

Proposal Deadline: May 11

OLLI and the AU International Accelerator Program

Social distancing has not kept OLLI members from calling, texting, emailing, and even virtually meeting with their AU International Accelerator Program (IAP) student partners. Some OLLI members have FaceTime/Zoom calls on a regular (even daily) basis with their partners and their partners' roommates. A few OLLI members and students find it easier to "meet" now, given their less busy social schedules. Being so far from home, some of the AU IAP students are finding comfort and support from their OLLI partners in a time of abundant uncertainties when communication is more important than ever.

For OLLI members who do not know about IAP, it is a pathway program that provides international students with academic, English-language, and cultural support while students take a partial load of

graduate level courses. OLLI and the Master's Accelerator Program at AU formed a partnership in 2018 to foster intercultural connections and understanding. OLLI participants have one, two, and up to four AU IAP student partners.

Zoom Security and Privacy at OLLI

As many of you know, Zoom has received significant negative press in the past few weeks. The focus has been on privacy and security issues. The purpose of this piece is to update OLLI members on Zoom's issues and how OLLI is addressing these issues.

First, Zoom has decided to spend 90 days solely addressing privacy and security issues. Last night, they issued an updated version of the software to better protect users. We expect frequent updates in the days to come.

Zoom has both free and licensed accounts. With a free account, meetings are limited to 40 minutes and up to 100 participants per meeting. OLLI has 10 Zoom's Business License accounts, which allows us to offer 7 simultaneous classes (just as in-person), each 90-minutes, and with up to 300 participants in each meeting. The additional accounts allow OLLI staff to monitor meetings to assist in troubleshooting.

From the beginning, to provide as much security and privacy as possible, we decided that OLLI staff would set up our Zoom accounts, schedule meetings, and send meeting invitations. This means that two staff are managing this process instead of 90-plus Study Group Leaders.

Many Zoom users are aware of only those controls she/he has in a meeting. For instance, whether or not to mute/unmute or whether to turn their video on so they can be seen. However, Zoom provides more than 65 settings for each meeting. Because OLLI staff schedule the meetings, we can ensure all settings are accurate. Here are some examples of settings which we use:

All OLLI study groups are private. We do not post our meeting invitations on our website, on social media, or in any public sphere. Only OLLI members and staff can attend. This is our first defense against "Zoombombing" in which uninvited guests post racist, obscene, or pornographic language or images. Zoombombing has occurred in meetings which have been publicized on Facebook, websites, or other public spaces.

We only allow meeting Hosts (SGLs) to "share screens" (for example, to display a PowerPoint presentation or YouTube video) or "annotate" (write notes on their screens). Should an outsider get into an OLLI meeting, she/he would not be able to post any images or write any messages.

We do not allow study group sessions to be recorded. If an SGL wants to record a study group as feedback to improve her/his instruction, the SGL must request permission from the office and directly from the members in that group. We did record the Annual Meeting and informed members beforehand that it would be recorded. The purpose of that recording was for reporting purposes. The video has been deleted. When it existed, it was stored in the cloud in the OLLI Admin account to which only OLLI staff have access.

WHAT OLLI MEMBERS AND SGLS USING ZOOM SHOULD/SHOULD NOT DO

As with any other technology, OLLI is dependent upon its members and staff to use Zoom in an ethical manner.

- Do not share any OLLI meeting invitations or Meeting IDs with others.
- Do not record any OLLI meeting without the permission of the host and participants.
- Please be sure to keep Zoom updated by accepting updates or downloading them from

<https://zoom.us/download>.

Broadway Show Tunes and Musicals

Below are some more excellent suggestions for chasing the shut-in blues from Dan Moskowitz:

Broadway Show Tunes

Broadway Leading Ladies

Julie Andrews, Liza Minnelli, Audra McDonald, Elaine Stritch, and lots more
Carnegie Hall 1998

Boston Pops

Songs from musicals of the 1920s and 1930s in their original orchestrations

Songs from Disney Broadway productions

From London: 10 West End soloists, a dozen dancers, and a huge chorus

“Inspirational” Broadway songs; soloists with the Prague Symphony

Victor Herbert: operetta and classical at the Library of Congress

Irving Berlin’s 100th birthday celebration

Pop (Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Rosemary Clooney) meets Broadway (Tommy Tune, Nell Carter, Jerry Orbach) at Carnegie Hall

Rodgers & Hammerstein: BBC Proms at Royal Albert Hall

Jerome Kern, if you can sit through Lawrence Welk arrangements

Cole Porter

Noel Coward

Cleo Laine and others ... a lot of less-heard selections

Rodgers and Hart

Festival Theatre Company, Melbourne, Australia 1980

“Up Close and Personal”

ASCAP program of interview and performances at Kennedy Center

- **Jerry Herman**
- **Cy Coleman**
- **Frank Loesser**
- **Sheldon Harnick**
- **Charles Strouse**

[Music of Marvin Hamlisch](#)

Library of Congress

[Stephen Sondheim 75th birthday concert at Hollywood Bowl](#)

Barbara Cook, Elaine Stritch, Audra McDonald, Carol Burnett, Jason Alexander, many more

[Today's Broadway composers](#)

Jeanine Tesori, Steven Lutvak & David Yazbek at the Library of Congress

Musicals

[New Moon](#)

New York City Opera at Wolf Trap 1989

[Candide](#)

Scottish Opera 1988

[Will Rogers Follies](#)

Broadway production

[Bright Star](#)

Concert version with Broadway cast plus Steven Martin and Edie Brickell

[Jesus Christ Superstar](#)

A performance (in English) from Salerno, Italy

[Les Miserables](#)

10th Anniversary concert version -- Royal Albert Hall

[Sunday in the Park with George](#)

Broadway production with Mandy Patinkin and Bernadette Peters

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