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**Loudoun News November Report**

**End of Fall Term**

You did it! Another successful OLLI term and many more to go. Social activities at Loudoun are beginning to have a following after the wonderful efforts of Judy Sapienza and the wonderful lunches she has organized. I have even seen some Tallwood members that have ventured out to join us! Another shout out to Barbara Wilan and all her hard work at getting Nova professors to teach at Loudoun. Let us also not forget the Loudoun program committee that has created some wonderful courses taught by members as well as outside professionals. We are still searching for more individuals to join our program group. It is made up of some super members that all love Loudoun OLLI and we want you to join us. We know that you have a great deal to offer that we know nothing about.

The “Listening Tour” at Loudoun on October 18th was well attended by members and many questions were answered by our ED, Jennifer Disano. One was about dues, and the answer was, no raising of dues in 2018. Other questions followed about class size and members that signed up and did not attend. This will be discussed by all sites and hopefully an answer figured out. Another question was the Olli website and registration and how it seems a bit difficult about how to add or drop a class now that there is no drop button in the website. The answer was, we are using a scholastic website and teachers do not want students to be able to push a button and drop their classes! Other questions came up and as it was a month ago, I cannot remember them all! All told it was an interesting and helpful exercise and the possibility was broached that we have one every term.

We are still looking into having clubs at Loudoun. Our last meeting was sparsely attended so nothing was accomplished except the desire for clubs from 2 to 3 people. A *Classical Music Club* was strongly suggested by Mary Coyne and G*etting to Know You* was a thought brought up by Hank Taylor. It is an interesting idea to work on. How many of you really know your classmates? Let us all think of how we can become better known to others in Loudoun OLLI? Teaching would be a beginning or joining the program committee.

Do not forget to sign up for the Holiday Party on December 1st. Register on line. Very few Loudoun members show up, so let’s give it a go this year. It’s another way to get to know people. It is at the International Country Club on Rt. 50. Down 28 S to Rt.50 and it is about 4 traffic lights down 50 on the left hand side. About 20 minutes to get there. Show all the members that Loudoun is alive and well!

**Notes about Winter Classes**

Registration for winter 2018 term is just around the corner! December 1-December 8 at noon. A wide variety of classes and presentations are scheduled for Loudoun. Below is a sampling of the offerings at Loudoun during the winter term:

History enthusiasts, will be interested in **L308 Henry Kissinger and the Approach to Foreign Policy** taught by Greg Cleva. The focus of this four session class is the historical philosophy that Kissinger developed as a student and later applied to studying and understanding world politics.

Literature buffs will enjoy **L954 *Hillbilly Elegy* Discussion Group** lead by Nancy Scheeler. *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance, an account of the author’s life story, raises many questions concerning the cultural upheaval and economic struggles of many Americans.

OLLI members who enjoy science and technology will find **L978 the Missing Einstein Manuscript : My family’s History with Albert Einstein and Social Publishing**.an interesting one time presentation. Jeffrey Metzger will speak on the role that his maternal family played in scientific publishing in Germany in the early 20th century. His family published a number of Albert Einstein’s works**.**

**L608 An Introduction to Islam** is a four session class taught by Mohamed Assan. In this class, the instructor will discuss the definition of Islam as a whole, as well as more specific topics such as economy, social organization, codes of civil and criminal law, and the role of women in Islam.

**L968 How to Succeed as National Security Advisor without Really Trying** is a one-time presentation. Michel Leavitt will discuss the history of the National Security council.

For those considering a move, **L992 Making the Move: 55+ Communities Panel Discussion** will provide a wealth of information about five 55+ communities in Loudoun County.

Consult the winter 2018 catalog, for a complete listing of all of the courses and presentations being offered at Loudoun for the winter term (January 22-Febraury 16). The winter catalog should be arriving in your mailbox later this month.

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