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Welcome Back

It is a pleasure to welcome everyone back for the start of our four-week winter program. This is the shortest term of our year, but it is jam packed with activity. We have fifty-two classes and eight special events. There is plenty to keep everybody busy.

After the close of the fall term, we ended our year and celebrated the season with a wonderful holiday party. Thanks go to the Hospitality Committee for making the arrangements and to the OLLI Chorus for providing the entertainment.

You may recall that at the end of the fall term the Friends of OLLI offered for sale cookbooks donated by OLLI member Al Cammarta. The cookbook contains a collection of family recipes compiled by Al's mother Lena. Proceeds from the sale exceeded \$1,200. We are very grateful to Al and his family for their generosity.

Source: Charles Duggan

Dues Increased \$10

At its December meeting, the Board of Directors approved the 2005 budget. Included in the budget is a dues increase of \$10 per member effective with the spring 2005 term. The new dues will be \$280 per year. The dues increase is the first in two years and represents a change of 3.7% as compared to a rise in the cost of living of 5.4% in the same period.

Even with the dues increase, the budget projects a small deficit for 2005. The budget has increased due to a number of factors including higher rent at Lake Anne, printing charges and the introduction of a paid time off plan for the office staff.

Some members have asked why we needed to raise dues in a year when we received a generous grant. The answer is that the grant was made for specific purposes and was not intended to supplement our operating expenses. Therefore, we must continue to rely on dues to cover such costs. The grant proceeds have been used to construct the new restroom at Tallwood and to upgrade the audiovisual equipment in all the classrooms.

Source: Charles Duggan

Red Alert

As you return to OLLI this semester, please look for the red dots on the name tags of new members Jung An, Diane Bates, Shirley Beacham, Marsha Beaugrand, Glenn Cassidy, Carole Clarke, Penny Comeau, Tom Fintel, Sheila Gold, Rosemary Hogg, Mary Hollingshead, Edward Jordan, Habibolah Khazeni, Rita Leake, Paulette Lichtman-Panzer, Elizabeth Maggio, Bill Martin, Bob Matthews, John Meier, James Miller, Mary Nothdurft, Sarah Seigel, Lester Seigel, Edith Speir, Mary Jane Steele, Shirley Tarantino, Skip Weeks, Anne Marie Weinfield, Stephanie Weisbroth, Steven Weisbroth, and Ann Wickersham.

Please welcome new members in your classes. Let them know right away that

joining our group of bright and enthusiastic seniors was an inspired decision. At Tallwood, invite them to have coffee and cookies with you in the social room, explain the exchange system to anyone who seems interested in the books, and offer directions to TA 2, TA 3 and the new bathrooms in the house. In Reston, suggest that they explore the stores in Lake Anne Plaza. Finally, lots of people are already at work to make the January 28th New Member Coffee the best ever. Encourage new members to attend and arrange to meet them there.

Source: Elizabeth Crawford

New Members Coffee

The New Members Coffee will be held in the Social Room at Tallwood on January 28, at 10:30. Nancy Jarvis, Events Chairman, encourages all new members to attend. There will be plenty of refreshments and enjoyable conversation.

Source: Sandy Driesslein

OLLI Staff and Office Hours

At Tallwood:

Jennifer Maloney, Administrator
Carol Ferrara, Program Coordinator
Anna Hartmann, Financial Assistant
Travanta Thompson, Student Assistant

At Lake Anne:

Mathilde Speier, Administrative Assistant

Tallwood office hours during class weeks:

Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, 9 a.m. to noon

Source: Charles Duggan, Jennifer Maloney

Anna Hartmann Joins OLLI Staff

Anna Hartmann joined the OLLI staff on December 6 as a part-time Financial Assistant. She goes by "Ann," and she has a degree in management from Rider University. She has been an office

administrator for a small business, an administrative assistant in the Defense Attache Office at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, and a media specialist at an elementary school. She and her family live nearby in Fairfax.

Source: Carol Henderson

Membership Chair says "Talk to Me"

A funny thing happened this fall on my way to TA-1. Someone persuaded me to become OLLI's new membership chair. So here I am, supposedly advocating for your needs as members while trying to figure out how to spread the good word of OLLI to others.

Your a dynamic Membership Committee is determined to accomplish these goals. It has always been active in serving your needs by organizing office volunteers and class liaisons, working on special social events like open houses, or whatever might enhance your OLLI experience.

Now we need your feedback. When you see me behind a big sign that says "Talk to Me," please do just that! I will be stationed outside Lake Anne classes on Mondays and in Tallwood Annex on Thursdays so you can tell me your ideas, your opinions, no strings attached. If it suits you better email me at debbyhalv@aol.com or use the suggestion boxes at Tallwood and Lake Anne.

OLLI's vitality depends on the enthusiasm of its members. Together with you, the Membership Committee can move forward with exciting plans for growth and continued enjoyment of our program.

Source: Debbie Halverson

Special Events Committee

Would you like to be involved with planning trips and arranging for one-time speakers and presentations? The members of the Special Events Committee invite you to become part of our group. We meet at Tallwood on the first Wednesday of every month. During a semester we meet at 1:30 and when OLLI is not in session, we meet at 10:00. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 2, at 1:30. Please join us, become involved with our discussion and bring any suggestions you may have. We welcome your input. If you cannot make that meeting, but would like to join us at another time or have any ideas you would like to pass on to us, please call Florence Adler, Chair, Special Events Committee at 703-455-6658 or e-mail floadler@earthlink.net.
Source: Florence Adler

First Call

May seems like a long way in the future, but it will be here before we know it. And with it the election of the Board of Directors who will be shaping OLLI's destiny.

If you want to be considered for one of the Board vacancies, or know of someone you would like to recommend, please give your name to any current Board member who will be glad to pass it along to the Nominating Committee, which is now being formed. Names of the Board can be found at the front of your course catalogs and Membership Directory.

Watch your future newsletters for names of the Nominating Committee and details of the election and voting procedure.
Source: Art Cook

Friends of LRI Listings

Each year the Development Committee lists the names of all the generous contributors to Friends of OLLI for the previous year. This year's listing is being prepared and will appear in a few weeks in either the third or fourth winter term issue of *OLLI News*. We want to thank the many members of OLLI who have collectively contributed more than \$20,000 to the Friends in 2004.

Source: Eileen Duggan

Open Classes Listed

Many courses and events are still available to members. A list was sent with your confirmation letter. Lists of open classes are posted and Change of Schedule forms are available in each classroom and in the Social Room.

Source: Jennifer Maloney

Inclement Weather—A Euphemism

Don't we mean snow, sleet and ice? Whatever the term, when you awaken, know that OLLI will not hold classes or events when the Fairfax County Public Schools close for the day. Should schools open late, life at OLLI will go on as usual. An exception: OLLI will be open on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 when the schools will be closed. That is, provided the weather remains, er, clement.

Source: Jan Bohall

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