

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Loudoun Fall 2009 Information

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at George Mason University serves the Northern Virginia community by providing intellectual and cultural experiences for active people in their retirement years. Making new friends is an important part of the OLLI concept. This packet contains class information for our Loudoun campus only. For a catalog with information on our classes in Reston, and at GMU in Fairfax, please contact us.

Registration:

The Fall 2009 Catalog is available on line at www.oli.gmu.edu. Registration for Fall Classes begins **Aug. 18** and ends **Sept. 2**. Loudoun members are able to join and register for classes online using the member portal found at www.oli.gmu.edu, or by mailing in a registration form. To register in person, please attend our on-line registration help session, Aug. 26, 10 am to noon at the Mason Loudoun campus 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling, VA 20166

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Loudoun Fall Courses: Sept. 21 – Nov. 13

L114 Drawing with Colored Pencils

Thursdays, 10:30–12:00, Sept. 24–Nov. 12

Instructor: Sigrid Blalock

Using water-soluble colored pencils, students will explore possibilities for brilliant color, texture and painterly images. Both dry and wet techniques will be used. Subjects will include autumn leaves and trees, landscapes and still life. This course is for beginning and advanced students. Materials needed: one set of water-soluble colored pencils (12 or more colors); one pad of 9" x 12" watercolor paper (140 lb. weight); ruler; container for water and assorted brushes.

Sigrid Blalock is a continuing OLLI instructor with degrees from Syracuse University and American University and experience as an art teacher, painter and designer.

L208 Back to Basics

Tuesday, 1:00–2:30, Sept. 22, Nov. 10

(Two sessions, Note dates)

Instructor: Shirley Smith

In view of recent declines in our portfolios we will engage in discussing the basic guidelines we should be following in investing: proper asset allocation, portfolio development, portfolio adjustment, research sources, disciplines and the pros and cons of all asset classes. This will be a mini-review in two sessions for the self-directed investor.

Shirley Smith is a retired teacher and non-professional in the investing field. She believes in constant reading, review as well as research in order to be successful. Her Basic and Beyond the Basic courses in investing have been enthusiastically received at all three OLLI locations.

L209 Avoid Being Targeted for Identity Theft

Tuesday, 1:00–2:30, Oct. 6–Oct. 27

(Four sessions)

Instructor: Vee Johnson

Many OLLI members have had their identity compromised or know someone who has. Vee Johnson, a frequent presenter at OLLI, is back by popular demand to discuss this vitally important subject which affects us all.

• Oct. 6: ID Theft and How to Minimize Your Risk. This class will help you evaluate privacy risks so you can determine what changes you need to make to minimize your risk for identity theft.

• Oct. 13: Identity Theft and Financial Crimes in Loudoun County. A representative from the Criminal Investigations Division of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office will present an overview of identity theft and other financial crimes in Loudoun County. Information will be provided on how these crimes are committed and what happens when a citizen files a report.

• Oct. 20: Credit Reports and How to Defend Against Identity Theft. This class will review credit reports and show you how they can be used to defend against identity theft. Information will also be furnished on how to dispute credit report errors.

• Oct. 27: How to Cope with and Recover from Identity Theft. Class members will review laws and resources dealing with identity theft so they can develop a plan of action to limit the extent of damage to their financial resources and reputation if identity theft strikes.

Vee Johnson is the community outreach liaison and a consumer advocate with the Consumer Affairs Branch of the Fairfax County Department of Cable Communications and Consumer Protection.

L314 Twilight of the Royals: Europe, 1850–1914

Tuesdays, 10:30–12:00, Sept. 22–Nov. 10

Instructor: Doug Foard

Monarchy, the institution that had welded together the European state system, seemed more firmly established on the continent in the latter half of the nineteenth century than ever before. From Russia's Pacific coast to the western shores of Ireland, the crowned heads of Europe were cheered and obeyed by their millions of subjects. Much of that edifice of royalty came crashing down as a result of World War I. This course will examine the sources of the enduring tradition of monarchy in Europe and the forces at work before the Great War that would undermine it. Particular attention will be paid to the Hapsburgs in Austria, the Hohenzollerns in Russia, the Ottoman sultans and the Windsors in Great Britain. The unique French experience will also be examined as that nation grappled with its long-standing conflict between its imperial past and its republican heritage.

Douglas Foard is a retired history professor and former executive secretary of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest academic honor society. He holds his PhD in history from Washington University, and taught many years at Ferrum College in Virginia and as an adjunct professor at George Mason. He has published frequently on the subject of Spanish history (*The Revolt of the Aesthetes*, New York: 1985) and more recently, written a biography of Lord Loudoun for whom Loudoun County is named.

L315 The Civil War in Loudoun County

Wednesdays, 1:00–2:30, Sept. 23–Oct. 14

(Three sessions and field trip)

Instructor and Tour Guide: Steve Meserve

- Sept. 23: The People of Loudoun. In the first of three classroom sessions, we will discuss the plight of those residents loyal to the Union. One out of every three voters in Loudoun County voted against secession in 1861. These "Loyalists" would suffer at the hands of the county's secessionists throughout the war, but they would suffer even more at the hands of the United States Army and the government they supported.
- Sept. 30: The Battles. The best-known battle fought in Loudoun County was Ball's Bluff in October 1861.

Many people do not realize there were larger battles fought in Loudoun County in the fall of 1862 and the summer of 1863. In addition, John Mosby's famous Partisan Rangers fought three of their largest battles in the county. This session will consider these lesser-known combats and the men who fought them.

- Oct. 7: The War's Effect on Loudoun County. While Loudoun fared well compared to some Virginia counties, the devastating effects of the war on the local economy were felt well into the twentieth century. This is a story of devastation, recovery, and the will of the people, both black and white, to rebuild after the war.

- Oct. 14: Walking Tour of Leesburg. Leesburg was the county seat of Loudoun County during the war just as it is now. We will meet in front of the Confederate Memorial at the courthouse (park in the public parking garage on Market Street). We will take short walks with frequent stops from there to the home of John Janney, with whom Robert E. Lee visited on his way to Maryland in 1862. We will see Harrison Hall, where Lee stayed while in Leesburg. We will also visit the post-war home of Elijah White. We will conclude with a tour of Civil War graves in the Union Cemetery.

Steve Meserve is the author of *The Civil War in Loudoun County, Virginia: A History of Hard Times*; contributing editor to the *Library of Congress Civil War Desk Reference*; photo researcher for Time-Life's *Images of an American Tragedy: An Illustrated History of the Civil War*; former associate editor of *Civil War Magazine*; and former editor of *The Skirmish Line: The Magazine of the North-South Skirmish Association*.

L316 Disasters At Sea: Part 1

Wednesdays, 10:30–12:00, Sept. 23–30

Rust Library in Leesburg

(Two sessions, Note location)

Instructor: Andrew C.A. Jampoler

The newly remodeled and reopened Rust Library in Leesburg will be hosting and co-sponsoring this class on historic naval disasters.

- Sept. 23: The Epic Naval Battle of Lepanto, 1571. The Holy League's fleet shattered the Ottoman Turks' navy in a decisive battle famous in art and poetry. Both sides appealed for and expected divine assistance. The costly victory at sea helped establish the line between Muslim and Christian worlds for centuries.
- Sept. 30: The Wreck of Amphitrite, 1833. *Amphitrite* went down in a great summer storm in the English Channel, taking with her the lives of all aboard but three. The wreck of the convict transport and the

death of more than one hundred women and an unknown number of their children caused a sensation in England, France and Scotland.

Andrew Jampoler, a graduate of Columbia College and Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, is a retired naval aviator who has recently returned to his academic roots to write full-time. He is the author of three books, *Adak: The Rescue of Alfa Foxtrot 586*; *Sailors in the Holy Land: The 1848 American Expedition to the Dead Sea*; and *The Last Lincoln Conspirator: John Surrat's Flight from the Gallows*.

L317 Disasters At Sea: Part 2

Wednesdays, 10:30–12:00, Nov. 4–11

(Two sessions)

Instructor: Andrew C.A. Jampoler

- Nov. 4: Black Rock and Blue Water, 1867. The Royal Mail Ship *Rhone* sank in the Caribbean during the terrible hurricane of October 1867. Breaking for the safety of the open sea, *Rhone* ran hard aground on Black Rock at full speed and snapped in half. The great storm struck soon after a summer yellow fever epidemic and was followed by a tsunami two weeks later. Recovery took years.

- Nov. 11: Lost in the Ice, 1918. Lightship *Cross Rip* vanished off her station near Nantucket in February 1918 during the record “freeze-up” that year. Caught in pack ice, the old, small vessel drifted into the Atlantic and was never seen again. What precisely happened to *Cross Rip* and why?

See Course L316 for instructor information.

L318 World War to Cold War: The U.S. in the Twentieth Century

Thursdays, 2:00–3:30, Sept. 24–Nov. 12

Reston Community Center (Note location)

Coordinators: Michael Kelly, Brad Berger

The twentieth century aptly has been termed the American Century, as American ingenuity sparked great advances in science, industry, agriculture, technology and the arts. The United States answered its highest calling, perhaps, by committing its treasury and its citizenry to liberating the world from tyranny and oppression. With great rhetorical flair, our political leaders ennobled our undertakings and extolled the virtues of our fighting on foreign fields. Millions of American men and women selflessly heeded the summons and marched, flew and sailed into harm's way to secure others' freedoms in far away lands. American sacrifices during the World Wars

I and II truly remade the world, but competing postwar political philosophies dashed hopes for an enduring peace. While espionage and secrecy characterized the resulting Cold War, flare-ups in Southeast Asia and elsewhere threatened to reignite national passions and reawaken the specter of nuclear war. Join Washington, D.C. park rangers from the National Mall and Memorial Parks as we explore the origins, battles, leaders and outcomes of the world wars; analyze why the hope for postwar peace degenerated into a long and costly Cold War; and describe the changing face of Washington, D.C., which reflects the momentous events of the twentieth century. Please note that there is a \$25 fee for Loudoun members who wish to take this class.

Michael Kelly and **Brad Berger** are both rangers with the U.S. National Park Service. They have presented numerous courses and led many trips for OLLI.

L319 Civil War in the Shenandoah Valley, the Battle of Cedar Creek and Stately Homes

Fridays, Sept. 25–Oct. 9, 10:00–11:30

Bus Trip: Friday, Oct. 16, 8:45–5:30

(Three sessions and Field Trip)

Coordinator: John Meier

Three classes and a companion bus trip will help you understand the importance of the Valley to both the Confederacy and the Union and the impact of the Civil War on a key part of Virginia.

- Sept. 25: Civil War in the Shenandoah Valley 1861–1864: “Official chronologies record 326 incidents of armed conflict in the...Valley during the Civil War...on average one conflict every 4–5 days. [Almost]...a daily dance with death.” This session, led by a **National Park Service Ranger**, will briefly touch on the strategies, tactics, successes and failures of both sides. The critical value of the Valley was best expressed by General “Stonewall” Jackson in 1862: “*If this Valley is lost, Virginia is lost.*”

- Oct 2: Virginia's Breadbasket: From Plenty to Want. This session, led by **Bob Webb**, will describe the importance of the Valley's resources to both sides and the Civil War's impact on the civilian population. What were the attitudes and sympathies before April 1861 (before Virginia seceded) and how did they change as the war progressed? How did inhabitants support each side and how did they survive Northern and Southern incursions?

• Oct 9: The Battle of Cedar Creek, October 19, 1864. This session, led a **National Park Service Ranger**, describes the most decisive battle in the Valley Campaigns of 1864. Attacking at dawn, Confederate forces led by Lt. Gen. Jubal A. Early very nearly defeated numerically superior forces led by Union Army Maj. Gen. Philip Sheridan. Sheridan's dash, from Winchester to Middletown, rescued the situation and not only led to the destruction of Early's army but materially aided the reelection of Abraham Lincoln barely two weeks later. (An animated Battle map is at: <http://www.civilwar.org/cedarcreekmap/>)

• Oct 16: Trip to Belle Grove Plantation, Cedar Creek Battlefield and Long Branch Historic Home. We travel first to Belle Grove, a National Trust property. Completed in 1797 for a sister of future President James Madison, the mansion was the center of a 7500 acre farm. The property includes a museum shop, barn, overseer's house, slave cemetery and scenic mountain views. Docents will lead tours of the house followed by a self-guided tour of the surrounding battlefield. Belle Grove witnessed the decisive Battle of Cedar Creek. A Battle reenactment will be staged October 17–18, 2009, and we may see some of the participants. There will be a brief stop at the Battlefield Foundation's Visitor Center, which includes an exhibit of the 1864 Valley Campaign and a bookstore. Lunch is at the Wayside Inn in Middletown. The inn served its first travelers in 1797, becoming a stagecoach stop on the Valley Pike. Luncheon will include the house salad, rolls, an entrée choice, dessert and coffee, tea or iced tea. Please select one of the following entrées:

A. Miss Irene's Meatloaf served with potato and fresh vegetable du jour.

B. Grilled Salmon Pommery, fresh Atlantic salmon served with a pommery mustard sauce, rice and fresh vegetable du jour.

Following lunch, we travel several miles through the countryside to Marker-Miller Orchard for apples. (Buy a few to take home!) Our last stop is Long Branch Historic Home and horse retirement facility. A young George Washington helped survey the property. The house boasts a collection of eighteenth and nineteenth century furnishings—dining room chairs identical to those at the White House and major pieces attributed to Duncan Phyfe. Hand-painted wallpapers and fine fabrics adorn the rooms. The grounds contain beautiful gardens. The estate hosts an annual hot air balloon festival October 16–18, 2009. (Perhaps we'll see one fly!) The bus will leave promptly at 8:45 AM from Lake Anne Village Center in Reston. Please

be at the bus no later than 8:30. The fee of \$74, payable to OLLI with your registration form, includes all tours, lunch at the Wayside Inn, bus fare and driver gratuity. Please remember to indicate your entrée selection on your bus waiver.

L414 Creative Writing Workshop

Wednesdays, 1:00–2:30, September 23–Nov. 11

Instructor: Madeline Lynn

This round table affords a safe haven for writers of all levels to share their work with others, and to give and receive constructive feedback and critique. In last winter's workshop, memorable characters sprung from the pages of the participants' short stories, personal essays and memoir pieces. We noted the ways, in all three forms, that character and action are enhanced by skillful weaving of both narrative and dialogue. Each of the fall classes will open with a half-hour discussion of the craft and technique of masters and teachers of the art, such as George Garrett, the former head of the University of Virginia's creative writing program. In his essay, "Going to See the Elephant: Our Duty as Storytellers," Garrett writes: "We do the work alone, as alone as can be... But there is much we can tell each other and much that can be gained by telling each other our experiences. We must work together to be ready, one at a time, for the necessary angel to arrive on the scene and the mystery and magic of making to begin."

Madeline Lynn received an MA in interdisciplinary studies in literature and drama from American University. Her short stories have appeared in *Nimrod International Journal Awards 20*, *Kalliope* and *Union Street Review*.

L607 Major Doctrines of the Bible: A Comparative Perspective

Thursdays, 1:00–2:30, Sept. 24–Nov. 12

Instructor: Steven Goldman

"If a man die, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14). "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" (Matthew 19:16). "What is truth?" (John 18:38). "How then can man be justified with God?" (Job 25:4). "He hath shown thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee." (Micah 6:8). These are some of the grand questions that are addressed in the Bible. Yet there are major disagreements regarding how the answers the Bible provides are to be properly understood. This course examines

some of the major doctrines of the Bible and how Jewish and Christian denominations, and those who have no faith, often reach different conclusions reading the same texts. Issues to be discussed include: the nature and character of God; the attributes and mission of the Messiah; the immortality of the soul; what God requires of human beings who wish to be declared righteous in His sight; and others. The course will also examine difficult biblical texts that present major ethical challenges.

Steven C. Goldman retired from federal service in 2007 as director of the Office of Nonproliferation and Treaty Compliance at the U.S. Department of Commerce. His avocation for many years has been in the area of biblical studies. He now teaches at OLLI at Mason.

L608 Series in Communication and Relationship

Thursdays, 1:00–2:30, Sept. 24–Oct. 15

(Four sessions)

Instructors: Bradley Morgan, Stephan Marias

Ontology of the Human Observer is a new discipline, emerging from significant developments in philosophy and biology in the latter half of the twentieth century, and is described as “deceptively simple, yet elegant and powerful.” Its focus is on providing a fresh practical understanding of human beings and the nature of human communication. Join **Bradley Morgan** and **Stephan Marias** in workshop discussions to learn more about expanding communication in your world by being an Observer.

- Sept. 24: The Four Horsemen. Reasons and ways to avoid the four horsemen behaviors: contempt, blame, defensiveness and stonewalling will be discussed.

- Oct. 1: Multi-Generational Communication and Misunderstanding. Every generation is shaped by national events, global crises, cultural upbringing and family interaction. We will examine ways to identify and bridge language gaps with other generations.

- Oct. 8: How to Build Authentic Relationships. Ways to establish and maintain mutually nurturing relationships will be discussed. Learn to distinguish how “telling” and “requesting” is interpreted by different individuals and discover the speech elements that foster trust and create synergy.

- Oct. 15: Live Your Life in Boldness. Distinguish between opinions and provable facts about your goals; identify the difference between boldness and recklessness; learn the tools that keep you in action and avoid derailment.

Bradley Morgan holds a BS from Georgia Tech and an MS from UCLA. **Stephan Marias** holds a BS in production

management and an MBA from UNISA in South Africa. Both have extensive business experience and both are also professionally certified by the Newfield program to teach Ontology and the Human Observer.

L707 Current Issues in National Security

Mondays, 1:00–2:30, Sept. 21–Oct. 12

(Four sessions)

Coordinator: Madeline Lynn

The first three lectures of this session will be led by **Brig. Gen. John H. Johns**. Join General Johns for up-to-the-minute information and discussion on these topics as they relate to the Obama national security strategy.

- Sept. 21: The U.S. Constitution and National Security.

- Sept. 28: Morality and National Security.

- Oct. 5: Obama’s Economic Agenda.

Brig. Gen. John H. Johns, U.S. Army, (Ret.), served 26 years as a combat arms officer. In 1960, he began a series of assignments focused on counterinsurgency strategy and doctrine, including eight years on the U.S. Army general staff. After military retirement and a tour as a deputy assistant secretary of defense, General Johns was a professor of political science at the National Defense University, teaching national security strategy and national security decision-making.

- Oct. 12: Piracy in the Indian Ocean.

Bill Aird, leader of our final session, served 27 years in the U.S. military. Bill, who has master’s degrees in engineering and education, was with the U.S. State Department refurbishing the U.S. embassy building in Mogadishu, Somalia, prior to our military action in 1993. Join Bill for discussion and film excerpts concerning the complexity of a recurring national and international security issue.

L708 The New Yorker: A Round Table Discussion

Mondays, 10:30–12:00, Sept. 21–Nov. 9

Moderator: Nancy Robinson

Informal discussions of articles from current or archive copies of *The New Yorker* magazine will be led by participants. Choices will vary among feature articles, biography, fiction, cartoons and advertising. Reading material will be duplicated and distributed one week before each class. Copies of the article for the first class will be available in the office.

L808 Health and Well Being

Mondays, 1:00–2:30, Oct. 19–Nov. 9

(Four sessions)

Coordinator: Madeline Lynn

The doctors are in for this four-week series which will present a wide variety of interesting health-related topics.

- Oct. 19: Preventative Healthcare for Seniors. Preventive strategies concerning lifestyle, exercise, nutrition, accident prevention, health assessments, medication, immunization, and mental and emotional status will be discussed. Our speaker is **Dr. Pravin Vora**, who has 40 years of experience in medical practice and general surgery both in England and the USA.
- Oct. 26: 1917–1918 Influenza Pandemic. This session will explain the quirks of the 1917 influenza virus and the state of medicine and public health at the time. **Michael Coyne**, an OLLI member, will illustrate the poignancy of this earlier era via slides created from research into family letters sent during the last eight months of his uncle's life, which ended in death from the flu in an army medical ward at Camp Funston, Kansas. Discussion to follow.
- Nov. 2: Issues in Family Relationships. **Dr. Janette Muir**, associate dean of the New Century College at George Mason University, has received a Mason teaching excellence award. Her presentations create a lively dialogue in the classroom. Janette will discuss the book she is writing on family relationships, a topic of much importance to human emotional well being.
- Nov. 9: The Aging Eye. Causes and treatment of cataracts, glaucoma, age-related macular degeneration and other topics will be explained and discussed. **Dr. Sarah Merrill**, board certified ophthalmologist, completed her ophthalmology training at Georgetown University and is with the Virginia Eye Center in Lansdowne. She is a comprehensive ophthalmologist with a special interest in cataract surgery, pediatrics and aesthetic enhancement.

L809 Beekeeping for the Non-Beekeeper

Mondays, 10:30–12:00, Sept. 21–28, Nov. 2–9

Field Trip: Friday, Sept. 25, 12:00–2:30

(Four sessions, Note dates and Field trip)

Instructor: Susan McDonald Jampoler

- Sept. 21: Honeybees have been important to man since prehistoric times. Man started by robbing bee colonies, then managed, and finally “kept” these social insects. The first session will include a presentation on

man's relationship with honeybees, the dynamics of the hive, honeybee castes and races, reproduction and hive dynamics.

- Sept. 25: Lunch and field trip to a bee yard. Details to be available on the first day of class.
- Sept. 28: This session will describe other pollinators and how their behavior differs from the social honeybee. It will also cover the importance of insects in agricultural production and backyard gardens.
- Nov. 2: The major challenges that face hobby and commercial beekeepers will be discussed. Suzy will discuss the following questions: What is raw honey? Do bee products have medicinal properties? What is organic honey? Is the “African bee” coming to Virginia?
- Nov. 9: This presentation will cover the different methods for keeping bees used in emerging nations. There will also be a discussion on the global honey market—where most of our commercial honey comes from—how purity of this product is evaluated, and how the honey is produced. Several years ago **Suzy Jampoler**, geographer and educator, took up beekeeping. Her hives help provide honey and wax products for her granddaughters' non-profit business, **Hives For Lives**, which supports cancer research.

L810 Basic Computers

Mondays, 10:00–12:00, Sept. 21–Nov. 9

(Note times)

Instructor: Charlie Pryor

This course brings you into the best computer lab in Northern Virginia, where you sit at a computer while an instructor and a coach make things a lot simpler. This is a basic course for beginners who are starting out in the exciting world of computing. We will cover terminology, learn to use the mouse and keyboard, understand files and folders, do word processing, browse and search the World Wide Web, and learn to handle email using web-mail. Prerequisites: own a computer running Windows XP operating system; be able to use a mouse and keyboard; have access to the Internet e.g., Earthlink, AOL, Comcast, Openband; have a working email account; and have received email from others.

Charlie Pryor retired from the U.S. Army in 1988 and retired from his second career as a civil engineer in 2005. He has taught at the university level, at Army engineer schools and continuing education courses in his civilian job. He has used computers at work and at home since 1984.

L903 Trip Tales

Wednesdays, 10:30–12:00, Oct. 7–Oct. 28

(Four sessions)

Coordinator: Madeline Lynn

- Oct. 7: Argentina on my Mind. **Mary Coyne**, OLLI Loudoun Events Chair, leads off the fall Trip Tales series with a presentation of a recent expedition to Argentina, which she found to be a hugely enjoyable and worthwhile journey.
- Oct. 14: Joey Takes Grandpa to Paris. This is a trip tale of what happened when OLLI member **Michael Coyne** decided to take a week-long pilgrimage to Marcel Proust related-sites in Paris. Because this was his first trip to Paris and his French competency was 57 years out-of-date, he asked his language-fluent granddaughter to act as his tour guide. Among the pictures of Paris, sidewalk cafes and Joey, there are photographs of places such as Combray, entrances to the bank buildings that have replaced the apartments where Proust lived and died, and walking paths in the Champs Elysees and Bois de Boulogne where the courtesan Odette took her daily exercise. No previous knowledge of Proust is required for enjoying this trip tale.
- Oct. 21, 28 are “open mic mornings.” Any OLLI members who have taken interesting trips or hostel adventures with trip tales to tell, please come forward on the first day of Trip Tales and sign up to do a presentation. The added Trip Tales will be announced in the Loudoun Notes.

Special Events

L969 *A Life of My Own: Meeting Eleanor Roosevelt*, a play

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 1:00–2:30

Instructor: Linda Kenyon

Lives of luminaries are the focus of Ed Starr’s Senior’s Theater productions, and this revered first lady, Eleanor Roosevelt, is one of Starr’s brightest lights. Active since World War I in educational and social reform, Eleanor was also a lecturer, newspaper columnist and book author, and champion of underprivileged and minority groups; during World War II she served as assistant director, Office of Civilian Defense; after her husband’s death she accepted an appointment as U.S. delegate to the UN General Assembly. The playbill for *A Life of My Own* also notes: “...what is most fascinating about her is how she transformed herself into the

person we all came to admire and love. A shy and awkward child, starved for recognition and love, she became an inspiration to people of good will all around the world.” This popular play is written in minimalist style by Stephen LaRocque, a successful local playwright. It takes place on a train ride, and is performed with only two chairs, a suitcase and one remarkably gifted actress.

Linda Kenyon has been seen as the Duchess of York in *Richard III* with the Virginia Shakespeare Company, and has worked with the Washington Stage Guild, Source Theater and the Maryland Renaissance Festival. Linda has performed live radio theater, *1984* by George Orwell, and her voice can be heard on the Discovery Channel in *The Last of the Czars* and *France’s Forgotten Shame*. A chance encounter between Linda, then a college student, and Eleanor Roosevelt was the impetus for this play.

L970 *Land of the Midnight Sun, Norway*

Thursday, Oct. 22, 1:00–2:30

Instructor: Debbie Halverson

Spending a month in Norway when it’s always light and summer weather is approaching, is an experience not to be forgotten. Pictures tell part of the tale and the speaker can fill in the rest. Highlights include viewing the mountains as they fall into the sea from a dramatic boat ride crossing the North Sea, staying in a rorbu (what’s a “rorbu”?) and viewing the midnight sun right on the Arctic Circle during the summer solstice. This is Debbie’s fifth trip to Norway, but probably not her last, and the first where pictures are shared.

L971 Discussion (Over Lunch) with Elderhostel Ambassador

Wednesday, October 28, 12:00–1:00

Instructor: Celeste Brodigan

Join fellow OLLI members for a briefing from Elderhostel Ambassador Celeste Brodigan, about some exciting upcoming domestic and international trips. All are invited to bring a “brown bag lunch” to the OLLI break room, Wednesday, October 28; dessert and beverages will be provided. Other members who wish to share interesting travel and learning experiences are welcome to speak. **Celeste Brodigan** is a veteran traveler and an active member in the OLLI program at Loudoun.

L972 A Storytelling Performance

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1:00–2:30

Instructor: Laura J. Bobrow

Well known stories and those never heard before, are interspersed with humorous anecdotes to create a presentation especially crafted for OLLI. Master storyteller Laura is a prize-winning poet and author. She is, in fact, that special combination, a writer who “talks out loud.” In addition to magazine articles and poetry, her publications include short stories and a children’s picture book, *The Captain’s Beard*. Laura Bobrow is the recipient of a 2009 Storytelling World honors award for one of her CDs. She introduced storytelling to the prestigious International Platform Association in 1993 and served on its board of directors for many years. A former board member of the Storytelling Center of New York, she was the founder and, for four years, storytelling liaison for the popular storytelling festival LAUGHS (Loudoun’s Annual Unforgettable Gigantic Hilarious Storyfest). Her work has been recognized by cultural organizations such as the New York Philharmonic Orchestra and the New York City Opera, which have included her performances in their fund-raising auction catalogs.

L973 A Tour of the Library of Congress Geography and Map Division and the Exhibit: “Exploring the Early Americas”

Friday, Nov. 13, 10:30–2:30

Coordinator: Suzy Jampoler

The group will meet in the lobby of the Madison Building for a tour of the Library of Congress (LOC) Geography and Map (G&M) Division. The G&M staff will explain the Division’s collections, show us original early maps of American exploration, maps of early settlement in the Middle Atlantic region, and Civil War maps. Lunch will be on your own in the LOC cafeteria. After lunch the G&M staff will accompany us across the street to the Jefferson building for a guided tour of the “Exploring the Early Americas” exhibit, which features selections from the Jay I. Sislak Collection of more than 3,000 rare maps, documents, paintings, prints and artifacts. An exhibit of Civil War maps by Jedediah Hotchkiss, who was with the Army of Northern Virginia, will also be on view at G&M. Transportation is on your own. Take Metro to the Capitol South Metro Station.

The LOC Madison Building is on Independence Ave SE, between 1st & 2nd Streets, Washington, D.C.

Ongoing Activities

Let’s Eat Out

Last Fridays, Sept. 25, Oct. 30

Loudoun

Coordinator: Mary Coyne 703-729-6855

In an OLLI Loudoun tradition, join us at a local restaurant for either breakfast or lunch on the last Friday of the month. This is a great time to get together and get to know your classmates better. Exact time and location will be announced via email in the Loudoun notes. To join us, please sign up on the sheet in one of the classrooms or call the OLLI Loudoun office.

Loudoun Classic Fiction Book Club

Fourth Fridays

Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 20, 10:30–12:00,
Cascades Library, Loudoun

Coordinator: Sigrid Blalock 703-723-6825

On Aug. 28 the group will discuss Joseph Conrad’s *Lord Jim*. The selection for discussion on Sept. 25 is *Things Fall Apart* written by Chinua Achebe. For Oct. 23 we will discuss Hermann Hesse’s *Siddhartha*, and on Nov. 20 the discussion will cover *The Castle of Ortranto* by Horace Walpole.

Lunch to Launch OLLI Loudoun Clubs

Friday, Oct. 1, 2009, 12:00–2:30

Suzy Jampoler’s home

Come for a pot-luck lunch and organizational meeting for Loudoun OLLI Clubs. Learn more about the existing clubs, Let’s Eat Out and the Classic Fiction Book Club. Meet other OLLI Loudoun members interested in forming a History Club and Theater Club. To sign up, call Kathy Breen at 703-993-4488.

Loudoun Fall Schedule: Sept. 21 – Nov. 13

* Indicates another location or other dates or times. Please refer to listings.

TIME	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
10:30-12:00	L708 <i>The New Yorker</i>	L314 Twilight of the Royals	L316 Disaster at Sea: Part 1 (2)*	L114 Drawing w/Colored Pencils
	L809 Beekeeping (4) *		L317 Disaster at Sea: Part 2 (2)	
	L810 Basic Computers		L903 Trip Tales (4)	
1:00-2:30	L707 Issues in Nat'l Security (4)	L208 Back to Basics (2) *	L315 Civil War in Loudoun (4)	L607 Major Doctrines of the Bible
	L808 Health and Wellbeing (4)	L209 Identity Theft (4)	L414 Creative Writing	L608 Communication (4)

OLLI Loudoun Open House

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 10:30–12:00

Loudoun

OLLI Loudoun will host an informal Open House for current and prospective members. The exciting fall program will be outlined and you will have the opportunity to talk about the benefits of the OLLI community. Instructors will be invited to discuss their courses, and the social program for Fall 2009 will be outlined. This is a great opportunity to learn more not only about OLLI but also about each other. Bring a friend.



Directions to OLLI Loudoun

- Classes are held at the Mason campus in Loudoun located at 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 210, Sterling, VA 20166.
- **From Route 7:** Turn south onto Loudoun Tech Drive (approximately 10 miles east of Leesburg). Drive two-tenths of a mile and turn left onto Ridgetop Circle. Proceed 1/2 mile and Mason will be on your left at the intersection with Horseshoe Drive.
- **From Fairfax:** Take Braddock Road west for approximately six miles. Turn right onto VA-28 North proceed approximately 10 miles. Turn right on Nokes Boulevard and drive 1.2 miles. Take a left at the 2nd intersection with Ridgetop Circle. Proceed 1/2 mile and Mason will be on your right at the intersection with Horseshoe Drive.



