

February 15 OLLI Sterling Bulletin

Dear OLLI-Loudoun Students and Friends,

Only two more weeks and we'll have finished the short month-long winter term. But there's plenty of activity left! Pull out your calendar and post some of these ...

On Monday at 1 p.m., Dr. Peter Stearns continues to lecture on Issues in World History. You are invited to sit in, whether you registered or not. The topic this week is The Post-Classical Period, 500-1450 C.E. If you'd like a little preparation, read of Islam in the Middle East, Asia and Africa; then Western Civilization, East Asian Civilization, and developing centers in the Americas.

Wednesday was a snow day, so we cancelled both Thomas Jefferson and Writer's Workshop in the morning as well as Explorations in Religion in the afternoon. The activities planned for week three will take place next Wednesday. Give us your desires on makeup sessions and we'll add them if possible.

Special events are just ahead. On Thursday, February 21 at noon in the Ridgetop building, Audrey Markham Sullivan has organized a Winter Picnic. You do NOT need to pack a lunch. Wrap sandwiches, goodies and drinks will be provided. The OLLI Book Club is February 22, 10:30 a.m. in the Cascades Library. The book is Nathaniel Hawthorne's House of the Seven Gables. Sigrid Blalock leads this club. Friday mornings at 10:30 is also the schedule for the free Investment Forum in classroom 232. Come and bring your friends, on February 22 we'll be comparing some stock recommendations from UBS and Charles Schwab. Mark Friday, February 29, it's breakfast at Mimi's on restaurant row, Dulles Town Center. Sign up in the social room or call Madeline Lynn, 703-993-4488.

Volunteering was the theme for last week. Many thanks to the dozen of you who signed up to help Madeline and me with a myriad of OLLI tasks. We still need members on our Program Committee to produce courses. Madeline's number is above, and mine is 703-723-7148. The email addresses: mlynn1@gmu.edu , rbeery@aol.com .

Get ready for the spring term, eight weeks from April 7 through May 30. The course catalog will be on the OLLI website in a couple of weeks. Check it out: www.olligmu.edu . You will be able to pre-register by mail or drop off at the Sterling office any time. Look for these courses:

190 Broadway Musicals
192 Introduction to Drawing
290 Financial Planning and Investing
390 Great Decisions
490 Visiting Authors
491 Poetry Roundtable
690 Explorations in Religion
790 Campaign Issues
890 Beginning Computer
891 Aging Productively

Cordially, Ray Beery Program Chairman

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