

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute OLLI at Granite State College



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From the Director

Once upon a time, OLLI at GSC was tiny. Having reached the first magic number of 500 members in December, we're evolving into an adult organization, with all the accompanying responsibilities. We received the last of four annual grants from the Bernard Osher Foundation in July. We are preparing to apply for the Osher Foundation endowment of \$1 million. Great, you say, now we won't have to worry about money. Not true.

Since the payout from the endowment will begin at the end of 2010, we intend to apply for a \$50,000 grant to help with next year's expenses. In the meantime, we've got our work cut out for us.

Granite State College generously provides in-kind goods and services to OLLI; this includes office/classroom/parking space, marketing/technical/financial/registration support, classroom equipment (computers, video/sound equipment), utilities, website maintenance and more.

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The OLLI budget includes salaries for OLLI staff, office and classroom supplies, publicity (catalogs, brochures, etc.), travel, printing/copying, postage, advertising, conferences, OLLI planning and social events. To date this has been covered primarily by the Osher Foundation grant, which expires June 30, 2008.

While long-term financial sustainability has always been our responsibility, we need your support during this time of transition to develop a plan to increase membership and additional funds. If we reach 1,000 members, we may be eligible for a second million-dollar endowment. Just think, if each current member brings in just one new member, we will meet our goal.

Many of you have asked for additional classes in the winter and/or summer. You have suggested more social events where you can get to know other members to build a true OLLI community of engaged learners. We can do these things and much more, with your involvement.

Virginia B. Martin, Director

Spotlight on Presenters



Stephan Lewy is a survivor. As a youngster he lived through the early rise of German Nazism with all its horror and anti-Semitism. He escaped Germany before 1940 and came to the United States. In

1943, he joined the U.S. Army and served as an interpreter with the 6th Armored Division. Because of his experiences before his escape, he has spoken against hate and anti-Semitism to more than 20,000 students hoping to prevent another Holocaust. Attend his course, "The Holocaust and Anti-Semitism: Then and Now," and learn about German life under Hitler. Thursdays in Manchester.

Retired teacher **Joan Griffin** is familiar with the frustration among parents, teachers, and administrators with the "No Child Left Behind" education program. She has seen a divide between parents and teachers, because information presented by the media and other sources is sometimes inaccurate or misinterpreted. Parents also resent or object to new laws and court decisions they don't understand, particularly those dealing with special education. Griffin's series, "Beyond Reading, Writing and Arithmetic: Forces in American Education," will attempt to explain the reasons for parental unhappiness, and lead participants to a better understanding of the law and its problems. The final session will be a panel discussion among guest colleagues. Wednesdays at the Seacoast.

John Hare will trace Concord's history from Pennycook, the original American Indian camp, to the present-

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day Concord. In his presentation, “Concord Beginnings,” slides will show the capital’s varied architecture and neighborhood patterns. Hare was NH Technical Institute’s librarian for 29 years. Thursday in Concord.

Leo Gagnon has an abiding interest in Native American culture; a passion enhanced by an interest in the outdoors, nature photography and hunting. He has been a teacher in the Fish and Game Department’s Hunter Safety program for 25 years. Gagnon will explain tribal customs and culture of New England tribes. His course, “Native American Culture and Spirituality,” will point out misconceptions about area tribes, especially in land ownership, treatment of children, respect for elders and women, spirituality, ethics and self-government. He will bring Native American artifacts he has collected over the years. Wednesdays in Manchester. – *Steve Leavenworth*

Fund Development Help Needed

If you have experience in fund development, we need your ideas and your help to develop a financial sustainability plan. We will have an exploratory ad hoc group meeting in early March. If you are interested, please contact Virginia Martin (513-1368 or virginia.martin@granite.edu) for further information.

Out to Lunch Bunch

Do you want new luncheon adventures with OLLI friends this spring? Join OLLI’s first interest group, Manchester’s Out to Lunch Bunch, to enjoy noontime meals with other OLLI members. On the first few Fridays we will visit local ethnic restaurants. There is no set fee. Diners will keep track of their menu choices, tax and tip.

Restaurant suggestions are welcomed. Luncheon dates are tentatively scheduled for **April 18, May 9 and May 30**. Additional information will be posted on the OLLI web site: www.granite.edu/olli. Interested? Contact **Marilyn** or **Bernie Otterson** at (603) 472-8558 or rosiedoggie@verizon.net. – *Marilyn Otterson*



Speakers’ Bureau

OLLI members in the Speakers’ Bureau go out into the community to spread the word about membership benefits and lifelong learning for seniors. If you know of a community organization looking for a speaker, or could approach an organization about having an OLLI speaker, contact **Sue Staples**, Speakers’ Bureau Coordinator at skstaples@comcast.net or (603) 472-5483.

New OLLI editor named

When the call went out that we needed a newsletter editor, new member **Pauline Bogaert** stepped up to the plate and volunteered her services.

Bogaert grew up in Manchester and, after living in many places throughout the world, returned to the Queen city with her husband two years ago. While away she spent 26 years as a writer and editor at newspapers in Ohio and California. She retired from the *Philadelphia Inquirer* in July 2005 after 16 years as society columnist and features writer.

Members are encouraged to submit articles for the bi-monthly OLLI newsletter. The newsletter editor will help writers with articles. **Deadline for submissions for April issue is March 15**. Contact **Pauline Bogaert**, Newsletter Editor at pbogaert@comcast.net. – *Norma Bolduc*

Tuition Assistance Available

The OLLI Tuition Assistance Fund is available to all people over 50 who would like to participate in OLLI programs but do not have the personal resources to do so. Donations from individuals and organizations make it possible for OLLI to offer financial aid for classroom classes and occasionally for the annual membership fee.

Applying is a simple, friendly and confidential process. The OLLI staff will be happy to help you with your application. Call or email the office.

Remember to Renew

If you received a March renewal notice, please renew soon to remain on the active member list.

Spring catalog out soon



Volunteers are lined up for February 21 to get the catalog in the mail. Active members and presenters will receive catalogs *first*. Later mailings will go to prospective members, special friends and sponsors. Members will then distribute catalogs to senior centers, libraries, stores, and other places. If you can help with the distribution, contact **Joan Gillis** at (603) 513-1378 or (joan.gillis@granite.edu).

With more than 500 OLLI members, classes fill quickly. **To guarantee space in courses, members should register for classes ASAP.** Complete the form in the catalog and mail to the OLLI office with your check or call to register with a credit card.

This and that

- Thanks to the efforts of **Roy Shoults**, two organizations are offering 10% discounts to OLLI members. The New Hampshire Festival Orchestra at the Palace Theatre, Manchester, and Granite State Opera at both Capitol Center for the Arts, Concord, and The Music Hall, Portsmouth, will honor discounts to members who buy tickets in person with a valid OLLI membership card. If you are interested in expanding the discount program by approaching an organization or vendor to ask them to offer a similar discount, please call the office for a Discount Enrollment form.
- “Great Decisions” course takers can request that the local PBS station air the Great Decisions

series. Go to:

http://www.fpa.org/usr_doc/GDTV08_stationLetter.pdf and print a copy of the letter requesting the broadcasting of this program.

- Welcome to the Publicity Committee **John Hammon**, Seacoast; **Margaret Venator**, Concord; and **Robert Shaine**, Manchester.
- Thanks to **Roy Shoults** and **Ginny Gerseny** for arranging the fall Celebrations in Manchester and Concord, and **Linda Mahoney** for the Cabin Fever Breakfast in Exeter.
- Congratulations to **Norma Bolduc** and **Bob Steiner** on their December engagement.
- The Annual NH Conference on Aging will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester on Thursday, May 29. Let us know if you would like to help staff the OLLI booth. Stop by the conference and bring a friend or two with you.
- With the inauguration of our first interest group (Out To Lunch Bunch), we are looking for suggestions for other possible groups. Call the office with your ideas.

Desperately Seeking Volunteers

OLLI Office seeks willing volunteers to cover Concord office while staff processes member class registrations. If you can offer 2-4 hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays from March 3 to March 21, and are willing to perform routine office tasks and/or answer phones, please contact Christina Link at (603) 513-1377 or christina.link@granite.edu.



Spring Previews

OLLI members are invited to come to one or all of the Spring Previews. Hear presenters describe some of the OLLI courses they will teach. Bring a friend to introduce them to the benefits of OLLI membership. Refreshments will be served. Reservations recommended. Call or email the office.

Exeter: *Tuesday, March 4, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.* Program starts at 10:30 a.m.
RiverWoods at Exeter, 7 Riverwoods Drive

Concord: *Wednesday, March 5, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.* Program starts at 2:00 p.m.
Granite State College, 8 Old Suncook Road

Manchester: *Thursday, March 6, 4 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.* Program starts at 4:30 p.m.
PSNH Energy Park, 708 N. Commercial Street



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Mark Your Calendar

- February 21: Catalogs mailed to members
- March 4, 5, 6 Spring Previews
- March 3 to March 21: Volunteers needed to cover Concord office during registration. 2-4 hr. shifts
- March 25: Classes begin
- May 15: Classes end
- May 29: NH Conference on Aging

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Visit us at:
www.granite.edu/olli

OLLI National Resource web sight:
<http://www.usm.maine.edu/olli/national>



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