

Della Fera Kicks Off “New England Notables”

A spirited discussion about even more spirited women will mark the first installment of “New England Notables,” a series presented by OLLI at Granite State College. Hollis-based author Michaeline Della Fera headlines the February 19 event, presenting her book, *Women at the Table, 40 Intimate Profiles of Political Women of the Northeast*, and some of her richest tales from her experience writing the book.

“More and more women are taking the plunge – the plunge into political office,” says Della Fera. “And I wanted to examine why. I spent a year and a half traveling the Northeast interviewing forty of the most powerful female politicians and I’m thrilled to not only share the result – *Women at the Table* – but to offer my insights and musings about what I learned. From leadership styles to fundraising to what motivates women to engage in politics, the stories are riveting,” said Della Fera.

The event will take place Friday, February 19, from 10am to noon at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church at 111 Island Pond Road in Manchester. Della Fera’s books will be on sale and the author plans to sign books for attendees. The event is open to the public (reservations \$10).

“I loved it! The class was exciting. I have taught this material many, many times, but I have never had a more enthusiastic group. Thank you for providing me this opportunity.” OLLI Presenter Fall 2009

OLLI at GSC Receives Lagniappe from Osher Foundation

Lagniappe? What is that? According to Dictionary.com, a lagniappe is an unexpected gift or benefit. Recognizing the difficult economic times confronting their OLLI participants, the Oshers gifted each site with \$25,000 to be used in furthering the goals of the OLLI program. OLLI at GSC, with input from staff, the Advisory Council and the Steering Committee, proposed that the grant be used to implement a membership recruitment program that broadens OLLI’s visibility in NH. Plans include developing a consistent look to promotional materials, creating new promotional products, participating at senior conferences, targeting seniors with direct mail and building relationships with Chambers of Commerce in local sites. OLLI at GSC is grateful to the Oshers for providing us with these additional opportunities.

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Notes of Interest

Upcoming Events

OLLI Brown Bag University

Concord
 1/27 9:30-Noon

Brainstorming Lunch

Manchester
 1/28 Noon-2:00

Red Hook Brewery

Seacoast
 2/9 11:00-2:00

New England Notables

Manchester
 2/19 10:00-Noon

Conway Winter Classes

<http://www.granite.edu/uploads/Winter%20Class%-20Flyer%-20.pdf>

For additional information visit the website, <http://olli.granite.edu> or call the office 603-513-1377

SharpBrains Summit January 2010

The SharpBrains organization is organizing a virtual conference on cognitive health and performance, January 18-20, 2010. For more information [click here](#).

OLLI Membership by Site

Concord	214
Conway	115
Manchester	227
Seacoast	<u>146</u>
Total	702