



News from Concord OLLI

From the Engine to the Caboose! OLLI Brown Bag University on February 7 by Ginny Gerseny

All Aboard for the winter OBBU in Concord. The engine takes off at 9:30am, from Horseshoe Pond Place, Concord and clicks along all morning with guest speakers Bob Steiner, Peter Darness and Christopher Morgan.

Let me take you down the afternoon time schedule. From 1:00pm on, we have a potpourri of short presentations. To begin, Warren Geissinger, our official OLLI First Musician, will lead us in a sing-along of railroad songs. Do you know about the hospital trains of World War II? Martha Clapp will bring their story with pictures and Captain Peg Wurtz who commanded one of the trains will be with us. Peg Fargo will tell us about the orphan trains in the USA, and Bill Stone will take us back to the days when Depot Street led to the Concord Railway Station. John and Martha Chandler will show antique railway schedules. Did you know that it was the railroads that split the country into four time zones?



Do you know who Fred Harvey was? Would you recognize a Harvey Girl if you saw one? Ginny Gerseny will bring you their story while Bill Hodges brings up the rear with an exposé of the red caboose. Sprinkled over all of this are pictures assembled by Mike Bujnowski. You'll see some amazing trains and hear the story of the railroads.

The date is Monday, February 7, (snow date 2/14) and the registration fee is \$25. Please call the office (513-1377) at your earliest convenience to buy your ticket on the OBBU Concord Express.

The Concord Committee encourages inviting prospective members to this event. If you have a guest coupon for an OLLI class to give to your prospective member, the guest fee is only \$10 (materials). If you do not have a coupon, the guest fee is the same as yours, \$25. Everyone brings their lunch, and OLLI provides coffee and dessert.

Directions to **Horseshoe Pond Place** (former Page Belting Co. Building) page 2.

Concord Calendar



Happy Valentines Day

Coming Up In Feb

OBBU Railroads
Dining Out
Spring Catalogs
Concord Prevue
Sign Up for Classes

Committee Meetings:

Central	Feb 14
Steering	Feb 09
Curriculum	Feb 16

Coming Up In Mar

Spring Classes Begin

Newsletter photos
by Paul Basham

OLLI at GSC MISSION STATEMENT

Build a vibrant and sustainable member-driven organization that creates and provides intellectually stimulating lifelong-learning opportunities for NH residents 50 and above.

Inviting You to a February 22 Party by Ginny Gerseny

It could of course be a birthday party for George Washington, but it is much more than that! This is the date for our prevue party at Pleasant View Retirement. You will have received your catalog for the spring semester of OLLI courses, and on the 22nd will have a chance to meet the presenters and hear more about the courses.



The party begins at 1:30pm in the theater of Pleasant View Retirement, 227 Pleasant Street. Drop off passengers at the front door, proceed to the lower parking lot where valet drivers will bring you back to the front door. From 3:00pm on, valet parkers will be at the front door to take drivers back to the parking lot.

From 1:30 to 2:30pm you will hear and meet our presenters, and then we will go to the living room where Pleasant View will host the refreshment table, and to the Solarium for registrations as needed. Please call the office (513-1377) to reserve your place before 2/18 so we may plan for refreshments. Prospective members are invited to attend this event. Membership dues (\$40) may be paid and courses can be registered for those who wish to join OLLI.

February 22, 2011 1:30-3:00pm
Pleasant View Retirement
227 Pleasant St. Concord

Refreshments Served
RSVP
603.513.1377

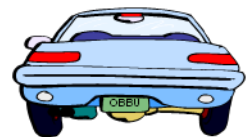
Find out what OLLI has to offer

- Talk to Presenters
- Meet the Staff
- Get Questions Answered
- Sign Up Early

The Concord classes just get better. Sign up quickly.

Spread the news, bring a friend!

Directions to OBBU:
Horseshoe Pond Place (former Page Belting Co. Building)
26 Commercial St., Concord NH 03301
(603) 228-6956



From I-93, take Exit 15W to I-393/202 West; exit at Commercial Street (blinking yellow light, just before N. Main St.); turn right at bottom of hill. First driveway on the right is Horseshoe Pond Place. Please park in West Lot. Drive to the far end of the building, turn left and you will see the entrance door to the community room.

From N. Main St., take I-393/202 East and immediately exit at Commercial Street (first right, just before I-93 interchange). Turn left at bottom of hill onto Constitution Ave., follow to the end. Turn left at stop sign; turn left into driveway at the "Horseshoe Pond Place" sign. Please park in West Lot. Drive to the far end of the building, turn left and you will see the entrance door to the community room.

Please do not park in reserved Parking.

A Peek into the Spring Catalogue of OLLI Courses by Paul Basham

I know you can not wait to get your hands on the catalogue of OLLI courses to be offered during the spring term, so I will give you a quick preview of just a few of the courses:



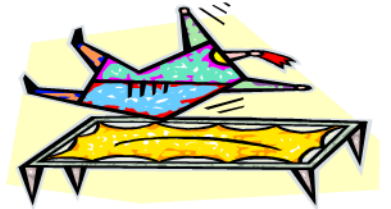
- There will be a Mini "Antique Road Show" when you will learn the true value and history of your prized possessions.
- Become acquainted with America's fastest growing crime, "identity theft", and find out if you are at risk.
- Learn the secrets of a healthier you in the course entitled "Better Choices, Better Health"
- Surprise the competition and yourself by learning new skills in playing bridge.
- Enter the computer world in the course "Computer Basics for the Confused, Befuddled and Bewildered"
- Re-live the raw terror, brave heroism and spirited courage displayed on June 6, 1944, D-Day.
- Explore Claremont's heritage by leaving the classroom to view the architecture in the heart of Claremont.
- Re-connect to family and friends by taking the course: "Facebook Fundamentals."
- Improve your golf score and impress your friends by taking the course, "Golf 101."
- Experience the dramatic poetic wisdom in the timeless "Hamlet, the Prince of Players for all Times."
- Learn how to reduce stress and prepare for the unexpected in a trip with grand kids, in "Multigenerational Travel."
- Delve into Native America culture and spirituality as revealed in their stories and songs.
- Put on your political thinking caps in a course about the "NH Presidential Primary."
- Use natural therapies to decrease pain, reduce stress and improve your quality of life.
- If you have ever dreamed of being a short story writer, take the course, "Short Story Crafters."
- The future is here in the course, "Skype, Video Calling for Free."
- You will never know if you have artistic talent unless you try. Surprise yourself in the course, "Watercolor Painting."
- Local historian, Carol Foord, will make White Mountain history come alive through the eyes of an outspoken Indian healer who lived among white people in the White Mountains in the 1700's.
- Find your voice as a writer and be the hero of your own story in "Writing the Stories of our Lives."
- "Yourself in the Universe". The study of astronomy has uncovered how we are truly connected to the cosmos.
- The course, "Spontaneous Cooking" will enable you to become a creative and uninhibited cook.
- Get ready for the growing season in the course, "Gardening Organically."
- Learn about life in Egypt from centuries past to the current shifting sands of religious and political change.

As soon as you receive the OLLI catalogue in mid-February, you can enroll in any of the more than one hundred courses being offered in five different locations: The Seacoast, Manchester, Conway, Claremont and Concord. Enroll early and you will not be disappointed.

It's Kind of Like a Trampoline! by Ginny Gerseny

Have you heard the story about the nasty opera diva who demanded impossible attention from the stage crew? The crew waited for the moment in her performance of Tosca, where she commits suicide by jumping off a high wall to her supposed death. On the floor they had placed a trampoline, and at her highest note she jumped, only to rise up again and again and again as the audience convulsed with laughter!

Membership at OLLI is much like that trampoline ride. Sometimes membership is close to 800, then it drops to 600, then up to 750. OLLI's very existence depends on having enough members to support our programs, and the more members we have the more programs we want. Right now we are in the process of providing all-day motor coach tours, two next summer, which are only affordable if we have the members to fill the coaches. Kind of like the chicken and the egg. The more we want the more we need. And it is hard to have membership on a trampoline. We need a strong base of membership so the budget necessities are secure, and the extra pleasures will depend on how we grow.



Another way to look at membership is through the eyes of those of us who know how enriching and satisfying a good course at OLLI can be. We may not be physically able to climb mountains, but in the classroom no peak is too high for us to thrill to the adventure of reaching the top, of understanding the point! The classroom maps show new pathways of thought we can catch and explore! We can learn for the fun of it! We have new things to talk about, and new visions to share.



Why deprive our good friends of these delicious moments? We need to talk to them and to our acquaintances. We need to let them know what OLLI is. We need to invite them to be a guest at one of our classes, and we need to enjoy hosting them. There is more to life than watching TV. Let the seniors around you know that!



Dear OLLI Diners,

Happy New Year to all. While we were taking a short break in our dining out schedule a new restaurant opened for lunch and dinner in Concord, New Hampshire. It is located in the building with the Red River Theater and the parking garage is attached for easy covered parking. The restaurant is "O" Steaks and Seafood. It is located at 11 So. Main Street in Concord. The phone number is 856-7925. We hope to see everyone for lunch on Wednesday, February 9th, at 11:30AM. We will be ordering off the menu and receive separate checks. The menu is moderately priced, expect to pay \$10 for gourmet sandwiches and \$12.00 for luncheon entrees. There is a full service bar. Gibson's bookstore is next to "O". The Coop market is across the street. And of course the Red River Theater is downstairs from the restaurant. We are looking forward to renewing our dining friendships and welcoming newcomers. Please let me know by February 2nd, if you will be attending.

Sincerely,
Bobbi Boley, Coordinator
OLLI Dining Out Group
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603-226-0525



A Tribute to Peg Fargo by Paul Basham

Margaret (Peg) Fargo was introduced to OLLI several years ago by Ellen Little who told Peg, "You must find out what OLLI is all about"! Peg followed her advice and she will now be teaching an OLLI course this spring. Peg is chair of the OLLI State Steering Committee and for the last two years has been chair of the OLLI Communications Committee.

A long time member of the League of Women Voters, Peg has had many interests across the years. She began her career as a teacher and then became a teacher of teachers who taught children. When she worked for the National YMCA, she established criteria for the accreditation of the child care programs sponsored by the YMCA. In her professional life she also organized programs for teenagers at risk. She has now come full circle from teaching children to teaching senior adults.

Peg moved to Concord from Watertown, NY, where her husband, Warren, was Superintendent of Schools for 20 years. They have six grandchildren, which is one of the reasons they moved to Concord.

Peg speaks glowingly of OLLI which now has 750 members in five different New Hampshire sites. She is an enthusiastic believer in the mission of OLLI and is always dreaming of better ways of spreading the word about OLLI. While she is now stepping out of the role as chair of the Communications Committee, she will still organize distribution of the OLLI catalogues in 22 different towns in southern New Hampshire.



She is handing the gavel as chair of the Communications Committee to Paul Basham who said, "Peg's leadership has inspired me to do my part in telling the world about OLLI. Just as Ellen Little introduced Peg to OLLI, and Peg introduced me to OLLI, I want to introduce others to the joy of lifelong learning."

Come on in.....and welcome to the class

Our OLLI classes at Concord continue to be welcoming and interesting. Our curriculum committee does a magnificent job organizing a semester of classes with something for everyone. Our monitors are folks who are taking the class and they agree to act as the host, introducing the presenter, taking attendance and making sure our participants are comfortable. It all goes together to the benefit of all OLLI members. If you would be a monitor for a class you will take, please contact Peg Fargo at pfargo@hotmail.com - 226-4574 - or Trish Churchill at trish-church@comcast.net

Winter Weather Cancellation Policy © By Christina Link

As we are well into the winter season, I thought it was time to remind everyone of the OLLI and Granite State policy regarding weather related closings, cancellations and delays.



Granite State College's winter weather closure process can be found at: <http://www.granite.edu/safety/weather.aspx>. The announcement will be posted on WMUR TV and its website www.wmur.com. Please do not call the OLLI Office as that recording does not get updated due to weather. You may call 513-1398 (the GSC-Concord direct line) - a recording will say if Granite State College is closed due to weather. The OLLI Office will be closed if GSC is closed.

For safety reasons, all OLLI meetings and activities are cancelled if GSC is closed.

If GSC remains open but OLLI decides to cancel an event/class due to weather conditions, then an email will be sent to all members and phone calls made to all who RSVPed. Have a safe and happy winter!

OLLI two minute questionnaire We need your two minutes to succeed.

As a member driven organization we are committed to "learn the membership" so we can offer you the type of programs that will get you excited. We are asking all OLLI members to help us by completing a two minute questionnaire. This will help jump start our efforts to offer you the most interesting and stimulating courses and programs possible. We are about members and need your two minutes to succeed.

All information is kept in confidence for OLLI use and not distributed to anyone outside of OLLI. Thank you for your willingness to participate in this endeavor and for being a part of OLLI and our success - it's learning for the fun of it!

Your Name: _____

<u>Education</u>	<u>Field or discipline</u>
___ High School	_____
___ Certificate	_____
___ Some college	_____
___ Associate Degree	_____
___ Bachelor's Degree	_____
___ Masters Degree	_____
___ Doctorate Degree	_____
___ Other Degree	_____

List three of your occupations:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

List three favorite interests or hobbies:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

List three community activities in which you have been involved:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Thank you. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Please return this questionnaire to:

OLLI at GSC
8 Old Suncook Rd.,
Concord, NH 03301

