

# OLLI Times

## A Message From the Board President

Welcome to OLLI's 21<sup>st</sup> year! We were totally energized by the marvelous celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and now look forward to building upon that success. In the fall we are offering a variety of outstanding courses that are both timely and intriguing. They will challenge us to look at our world from different perspectives and even take a leap out of this world to the edge of the visible universe. I urge you to sign up for your favorites as soon as registration opens because they will fill quickly.

Co-Chairs Kathy Morton and Kathy West, will be working to assemble a new group of classroom assistants to greet participants at each class and answer any questions. I ask that you, also, be sure to greet new members, who you will be able to identify by a flag on their name badge.

I hope you will join us on September 13<sup>th</sup> for our [Fall Kick-Off](#) event at Nashville Zoo Grassmere. The Special Events committee has arranged a wonderful lunch, presentation and the opportunity to explore the Grassmere Historic Home. You will also have the opportunity to explore the zoo at your leisure. Scott Smith, travel consultant, will provide a short program on both local and long-distance travel possibilities and we will be soliciting feedback from our members for future travel planning.

Steven Greil and the Lunch and Learn Committee have several excellent events planned for the fall term, beginning with Tallu Quinn and [The Nashville Food Project](#) on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for announcements about additional lunch and learn events throughout the fall term.

I encourage you to visit the [OLLI website](#), which has received a makeover in the last few weeks. The site is now more user-friendly and facilitates easier class registration. Additionally, the site now outlines opportunities to participate in peer-led special interest groups such as restaurant reviews, the book club and a walking group. Check out these no-cost opportunities by clicking "[Beyond the Classroom](#)" in the top navigation of the site.

Over the summer, Norma Clippard and I have been meeting with each of the Deans at Vanderbilt University. These meetings have been an excellent opportunity to promote our program, discover new initiatives and identify new faculty and ideas for future programming.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our programs and events this fall. Your ideas and presence help us expand our outreach and commitment to enriching the community of lifelong learners.



Betsy Hay, President

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# *The Right Stuff?*

By Ellie Cate and Julia Christman, *OLLI Members*

Do you have what it takes to be in the Osher Steel Drum Band? These brief questions will help determine your suitability. Might you enjoy an entirely new experience? Do you like meeting new people? Do you appreciate various genres of music? Would you like to make music with other people? Do you want to challenge your brain to work in new ways? Can you make room in your calendar to come to the Blair School of Music on the Vanderbilt Campus from 1:00-2:30pm on Sundays? (We have not asked about prior musical experience or formal music education, as these are optional.) If you've answered "Yes" to most of these questions, you might want to sign up for the fall session of the steel band.

The class has been offered for 3 years and includes members who have played from the beginning. Some of the old-timers have become so enamored with the experience that they have purchased their own steel pans. Newcomers are always welcome. One of the charms of the steel pan is how quickly it will give a pleasing tone even to novice hands. The different pans in the band are like various voices in a choir, we make music together that we could not make alone. Most parts have multiple players, so each person's playing doesn't have to be perfect for the band to sound good. This is a big relief.

Our class is a fun, low-pressure experience, led by Mat Britain, director of the Vanderbilt Steel Band program, and his able assistant, Alli Puglisi. They are encouraging, enthusiastic, and ever-patient. Our repertoire has included not only island music, but also pop, jazz, and show tunes.

In a bold move, two of us from the band attended the weeklong Ellie Mannette Festival of Steel in Morgantown, WV this July. This gathering included almost 120 players from many states. There we made music with other players from age 14 to 80. In a week we learned four tunes, all new to us, and performed them in public. While not perfect, our music was joyful. Our Osher experience has opened a world of making music together. We would agree with George Eliot, who observed that "It's never too late to become what you might have been."

## NEW MEMBERS

*Summer 2016*

Robert Brewer

Linda Brewer

Richard Clippard

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Karen Covington

Rob Crichton

Joe Dughman

Richard Dye

Marilyn Etherton

Donald Evans

Ken Folger

Ann Hargis

Cheri Henderson

Marcie Karlin

Elizabeth Kelly

Andrew Koepke

Sylvia Leins

Jerre Mathis

Mack McCoy

Mac Nicoll

Katherine Philp

Pamela Reese

Dorothy Rogers

Terry Rustan

Raymond Salza

Sandra Smith

Welton Wells

Leigh Williams

Sally Wolfe

# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

## Special Interest Groups

**Special Interest Groups** are free, member-run groups that provide a way for members to interact with their OLLI peers outside of the classroom. We currently have three groups but are looking for leaders to start groups of their own. If you're interested in participating, please email [oshervu@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:oshervu@vanderbilt.edu). Click the icons shown to the right of the group to visit their website.

### AFTERTHOUGHTS

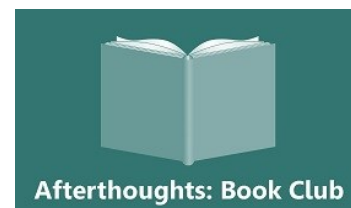
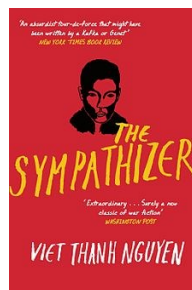
This book club, run by Kay Simmons, meets the first Monday of each month during the fall, winter and spring semesters.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, October 3

**Book:** [The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen](#)

**Time:** 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** St. George's Episcopal Church,  
4715 Harding Road (upstairs conference room)



Afterthoughts: Book Club

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### OLLI ON THE MOVE

This brand-new group will be led by Glenna Orr and will be walking the gorgeous trails at Radnor Lake.

**Date:** Every Friday, beginning September 9

**Time:** 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

**Location:** Radnor Lake



OLLI on the Move

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### RESTAURANT ADVENTURES

Consider yourself to be a foodie? If so, this group is for you. Led by Viv Pocek and Mary Raffety, the group will be touring restaurants in the Nashville area to dine and dish about culinary hot spots and little-known hidden treasures. A list of upcoming restaurants will be posted to the site in the coming weeks.



Restaurant Adventures

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### Want to start your own Special Interest Group?

Special interest groups do not have to be academic in nature. Maybe you would like to start a wine tasting group or a quilting group. Have a passion for a specific hobby like photography or genealogy? Interested in learning conversational Spanish? Visit our [website](#) to begin the process of starting your own group.



Start a New Group

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# BECOME A NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTOR!

Along with giving the OLLI Times a makeover, your OLLI team is in the process of re-imagining the newsletter content. Much of the need-to-know information about the OLLI program is now included in the new course catalog so we can utilize the newsletter for content that is produced *for* OLLI members *by* OLLI members. We look forward to featuring the thoughts and talents of our diverse membership!

We are excited to consider the following types of submissions:

- Short- form creative writing  
(300 word maximum for poetry and 500 word maximum for other formats)
- Photography/printable art
- Opinion editorial about subjects affecting OLLI membership  
(500 word maximum)
- Member Brags: Know of someone who deserves a shout out? Submit a brag and celebrate the accomplishments and milestones of a fellow OLLI member!  
(100 word maximum)
- Event Reporting: Want to share your experience of an exceptional course series, Lunch and Learn, Special Interest Group, or special event? This is the place!  
(500 word maximum)

Please email your submissions to [oshervu@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:oshervu@vanderbilt.edu) by 12:00 PM on January 20th for consideration in the next issue of the OLLI Times. You will be notified about your submission by the end of the following week.

## HELP OLLI GO GREEN!

When you receive your course catalog in the mail in a few short days, we hope you will be excited about it's brand-new look. Aimed at increasing readability and accommodating program growth, the catalog is packed with more helpful information than ever before such as the new policies and procedures page, information on how to volunteer, and instructor bios.

The trade-off for this new catalog is an increase in the amount of paper needed to print the publication. In an effort to be both ecologically and financially responsible, we are asking for your assistance in helping OLLI go green.

Please strongly consider opting into receiving future course catalogs in electronic format. You will still get all of the great information but it will be delivered to your inbox vs. your mailbox. Love the shareability of the paper catalog? You'll be able share the link to the electronic catalog with your family and friends!

Simply log into your OLLI registration account, click "Contact Information" after logging in and check the box to indicate you want the electronic catalog. Alternatively, find the sign-up sheet at class and provide us your name and email address.

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# FROM THE OLLI OFFICE

## OLLI'S NEW LOOK!

As you may have noticed, your OLLI staff has been hard at work revamping the [website](#), catalog, and newsletter. Each of the new designs have been made with the goal of streamlining all communications and accommodating future program growth.

## FALL PREVIEW

The lineup of classes for the upcoming fall term is nothing short of magnificent. With courses highlighting both historical and the upcoming current election, jazz, astronomy and the US Women's Movement, you'll also see the return of member favorites such as the Osher Steel Drum Band and Victor Judge's Writing Seminar.

The course catalog for the fall term should be arriving to your mailbox soon. Check it out for information on the [Fall Kick-off](#) on September 13 and a brand-new free workshop series, You Can Do I.T., intended to provide foundational information technology skills for our members.

Finally, mark your calendar and stay tuned for additional information on the first fall Lunch and Learn scheduled for October 11 and the Fall Trip on October 22.

## REMINDER: NEW FEE STRUCTURE

Beginning with the fall term, a new fee structure is being implemented for all courses. The \$80, 3-course package is no longer being offered and courses are now priced individually. The fee for each course can be found in the course catalog in the Schedule-at-a-Glance and in the full course descriptions. You can also find them online in the [registration website](#).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Fall registration deadline:** September 16

**Lunch and Learn:** October 11

**Fall day trip:** October 22

**Holiday Gathering:** December 7

**Winter term begins:** January 16

**Spring term begins:** March 27



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