A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

I write this while we are still in the middle of a winter term filled with information, challenge and fun! From Monday’s films from Ireland all the way through the week, ending with Friday’s intense investigations into early North African Christian practice, and into the history and present problems of Ukraine, the classes have been stimulating and well thought out. Spring term should prove equally strong. More than half our lecturers will be teachers that our members have asked to hear again. There will be two sections for those interested in the Great Decisions program. We will also have a new series demonstrating the breadth of interests and talent in the University; we’re calling it an Intellectual Sampler. (I don’t want to give too much away, but one of the sessions will talk about drones.) Register early!

Another new idea we will be trying is a “referral contest.” You will see details elsewhere in the newsletter, but the core idea is to encourage all our members to spread the word about the programs we offer as widely as we can. These are opportunities too good to be missed, and nothing is more effective in letting others know about our rich program than “word of mouth.”

During the second week of the term, we will also have a short session at the end of each day talking about our program’s history and hopes for its future.

Finally, let me mention our Annual Meeting, to be held on May 7th at the Vanderbilt Dyer Observatory. It’s an opportunity to celebrate the year that’s ending and also provides an opportunity to meet the new slate of officers, committee chairs and directors who will take us forward into our third decade. I hope to see you there!

NEW OLLI DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Vanderbilt Board formed a Development Committee for the purpose of ensuring that OLLI at Vanderbilt can continue to provide quality classes well into the future. To do so, we must continue to grow our endowment as well as maintain annual operating expenses.

In order to reach out to potential donors, we will be contacting our members to encourage a gift before the end of our fiscal year, which is June 30. The amount of your gift is important, and only you know what you can afford, but of greater importance is that you simply make a gift. At the present time, we have approximately 10% participation. We would like to increase this to a minimum of 50%. Sustaining donors on an annual basis and/or a four year pledge will ensure we can reach our goal. In addition to a sustaining gift, some of our members have asked how they can include OLLI in their planned giving or estate planning. Planned giving is an outstanding way to help ensure our future. The Director of Planned Giving at Vanderbilt is happy to discuss details with you and answer any questions you may have. Working together, we can make it happen!

Lee McKnight
Development Chair

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OLLI Referral Contest

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Vanderbilt’s spring term is full of wonderful learning opportunities! We have some of our favorite instructors returning as well as some outstanding new instructors. Please tell your friends, family, and neighbors about OLLI at VU and also tell them when they register to list you as a referral. THE PERSON WITH THE MOST REFERRALS FOR SPRING TERM WILL WIN A FREE YEAR OF Osher Core Classes. Thank you so much for your continued enthusiasm and love of learning!

Norma Clippard
OLLI Director

OLLI Steel Drum Band performing at the Fall Kickoff!

Bob Covington, OLLI President
We are very excited with the continued success of the OLLI Connect, Explore, and Expand (CEE) groups. The purpose of the OLLI CEE Groups is to offer a wider range of special interest educational opportunities in small group settings to OLLI members. They will be offered in addition to the core curriculum and events scheduled throughout the year.

**CEE Restaurant Review Group**

The OLLI CEE Restaurant Review Group’s goal is simple: to enjoy good food at locally owned restaurants in the company of others and pass along information about the experience to our OLLI members. In the last year, the group has met twelve times at different restaurants: Blackstone Restaurant and Brewery on West End, Anatolia’s Turkish Restaurant on White Bridge Road, Etch on Demonbreun in downtown Nashville, The Perch on Richard Jones Road in Green Hills, Firefly Grille on Bandyswood in Green Hills, Mack and Kate’s in Brentwood past Moore’s Lane, Sambuca on 12th Avenue South, Kalamata’s on Portland, Midtown Café on 19th Avenue and Ted’s Montana Grill on West End. Groups have been made up of from two to nine people.

Special thanks to the hard work of our wonderful CEE committee members! The CEE groups for the winter and spring terms: Walking and Hiking, Senior Friendly Restaurant Review, Core Class Discussions groups. OLLI Book Club, and the new Scrapbooking Group. To participate in any of the CEE Groups please email us at oshervu@vanderbilt.edu and the group leaders will contact you with further details and CEE Group information!

Please keep checking the OLLI CEE website page for updates and special group announcements.

**Upcoming Events & Activities**

- OLLL Spring Term March 9th—April 17th
- Lunch & Learn March 31st
- OLLL Spring Day Trip April 28th
- OLLL Annual Meeting May 7th, Vanderbilt Dyer Observatory
- Osher Center for Integrative Health Lecture series March 11th and March 18th
- OLLL at the Ballet 3 part series March 25—April 8
- For more information visit the OLLL website Registration page!

**Thank You OLLL Volunteers**

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Vanderbilt is truly a member run organization. We’d like to thank all of our members for their participation and a special thank you to all of our volunteers and OLLL board members. Their efforts truly make OLLL at Vanderbilt the wonderful program that it is!

Volunteers for the Spring—Summer 2015 academic year include:

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OLLI members enjoying fall term classes at The Commons Center, Vanderbilt campus.