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WHO IS OLLI?

The Bradley University Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is a group of over 700 learners, age 50 and over, who learn together through three distinct programs.

Three times each year, we meet at Bradley and enjoy presentations by volunteers who teach four 1-hour sessions on a subject of their choice. OLLI Classes cover all topics and disciplines and regularly include a few hands-on computer classes.

We also take Learning Trips, held throughout the year and throughout the region. With a focus on learning, we enjoy behind-the-scenes explanations, step-on guides, and docent-led tours that enrich each of our excursions. Transportation is provided, and lunch is generally included on these half day and full day trips.

Study Groups are another feature of OLLI. These member-facilitated groups convene around a topic of mutual interest and include discussions and presentations by the group's members. Study groups generally meet two hours for five or six weeks and convene throughout the year.

In essence, OLLI is our opportunity, at 50 and over, to learn again. It's an organization that enables us to revisit old interests and develop new ones; to rekindle old friendships and make new ones-with people like ourselves. It's our time to learn!

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Bradley University is a program sponsored by Continuing Education and is affiliated with the Bernard Osher Foundation and the Elderhostel Institute Network.

WE ARE OLLI!

OLLI volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization. We celebrate our success due to their efforts. Thank you!

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SAVE THE DATE

Frank Lloyd Wright in Wisconsin including Taliesin September 30 – October 5, 2010

Alf and Joan Berg, OLLI members and architecture fans, have offered their expertise to lead a six-day bus trip to several Frank Lloyd Wright historic sites in Wisconsin.

During the first four days, architecture expert and member of the Frank Lloyd Wright Wisconsin Board of Directors, Karen Bergenthal, will take us through eight Wright works, including:

Arthur L. Richards Small House

Frederick C. Bogk House

Maurice Greenberg House

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

S.C. Johnson Administration Building

Bernard Schwartz House

Herbert F. Johnson House, Wingspread

Plus, the Milwaukee Art Museum

On the last two days, we'll take private tours of Taliesin, Wright's private estate near Spring Green.

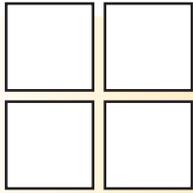
The tour fee, which has not yet been determined, will include charter bus transportation, admission to all sites, lodging, and most meals.

If you're interested in this trip, please call Emily at 309.677.3900 or check the box on the registration page.

On the cover, clockwise:

Mac Pogue, Kathie Bartolo, Bill Holt, and Karen Bradberry.

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Friends, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the honor you've given me by selecting me as your president for the 2010-2011 OLLI year. I'm both humbled and grateful.

One of the principles I carry over from my days in business is that the real job of the one with a title is to make things better and easier for everyone else. I want to make your OLLI experience the best it can be, whether you're taking or teaching, whether you're in a class, in a study group, on a learning trip, or at a special event. Please, let me know how I can do that. I've set up a special email account for your suggestions and comments (rk.oli@yahoo.com) or you can just let me know when you see me. I can't guarantee to give you what you want, but I can guarantee to give your ideas consideration and to pass them on to the people that need to hear them.

The times they are a'changin'! OLLI is a dynamic organization, evolving to meet your needs. Study Groups began in Fall 08 and have offered 28 topics since then. Now they're a staple of the OLLI curriculum. Learning Trips have grown in number from 38 in 2007-08 to 72 in 2009-10 – and I think they're getting better and more interesting. The cold can't stop Lifelong Learners! In the past two years Winter class enrollment has grown 9% and class offerings overall by 3%. Thanks to Sandy Stemler, Joyce Sutton, Bliss Phillips, and their committees – and of course to the excellent staff of Continuing Education.

Gil Nolde, Class Curriculum Chair, has completely revamped the way we select the classes for our fall and spring gatherings. This promises to breathe new life into the process and give you an even better selection of class offerings. I encourage you to come to the curriculum committee meetings and experience this for yourself.

And last year we started a summer term – this is the second annual summer brochure. Now we have four terms annually of Study Groups and Learning Trips, two traditional Class gatherings in Fall and Spring, and a one-week Winter class gathering in January. It's always time to learn.

Yes, the times they are a'changin'. Please join with me to help keep OLLI strong and make it even better for all of us.

Live long, prosper, and keep learning!

Ray Keithley
rk.oli@yahoo.com
Your OLLI President

P.S. As I write this letter, we are anxiously awaiting news of our grant application from the Osher Foundation. As soon as we hear anything, we'll let you know.



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Because learning happens also outside the classroom, we've developed a program that combines education and travel – Learning Trips. With the help of tour guides, docents, and local experts, we enjoy behind-the-scenes information that helps us learn about and fully appreciate our destination.

Join your hosts, Michelle Riggio and Emily Skocaj, as we travel, learn, and have lots of fun along the way. Before you go, make sure the activity level matches your ability. We want to make sure you can fully enjoy each excursion.

TRIP DESCRIPTION ICONS:

-  Intergenerational trip: share the love of learning with family.
-  Enter/exit vehicle with minimal assistance, climb some stairs, stand for up to an hour, and walk a few blocks indoors or out.
-   Level I, plus: climb some flights of stairs and walk on uneven surfaces.
-    Levels I & II, plus: healthy, mobile, and able to participate in 3-5 hours of daily physical activity.
-     Levels I - III, plus: able to participate in 6 hours of daily moderate activity.

LOCAL TRIPS

Get to know your community in these half-day excursions to area sites. The price includes meal, van transportation, entrance fees, and tour guides. After you register, you will receive a detailed itinerary for each trip. Register early, as local trips are usually limited to 20 participants.

Photography Experience II: Luthy Botanical Gardens

Friday, June 11, 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Friday, June 18, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. 

Photography experts Ray Keithley and Barb Hoffman will lead our second photography adventure, this time at the Luthy Botanical Gardens. On June 11, we'll meet for breakfast and a presentation about how to best photograph plants in the summer sun, then we'll head to Luthy to take photos in the gardens. The next week, we'll meet to exchange photos and prepare exhibits for display. \$29 – includes 6/11 breakfast buffet, presentation, Luthy admission, van transportation, and 6/18 refreshments, presentation, and supplies.

Gen. Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport

Thursday, July 15, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 

Here's your chance for an exclusive, behind-the-scenes look at the areas not normally accessible to the average passenger, including ticket counters, inbound baggage facilities, passenger screening rooms, waiting areas, and jet bridges. We will also visit the administration offices and get a glimpse of how construction is progressing on the new facility. In addition, there will be an opportunity for questions and one-on-one interaction with airport staff. \$22 – includes lunch, tour, and van transportation.

Area Organic Farms

Thursday, August 19, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 

Join us as we travel throughout rural Peoria County to visit local farmers and business owners dedicated to organic growing practices. Throughout the day, we'll learn how these entrepreneurs believe in locally produced, organically raised food that benefits both farmers and consumers. We'll visit Hart's Honey in Brimfield to learn about beekeeping, take a tour of and dine at Basil's Harvest in Elmwood, and explore Broad Branch Farm, a family owned 10-acre farm just east of Wyoming. \$22 – includes lunch, tour, and van transportation.

O'Brien Field Tour and Chiefs Game

Monday, August 30, 5:00 – 9:30 p.m.  

Bring the family as we visit O'Brien Field for a private tour of the ballpark and facilities with Peoria Chiefs President Rocky Vonachen. After the tour, we'll take our seats in Wrigleyville and watch the Chiefs battle the Clinton LumberKings. Your registration includes a 90-minute endless ballpark buffet of burgers, hot dogs, salad, and baked beans, plus unlimited popcorn and soft drinks during the game. \$25 – includes private ballpark tour, buffet, game refreshments, and box seats for the game.

REGIONAL TRIPS

Spend time with OLLI enjoying travel throughout Illinois and nearby states. The price of each trip varies, but includes meal, Peoria Charter Coach transportation, entrance fees, tips, snacks, and tour guides. Detailed itineraries are mailed upon registration. These trips are often limited to 40 participants.

Bike & Hike II: Obama's Chicago and Graceland

Wednesday, June 2, 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.   

Back by popular demand – a trip to Chicago to learn about the city on bike and on foot! The day will start with a two-hour leisurely biking tour of President Obama's neighborhood in historic Hyde Park. After lunch, docents from the Chicago Architecture Foundation will lead our walking tour of Graceland Cemetery, a park-like cemetery on the North Side of the city. During the tour, we'll see Burnham Island, visit the resting place for Chicago notables, and take a closer look at the cemetery's monuments. \$129 – includes tours, docents, bike rental, tips, lunch, snacks, and charter coach transportation.

Emiquon Dig and Dickson Mounds

Wednesday, June 16, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  

Spend a day with us for an update on the Emiquon Project, a floodplain restoration program on the Illinois River. Officials from The Nature Conservancy will lead a tour of a dig conducted by Michigan State University students, then show us the research currently underway at the field station. After lunch, we'll take a guided tour of Dickson Mounds, one of the major on-site archaeological museums in the country. \$49 – includes tours, docents, lunch, tips, snacks, and charter coach transportation.

“The Tempest,” Illinois Shakespeare Festival Ewing Manor, Normal

Thursday, June 24, 4:30 – 11:30 p.m. 

The Illinois Shakespeare Festival has become another OLLI summer tradition. This year, we have tickets for an evening performance of *The Tempest*. Dr. Susan Hillabold, who teaches a Shakespeare class for OLLI, will accompany our group to enrich our understanding of the play’s subtleties. At the venue, we’ll eat a gourmet catered picnic dinner with wine, take a personalized backstage tour, watch a pre-performance green show, then enjoy the performance of the play from our center section platinum seats. \$109 – includes tour, dinner, wine, tickets, intermission soft drinks, and charter coach transportation.

Canoe the Kankakee Kankakee State Park

Wednesday, June 30, 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.   

Our first canoeing trip was such a success, we decided to do it again! This year, we’ll tackle the Kankakee River in a 12-mile journey with scenic views and opportunities to observe creatures in their natural habitats. The Kankakee is a gentle, Class I river, ideal for first-time canoeists. An interpreter from the park will join us to point out areas of interest, including caves and limestone canyons. We will be on the water for four hours and eat dinner afterwards. \$89 – includes canoe rental, lesson, interpretive service, dinner, tips, snacks, and charter coach transportation.

Princeton Architectural Tour and Festival 56 Matinee Princeton, Illinois

Wednesday, July 28, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. 

This trip will begin with breakfast at the Princeton Theatre, where docents will provide a backstage look at the venue and a step-on tour around town to view historical homes, buildings, and the Red Covered Bridge. After a buffet lunch at The Wine Cellar, we’ll watch a matinee performance (in an air-conditioned theatre) of “Moon Over Buffalo,” a comedy by Festival 56, Illinois’ largest summer theatre festival. \$79 – includes show tickets, tours, lunch, tips, snacks, and charter coach transportation.

U.S. Mailboat Tour and Yerkes Observatory Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Wednesday, August 11, 5:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. 

There are only a handful of places left in the country where mail is still delivered by boat – and we’re going! We’ll board the U.S. Mailboat-Walworth and watch as the postal carrier delivers mail to 60 homes along Lake Geneva, jumping off the bow while it’s moving, running onto the pier, and leaping back onto the stern as it passes by. After the boat tour, we’ll enjoy a pasta buffet then head to the Yerkes Observatory for a tour of the 100-year-old facility and a look at the largest lens-type telescope in the world. \$125 – includes boat tour, buffet lunch, observatory tour, tips, snacks, and charter coach transportation.

SPECIAL EVENTS

OLLI’s Special Events are scheduled to accommodate our members’ busy lifestyles. There are usually no limits to these events, but early registration is encouraged.

Spirit of Peoria Cruise: Illinois River Update Saturday, June 5, 12:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Spend a summer afternoon cruising along – and learning about – the picturesque Illinois River on the Spirit of Peoria paddle-wheeler. During the two-hour excursion, which includes a buffet lunch, Steve Jaeger, Director of the Heart of Illinois Regional Port District (TransPORT), will talk about the status of the Illinois River, including an update on the dredging project, the overall mission of TransPORT, and how it works with municipalities to identify development candidates along the river. \$35 – includes ticket, buffet lunch, cruise, and presentation (no transportation – meet us there).

An OLLI Exclusive: Reception with Nancy Pearl Monday, June 14, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Nancy Pearl, award-winning author and regular commentator on NPR’s “Morning Edition,” is back at Bradley this summer, and OLLI has arranged an exclusive reception with the “rock star among readers.” Join us as she discusses her new book on travel, recommends fiction and non-fiction books, and signs copies of her bestselling “Book Lust” series (copies will be available for purchase). After the reception, join the public at the Marty Theatre to hear Nancy’s humorous and informative talk, “Dive Into a Good Book.” FREE – includes private reception and presentation (no transportation – meet us there).

Summer Picnic on Grandview Drive Wednesday, July 7, Noon

This year, we’ll meet at the pavilion on lower Grandview Drive to enjoy a gourmet boxed lunch and learn about the history of the area dubbed by President Theodore Roosevelt as “the world’s most beautiful drive.” Marilyn Leyland, President of the Peoria Historical Society, will talk about the various aspects of the site, including the former Al Fresco Park (a private amusement park with rides from the 1903 World’s Fair), the World War I monument to Averyville soldiers, and Waterworks Park. \$22 – includes lunch and presentation (no transportation – meet us there).

Beer Tasting Class at Two25 Restaurant, Peoria Thursday, August 5, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Do you know the difference between pilsners and lagers? Are you aware of the history behind ales and stouts? Join Steve King, owner of Specialty Import Distributing Company, as we learn the finer points of domestic and import beers. King, whose company carries the largest selection of beer in downstate Illinois, will also provide six types of beer for our tasting pleasure. \$25 – includes class, materials, and appetizers. Please provide your own transportation and \$7 for the beer tasting.

STUDY GROUPS

A study group is an in-depth learning experience that encourages interactive participation by members. It is led by a facilitator who establishes group expectations and areas of study. As active, involved learners, members may do outside readings and make in-class presentations. There are no tests, grades, or credits.

Everyday Research on the Web

Tuesdays, July 6 – 27

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to dig deeper into a subject using the internet, but aren't quite sure how to begin? In this study group you will learn where to start, how to find websites that interest you, to verify that sources are reliable, and then demonstrate your newly-honed research skills with the rest of the participants. Find out why they call it a "world wide" web so that you can improve your ability to research topics of interest to you.

\$40 – facilitated by Jon C. Neidy, Associate Director, Continuing Education

Edith and Ethan in 2010

Wednesdays, July 7 – 28

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

One of the best selling women authors in American literature, Edith Wharton is the writer we will discuss. We will read *Ethan Frome*, a masterpiece Wharton wrote 100 years ago as her own marriage to a mentally disturbed husband deteriorated. *Ethan Frome* is a story of "silence and speechlessness, numbness and dumbness... a life of misery and endurance." Does this novel have relevance in 2010? You decide! Please purchase *Ethan Frome*, and bring it to class.

\$40 – facilitated by Mike Slaughter, retired ICC English professor

CONNECT WITH OLLI!

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View photos, videos, and summaries of our activities.

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YouTube: www.youtube.com/TheOlliatBU

Watch videos of Learning Trips, Study Groups, and Classes.

SIGN UP EARLY!

Thinking about registering for a Study Group?

Nothing cancels a Study Group quicker than waiting until the last minute to sign up.

Study Groups have a minimum number of participants required in order for them to run.

Please sign up early to help us avoid disappointing cancellations.

What a Way to Go

Tuesdays, August 3 – 24

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Most cultures have a ritual way of caring for the body after the spirit is gone. Join us as we explore funeral customs in various cultures and times. Among the topics we'll cover are military funerals past and present, Royal funerals, and the customs of the Victorians, the Old West, and even some contemporary rituals.. No preparation is required unless you have an interest in a certain topic—in which case we'll explore it together. Some books will be available from Kathie's library.

\$40 – facilitated by Kathie Bartolo, OLLI member

Page to Stage

Mondays, August 9 – 30

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Members in this study group will read three plays and discuss how the text can be adapted to the stage. We will discuss setting, time period, costumes, scenery, and make decisions about what message we wish to move from the page up to the stage. For one, perhaps two, of the plays, we will watch the film version.

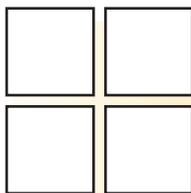
The group will read these books (in the order below). Please purchase them before the first session.

Fences by August Wilson (This play was performed this spring by Bradley Theatre.)

Doubt: a Parable by John Patrick Shanley. We will watch the film version of this play.

Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw. Time permitting, we will watch the film version of this play (or at least the ending of the film, which is different from the play).

\$40 – facilitated by Susan Hillabold, ICC English professor and frequent OLLI instructor



REGISTRATION SUMMER 2010

(PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT)

WHAT I WANT TO DO

Learning Trip Membership Fees

Local Trips

- _____ \$ 29 Photography Experience II, June 11 and 18
- _____ \$ 22 Peoria International Airport, July 15
- _____ \$ 22 Area Organic Farms, August 19
- _____ \$ 25 O'Brien Field Tour and Chiefs Game, August 30

Regional Trips

- _____ \$ 129 Bike & Hike II, Obama's Chicago and Graceland, June 2
- _____ \$ 49 Emiquon and Dickson Mounds, June 16
- _____ \$ 109 The Tempest: Illinois Shakespeare Festival, June 24
- _____ \$ 89 Canoe the Kankakee, June 30
- _____ \$ 79 Princeton Tours and Performance, July 28
- _____ \$ 125 Mailboat Tour and Yerkes Observatory, August 11

Special Events

- _____ \$ 35 Spirit of Peoria with Steve Jaeger, June 5
- _____ \$ 0 Reception with Nancy Pearl, June 14
- _____ \$ 22 Summer Picnic, July 7
- _____ \$ 25 Beer Tasting Class, August 5

Please send me information about the Frank Lloyd Wright Trip

_____ **Total (LINE A)**

Study Group Membership Fees

- _____ \$ 40 Everyday Research on the Web, July 6 - 27
- _____ \$ 40 Edith and Ethan in 2010, July 7 - 28
- _____ \$ 40 What a Way to Go, August 3 - 24
- _____ \$ 40 Page to Stage, August 9 - 30

_____ **Total (LINE B)**

WHO | AM

Check here if you are new to OLLI _____

Name _____

Nametag Preference _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Cell _____

E-Mail _____

Bradley Alum, Year _____

PARKING

Campus parking is widely available in the summer, and permits are not required. Campus availability may be limited at times due to other events on campus.

Please contact Wanda at 309.677.2523 if you have parking questions.

HOW I WANT TO PAY

LINE A _____ +

LINE B _____ +

\$ _____ **TOTAL DUE**

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LEARNING TRIP WAIVER

In order to complete trip registration, participants are required to read and sign this assumption of risk, release, and waiver.

My signature confirms that I have read and meet the activity level requirements, agree to abide by the safety guidelines of Bradley University staff and each host organization, and recognize and accept the risks and conditions of the trip.

I acknowledge that my participation involves some personal risk. For each trip, I will wear closed-toed shoes and agree to use any other safety equipment required of the host site.

I will assume the risks and responsibilities regarding my participation and hold Bradley University and its agents harmless.

Signature _____

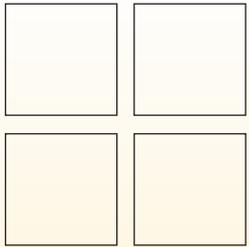
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