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**SPRING CURRICULUM GUIDE IS COMING EARLY DECEMBER!**

The Curriculum Committees have been busy finalizing classes for the coming Spring 2010 OLLI term. They have done another superb job. There will be more than 195 classes to choose from this Spring (together with the Fall term, we will offer almost 400 classes this academic year, which is a new record for us!) I think you will find plenty to choose from. Lots of new classes and instructors, plus many of the popular favorites are back.

We expect to have the guides in the mail to all members by the first week of December. Registration begins immediately upon receipt of the guide. We strongly recommend that you register as early as possible in order to have the best chance of getting the classes you want. Some classes will close early because of popularity, or the instructor has set a limit on the size of the class.

Registration is processed on a "first come, first served" basis. We date and time stamp each registration, and process them in the order in which they are received. Note that USCB and OLLI offices will be closed from December 21 through January 3 for the holidays.

We still do not have on-line registration, but we are working on it. Our new registration system has the capability, and we are waiting for the business office at USC Columbia to approve the system. They want to make sure that the system is 100% secure (as we all do!) So, for right now we accept registrations only by mail, walk-in to any of our three offices (Bluffton, Beaufort and Hilton Head), or by FAX. We do not accept any registrations by phone.

**BLUFFTON CLASS ROOM CHANGES FOR SPRING TERM**

We have some very good news for those taking classes at the USCB Bluffton campus. This coming Spring we will be moving into the old book store space in Hargray Building, which is 50% larger than our current classroom. This should mean fewer closed classes.

But maybe best of all, we heard the complaints about the comfort of the classroom chairs, and the new classroom will have all new, larger, padded chairs. I convinced the USCB facilities folks that the ergonomic requirements of OLLI members are different than those of the undergraduates (who would have guessed that!).

**STEVE BACON SPRING SABBATICAL**

We will have one gap in our Spring curriculum that will disappoint a number of OLLI members. Popular OLLI instructor Steve Bacon will be taking a sabbatical this coming term due to a family medical issue.

He assures us that he expects to be back in the saddle next Fall for his legion of fans. Needless to say, we will miss him and wish him and his family only the very best.

### **USCB PROGRAMS**

These USCB programs/events are not sponsored by OLLI, but we think that a number of members would be interested. Please direct any inquiries to the contact listed, not the OLLI office.

*USCB's Festival Series Chamber Music Concert-* Give the gift of music this holiday season with tickets to the December 13<sup>th</sup> Festival Series concert. Join world renowned performers Jennifer Frautschi, Peter Wiley, Jesse Mills, Hsin-Yun Huang, Nicholas Cords and Edward Arron for an evening of Dvorak, Schoenberg and Mozart. Special ticket prices for OLLI members start at \$30. The concert will be at USCB's Performing Arts Center in Beaufort and begins at 5 pm. Call Staci Breton at 208-8246. <http://www.uscb.edu/festivalseries>

*Just in time for the Holidays...* Get those Christmas books at the USCB Lunch With Author series on Thursday, December 10, at the Country Club of Hilton Head. A panel of children's authors is featured. Ever wonder about the origin of the Happy Birthday song? Renowned author Margot Theis Raven's latest book, *Happy Birthday To You!* reveals the history from the late 1800's with award-winning illustrations. Clay Rice, silhouette artist, song writer, performer and now author, brings his silhouettes to life in his charming book, *The Lonely Shadow*. Marjory Wentworth and illustrator Leslie-Pratt Thomas together have produced a memorable book for all ages, *Shackles*, which is based on a true story of children finding centuries-old slave shackles on Sullivans Island. Reservations are made by calling 521-4147 or [kingsley@uscb.edu](mailto:kingsley@uscb.edu). Price is \$42.

*The VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program*, funded by the local United Way, provides FREE income tax preparation services to qualifying taxpayers in the Beaufort/ Jasper county areas. USCB is participating in this program and we are looking for volunteers willing to attend the December 13, 14 and 15<sup>th</sup> training sessions who can help on at least one Saturday from 11am-2pm during the spring semester in preparing taxes for the local community. All VITA volunteers are required to be certified with a minimum of 25 hours of IRS (Internal Revenue Service) supervised tax training unless you already have a current Tax preparer certification. Training sessions will be held on December 13, 14 and 15 to qualify you to assist individuals and families to take advantage of all available credits, to include the EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit), the CTC (Child Tax Credit) and many others. VITA services will be provided on the USCB South Campus in the Multi-Purpose Room of the new Campus Center, located next to the library on Saturdays throughout tax season. For more information please contact Mark Brown at [browndawgwon@yahoo.com](mailto:browndawgwon@yahoo.com), (858) 602-6848 or Emilio Anchorena at [Emilioanc@yahoo.com](mailto:Emilioanc@yahoo.com), (843) 422-4683.

### **SAVE THESE DATES**

<b>Dec 4</b>	<b>Spring 2010 Curriculum Guide Mailed to Members- Spring registration begins</b>
<b>Dec 11</b>	<b>Fall Term Classes End</b>
<b>Dec 21- Jan 3</b>	<b>USCB and OLLI Offices Closed</b>
<b>Jan 4</b>	<b>OLLI staff returns to offices- registration continues</b>
<b>Jan 25</b>	<b>Spring Term Classes Begin</b>
<b>May 14</b>	<b>Spring Term ends</b>

**OLLI POINTS OF CONTACT-** Need to reach the OLLI office? Call the Bluffton office at 843- 208-8247, Beaufort office at 843-521-4113, Hilton Head office at 843-208-8239. Or, contact the OLLI Director Dan Campbell at 843-208-8249 or [Campbe35@uscb.edu](mailto:Campbe35@uscb.edu).