DIRECTOR'S NOTE
Welcome back for another exciting academic year at OLLI at Aquinas College! Our program is one of 120 Osher Lifelong Learning programs on university and college campuses across the country. The programs are all unique, but are similar in that each program depends on memberships to meet the expectations of the Osher Foundation. Therefore, we ask that you join today as an OLLI member for the 2017-18 year! You will then be able to sign up early for our free member fall kick-off with popular professor, Dr. Fred Johnson - followed by breakfast!

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#### FREE MEMBER CLASSES

- **Stirring the World**
  3:30-4:30 p.m.
- **Trip to Tempting Tables Tablescapes Collections 2017**
  Holiday Inn Muskegon Harbor 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **See the Stars in the Daytime!**
  10:00-11:30 a.m.
- **Fine to Funky Jewelry as Wearable Art**
  9:30-11:00 a.m.
- **Outrageous FUN with Wordplay**
  9:30-11:00 a.m.

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- **Protecting People and Plant**
  1:30-3:30 p.m.
- **Emily Dickinson’s Life through her Letters**
  9:30-11:30 a.m.
- **Isle Royale**
  1:30-3:30 p.m.

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  9:30-11:30 a.m.
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- FREE MEMBER KICK-OFF CLASS
  From Dreams to Zero G 9:30-11:00 a.m.

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- President Trump Foreign Policy 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- The Norman Kings of England 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Aquinas College and the Eastown Community Association 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Understanding Your Media 1:30-3:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY**
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- Operation Condor and Latin America's Dirty Wars 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Northern Ireland: A Brief History Part I 9:30-11:30 a.m.
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**FRIDAY**
- Stirring the World 3:30-4:30 p.m.
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For the 2017-2018 OLLI academic year, we are again offering a tiered membership designed to provide you with options and monetary savings. The tuition costs are less if you join as an OLLI member, and savings are greater with each membership level.

**MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE**

The four different membership levels from which to choose are:

- **NON-MEMBER:**
  - No Membership fee
  - Tuition Pricing
    - 1 wk class - $20
    - 2 wk class - $40
    - 3 wk class - $60
    - 4 wk class - $80

- **BRONZE MEMBERSHIP:**
  - $25 Membership fee
  - Tuition Pricing
    - 15% Discount
    - 1 wk class - $17
    - 2 wk class - $34
    - 3 wk class - $51
    - 4 wk class - $68

- **SILVER MEMBERSHIP:**
  - $60 Membership fee
  - Tuition Pricing
    - 30% Discount
    - 1 wk class - $14
    - 2 wk class - $28
    - 3 wk class - $42
    - 4 wk class - $56

- **GOLD MEMBERSHIP:**
  - $385 Membership fee
  - Gold members can attend unlimited number of classes all year. Fees may be added for special events, trips or class materials.
  - Tuition Pricing
    - 100% Discount

**Advantages of Membership**

- Free Member classes designated in each catalog
- Great discounts on classes
- Discounted prices on local performing arts and events
- The option (with instructor approval) of auditing a regular Aquinas College class for $150

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**OLLI at Aquinas College**
1700 Fulton St. E
Grand Rapids, MI 49506-1801

- **Reminder:** No OLLI credit will be given without a 24 hour notice, and all credits must be used before the academic year ends.
- All classes are held in the Browne Center - unless noted or notified.
- Class cancellations due to weather at OLLI are based on Aquinas College closing – please check local TV stations and aquinas.edu.

**DON’T MISS THE OLLI MEMBERSHIP KICK OFF**

**SEPTEMBER 11 - 9:30 -11:00 A.M.**

We are pleased to announce that OLLI’s September Free Member Kickoff speaker will be popular OLLI instructor, Dr. Fred Johnson III. Dr. Johnson is an outstanding scholar and well respected history professor at Hope College. He is also an accomplished author, writer and award winning international speaker. Dr. Johnson will give an enlightening preview of his 2017 OLLI lecture series titled, “The Race for Space!” When did the race begin? Why do we need to go to Mars? Shouldn’t the money be spent on health and education? These questions were asked in the 60’s and are still being asked today. Discover the real reason we have continually reached for that old yellow moon as Dr. Johnson leads students on this exciting journey for OLLI.
The 1950-1953 Korean Conflict proved that the Cold War could get hot. Russia's Sputnik proved that America had much to learn so the space race began.

M: Bronze $17 Silver $14 NM: $20
Note: Price is per lecture
Location: Donnelly Center

**Donald A. Zinman**, Ph.D., is an assistant professor of political science at GVSU. His research centers upon the presidency, political parties and American political development.

This is a course about elections for Congress: the Senate and House of Representatives. Professor Zinman will cover the fundamentals that make up a race for Congress, including candidate recruitment, fundraising, messaging, advertising and debates. In recent election cycles, races for Congress have reflected national political trends, rather than local issues. During the presidencies of Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama, midterm congressional elections have functioned as a sort of referendum on the president’s performance. The 2018 elections are likely to play the same role.

M: Bronze $68 Silver $56 NM: $80

**History Lessons with Dr. Daley**

Matthew Daley, Ph.D., is associate professor of history at GVSU. Dr. Daley’s research focuses on urban public and social policy; Great Lakes

M: Bronze $17 Silver $14 NM: $20
Note: Price is per lecture

### The Race for Space Series

**Mon., 9:30-11:30 a.m.**

Fred Johnson, Ph.D., is associate professor of history at Hope College. Dr. Johnson earned his Masters and Doctorate degrees at Kent State University. His primary field of study is 19th Century U.S. History, specifically, the Civil War. Dr. Johnson has received many awards including the Hope Favorite and Most Outstanding Professor Awards.

Beginning in September and offered through the fall, OLLI is pleased to host this lecture series on the “Race for Space”. For centuries, people dreamed of reaching the stars. Many knew it could be done, but humanity first had to prove that it could fly.

**September 11 – From Dreams to Zero G**

For our members for the 2017-2018 year, a brunch will be provided immediately following this special presentation. Renew your membership for the year, attend the kick off lecture for free and enjoy some social time with friends. This class will be held at the Donnelly Center so register early as this event is limited to the first 150 members.

**September 25 – The Master from Peenemunde**

Some said he contributed to the unspeakable evils perpetrated by the Nazis. Others argued that he lived only for science. Few dispute that Dr. Werner von Braun was the founding father of America’s space program.

**October 9 – Sputnik**

The 1948-1949 Berlin Airlift proved that the Cold War had come to stay.

Grand River Valley History

**September 18 – The White Hurricane of 1913: A Great Lakes Disaster**

Storms are nothing unusual on the Great Lakes, but the four-day storm in November 1913 would prove to be the deadliest. Though it struck all of the lakes, the storm’s greatest strength was felt on Lake Huron where winds reached category 2 strength for over thirty hours. A dozen vessels were lost with their entire crews and at a cost of over $2 million dollars by the end of the storm. This presentation covers the wrecks and survivors of this terrible storm.

**October 16 – Jazz Age Skeptics: The KKK in 1920s Michigan**

On July 4th 1925, 3,000 people marched through Grand Rapids under the banner of the Ku Klux Klan. It was one of many public rallies during the early 1920s supporting the organization across Michigan. Though this Klan had only limited ties to earlier ones in the Reconstruction Era South, its list of adversaries had expanded. No longer merely random vigilantes, the 1920s Klan expressed the unease of many Americans about the ethnic diversity of cities and against the new social mores of the “Roaring Twenties.” For rural areas, lacking in large ethnic or African-American communities, concerns about cultural issues and social mores would serve as the motivation to join the Klan. This presentation illustrates the complicated nature of the KKK in Michigan during the 1920s and its legacy to the present day.

M = members      NM = non-members
Religious Orders in the Catholic Church
Monday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
2 Classes – October 2 & 16 (skip date Oct. 9)

Alice Chapman, Ph.D., is an assistant professor of medieval history at GVSU. Alice earned a Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge, her MA in Religion from the School of Divinity at Yale University and her BA in history from Utah State University. Her scholarly work focuses on intellectual and religious history of medieval Europe.

What is the difference between the Canon Regulars and the Mendicants? When is one called a sister rather than a nun? What makes one a monk rather than a friar?

Early monastics lived solitary lives devoted to asceticism and prayer; one monk named Simon Stylites even lived atop a pillar for 37 years! This kind of monastic life was difficult and many found it easier to undertake the journey toward God together. Therefore, monastic communities formed and flourished, becoming one of the most recognizable and historically important aspects of the Roman Catholic Church. The Benedictine Order was the backbone of education and manuscript preservation in the Middle Ages, while the Franciscans exemplified apostolic poverty and Christ-like living.

M: Bronze $34 Silver $28 NM: $40

Approaching 19th Century American Art
Monday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
2 Classes – October 9 & 16

Sigrid Danielson Ph.D., is an associate professor of art history at GVSU. Sigrid’s focus is on the arts of the medieval Mediterranean and early modern globalism. Sigrid first studied 19th century American visual culture while in graduate school and those experiences generated an ongoing commitment to the topic.

This class offers a thematic introduction to the art in the United States produced during the 19th century. Professor Danielson will explore a range of media produced by focusing on the social, political, and aesthetic interests of both makers and consumers. Our discussions will integrate an examination of various art forms considering concepts of place, the individual and community, domestic life, and the role of the artist in society.

M: Bronze $34 Silver $28 NM: $40

A Second Life for Natural Treasures with the “Doc”
Monday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
1 Class – October 9

Mary Jane Dockeray, Ph.D., was Curator Naturalist of the Blandford Nature Center (1968-1990) and in 2017 the new visitor center was named in her honor.

Most of us have picked up a pretty stone, interesting seed pods or pieces of driftwood. Now, what to do with these tidbits and their memories? Mary Jane, the “Doc” will demonstrate some creative ways and ideas – for yourself – or ways to entertain restless grandkids who don’t have their cell phones. Hey, guys – this isn’t just for the ladies!

M: Bronze $17 Silver $28 NM: $20

TUESDAY

Fast Food Constitution
Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
4 Classes – September 12, 19, 26 & October 3

Is your knowledge of American government a bit rusty? Are you interested in the healthcare debate, but could use a refresher on how a bill becomes a law? Are you curious about how the Electoral College really works or what “Pleading the 5th” really means? Ever imagine the Supreme Court as the lettuce on a cheeseburger?

Join Aquinas College graduate and OLLI’s own Ian MacNeil, as he breaks down the U. S. Constitution into a language we all understand: food. This course will analyze historic and current news events to help you frame and better understand the supreme law of the land. Make yourself the smartest person in the voting booth, and take a bite of the Fast Food Constitution.

M: Bronze $68 Silver $56 NM: $80

The Evolution of God
Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
4 Classes – September 12, 19, 26 & October 3

Rev. Maurice A. Fetty received degrees from Union Theological Seminary, NYC, and a MA from Butler University and a Master of Divinity from Christian Theological Seminary. Rev. Fetty now retired, spent the majority of his career as minister of Mayflower Congregational Church in Grand Rapids. He has published 15 books and numerous articles.

M: Bronze $68 Silver $56 NM: $80
Rev. Fetty will examine and discuss the developing and evolving concepts of God in the Abrahamic faiths of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. He will journey from primitive concepts through Biblical constructs and on through some philosophy and theology to contemporary conflicts of science and religion to atheism and the death of God – to renewed ways of thinking about God! Whew!! All that in four weeks!

M: Bronze $68 Silver $56 NM: $80

Tuesday Night at the Movies: The Cold War Depicted in Film
Tuesday, 4:00-6:30 p.m.
September 12, 19 & 26

Henry Idema, Ph.D., received a BA and an MA at U of M and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and is an ordained Episcopal priest who did his theological training in Cambridge, MA. He has authored two books and for over 25 years has been writing columns for newspapers in West Michigan.

With Russia dominating much of our news lately, why not join Henry as he explores three classic films themed around the Cold War?

September 12 – Seven Days in May, starring Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas, Fredric March and Ava Gardner.

September 19 – The Manchurian Candidate, starring Frank Sinatra, Laurence Harvey and Janet Leigh.

September 26 – Dr. Strangelove, starring Peter Sellers, George C. Scott.

M: Bronze $17 Silver $14 NM: $20
Note: Price is per lecture – Please add $5 per lecture for pizza and beverage fee.
Maximum: 40

Managing Stress – Part 2
Tuesday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
2 Classes – October 10 & 17

Pat Latus-Kennedy, M.Ed., is a 25 year educator and counselor. She uses her education in psychology and health to focus on the components of stress management.

We live in a culture where on-going stress is part of our existence. While a certain amount of stress is normal (and productive), stress can lead to dissatisfaction, unhappiness and health problems. In this class, Pat will share information about the role of the brain, the autonomic nervous system, and the physiological impact of stress. Students will become familiar with self-compassion, vulnerability and resilience methods to help reduce stress. Managing and coping techniques related to mindfulness will also be discussed.

M: Bronze $34 Silver $28  NM: $40

Berlin Today: Confronting the Nazi and Communist Past
Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
2 Classes – October 10 & 17

Gary Stark, Ph.D., is a retired professor of Modern European History at GVSU. A specialist on Germany, he has studied and lived in both West and East Germany and is the author of several books and articles on modern Germany and European history and culture.

Between 1933, when Hitler came to power, and 1989, when the Berlin Wall fell, Germany experienced the Nazi dictatorship, WWII, the Holocaust, a Communist dictatorship (in East Germany), and the Cold War. How has today’s Berlin come to grips with these traumatic aspects of German history? Why has the preservation or destruction of sites associated with the Nazi or Communist dictatorship been so controversial? We will explore several historic Nazi and Communist sites such as Hitler’s Bunker, the headquarters of the SS and Gestapo, the site of the current Holocaust Memorial, and the Berlin Wall to name a few.

M: Bronze $34 Silver $28 NM: $40

Mary Tyler Moore: An American Icon
Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
3 Classes – September 6, 13 & 20

Albert Bell, Ph.D., is professor of History at Hope College. His research interests focus on ancient Rome in the first century A.D. In addition to articles and stories, Dr. Bell has published historical mysteries for adults and children, his most recent, Death in the Ashes, the fourth in the Pliny series.

In the early 1960s, Mary Tyler Moore was the iconic suburban housewife, Laura Petrie. In the 1970s, she emerged as a poster child for the feminist movement -- a single (not divorced or wid-
owed) working woman who could “make it on your own.” In the ‘80s and ‘90s, she dealt with the tragedy of her son’s death while becoming a spokesperson for several causes and starring in movies such as *Ordinary People*.

**Perkins v Sperry**
Wednesday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
1 Class – September 6

Jim Mitchell, attorney in Grand Rapids, will present this 1925 court-martial case that at the time was the sensation of the nation! The court case of Perkins v. Sperry brings together Lawrence Sperry, the “Howard Hughes” of the ”Roaring Twenties,” Willis Perkins, a prolific and visionary Grand Rapids’ inventor, the famously court-martialed General Billy Mitchell, who predicted by 15 years the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and Frank Liverance, Grand Rapids’ first patent attorney. This case involved the fight over an invention which was used on two US Navy dirigibles; it was a mechanism for launching and retrieving fighter airplanes from dirigibles. The presentation includes a video of the invention in action on the Navy dirigible Macon. The Historical Society keeps records about the United States court’s most colorful cases much like this one.

**Estate Planning for Retirees**
Wednesday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
1 Class – September 13

Marilyn Lankfer is an attorney on the estate planning team at Varnum Attorneys at Law in Grand Rapids. Her practice includes estate planning, estate and trust administration, estate taxation and charitable giving. She was elected by her peers to be a fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

Do you have an estate plan? If so, is it up to date? Marilyn will cover the basics that you should include in your estate plan (along with her estate planning partners, Linsey Gleason and Laura Radle from Varnum law firm). They will help you answer questions such as: are you in a second marriage? Do you have a blended family? Do you have any estate tax exposure? Do you have assets (family cottage, heirlooms, a pet) that require special planning? Have you considered gifts to your favorite charities? It’s never too late to plan for the future.

**President Trump Foreign Policy**
Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
3 Classes – September 20, 27 & October 4

Roger Durham, Ph.D., is professor of political science at Aquinas College. He teaches international relations and comparative political courses, recently was past president of the Michigan Political Science Association. Recently, Roger was named the Palmatier Endowed Chair of Political Science.

Arm wrestling with North Korea over nuclear weapons, curbing access of the press, steak and chocolate cake with the Chinese, fighting terrorism in the Middle East, and “detente” with Putin. This three week class with review the major policies and events of Trump’s foreign policies. In so doing, we will try placing these dynamics in the context of current international relations and historical American foreign relations.

**The Norman Kings of England**
Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
2 Classes – September 27 & October 4

Gary W. Burbridge, Ph.D., taught anthropology and history at GRCC for 36 years. While at GRCC, he developed courses in Native American Cultures, Introductory Archaeology, and Irish Archaeology. As a professor, he co-led tours to Europe, including study tours to Ireland.

In Part II of the British Monarchs series, Dr. Burbridge will examine the lives and careers of those kings and queens referred to as “Norman” because of their family origins in Normandy. All of the following will be discussed: William “the Conqueror” (formally William “the Bastard”), Henry I, the struggle between Queen Matilda and King Stephen, and finally, William II and his wife Eleanor of Aquitaine. While the focus of the class is on the monarchs and their lives, other important people, as well as the rest of English society, will be discussed in the two sessions of this class.
Aquinas College and the Eastown Community Association Present a History of Community Partnership:
Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
2 Classes – October 11 & 18

Ric Underhile, Ph.D., is Director of Foundation Communications and Grants Management at Aquinas College. He holds degrees in music, counselor education, and health education. Don Lee, Aquinas College alum, is Executive Director of Eastown Community Association. He has been actively involved in the community as a former firefighter, former ECA board member, and a volunteer on the West Michigan Environmental Action Council (WMEAC) Policy Committee. Don holds a Masters of Science in Environmental Policy and Management from American Public University with an emphasis in Sustainable Management. Both Ric and Don have a love for Eastown and AQ!

In the 1960s, social unrest and urban decay had become a national problem. Eastown was not immune to the impact of this social turbulence. At Aquinas College, then President Hruby realized that anything bad for Eastown was bad for the college. At his direction, AQ faculty and Dominican Sisters initiated a comprehensive community mediation effort with local leaders. With support from the the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, their collaborative work resulted in the creation of the Eastown Community Association. To this day, the ECA and Aquinas College are committed to continue this evolving partnership, and dedicated to supporting students, families, and visitors to one of the areas safest, most thriving, and eclectic neighborhoods. This two-part class reviews the history of this inspiring story and shares the vision for our community’s future.

M: Bronze $34 Silver $28 NM: $40

Understanding Your Media
Wednesday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
1 Class – October 18

David Weinandy, Ph.D., is an outstanding professor of communication at Aquinas College.

Mass communication can entertain, inform, persuade, and frustrate us endlessly. In this session, we will learn fun facts and theories about traditional, first-generation media sources (television, radio, print), as well as more recent, second-generation media focused on technology. Specific coverage will include the impact media sources can have over how we interact, as well as how we think and what we do.

M: Bronze $17 Silver $14 NM: $20

In addition to publishing histories of the regiment and its postwar association he maintains a website on the regiment as well as a blog where he has posted the biographical sketches of every man who served in the Old 3rd Michigan.

On June 10, 1861, two special trains of soldiers left Grand Rapids headed east to the war in Virginia. The 3rd Michigan infantry was the first regiment formed in West Michigan and served in the Army of the Potomac from June of 1861 until it was mustered out of federal service in June of 1864. The regiment was made up of men from the counties of Kent, Barry, Muskegon, Newaygo, Ottawa, Allegan, Montcalm, Ingham, Eaton, Mecosta and Ionia. Who were these men responding to Lincoln’s first call for volunteers in April of 1861? What happened to them during the war and what became of the survivors? These are just several questions Steve will explore and discuss.

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The Boys of 1861: West Michigan Volunteers and 3rd Michigan Infantry in the American Civil War
Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
1 Class – September 7

Steve Soper has spent the past 30 years researching the history of the regiment and its 1,412 members who served during the American Civil War. In addition to publishing histories of the regiment and its postwar association he maintains a website on the regiment as well as a blog where he has posted the biographical sketches of every man who served in the Old 3rd Michigan.

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Operation Condor and Latin America’s Dirty Wars
Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
3 Classes – September 7, 14 & 21

David Stark, Ph.D., is associate professor of history at GVSU. As a historian of colonial Latin America, he is interested in enslaved populations of the Spanish Caribbean. David’s work focuses on the demography and family life of slaves in eighteenth-century Puerto Rico.

This class will focus on the histories of two countries – Argentina and Chile. Both of these countries took part in a campaign – Operation Condor - of political repression and
state terror involving intelligence operations and assassination of opponents. In the three classes, Dr. Stark will address the following questions: Why did two of the most developed nations in Latin America cede to such repressive governments? How did authoritarian regimes legitimize their rule? How can we make sense of the atrocities (estimates to be over 60,000 deaths) committed? How can social peace and justice be achieved in societies that experienced such trauma?

M: Bronze $51 Silver $42 NM: $60

Northern Ireland: A Brief History Part I
Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
2 Classes – September 14 & October 19

Martin Spence, Ph.D., is associate professor of history at Cornerstone University where he teaches World and European History. He pursued his undergraduate and doctoral studies at Corpus Christi College, Oxford. His research focuses on the history of Evangelical Christianity in modern Britain.

This class introduces the history of Northern Ireland, explaining its unique — and often troubled — status as a region of the United Kingdom situated on the island of Ireland. Dr. Spence will explore the history of British settlement and political control of the whole of Ireland from the middle ages onward, and map the emergence of a distinct economic, political and religious identity within the island’s north-east quadrant. He will introduce the growing calls for Irish autonomy in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, and explore the equally vocal calls for Ulster to remain part of the United Kingdom. Dr. Spence will trace the history of “the troubles” — the forty-year period of violence between Protestants and Catholics that defined Northern Irish history in the late twentieth century. And finally, he will look at the status of Northern Ireland today and consider whether they will ever unite with the Republic of Ireland.

M: Bronze $34 Silver $28 NM: $40

Silent Movies in 1920s America
Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
2 Classes – September 21 & 28

Paul Murphy, Ph.D., is professor of history at GVSU specializing in American intellectual and cultural history. He earned both his MA and doctorate from Indiana University. This course draws on his recent book, The New Era: American Thought and Culture in the 1920s.

Many Americans were crazy about movies in the 1920s. Black-and-white, silent moving pictures matured as a commercial and popular art form in that decade: Millions of Americans went to the movies each week, Hollywood emerged as a dream factory where glamorous and wealthy movie stars held court, and directors perfected the distinctive art of pantomime central to silent cinema. This course examines the culture of movies in the 1920s and what these films tell us about that decade in American history.

M: Bronze $34 Silver $28 NM: $40

Photographs that Changed the World
Thursday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
1 Class – September 28

Darlene Kaczmarczyk has a MA in photography from Columbia College Chicago. She is an Emeritus Faculty member at Kendall College of Art and Design where she taught photography and photo history at the graduate and undergraduate level for 20 years. Since her recent retirement, she has become a frequent student in OLLI classes.

You may not know the title of Dorothea Lange’s 1930’s photograph Migrant Mother, but you have certainly seen this iconic image of a woman gazing with concern into the distance while her three children hide their faces in her clothing. It’s become symbolic of the Great Depression. Do photographs just reflect our history and culture or can they, in fact, change it? We’ll look at one iconic photograph from each decade of the 20th century and discuss how that image creates and reflects art, history, and politics.

M: Bronze $17 Silver $14 NM: $20

Books, Audacious Authors & Timeless Ideas
Thursday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Gleaves Whitney - director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies will begin this series in the fall talking about the “Great Greeks.” The September discussion will be on Socrates and the October talk will be about Plato. In presenting each of the
timeless thinkers, Gleaves will give a brief BIOGRAPHY (did you know that the fascinating Socrates was unjustly executed), discuss their INFLUENCE (of ideas over 2,400 years of history), show their RELEVANCE today, and sample some of their great PASSAGES or dialogue!

September 28 – Socrates
October 19 - Plato

M: Bronze $17 Silver $14 NM: $20
Note: Price is per lecture
Location: Donnelly Center

Agent of Change: A Century of Popular Song
Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
2 Classes – October 5 & 12

Jon VanderPloeg is an attorney at Smith, Haughey, Rice & Roegge in Grand Rapids since 1986. He is an avid record collector, listener and music historian.

Before the digital revolution, records spun to playback -- Edison cylinders, 78, 33, 45 revolutions per minute. But much of that music had another spin. Music has long been a potent force for revolution of all sorts. Music artists have passionately urged political, social, personal, and spiritual change from the earliest days of recording. Jon will explore these revolutionary voices through listening, watching videos and discussions. Revolutionary songs are found in rock and roll, in country and urban blues, in hillbilly, jazz, gospel, and endless other sources. Music has a particular power to bring about change. This class will explore the songs, the people who made them, and will consider the impact the music has had on each and every one of us.

M: Bronze $34 Silver $28 NM: $40

Prototyping People and Plant – What’s the Deal with Water in Michigan?
Thursday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
1 Class – October 5

Join Paul Haan, Executive Director of Healthy Homes Coalition of West Michigan, along with Anne Marie Hertl, Michigan League of Conservation Voters and Rachel Hood, Executive Director of West Michigan Environmental Council as they discuss the state of our water in Michigan today.

Water is big news in Michigan: the Flint water crises, an aging pipeline under the Straights of Mackinac, and Nestle’ wanting to bottle and sell more of Michigan’s ground water are just some of the current hot topics. In a place where water is so abundant, having the right policies about how we handle our water resources is central to protecting the quality of life in the state we call home. This session will look at these issues and more, and what can be done to truly protect Michigan’s environment and its people. Three statewide leaders will share their expertise on how we do right by Michigan’s people and the environment.

M: Bronze $17 Silver $14 NM: $20

Emily Dickinson’s Life through the Window of her Letters
Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
2 Classes – October 12 & 19

Becky Knack received her undergraduate education at Southwestern University in English literature which led to her fascination with poetry. Becky earned her MA in Linguistics from the U of M. She taught English, creative writing and theater for 21 years at East Grand Rapids High School.

Who doesn’t love Emily Dickinson’s poetry? Last year while doing her research on Emily’s poems, Becky discovered an equal fascination with her letters. Time constraints kept us to the poetry, but this year Becky will explore some of those letters which seem to be poems in and of themselves. She will look as well at aspects of Emily’s life that the letters reveal, poems that relate to the letters, and consider thoughts from contemporary poets and critics concerning her work.

M: Bronze $34 Silver $28 NM: $40

Isle Royale – Wilderness National Park, International Biosphere Preserve
Thursday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
1 Class – October 19

Vic Foerster is an attorney at Smith, Haughey, Rice & Roegge in Grand Rapids since 1986. He is an avid record collector, listener and music historian.

With over thirty-five years of visits to Isle Royale, and forty years in the field as an arborist, Vic will share his unique perspective (and adventures) on what is considered the Jewel of the National Park Service. Isolated, remote, pristine – Isle Royale sustains some of the most important wildlife studies in the world, including its famous wolf / moose project. On a more personal level, the island is that place in Michigan where we can go to find solace in the wild.

M: Bronze $17 Silver $14 NM: $20

M = members  NM = non-members
FRIDAY

Stirring the World: Printmaking in the Age of Martin Luther with Dr. Henry Luttikhuizen
Friday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
1 Class – October 6
Visit the Calvin College Art Gallery Exhibition, Stirring the World: Printmaking in the Age of Martin Luther. View portraits and theological writings of Luther and his contemporaries, sixty engravings and woodcuts, as well as numerous prints depicting biblical and mythological narrative scenes. Don't miss this chance to see this exhibit with your guide, Dr. Henry Luttikhuizen.

M: Bronze $17 Silver $14 NM: $20 Maximum: 25
Location: Covenant Fine Arts Center, Calvin College
Meet in the Recital Hall - 1st Floor

Bus Trip to Tempting Tables Tablescapes Collections 2017 – Holiday Inn Muskegon Harbor
Friday, 9:00-2:00 p.m.
October 20
Tempting Tables is a grassroots volunteer organization that showcases exquisite creative tabletops – visit this site www.temptingtables.org. This special event is held every other year at the Holiday Inn Muskegon Harbor and 100% of their proceeds are donated to breast cancer research. Reasonable lunch options (on your own) within walking distance. Register early for this fun, different day bus trip!

Members $35 Non Members $45
Location: Browne Center parking lot – arrive no later than 8:45 a.m. depart 9:00 a.m.
Maximum: 37

FREE MEMBER CLASSES

OLLI KICK OFF! The Race for Space with Dr. Fred Johnson
Monday 9:30-11:00 a.m.
September 11
Location: Donnelly Center
Join our welcome-back-to-school event by renewing your membership and hearing the first lecture of the series, The Race for Space, by Dr. Fred Johnson. Enjoy the complimentary brunch and social time following.

Maximum: 150

See the Stars in the Daytime!
Friday, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
September 15
OLLI members can do just that from the James C. Veen Observatory near Lowell with our guides, Dave DeBruyn, curator emeritus of the Chaffee Planetarium, and Nick Shuck, vice-president of the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association, which runs the unique twin domed observatory. The two will first give an overview of the facility: how it came to be, what is happening there currently, and what is planned for coming years. They will then take members on a tour of the three major telescopes. Hoping for clear skies, the tour will include telescopic observations of our day star, the sun, the planets Venus and Jupiter, and even several bright stars that can be seen in broad daylight. Directions to the Veen Observatory will be given at registration.

Maximum: 25
Location: Meet at the Veen Observatory in Lowell by 9:45 a.m.
Address: 3308 Kissing Rock Ave 49331

Fine to Funky Jewelry as Wearable Art
Friday, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
October 6
Ruth Anne Lomas speaks to groups large and small on jewelry. From fine to funky, she will explain stones, styles and the various materials used to create jewelry. She will have a display of many of her favorite pieces. Ruth Anne will entertain and enlighten.

Outrageous FUN with Wordplay
Friday, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
October 20
Kenn Vidro with his MA in art and education and nearly 40 years of teaching has authored and illustrated six fun-filled “wordplay” books. Playing with words can be a highly educational (and did we mention FUN?) experience. Join Kenn and test your word and critical thinking skills with word activities using alliteration, rhyming and riddling!
Registration Form (Fall I 2017-2018)

Name(s)_____________________________________________ 
Address_____________________________________________________ 
City________________________ ____ ____ ____ ____ __ Zip________ ____ ______ __ 
Home #_________________________Cell #_________________________ 
Email _______________________________________________________ _ __ 

Membership (2017-2018 academic year)

 Bronz $25  Silver $60  Gold $385

Courses  # of Classes  Price

MONDAY
The Race for Space Series
9/25 – The Master from Peenemunde 1 ________ 
10/9 – Sputnik 1 ________ 
The 2018 Congressional Elections 4 ________ 
History Lessons with Dr. Daley
9/18 – The White Hurricane of 1913 1 ________ 
10/16 – The KKK in Michigan 1 ________ 
Religious Orders in the Catholic Church 2 ________ 
Approaching 19th Century American Art 2 ________ 
A Second Life for Natural Treasure with the "Doc" 1 ________ 

TUESDAY
Fast Food Constitution 4 ________ 
The Evolution of God 4 ________ 
Tuesday Night at the Movies
9/12 – Seven Days in May 1 ** Add $5** ________ 
9/19 – The Manchurian Candidate 1 ** Add $5** ________ 
9/26 – Dr. Strangelove 1 ** Add $5** ________ 
Managing Stress – Part 2 2 ________ 
Berlin Today 2 ________ 

WEDNESDAY
Mary Tyler Moore: An American Icon 3 ________ 
Estate Planning for Retirees 1 ________ 
Perkins v. Sperry 1 ________ 
Trump Foreign Policy 3 ________ 
The Norman Kings of England 2 ________ 
AQ College & Eastown 2 ________ 
Understanding Your Media 1 ________ 

Check ( Make payable to OLLI at Aquinas College)

 Bronz $25  Silver $60  Gold $385

Courses  # of Classes  Price

THURSDAY
Boys of 1861 1 ________ 
Latin America’s Dirty Wars 3 ________ 
Northern Ireland 2 ________ 
Silent Movies in 1920s America 2 ________ 
Photographs that Changed the World 1 ________ 
Books, Authors & Timeless Ideas
9/28 – Socrates 1 ________ 
10/19 – Plato 1 ________ 
A Century of Popular Song 2 ________ 
What’s the Deal with Water in MI? 1 ________ 
Emily Dickinson’s Life through Letters 2 ________ 
Isle Royale 1 ________ 

FRIDAY
Stirring the World 1 ________ 
Bus Trip to Tempting Tables – Holiday Inn Muskegon Harbor
*Add* $35 Members 
*Add*$45 Non Members ________ 

MEMBER FREE CLASSES
MEMBERSHIP KICK-OFF!
9/11 – From Dreams to Zero G 1 ________ 
9/15 – See the Stars in the Daytime! 1 ________ 
10/6 – Fine to Funky Jewelry 1 ________ 
10/20 – Outrageous FUN with Wordplay 1 ________ 

Total Amount $ ________ 

Call the OLLI office to register at 632.2430
Look for these exciting FALL II classes:

The Race for Space Series with Dr. Fred Johnson
History of the Indian Ocean with Dr. Craig Benjamin
Mythology and Death
Rodgers and Hammerstein Part 2
Frank Lloyd Wright’s 100th Birthday