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**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute**  
**at University of Alaska Fairbanks**

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**Announcing...**

- Spring 2013 Schedule  
  Available in late January

- Registration Open House  
  Wednesday, February 6

- Spring Course Dates  
  Session I: Feb.25 - Mar.22  
  Add-on I: March 25 - 29  
  Session II: April 1 - 26  
  Add-on II: April 29 - May 3

- Annual Meeting & Lunch Social  
  Tuesday, March 26

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**OLLI Excursion to Prudhoe Bay**

**August 6 - 9, 2012**

The group flew up to Prudhoe Bay, then spent 3 days riding down the Dalton Highway. They stayed at Toolik Lake and at Coldfoot, and of course stopped to step over the Arctic Circle.

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**Fees for 2013**

The OLLI Board of Directors has set fees for 2013. There will be a small increase from

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**Fall Endowment Drive**

Thank you, OLLI members! Your generosity not just matched but more than doubled the OLLI Board challenge, yielding $8595 for our OLLI endowment. And as the stock market
current rates, but fees are still remarkably low!

**Membership:** $35

**Courses:**
- $15/course OR
- $80, unlimited courses for a half-year OR
- $150 for unlimited courses for a full year.

OLLI’s income comes from membership fees, donations, and earnings from our endowment, but due to the depressed economy endowment earnings have not been as high as hoped. As a result OLLI will be operating in the red again this year. It is hoped that the new fee structure will put us back in the black!

**We'll Pay You to Make a Gift to OLLI**

Did you know that a planned gift can put cash in your pocket? Purchasing a **Charitable Gift Annuity** from the University of Alaska Foundation for as little as $25,000 can result in a great gift to OLLI and provide you with annual payments until you die. Not only will you get a tax deduction for the gift you make but also a portion of the payments the Foundation makes to you are tax free income! Call 474-2619 today to learn how you can take advantage of the gift that pays you back in real cash.

This is just one option available for Planned Giving. To see other possibilities, go improves so will the interest on our endowment as we strive to keep the membership costs as low as possible. Thanks for making our Fall Endowment Drive a success.

- Ron Inouye, Board Member

**OLLI Endowment**

The Osher Lifelong Learning Endowment was initiated in December 2008 with a most generous gift of $1,000,000 from the Bernard Osher Foundation. The endowment is managed by the University of Alaska Foundation. It is divided into the Principal, which is invested, and a Spendable Account, for immediate use. All donations to OLLI go to the UA Foundation and are designated for either long-term investment (Principal) or immediate use (Spendable). The value of the Principal on March 31, 2012 was $1,192,625.

**Thank You, OLLI Instructors**

Without you OLLI would not be possible. Many of our new members are stunned to hear that our wonderful instructors are all volunteers. And our instructors keep coming back: they tell us that having interested (and interesting!) students is their reward. The students come to learn, but often have something to contribute as well.

A **special thanks** to the instructors who volunteered to teach a second section of their class in order to accommodate the people on the waiting lists:  **Dr. Nicholas Deely, Frank Abegg, and Simon Rakower.**

**Wow! "Smart" Classrooms**
New carpets, new paint, and best of all, new audio/visual equipment: that's what summer brought to University Park classrooms. With one touch on the console, the projector turns on, the screen comes down, the computer is ready to go, and the sound can be heard throughout the room. Best of all, there is help available at all times via an intercom connection to the technical staff. So far OLLI instructors are loving how easy it is to use.

The classrooms that OLLI uses are general use rooms that are available to all academic programs at UAF (not just OLLI!) We are very fortunate that these rooms were scheduled for upgrade this year.

Record Numbers in OLLI Classes

The dilemma: we like filled classes, but not wait lists! We want to provide educational opportunities to as many people as possible, but we don’t want to disappoint anyone. So the OLLI staff has put in extra hours trying to accommodate as many as possible. The result has been a record number of course enrollments.

We were a bit surprised to find that some members "bite off more than they can chew!" If you sign up for a class that you are not sure you will attend, you may be taking a seat from someone who really wants it. Thanks for letting us know when that happens!