OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT
where curious minds gather

Spring Catalog
2011
Come for the courses. Stay for the people
That’s what happens at Osher. People come for the intellectual stimulation and challenge, and discover along the way that there are friendships to be made and experiences to be shared.

We offer 40 - 50 or more courses each term, from one-session courses for those who like big ideas in small packages to courses that meet weekly over the entire 8 to 10-week session. Courses are suggested and led by members.

Spring Course Listings begin on page 7

Osher members come in all shapes and sizes, and from all walks of life. You don’t need to be an RIT alum, or have an MBA or an MD after your name. You don’t even have to have prior college experience. You only need to love learning... and to be 50 or older.

Beyond courses: from lectures to expeditions to dances to art exhibitions...
Discover what else is included in your annual Osher membership:

Pfaudler Enrichment Series
This speakers program is held every Thursday at noon, and features Osher members as well as guest lecturers. Bring your lunch! Schedule: page 14

Summer Seminars & Intersessions
Discovery/Adventure learning experiences are capped by expeditions to complementary destinations during our Summer Seminars. Intersessions are between-session expeditions to local museums and cultural attractions.

Social Activities
Picnics, parties, holiday celebrations... there’s always something fun happening. Events and dates: page 5

Because you would have loved school if there had been no exams

Because you have gifts of experience to share

Because your TV only talks at you, not with you

Why do you belong at Osher?
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT is a membership-led organization that stimulates minds and forges friendships among people 50 and older who live in Greater Rochester.

Our days are filled with classes, discussions, talks, social events, and travel – but never exams. Offerings span a wide range of topics, including the arts, literature, sciences, history, and government.

OSHER. There are a million-and-one reasons why curious minds gather. Discover yours!

(Front Cover Photo: Jack Callaghan)
“Sometimes you meet new people and you just talk on the surface for 10 or 15 minutes and then you don’t have anything to talk about anymore. At Osher it seems you always have something to talk about with people, because they have a variety of interests—sports, literature, history. They travel. They’re interested in other people...”

Travel, Tours, Field Trips
Member-organized and led, generally within a day’s travel time. We’ve enjoyed Hudson River Valley and Val Kill, and the Toronto Museum to see the Dead Sea Scrolls. (Additional fees cover actual travel expenses.)

Osher Gallery
Works of art by members are displayed on a rotating basis at The Athenaeum Building. Enjoy – or exhibit your own work.

And then there are the perks of a regular membership...

RIT Student Identification Card. A pass to RIT campus facilities, your ID card entitles you to:

- Student admission rates for campus events.
- Check-out privileges at the RIT Library.
- Student discounts at the Campus Bookstore. Save hundreds on computer hardware and software!
- Access to campus fitness facilities at a reduced rate.
- Good for student discounts around town, too.

RIT Liberal Arts Courses, after your first year
Listen in on about 100 RIT liberal arts courses. Hang out with a younger crowd, and still no exams! Pick up a catalog at our reception desk or download a PDF Course list from our web site at http://osher.rit.edu

Audiology Services
State-of-the-art hearing evaluation and hearing aid service and purchase are available at significant savings through RIT’s National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID).

Osher Library
Books are contributed and maintained by members; borrow books on an extended-time basis. No late fees!

Visit our web site at http://osher.rit.edu for more detail on our programs, our people, membership, ways to get involved...

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There’s a membership level to suit your needs
Read about our membership options on page 16.
Try Osher for FREE

Wednesday, March 23
2 to 3:30 pm
An introduction to Osher, what we have planned for Spring 2011, and selected course previews by course leaders. We’ll answer your questions, too.

Here’s what’s included in this Spring’s Course Previews:

My Favorite Universe
Joe Charles

The History of the Erie Canal
Kathy Hayes

Into Thin Air
Jim Roddy

Good Golly! It’s Bolly! II
Nita Genova

Anytime, March 28 – 31, 9:00 am to 3 pm
April 1, 9:00 am to 1 pm
It’s the first week of classes and they’re all open to you, free of charge and on a space-available basis. Join us for as few or as many classes as you’d like. If you plan to stay for a full day, we encourage you to bring a brown-bag lunch and socialize with our current members.

See the full class schedule for Open House Week on page 6.

One of our most popular Open House Week activities is our Thursday lecture:

Pfaudler Enrichment Series
Thursday, March 31
Noon to 1 pm

Cyber Shopping: How to Be a Savvy Online Shopper
Linette Koren, Reference Librarian

Can’t make these dates?
Call us to schedule your own Open House Week.

Open House Week

Contact us

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## OSHER Calendar: 2010 – 2011

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*December 6 - January 5 — Winter Break (no classes)*

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- 1st Session, 4 weeks (March 28 – April 22)
- 2nd Session, 4 weeks (April 25 – May 20)
- Full session, 8 weeks (March 28 – May 20)

Early registration recommended. Classes fill up quickly.
The History of the Erie Canal ........................................ S1
We will explore the history of the Erie Canal from the
time it was just an idea through all the stages of its
construction: the ditch, the enlargement, and the Barge
Canal. We will also discuss the many people who made
the project happen and its impact on New York State,
the United States, and the world. Audio/Visual, Lecture

Kathy Hayes is leading this course at the request of
members who could not take it before. She lived very
near the canal for decades and walked or biked on the
towpath a great deal.

Monday: 9:00 – 10:30 am
8 Sessions: March 28 – May 16

Seminar in Medical Ethics ......................... S2
After defining morals and ethics, the principles of
medical ethics will be presented and an algorithm
for problem-solving will be introduced. Case-based
discussions will explore issues in patient-physician
relations, reproductive medicine (including abortion
and assisted reproduction), individual autonomy,
justice, pregnancy, end-of-life matters, and cutting-
edge issues (including issues in genetics and stem cell
research). This is a repeat of a class given previously.
(Optional text: Principles of Biomedical Ethics,
Beauchamp and Childress) Class limit 25. Discussion

Victor Poleshuck is a clinical professor of obstetrics
and gynecology, Emeritus, at the University of
Rochester School of Medicine and former chair of the
ethics committee and chair of the Ethics Consultation
Service at Rochester General Hospital.

Monday: 9:00 – 10:30 am
8 Sessions: March 28 – May 16

Into Thin Air .............................................. S3
In this peer group seminar we will read and discuss Into
Thin Air by Jon Krakauer, which documents a disastrous
climb of Mt. Everest in 1996. Krakauer details the
hubris, horror, and heroism of the climb that cost the
lives of several expert climbers. Cross the Khumbu
Icefall and enter into the death zone above 26,000 feet
– it’ll take your breath away.
(Text: Into Thin Air, by Jon Krakauer) Audio/Visual,
Discussion, Lecture, Peer Group Seminar, Reading

Jim Roddy hasn’t been higher than 14,000 feet in
Rocky Mountain National Park, walking the 100 feet
from the parking lot to the ranger station with his
daughter on his shoulders.

Monday: 9:00 – 10:30 am
8 Sessions: March 28 – May 16

Mount Hope: Cemetery of American Union .......................... S4
Mt. Hope is considered one of the most beautiful
and historically important cemeteries in the United
States. We will learn about (and meet, so to speak)
many of its famous, not-so-famous, and infamous
permanent residents. This is a multi-disciplinary
course emphasizing history, geology, art, architecture,
the general ecology of this magnificent landscape,
and perhaps a ghost story or two. There will be two
springtime field trips and two classroom sessions.
Audio/Visual, Discussion, Field Study/Trip, Lecture,
Reading

Bill McLane retired in early 2008 after working as a
journalist, Marine Corps officer, teacher, educational
psychologist, and counselor. He is a member of Friends
of Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Monday: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm
4 Sessions: April 25 – May 16

Memoirs .................................................. S5
What is the common thread among these phrases:
“I’ve been thinking about”; “I’ve been meaning to”;
“How do I start?”; “My kids don’t care”; “Thanks so
much for encouraging me”? They’re all about writing
memoirs. Many have found this class valuable as it can
be the perfect vehicle for springing into action on a
rewarding project. (Optional text: The Heart and Craft
of Lifestory Writing: How to Transform Memories Into
Meaningful Stories, by S.M.) Reading, Writing

Carol Samuel is beginning her 9th year as leader of the
Memoirs class. A retired obstetrical nurse, she remains
enthusiastic about encouraging class participants to
write their life stories.

Monday: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm
8 Sessions: March 28 – May 16

Memoir Writing Techniques III .................. S6
Continuing the quest for “good writing,” class
members will share parts of their writing-in-progress,
offer suggestions and gentle critiques to others, and
practice incorporating tension, conversation, emotions
and other techniques to further develop family stories
that may interest more readers than just the family. All
are welcome. Class limit 15. Discussion, Workshop, Writing

Flo Smith learned the value of personal stories while
working for 15 years in Strong Museum’s education
department, and aspires to write memoirs that her
children will want to save and pass on.

Monday: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm
8 Sessions: March 28 – May 16
Express Yourself in Writing .................................. S9
Use your imagination to write short stories on subjects suggested by the course leader, and enjoy the opportunity to write stories you have mentally composed over the years. To assist in improving your skills, a gentle and positive critique of your writing will be included in the class. Outside writing is expected.
Discussion, Writing

Pat Edelman is an avid reader and writer, and enjoys encouraging others to write. Her work as a librarian has given her an appreciation of books and of the talent required to write them.

Monday: 1:00 – 3:00 pm
8 Sessions: March 28 – May 16

Current Events............................................. S7
This course is intended to give Osher members an opportunity to keep abreast of ongoing events and to respond to them. Discussion, Reading

Con Sullivan is interested in having people express their views on any topic.

Monday: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm
8 Sessions: March 28 – May 16

Orchestrals: A Revue ................................. S8
There are many spectacular orchestral pieces from the late 1800’s and the 1900’s. We will listen to some of this music and learn about composers such as Orff, Stravinsky, Rachmaninoff, and Ravel and the music itself. Join us in this musical and sound journey.
Audio/Visual, Lecture

Ed Eaton has been an Osher member since 2005. His interest in music goes back to childhood, springing from the fact that both his parents played piano. Record collecting is an avid hobby of his.

Monday: 1:00 – 3:00 pm
4 Sessions: April 25 – May 16

Good Golly! It’s Bolly! II ............................. S10
We will be watching and discussing different genres and eras of Bollywood movies subtitled in English. Known for their length and colorful song-and-dance numbers, the movies we will watch are chosen for such distinctions as “classic,” Oscar-nominated, ground-breaking, or as part of a prominent actor’s career development. Oh, yes – and just for entertainment!
Audio/Visual, Discussion

Nita Genova became interested in Bollywood movies three years ago and found them endlessly fascinating. To supplement her enjoyment of the movies, Nita has done extensive reading on the Bollywood industry.

Monday: 1:00 – 3:00 pm
8 Sessions: March 28 – May 16

Great Decisions: The U.S. and World Affairs… S11
We will read and discuss eight global challenges identified by the Foreign Policy Association: rebuilding Haiti, the financial crisis, U.S. national security, Germany, the Caucasus, Horn of Africa, nuclear nonproliferation, and global governance. Discussion and debate precede and follow an accompanying DVD. The Great Decisions briefing book is required when registering for the course. Read the first issue on Haiti for the first class. (Text: Great Decisions 2011 is available from the staff office for $20.00 at the time of course registration)
Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Reading

Class limit 30.

Alan Shank, professor emeritus of political science at SUNY Geneseo, has led Osher classes in presidential crisis decisions and great decisions in U.S. foreign policy.

Monday: 1:00 – 3:00 pm
8 Sessions: March 28 – May 16

Lorraine Murphy, Jim Murphy
Native American Women Writers.............. S12
This course is based on the long-awaited anthology Reinventing the Enemy’s Language: Contemporary Native American Women’s Writings that celebrates the experience of Native American women. It is the most comprehensive anthology of its kind to collect poetry, fiction, prayer, and memoir from these women. We will discuss the writings of several of these women and explore their contributions to literature and to their tribal communities. (Text: Reinventing the Enemy’s Language: Contemporary Native American Women’s Writings. Editors Gloria Bird and Joy Harjo. ISBN 978-0-393-3182-8-9) Class limit 25. Discussion, Lecture, Reading
Sheryl de Jonge-Loavenbruck, former professor at Northern Teachers College and head of Native American studies in Groningen, is presently a full time writer. She lives in Holley with her Dutch husband and numerous pets.
Tuesday: 9:00 – 10:30 am
8 Sessions: March 29 – May 17

Today’s World from a Geographic Perspective.................. S13
Geography is much more than the memorization of facts; it is the application of facts in analyzing the world’s problems that makes geography relevant in the 21st century. In this course, we will study global issues like poverty, ethnic conflicts, climate change, and population demographics from the geographer’s point of view. This is a hands-on course! Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Workshop
Tim McDonnell is the co-coordinator of the New York Geographic Alliance and a member of Osher since 2005. He believes that we cannot deal with problems facing the world today unless we are geographically-literate.
Tuesday: 9:00 – 10:30 am
8 Sessions: March 29 – May 17

Irish History.......................... S14
The plan for this session is to look into the period of the nineteenth and early twentieth century. Discussion, Lecture, Reading
Con Sullivan has been interested in the history of Ireland since very early in life.
Tuesday: 9:00 – 10:30 am
8 Sessions: March 29 – May 17

Climate Change – Science and Politics............. S15
Scientists specializing in climate research say one thing, those who deny climate change say another. We will look at disparate views, and also what scientists say about why the earth is warming. Additionally, we will watch the excellent 30 minute Teaching Company lectures by physicist Richard Wolfson. This is an update of an earlier course, incorporating recent findings and implications. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture
Beth Vanfossen, retired university professor of sociology, revisits her earlier interest in climate change by updating her course with knowledge and perspectives that have arisen in recent years.
Tuesday: 9:00 – 10:30 am
8 Sessions: March 29 – May 17

Irish Literature................................. S16
Levity, musing, caprice, and pensiveness are welcome if not outright encouraged in this survey of Irish literature. Class participation includes reading and discussion of Irish literature, prose, and poetry. Videos reflective of Irish literature and culture will be included in each class. Discussion material will be provided in advance. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Reading
Jack Callaghan enjoys continuing the efforts of former course leaders of Irish literature at the Athenaeum/Osher.
Tuesday: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm
8 Sessions: March 29 – May 17

Football 101: History, Economics, and Strategy ............. S17
In addition to the topics in the title, we will explore the game’s place in American culture, academic issues at the college level, and the terminology, rules, and strategy of the sport. Videos and pictures will be used. Members will become more knowledgeable fans. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture
Bob “Boomer” Getz, a professor of political science, was an assistant football coach at the college at Brockport, 1983 – 1989, and a lifelong fan of America’s Game.
Tuesday: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm
8 Sessions: March 29 – May 17
More Favorite Poems .................................. S18
We will read and discuss more poems considered favorites by class members and others. Many poets will join us via CD and DVD. No outside reading or writing required. Discussion

Sidney Shapiro is professor emeritus of electrical engineering from the U of R. At Osher, he led the class “Favorite Poems” last spring.

Tuesday: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm
8 Sessions: March 29 – May 17

The New Yorker Discussion Group .......... S19
In this course we will discuss the weekly New Yorker magazine. These discussions will center on articles selected by the class members. Each member will read as much of the magazine as they wish ahead of time and come prepared with their thoughts and recommendations for which articles they wish to discuss. The first session will review the March 21, 2011, issue, as magazine subscriptions come up to one week late and this gives you time to read the issue. (Text: subscription to New Yorker, either the paper or electronic version.) Class Limit 16.
Discussion, Lecture, Reading

Joan Dupont is a recently retired civil engineer who has worked in both the government and private sectors. Steve Levinson focuses his time on consulting with not-for-profit, being a partner in a photographic gallery, and board volunteer work.

Tuesday: 1:00 – 2:30 pm
8 Sessions: March 29 – May 17

MS PowerPoint Basics ............................. S20
This course is designed to teach the student PowerPoint, a Microsoft Office application. Topics covered include file management; creating and formatting presentation materials such as slides, shows and handouts; creation and modification of slide masters and design templates; adding tables, graphics, clip art, charts and animation to presentations; and the automation of slide shows. While there are no prerequisites for this course, familiarity with using computers is helpful. Although we will be using PowerPoint 2007 in class, the basics will apply to any presentation application.
Audio/Visual, Lecture, Workshop

Brian Ives, now retired, has taught computer science at the college level and is a Microsoft Office Certified PowerPoint Professional.

Tuesday: 1:00 – 2:30 pm
4 Sessions: March 29 – April 19

Poetic Visions............................................. S21
Using a seminar format, we will explore aspects of famous poems and share poems we have written and enjoyed. Come prepared to have some fun with poetry.
Class Limit 18.
Discussion, Peer Group Seminar, Workshop, Writing

Twice nominated for the Pushcart Prize, Gary Lehmann’s essays, poetry, and short stories are widely published. They include The Span I Will Cross and Public Lives and Private Secrets.

Tuesday: 1:00 – 2:30 pm
8 Sessions: March 29 – May 17

Retailing: Past, Present, and Future .......... S22
This course will cover the history of retailing, past, present, and future. The major emphasis will be on how retailing has evolved over the years to its present form and what the future might be like. Special emphasis will be placed on online retailing and on Rochester area retailers such as Sibley’s, McCurdy’s, and (of course!) Neisner’s.
Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Lewis Neisner is a retired retailing professor. He likes to say he spent the first 40 years of his life working in the retailing industry and the last 25 years teaching it.

Tuesday: 1:00 – 2:30 pm
8 Sessions: March 29 – May 17

Harry Potter: The Finale ............................ S23
In this course we will discuss the final chapters of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows with emphasis on the introduction, chapters 33–36, and the epilogue. There will be discussion on some topics raised over the course of the entire series: war, redemption, and heroism. Finally, we will see the last movie. (Text: Harry Potter book 7: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows)
Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Jeanne Sandholzer is a retired English major with a lifelong interest in children’s books, mythology, and literature. She has led Osher muggles in courses covering JK Rowling’s books for many years and has treasured her time doing so.

Tuesday: 1:00 – 2:30 pm
4 Sessions: April 26 – May 17
**Quantitative Literacy:**
**The Challenge for Democracy** .................................. S24
To effectively participate in an advanced democracy citizens require the power and habit of mind to search out quantitative information, critique it, reflect upon it, and apply it in their public, personal, and professional lives. Very large monetary decisions are made on the basis of understanding (or misunderstanding) quantitative information. We will illustrate, using actual cases, how quantitative information is presented, analyzed, and mis-analyzed in the popular press, radio, television, and politics. Discussion, Lecture

**Peter Castro** is a retired industrial mathematician. He spent his career applying and teaching quantitative techniques to better understand the real world.

Wednesday: 9:00 – 10:30 am
8 Sessions: March 30 – May 18

**Beginning Italian** ................................................. S25
This is an introduction to the Italian language, with basic grammar rules, composition of simple sentences, and easy readings. Discussion, Reading, Writing

**Gloria Cialone** graduated from the University of Naples, Italy, and likes to share her knowledge of the Italian language with Osher members.

Wednesday: 9:00 – 10:30 am
8 Sessions: March 30 – May 18

**Lyricists of the American Songbook** ............... S26
In this course we will study the music and lives of some of the lesser known lyricists of the American Songbook, lyricists whose names might not be familiar to you but whose music certainly will be. We will listen to their music, watch videos and discuss the lyrics of their songs. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

**Lewis Neisner** is a retired college professor. He has had a longtime love of the music of the American Songbook. He has previously led Osher courses on it as well as on jazz and the Broadway musicals of Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Wednesday: 9:00 – 10:30 am
8 Sessions: March 30 – May 18

**Advanced Italian** .................................................. S27
This course expects some previous experience with Italian as we concentrate on conversation and the reading of short stories and poems. (Text: *Easy Italian Reader* by Riccardo Saggese) Discussion, Reading, Writing

**Gloria Cialone** graduated from the University of Naples, Italy, and likes to share her knowledge of the Italian language with Osher members.

Wednesday: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm
8 Sessions: March 30 – May 18

**Contemporary Events** ........................................... S28
If the news of the day interests you, or leaves you with questions or concerns, join with others to explore issues affecting our lives. While the leader will act as facilitator, members will suggest the day’s topics and should bring to class supporting information from any form of media. Discussion, Reading

After June Clase dropped out of college, she explored beachcombing before returning to finish college. As a retired college professor, she tries to be an informed citizen.

Wednesday: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm
8 Sessions: March 30 – May 18

**The Metamorphoses of Ovid** ................................. S29
In his “National Inquirer” version of the Greco-Roman tales of the gods, Ovid tells many stories which form a fresh new approach to understanding the origins of gods and men. (Text: A good translation of Ovid’s *Metamorphoses* by Horace Gregory, Charles Martin, E. Mendelsohn, or other.) Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Peer Group Seminar, Reading

**Harvey Granite** has taught literature in Rochester schools, prisons, the U of R, RIT, and in Europe.

Wednesday: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm
8 Sessions: March 30 – May 18

**Understanding the Human Brain** ........................... S30
This course is about the structure and function of the human brain. In this session the focus will be on the neuroscience of everyday life and the neurocentric nature of the world today. Audio/Visual, Lecture

**Alex Marcus** is a retired physician who practiced neurology and psychiatry.

Wednesday: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm
8 Sessions: March 30 – May 18
**The Athenaeum Book Club**........................................... S31
This course meets monthly through all three terms and follows the Great Books Discussion format. The course members chose the books at the first meeting in September. This course will meet on April 13, 2011, and May 11, 2011. (Text: A Novel Bookstore by Lawrence Cosse (for April 13); 36 Arguments for the Existence of God by Rebecca Goldstein (for May 11))

**Discussion, Peer Group Seminar, Reading**

Lois Tucker is a retired counselor, avid reader, and movie goer. Georgia DeGregorio, though a business major in college, has always sought out opportunities to explore new ideas through great books.

Wednesday: 1:00 – 2:30 pm
2 Sessions: April 13, May 11

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**White Noise by Don DeLillo**................................. S33
Winner of the 1985 National Book Award, this comic meditation on the fear of death is a post-modern classic from one of America’s finest contemporary writers. An “airborne toxic event” sets the Gladneys on a collision course with the perceived reality of their blended family’s existence in this intriguing and prescient novel.


**Discussion, Reading**

Note: This class will be repeated in the afternoon. Register for either morning or afternoon class.

**Thursday classes 2011**

**Spring 2011 Course Schedule**

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**You Be the Critic...**

**a film discussion group**........................................... S32
Carrying on the tradition of longtime group leader Joan Hart, the class will view and then discuss one or two current movies each week. Members will see the movies independently and personally rate them. Everyone is encouraged to participate and, with a variety of opinions, lively discussion is guaranteed!

**Class limit 30. Audio/Visual, Discussion**

Burt Freedman is a retired pharmacist. His interests include theater, reading, and spending time with his grandchildren. Bea Slizewski is a retired public relations professional with a great love for reading and movies.

Thursday: 9:30 – 11:30 am
8 Sessions: March 31 – May 19

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**Wednesday Afternoon One-Session Courses**

One-session courses are a popular way to spend Wednesday afternoons at Osher. These one-time courses cover a wide variety of subjects. Listed below are the one-session courses currently scheduled for the spring term.

Courses are added all the time, so be sure to check the website and the electronic bulletin board in the lounge for the most up-to-date listing.

**March 30: Sicily, The History and The People**
We will discuss the complex history of Sicily as well as the culture of the people amid all the treasures this island has to offer a tourist.

**Presented by Kate Zava**

**April 6: Music and Mathematics: Pythagoras’ Influence**
The Music of Pythagoras by Kitty Ferguson (2008) describes the influence of Pythagoras on musical knowledge and practices which are still valid today. Stringed instruments will be played to demonstrate noise from music, and uses of noise within music. Those in attendance need not be familiar with advanced mathematics.

**Presented by Steven Barley**

**April 13: Osher Gallery Social**
Everyone is welcome at this social gathering, especially past, present and possible Osher Gallery exhibitors. We will share ideas about camera and/or computer to print methods, display techniques, and a summer field trip. Dessert and coffee will be provided.

**Presented by Frank Michaels and Janice Shapiro**

**May 4: All About Our Drinking Water: Facts, Issues, Controversies, and Future Decisions**
Should the City merge its Hemlock-based water system with the regional Monroe County Water Authority system? Is there any quality difference between Hemlock and Lake Ontario water? What bearing does the history and actions of our two water providers have on conservation and the environment?

**Presented by Hugh Mitchell**

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**Thursday, March 31**

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**Thursday, May 11**

**9:30 – 11:30 am**

8 Sessions: March 31 – May 19
It’s Your Internet ........................................ S34
This course focuses on understanding and using the Internet and Internet resources. Learn how to use browsers to conduct an effective search; access online maps to get directions; research airfares to save money; make a safe purchase and protect your privacy; and much more. Learn about the many new and free services offered online everyday.
Audio/Visual, Lecture

Jerry Seward is an Internet consultant and serves as president of Rochester Free-Net, a non-profit organization that sponsors S.O.A.R. – Seniors Online Around Rochester.
Thursday: 9:30 – 11:30 am
4 Sessions: March 31 – April 219

American Ideals ........................................ S35
This course will focus on the principles that guided the founding of the U.S., the reasons behind the colonies’ separation from Britain, and the institutions set up to protect the principles at the root of the country’s existence. Topics will include Who were the Founders; protests over taxation without representation; and documents such as the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, The Constitution and more. There will be use of DVD instruction, lecture, and lots of discussion. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Chuck Sparnecht has taught United States history for over 30 years and still doesn’t know the answer to “What is an American?” Join him in looking for the answer.
Thursday: 9:30 – 11:30 am
8 Sessions: March 31 – May 19

My Favorite Universe ................................. S36
This is based on Neil deGrasse Tyson’s Teaching Company course of the same name consisting of 12 half-hour video lectures. The lectures are centered around four general topics: basic properties of the universe, universe “baddies,” the Big Bang, and the search for extraterrestrial life. Joe will supplement the lectures, suggest further sources, and answer questions. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

Joe Charles is an industrial physicist who retired early. He has offered many courses since 1993. His interests are quite diverse. Since 2000 he has offered only astronomy and physics courses.
Thursday: 1:30 – 3:30 pm
8 Sessions: March 31 – May 19

White Noise by Don DeLillo ....................... S37
Winner of the 1985 National Book Award, this comic meditation on the fear of death is a post-modern classic from one of America’s finest contemporary writers. An “airborne toxic event” sets the Gladneys on a collision course with the perceived reality of their blended family’s existence in this intriguing and prescient novel.
Discussion, Reading

Note: This class is a repeat of the morning class. Register for either the morning or the afternoon class.

Francia Roe has a master’s degree in English from the University of Rochester and taught Advanced Placement English Language and Composition and Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition for 28 years.
Thursday: 1:30 – 3:30 pm
8 Sessions: March 31 – May 19

Current Events in Science and Technology .... S38
Similar to the popular Contemporary Events courses, and following the same format (class discussion of topics suggested by course participants), this course will focus on events and trends in science and technology. (It is recommended that participants read at least one publication such as Scientific American or the NY Times science section. Selected article reprints will be available by e-mail or in class.)
Discussion

Julian Thomas started working with computers as an undergraduate and hasn’t stopped since then, even after retiring from IBM. Alex Marcus is a retired physician who practiced neurology and psychiatry.
Thursday: 1:30 – 3:30 pm
8 Sessions: March 31 – May 19
Bring a brown-bag lunch to this weekly lecture presented by members or guests on wide-ranging, stimulating and intellectual topics.

**March 31**

**Cyber Shopping: How to Be a Savvy Online Shopper**

Linette Koren, Reference Librarian at RIT’s Wallace Library

**April 7**

**History, Buildings, Neighborhoods and More: The Landmark Society of Western New York**

Cynthia Howk, Architectural Research Coordinator at The Landmark Society of Western New York

**April 14**

**Topic TBA**

Dr. Richard Fenton, Professor Emeritus of Economics at SUNY Brockport

**April 21**

**China Today**

Dr. Jorge Diaz-Herrera, Dean, RIT’s Thomas Golisano College of Computing Science and Information Sciences

**April 28**

**The Shepherd Home**

Betsy Inglis, Executive Director

**May 5**

**Poetry is Alive and Well at Osher**

Gary Lehmann, Course Leader

**May 12**

**An Artist Thinks Outloud**

David Chamberlain, Artist and Sculptor

**May 19**

**Adventures of a Naturalist in the Amazon**

Peter Debes, Vice Chairman of the Rochester Regional Group of the Sierra Club
**Physics in Everyday Life** .................................................. S42

This course, based on the Teaching Company’s “Physics in Life,” will explore the physical laws that all of us experience day by day. We will examine those laws – without using mathematics – to see how they work for us and against us. This course will be a two-semester course and will continue in the fall.

Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

As an engineer who was in the field for many years, **Avri Michaeli** has the type of background that allows him to present this subject.

Friday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
8 Sessions:  April 1 – May 20

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**The Shaping of Our Mythic Tradition** ................... S40

During the final years of his life, Joseph Campbell embarked on a lecture tour in which he drew together all that he had learned about what he called the “one great story” of humanity. These remarkable talks were filmed and will be presented in this course. The lecture topics include: Psyche and Symbol, The Spirit Land, On Being Human, From Goddesses to God, and The Mystical Life. Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

**Howard Maslich** is a former psychology professor with a lifelong interest in the study of human behavior

Friday: 9:00 – 11:00 am
8 Sessions:  April 1 – May 20

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**German for Beginners** .............................. S41

This course is for those who have very little or no knowledge of German. You will learn the basics as well as useful expressions, questions, and phrases that can be used while traveling in Germany. **Class limit 20.**

Discussion, Reading, Writing

**Gisela Balents** is a native of Germany and has taught German and art history courses before.

Friday: 11:15 am – 12:45 pm
8 Sessions:  April 1 – May 20
Beyond learning... is leading
Courses at Osher are led by members. Some have extensive experience in the topic they like to lead and others are just curious enough about something that they go out and research it so they can lead a course. Contact us – we’ll be happy to tell you more about leading at Osher.

“I love leading courses here. It’s like I died and went to heaven. When you’re teaching here at Osher, you’re teaching people who are really hungry to learn.”

Visit our web site! http://osher.rit.edu

Which membership suits your needs?
We have varying levels of membership to fit members’ individual circumstances. You can begin your membership at the start of any of our three terms: Fall (September), Winter (January) and Spring/Summer (April).

**Regular Membership**
A Regular Membership entitles you to participate in all activities, and offers the opportunity to join the RIT community. Enjoy unlimited courses at Osher, participation in social activities, the Pfaudler Enrichment Series, travel and tour programs, Summer Seminar and Intersession programs, and an RIT Student ID card. Beginning in your second year, you are entitled to “listen in” on selected RIT liberal arts courses. A number of partial scholarships are available. Scholarships are made possible through a grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation. Please contact the Program Director for more information.

*The annual fee is $265 per person.*

**Supporting Membership**
Unable to participate in courses but interested in our other activities? Supporting Membership is for you. Participate in all social events, Pfaudler Enrichment Series, Summer Seminar and Intersession programs and travel and tour programs. You may also invite a guest to one of these activities.

*The annual fee is $130.*

**Trial Membership**
Available to first-time members only, Trial Membership offers another way to “try out Osher.” Enjoy all the privileges of Regular Membership for one term (Fall, Winter, or Spring/Summer) excluding the RIT Student ID card and audiology services. *The fee is $150 per person.* You may convert your Trial Membership into Regular Membership by paying an additional $115 at the end of your trial term, thereby adding the subsequent two terms.

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Benefits

To apply. There are only two criteria for membership in Osher: you must be 50 or older, and have an interest in lifelong learning. You’ll find our membership application and membership profile on the next two pages. Fill them out and return them to us by mail or by fax. Questions? Call us at 585-292-8989 or email us at osher.info@rit.edu.
# Membership/Renewal Application & Course Registration

Please fill in the information below and send to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT, 50 Fairwood Dr., Suite 100, Rochester, NY 14623

- [ ] Regular Membership ($265)  
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I agree to abide by the policies and procedures of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT

signature: ______________________ date: __________

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## Payment for Membership or Renewal

- [ ] Pay by check: Please make check payable to Osher at RIT

- [ ] Pay by credit card (in full).
  - Circle one: MasterCard  Visa
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We welcome additional tax deductible contributions to the Operating Budget, Special Projects Fund or the Legacy Endowment Fund. Please include a separate check payable to Osher at RIT, indicating fund designation.

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### Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT Refund Policy:

The membership fee is generally nonrefundable. The Program Director, in consultation with the Chair of Council, may consider a refund request for individual circumstances. For administrative purposes, a request for refund must be made in writing. A processing fee may be charged.

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### Course Registration

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OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT reserves the right to cancel courses because of low registration, last-minute unavailability of course leaders, or other unavoidable circumstances. Members will be notified immediately of such cancellations so they may select an alternative. Written confirmation will not be sent. You may consider yourself registered in your selected course(s) unless you are notified otherwise. We invite our members to register for as many classes as they wish, but for planning purposes, we ask you to register only for the classes you intend to make a consistent good-faith effort to attend.

**Note:** Some courses require the purchase of books or materials. Registration forms processed starting March 14, 2011.

A number of partial scholarships are available. Please contact the Program Director for more information.

We’d like to know more about you! Please complete the Member Profile on the other side.
We ask each member to provide us with information about him/herself. This information is kept strictly private and is used to help us meet your membership expectations. By knowing a little about you we are able to choose courses to your liking, fill committees with knowledgeable members, plan social events and form special-interest groups by assisting members who wish to search out others with similar interests. Please take a few minutes to provide us with some information about yourself.

**Please indicate your life experiences.** (Check all that apply)

- Administration
- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Health Services/Social Work
- Homemaking
- Journalism
- Law
- Marketing
- Medicine
- Military
- Ministry
- Self-Employed
- Science/Mathematics
- Volunteer Work
- Other

**Please indicate course areas that are of interest to you.** (Check all that apply)

- Art
- Computers
- Current Events
- Dance
- Geography
- History
- Drama
- Economics
- Finance
- Languages
- Literature
- Math/Science
- Music
- Philosophy
- Religion
- Social Sciences
- Speech
- Sports
- Other

**Do you have any ideas for courses you would like to teach or like to see taught?** Please describe the course(s) and indicate whether you would like to pursue this with a member of the Course Offerings Committee.

**Will you share with us the names of other organizations to which you belong?** We make an effort to connect with other organizations that interest our members.

**Volunteering at Osher** As a member-oriented organization, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT encourages active participation. Service is strictly voluntary but greatly appreciated. Which activities might be of interest to you? (Check all that apply)

- Budget/Finance
- Catalog
- Computers
- Course Leader
- Course Offerings Committee
- Finance Registrar
- Marketing
- Member Relations
- Osher Announcements Newsletter
- Pfaudler Lecture Series
- Social
- Summer Seminar
- Technology
- Travel/Tour
- Volunteer Desk

**Do you have computer skills?** (Check all that apply)

- Microsoft Office
- Website Design/Layout
- Other

**Volunteer at front desk.** The Volunteer Coordinator will personally contact you to confirm your assistance. Please note this will be a commitment for this term only.

- I can volunteer on:
  - Tuesday: 2:30 – 4:15
  - Thursday: 2:30 – 3:45

- I am able to substitute only on:
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## Course Selections – Spring 2011 Worksheet

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**OSHER Council 2010 – 2011**

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Spring Courses at a glance

**History, Current Events, & Government**
- American Ideals
- Contemporary Events
- Current Events
- Football 101
- Great Decisions: The U.S. and World Affairs
- The History of the Erie Canal
- Irish History
- Mount Hope Cemetery
- The New Yorker
- Quantitative Literacy
- Retailing: Past, Present, and Future
- Sports in America

**Science & Technology**
- Climate Change: Science and Politics
- Current Events in Science and Technology
- It's Your Internet
- MS PowerPoint Basics
- My Favorite Universe
- Physics in Everyday Life
- Seminar in Medical Ethics
- Today's World from a Geographic Perspective
- Understanding the Human Brain

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