OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT
where curious minds gather

Winter
Catalog
2010
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!

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.

Winter Course Listings begin on page 6

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 15

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

(Front Cover Photo: Beth Vanfossen, Tim McDonnell, Ed Scutt, Sharon Garelick, Sue Luce, Lewis Neisner, and Tess Padmore)
“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 any more. 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 traveling...”

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 www.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).

Paperback Library
Books contributed and maintained by members; borrow on a no-time-limit basis. No late fees!

Visit our web site at www.Osher.RIT.edu for more detail on our programs, our people, membership, ways to get involved...
Wednesday, January 6
2 to 3:30 pm
An introduction to Osher, what we have planned for Winter 2010, and selected course previews by course leaders. We’ll answer your questions, too. Please reserve your place by calling (585) 292-8989 or emailing us at Reservations.Osher@RIT.edu.

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

**Wednesday, January 6, 2010**

~ They Saw the Elephant -
  Gold Fever and the Making of California  
  Debbie Huff

~ Doubt: a History  
  Richard Jones

~ The Philosophy of Plato, Socrates, and Aristotle  
  Howard Maslich

~ The Political Economy of the 2008 Financial Collapse  
  Beth Van Fossen

Anytime, January 11 – 14
9:30 am to 3 pm
January 15, 9:30 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 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 brown-bag lecture:

**Pfaudler Enrichment Series**
Thursday, January 14  
Noon to 1 p.m.

“Five in the Afternoon”  
Five in the Afternoon poetry group, all Osher members

Can’t make these dates?
Call us to schedule your own Open House Week.
### Osher Calendar: 2009 – 2010

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*December 7 - January 5 — Winter Break*

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*March 15 - March 23 — Spring Break*

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## Winter 2010 Course Schedule

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  - The Athenaeum Book Club: W4
  - The Evolution of God.... W2
  - Taxes and Tax Policy... W3
  - The Philosophy of Plato, Socrates, and Aristotle... W39
- **11:15 am – 12:45 pm**
  - Express Yourself in Writing... W9
  - Rashi’s Daughters, Book III... W5
  - Memoirs... W6
  - Memoir Writing Techniques: W7
  - Current Events... W8
- **1:30 – 3:00 pm**
  - Medical School in Two Hours Per Week... W10
  - Express Yourself in Writing... W9

### Tuesday
- **9:30 – 11:00 am**
  - World War I: What You Didn’t Know.... W12
  - Doing REAL Geography in the 21st Century.... W13
  - Becoming Human... W14
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### Thursday
- **9:30 – 11:00 am**
  - Participate in Life.... W30
  - The “New” New Yorker.... W31
  - Joan’s Cinema Class.... W32
  - Possession by A.S. Byatt.... W33
- **11:15 am – 12:45 pm**
  - Possession by A.S. Byatt.... W33
- **1:30 – 3:00 pm**
  - Rediscover The Beatles.... W34
  - The Best of Cinema in the 20th Century.... W35
  - Possession by A.S. Byatt.... W36

### Friday
- **9:30 – 11:00 am**
  - Classic Motor Cars: 1929 - 1941.... W37
  - The Power to Write.... W38
  - The Philosophy of Plato, Socrates, and Aristotle.... W39
- **11:15 am – 12:45 pm**
  - The Principles of Chaos.... W40
  - They Saw the Elephant: Gold Fever.... W41

### Reference Key
- 1st Session, 5 weeks (January 11 - February 12)
- 2nd Session, 4 weeks (February 15 - March 12)
- Full session, 9 weeks (January 11 - March 12)

Early registration recommended. Classes fill up quickly.
FDR: His Presidency and His Legacy . . . . . . . . W1
We will explore the presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Emphasis will be placed on his response to the Great Depression, World War II, and the personal and family side of his life. We will also look at his legacy, both positive and negative. (Textbook: None required but class members are welcome to read any FDR biography.) Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture

A retired school counselor, Kathy Krebs continues her exploration of the Roosevelt Era. She never taught American history in her career so she feels utterly compelled to do it now!

Monday: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
9 Sessions: January 11 - March 8

Peer Group Seminar: The Evolution of God . . . . W2
This book discusses the evolving concept of God or gods from ancient times to the present, drawing from archaeology, theology, history, and evolutionary psychology. Seminar members will be expected to lead part of one class summarizing a chapter of this provocative book. The first three chapters will be discussed in the first class. (Textbook: The Evolution of God by Robert Wright. From $13.00 on Amazon.com)
Reading, Peer Group Seminar

Ellen Kremer is a retired social worker/psychotherapist. She finds questions like “how did we get here?” and “what does it all mean?” endlessly fascinating.

Monday: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
9 Sessions: January 11 - March 8

Taxes and Tax Policy . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . W3
We will talk about all taxes and compare U.S. taxes with those of other industrialized countries. From payroll and excise taxes to income and sales taxes to tariffs, tolls, value-added taxes, corporate taxes, and capital gains, all will be in play. We’ll also discuss tax-policy authors like David Cay Johnson and Neil Boortz.
Discussion/Seminar, Lecture

Phil Weisberg is a volunteer tax preparer with the CASH program and a Certified Financial Planner.

Monday: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
9 Sessions: January 11 - March 8

Athenaeum Book Club . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . W4
Our class is a MONTHLY book club that continues to meet through all three terms. It is based on the Great Books Shared Inquiry method. Books selected by class members are: January 18: Wise Blood by Flannery O’Connor and March 8: A Single Pebble by John Hersey. (Text: Books as noted above) Reading

Georgia DeGregorio, though a business major in college, has always sought out opportunities to explore new ideas from great books.
Lois Tucker is a retired counselor, former teacher, community volunteer, and always an avid reader.

Monday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
2 Sessions: January 18, March 8

Rashi’s Daughters, Book III: Rachel . . . . . . . . W5
We will review the life and times of Rabbi Solomon ben Isaac (1040 – 1105) and his daughters, Yocheved, Miriam and Rachel, (focusing on Rachel) using Maggie Anton’s newest novel and last of the trilogy: Rashi’s Daughters, Book III: Rachel. This is a continuation of the Winter 2007 course. (Textbook: Rashi’s Daughters, Book III: Rachel, by Maggie Anton, $10.20 at Amazon.com, $15 at Borders)
Discussion/Seminar, Reading

Ruth Lebowitz, a former executive secretary, is a mother of six, grandmother of 21, an avid reader and a lover of history.

Monday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 11 - March 8

Memoirs . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . W6
Will the winter holidays stimulate story sharing as you gather with family and friends? Consider preserving those tales or others for generations to read. Class participants are encouraged to write memoirs to be read in class. All are welcome. Writing, Reading

Carol Samuel, a “mostly retired” obstetrical nurse, is enthusiastic about encouraging people to record their memoirs.

Monday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 11 - March 8
Memoir Writing Techniques ............... W7
We will review techniques discussed in the fall term for memoir writing that starts with a “hook” and creates visual scenes and suspense. Emphasis will be on in-class practice and sharing of writing and “sticking points,” with gentle critiquing to help move your story along. Class Limit 15. Writing, Workshop

Flo Smith learned the value of personal stories while working for 15 years in the Strong Museum Education Department and aspires to write memoirs that her family wants to save.

Monday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
7 Sessions: Jan. 11, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1

Current Events ......................... W8
This series of discussions is intended to allow all a chance to air their opinions about any of the multitude of events shaping today’s world. Class Limit 30. Discussion/Seminar, Reading

Con Sullivan has long had an interest in global events and enjoys starting a lively discussion.

Monday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 11 - March 8

Express Yourself in Writing .............. W9
Use your imagination to write short stories on subjects or ideas suggested by the course leader. Enjoy the opportunity to write the 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. Writing

Pat Edelman has always been an avid reader and writer who 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: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 11 - March 8

Medical School in Two Hours per Week .... W10
This is a survey course of the human body. This term will include medical imaging, the laboratory, the gastrointestinal system, male and female reproductive systems, pregnancy, and the muscular system. Although this is a continuation of the fall course, all are welcome. (Textbook: The Human Body in Health and Disease, by Thibodeau and Patton, Fifth Edition, $50 at barnesandnoble.com or the RIT bookstore, will carry the student through all continuing terms.) Audio/Visual, Guest Speakers, Lecture

Four retired physicians, Josh Hollander, Ed Lebowitz, Alex Marcus, and Victor Poleshuck, will lead the course with the assistance of guest lecturers.

Monday: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 11 - March 8

Cosmology: The History and Nature of the Universe ............ W11
This course will continue to present the evolution and composition of our universe. It will cover material from the birth of galaxies and stars to the present in “intuitive forms,” illustrations, and computer simulations using DVD lectures. Audio/Visual, Discussion/Seminar, Lecture

Avri Michaeli has been interested in science since childhood. Advancements and discoveries in cosmology over the last 20 years have heightened his interest in this field, which he continues to study.

Monday: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 11 - March 8

World War I: What You Didn’t Know .......... W12
This course will explore the events of the latter part of the 19th century that bred animosities among various countries on the Eastern and Southern fronts (including Russia, Italy, and the Ottoman Empire) that led to the war. Discussion/Seminar, Lecture

Jim Martin has always been interested in history and majored in Latin American studies while at college, but he does not limit himself!

Tuesday: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
5 Sessions: January 12 - February 9
Bob Getz, a Professor Emeritus of Political Science at The College at Brockport, is a specialist in American politics. He is a veteran course leader.

Tuesday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 12 - March 9

Peer Group Seminar: Doubt — A History . . . W17
We will read and discuss Jennifer Hecht’s book, Doubt — A History, a study of religious doubt from the beginning of recorded history to the present. It covers religion or spirituality in all forms, including Greek and Roman gods, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism, and the response of philosophers to these religions. (Text: Doubt — A History by Jennifer Michael Hecht, available from Amazon.com for $11.55)

Discussion/Seminar, Reading

Dick Jones, interested in philosophy and religion for many years, has taken numerous Teaching Company courses on both subjects. He hopes all will gain knowledge from reading and by sharing insights.

Tuesday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 12 - March 9

All Rochester Reads . . . . . . . . . . . . W18
Each year Writers & Books selects a book to be read and discussed throughout the Rochester community. This year’s selection is Bel Canto, a fascinating tale by Ann Patchett. The story evolves from a hostage-taking at a party into something quite different and unexpected. (Text: Bel Canto by Ann Patchett)

Discussion/Seminar, Reading

Carol Haas loves to read and discuss literature.

Tuesday: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
4 Sessions: February 16 - March 9
Poetic Visions \hspace{1cm} W19
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. Lecture, Discussion, 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: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.  
9 Sessions: January 12 - March 9

The American Health Care System: Past, Present, and Future \hspace{1cm} W20
This course will present a brief history of the American health care system. Then we will study and analyze the current system and the debate on it in Congress and the country. The course will conclude with a look at what the future of the American health care system might look like. (Textbook: The Healing of America, T. R. Reid, Amazon $15)  
**Audio/Visual, Discussion/Seminar, Lecture, Reading**  
Lewis Neisner is a retired college marketing professor. He became interested in U.S. health care policy during the Clinton years. He took several graduate level courses on the subject at the University of Maryland.  
Tuesday: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.  
9 Sessions: January 12 - March 9

Woodstock \hspace{1cm} W21
To paraphrase Edward R. Murrow’s TV program: “You will be there!” The 1970 Academy Award-winning documentary will be shown and personal observations and experiences about the concert and the 1960s in general will be shared. Emphasis will be placed on questions and discussion of the legendary status of that event’s three days of peace and music.  
**Audio/Visual, Discussion**  
Gary Proud has served in various elected and appointed positions over his 47-year career in public service. A 1967 graduate of RIT and an avid history buff, he enjoys music and has traveled extensively.  
Tuesday: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.  
5 Sessions: January 12 - February 9

Irish Literature \hspace{1cm} W22
The class will read aloud and discuss Irish literature, prose, and poetry. We will also use an occasional video reflective of Irish literature and culture. Discussion material will be provided in advance of each class. Caprice and levity are welcome if not outright encouraged. **Reading, Writing**  
**Jack Callaghan** desires to continue the efforts of former facilitators of Irish literature at The Athenaeum/Osher.  
Wednesday: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.  
5 Sessions: January 13 - February 10

Beginning Italian \hspace{1cm} W23
This is an introduction to the Italian language, introducing basic grammar rules, easy reading, composition of sentences, discussion, grammar games, and crossword puzzles. **Discussion, Reading, Writing**  
**Gloria Cialone** graduated from the University of Naples, Italy. Gloria would like to share her knowledge of the Italian language with Osher members.  
Wednesday: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.  
9 Sessions: January 13 - March 10
Contemporary Events .................................. W27
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

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: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 13 - March 10

The Agony of King Lear ............................... W28
King Lear is considered by many critics to be Shakespeare’s greatest play. Its insight into relationships, the meaning of power, and the issues of aging and parenthood are almost beyond expression. This course will use several great recorded performances including one with Paul Scofield that has until now been unavailable in the United States. (Textbook: Any complete edition of King Lear, preferably with notes)
Audio/Visual, Discussion, Lecture, Reading

Harvey Granite has taught Shakespeare at The Athenaeum/Osher since its very beginning, and teaches writing and literature at RIT. He has taught at the U of R and spent 10 summers teaching English in Poland, Slovakia, and Ukraine.

Wednesday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 13 - March 10

Understanding the Human Brain ............. W29
We will continue our effort to understand our brain, mind and consciousness. We will focus on the contributions of prominent scientists and thinkers in this field and some very interesting views on the subject.
Audio/Visual, Lecture

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

Wednesday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 13 - March 10

Advanced Italian .................................... W26
This course expects some previous experience with Italian as we concentrate on conversation and the reading of short stories and poems. (Textbook: Easy Italian Reader by Riccarda Saggese, $11.95 at Borders or Barnes & Noble.) Discussion, Writing, Reading

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

Wednesday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 13 - March 10

Political Economy of the 2008 Financial Collapse .................. W25
We’ll make a critical examination of the 2008 financial crisis: the history and causes of events, biographies and actions of dominant players, structure of financial markets, the “culture of Wall Street,” possible preventive measures, and theoretical revisionism. Volunteer class members will make 15 - 20 minute presentations based on related reading materials. (Textbook: Contact bethvanfossen@yahoo.com after January 2, 2010.) Discussion, Audio/Visual, Lecture

Beth Vanfossen’s doctorate was in sociology with an emphasis on social stratification. In her 40 years of university teaching and research, she expanded her interests to other major social institutions as well.

Wednesday: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
9 Sessions: January 13 - March 10

Mysteries of Ancient Egypt ..................... W24
The River Nile gave birth to one of history’s great civilizations. Through the centuries, the ancient Egyptians created and constructed some of the most glorious monuments in the world. This course will explore the temples of Luxor and Karnak, cross the Nile to the Land of the Dead and enter the tombs where kings and queens were buried. Audio/Visual, Lecture

Marie Levin had a 30-year career in clinical laboratory medicine and marketing management, and was vice president and COO for a major clinical laboratory. Marie is an avid history buff.

Wednesday: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
9 Sessions: January 13 - March 10
One-Session Courses are fast becoming a popular way to spend Wednesday afternoons at Osher. These one-time courses, presented in the Wednesday time period 1:30-3:00, offer a wide variety of subjects. Listed below are the One-Session Courses currently scheduled for the Winter term. Additional courses will be added after this catalog goes to print, so be sure to check the wall in the lounge for the most up-to-date listing of One-Session offerings. For planning purposes we ask that you sign up for these courses on the weekly sign-up sheets located on the table below the One-Session Course listings.

January 13
‘Documentary - Hear and Now’
Frances Ratcliffe

January 20
‘I Wish I Knew Sudoku’
Bob Vukosic

‘The Myth of Icarus in Poetry and Art’
Cass Doyle

January 27
‘Traveling, Diving, and Surviving in the Third World’
Frank Michaels

‘Nanotechnology in Your Life’
Bob Vukosic

February 3
‘Adventures in the Archive: A Whole New Valentown’
Dr. Gary Lehmann

February 10
‘Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicles’
Jim Roddy

February 17
‘Mortgages and Their Foreclosure - Does the Bank Really Want My House?’
Chad Robinson

‘The Internet and Email’
Brian Ives

February 24
‘Alaskan Politics: A View from the Sidelines’
Tess Padmore

March 3
‘Freeware and Shareware’
Brian Ives
Possession by A.S. Byatt ........................................... W33
Winner of the 1990 Booker Prize for Fiction, Possession is a tour de force – academic novel, mystery, romance, plot within a plot, myth, legend – it has it all! Byatt’s masterpiece to date, Possession is in the tradition of the great British novel, and analysis and discussion promise rich rewards. (Textbook: Possession by A.S. Byatt.) Discussion, Reading
Note: This class will be repeated in the afternoon. Register for either morning or afternoon class.

Carrie Roe
has a graduate degree from the University of Rochester and taught Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition and Advanced Placement English Language and Composition for twenty-eight years.

Thursday: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
9 Sessions: January 14 - March 11

Rediscover The Beatles ........................................... W34
Just as Elvis did in 1954, The Beatles in 1964 changed the landscape of popular music and cultural attitudes forever. We will explore the background of each member and the band and their music from the American perspective. We will also look at their solo careers. Join me for a “magical mystery tour”!

Audio/Visual, Lecture

Ed Eaton
is a former auditor. His interest in music began at age seven. Both his parents were music lovers. Being an avid record collector, Ed says The Beatles are a major interest.

Thursday: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 14 - March 11

The Best of Cinema in the 20th Century .................. W35
We’ll view and discuss films that inspired us, encouraged us and sent us to the movies, choosing from films selected by the CBS special “100 Years, 100 Cheers,” and movies highly rated by the Osher cinema class. A local movie critic and a film curator will also be invited to discuss their film favorites.

Audio/Visual, Guest Speaker, Discussion

Herb Levin
, with degrees in education and social science, has led many Osher courses, especially on great American musicals of the 20th century.

Thursday: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 14 - March 11

Possession by A.S. Byatt ........................................... W36
See W33 for description and course leader information
Note: This class is a repeat of the morning class. Register for either the morning or afternoon class.

Thursday: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 14 - March 11

Participate in Life .................................................. W30
There are many facets to participating in life. We will touch on a few through listening, discussion, and reading. Understandings are meant to make rich experiences possible in everyday life. The class is upbeat from the presence of those attending.

Class limit 25. Discussion/Seminar, Reading

Stillman Clark
has accrued understandings that deserve to be shared. He delights in being with folks who are searching for more fulfillment on their journey.

Thursday: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
9 Sessions: January 14 - March 11

The “New” New Yorker ........................................... W31
This course is a continuation of the longstanding winter course based on the weekly New Yorker magazine. The organizational structure is that of a peer group seminar. Participants will have the opportunity to review articles on film, politics, globalization, technology, fiction, biographies, etc. (Textbook: A subscription or access to the weekly New Yorker magazine)

Class Limit 24. Discussion/Seminar, Reading

Doug Fisk
was born curious in Walla Walla, Washington. Kathy Hayes has been a teacher in many areas ranging from elementary school math to middle school math/science to various courses at Osher.

Thursday: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
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Joan’s Cinema Class ............................................. W32
Our class has been retitled in memory of Joan Hart. Each week, the class will select one or two current movies which members will then see independently. The following week, members will discuss and rate the selected films. Everyone is encouraged and expected to participate in the discussion Class limit 30.

Discussion/Seminar

Burt Freedman
is a retired pharmacist. His interests include theater, reading and spending time with his grandchildren. Bea Slizewski is a public relations professional who retired as vice president of corporate communications from Birds Eye Foods. She is a lifelong fan of movies.

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9 Sessions: January 14 - March 11
Bring a brown-bag lunch to this weekly lecture presented by members or guests on wide-ranging, stimulating and intellectual topics.

**January 14**
**Five in the Afternoon**
Five in the Afternoon poetry group, all Osher members

**January 21**
**Nature Discoveries, Inc.**
Steven Daniel, naturalist and teacher at RCSD & MCC
Butterflies and moths of the Rochester area will be discussed, along with their behaviors and host plants, featuring beautiful pictures taken by the presenter.

**January 28**
**Healing in Western and Eastern Medicine**
Annemarie Groth-Juncker, semi-retired physician and Tai-Chi instructor
There exist two very different approaches to healing: technically successful Western medicine, and the ancient healing arts of the East. We will explore their different approaches, and discover how they may complement each other and what roles they can play in keeping and restoring our health.

**February 4**
**The Other Susan B. Anthony: Exemplar of Healthy Aging**
Louise Woerner, Chairman & CEO of Home Care of Rochester, and Deborah Hughes, Executive Director of the Susan B. Anthony House
Even in Rochester where Susan B. Anthony is best known, most people don’t realize that the majority of her contributions to women and society were made after the age of 65. This session will provide new insights into the life of Miss Anthony, her accomplishments, and how she still stands as a role model today for active, healthy aging.

**February 11**
**Here’s To the Ladies**
Cindy Miller, jazz musician and Broadway aficionado
Cindy toasts the fair ladies of Broadway by revisiting some of her favorite characters, from Eliza Doolittle to Fanny Brice, in performances reminiscent of the women who created them.

**February 18**
**The Brain and Heart-Healthy Cooking**
Chef Matt Cole, graduate of Johnson and Wales Culinary Institute
Cooking demonstration with Rivers Run Executive Chef Matt Cole.

**February 25**
**Tales from the Rare Book Trade**
Jeffrey Marks and Jennifer Larson, rare-book sellers
The speakers will discuss the antiquarian book business, including six-figure deals involving modern first editions, the growing problem of forgeries, and the future of the trade.

**March 4**
**American Lion Andrew Jackson**
Alan Shank, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at SUNY Geneseo and Osher member
This is a review of the book by Jon Meacham, editor of Newsweek. The focus is on Jackson’s presidential leadership.

**March 11**
**My Life’s Adventures Before, During, and After WWII**
Alexander Wieber, scientist and professor
Born in the USSR, Alexander is both German and Russian. He had a narrow escape from the USSR in 1936, was drafted by the German army in 1944, and fled Berlin in 1945. Later, he worked in a secret U.S. Army intelligence school.
The Principles of Chaos ............... W40
Sir Isaac Newton left us with an orderly universe ruled by mathematical laws. But is there something disquieting in the idea of a vast universe where everything is predetermined with no room for chance? Enter “Chaos.” This is a Teaching Company DVD course with course leader explanations and extensions. Audio/Visual, Lecture

Bill Faul trained in chemistry but spent half of his Kodak career in digital imaging. A devoted exerciser, trumpet player, and collector of O-gauge trains, he has led Osher courses from ‘60s pop to modern physics.

Friday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 15 - March 12

They Saw The Elephant: Gold Fever and the Making of California ....... W41
The discovery of gold in 1848 made this decade one of the most exciting in our history. Based on first-hand accounts of the men and women who made their way to the gold fields, this class will follow not only their epic search, but its far-reaching implications – from the dispossession of the Far West’s native peoples to the coming Civil War. Audio/Visual, Lecture

Debbie and Jim Huff took an eight-year road trip exploring the back roads of America and furthering their love of history, which began during their early years in San Francisco. This is their second class on Westward migration.

Friday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
9 Sessions: January 15 - March 12

The Philosophy of Nietzsche and Sartre .... W42
We will first study the work of Friedrich Nietzsche and his concepts such as Will to Power and Master/Slave Morality. We’ll then study the work of Jean-Paul Sartre and his concepts such as Emotions and Responsibility and Being-For-Others. Guided discussion of the concepts presented will follow 30-minute video lectures from The Teaching Company. Audio/Visual, Discussion/Seminar

Howard Maslich is a former psychology professor. He is currently interested in sharing ideas about philosophy with Osher members.

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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!
www.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 Pfaunder 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, Pfaunder Enrichment Series, Summer Seminar and Intersession programs and travel and tour programs. You may also invite a guest to one of these activities. **The fee is $150 per person.**

**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 $115 for one term.** You may convert your Trial Membership into Regular Membership by paying the additional $115 at the end of your trial term, thereby adding the subsequent two terms.

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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 Registration.Osher@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)  ☐ Trial Membership ($150)  ☐ Extended Trial Membership ($115)  ☐ Supporting Membership $130

Name  last  first  middle  phone number  e-mail

street  city  state  zip

In case of an emergency or illness call  name/relationship  phone number

physician  phone number

I agree to abide by the policies and procedures of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT
signature: date

Payment for Membership or Renewal

☐ Pay by check: Please make check payable to Osher at RIT

☐ Pay by credit card (in full).

☐ Pay by credit card in 3 installments ($90 at the beginning of each term, Regular Membership only.)

Circle one: MasterCard  Visa

Total payment

Signature  expiration date

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.

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.

Course Registration

course #  course title  course #  course title

OSHERR 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 accepted starting December 21, 2009.

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- or 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
- Homemaker
- Journalism
- Law
- Marketing
- Medicine
- Military
- Ministry
- Self-Employed
- Science/Mathematics
- Technology
- Other
- Volunteer Work

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

- Art
- Computers
- Current Events
- Dance
- Geography
- History
- Languages
- Literature
- Math/Science
- Music
- Philosophy
- Religion
- Social Sciences
- Speech
- Sports
- Writing
- 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.

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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.

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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
- Course Leader
- Course Offerings Committee
- Finance Registrar
- Marketing
- Member Relations
- Osher Announcements Newsletter
- Pfaudler Lecture Series
- Social
- Summer Seminar
- Technology
- Travel/Tour
- Volunteer Desk
- Volunteer at front 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: Monday: 9-11, 11-1:15, 1:15-3:30
Tuesday: 9-11, 11-1:15, 1:15-3:00
Wednesday: 9-11, 11-1:15, 1:15-3:00
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Course Selections—Winter 2010 Worksheet

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Leadership:
**OSHER Council 2009 – 2010**

**Executive Committee**
- Ed Salem, Chair
- Francia Roe, Vice-Chair, Program
- Marie Levin, Vice-Chair, Marketing
- Janice Powsalski, Vice-Chair, Participation
- Fraida Levinson, Treasurer
- William Faul, Secretary

**Committee Chairs**
- Advisory Committee: Peter Luce
- Osher Announcements: Beth Vanfossen
- Co-Curricular Offerings: Linda Kotwas, Richard Jones, Barry McVay
- Course Offerings: Bonnie Salem
- Endowment: John Bacon
- Media: Flo Paxson
- Member Relations: Carolyn Vacanti

- New Member Development: Norinne Cole
- Outreach: Beatrice Wolford
- Registration: David Cole
- Social: Carol Alvut, Nancy Rosenberg
- Summer Seminar Series: Sharon Garelick
- Technology: Joel Elias, Ed Lebowitz
- Travel: Deborah Huff
- Volunteers: Joyce Lorenzo, Dori Saltzman
- Ex Officio: Deborah Stendardi, Vice President, Government & Community Relations, RIT

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Winter Courses at a glance

**The Arts**
- The Best of Cinema in the 20th Century
- Joan’s Cinema Class
- Rediscover The Beatles
- Woodstock

**History/Events/Government**
- The American Health Care System
- Contemporary Events
- Current Events
- Doubt - A History
- FDR’s Presidency & Legacy
- Mysteries of Ancient Egypt
- Political Economy of the 2008 Financial Collapse
- Taxes and Tax Policy
- They Saw The Elephant - Gold Fever
- World War I: What You Didn’t Know

**Language/Literature**
- Advanced Italian
- All Rochester Reads
- ASL Finger Spelling
- The Athenaeum Book Club
- Beginning Italian
- Express Yourself in Writing
- Irish Literature
- King Lear
- Memoirs
- Memoir Writing Techniques
- The “New” New Yorker
- Participate in Life
- Philosophy of Nietzsche and Sartre
- Philosophy of Plato, Socrates, and Aristotle
- Peer Group Seminar: Evolution of God
- Poetic Visions
- Possession by A.S. Byatt
- The Power to Write
- Rashi’s Daughters: Book III
- Samuel 1 and 2

**Science/Technology**
- Becoming Human
- Classic Motor Cars
- Cosmology
- Geography in the 21st Century
- Medical School in 2 Hours a Week
- The Principles of Chaos
- Understanding the Human Brain