

## GREAT CONVERSATIONS FROM GREAT BOOKS

**Coordinators:** Arlyne LeSchack and Judith Zaborowski

Our *Great Conversations* study group creates a dialogue between the twelve authors we've selected (Judges, Gogol, Dostoevsky, Poe, Melville, Rossetti, Synge, Hayek, Rawls, O'Conner, Gordimer and Carver) and the participants. We use the shared inquiry approach which consists of exploring interpretive questions based on the text - questions that have more than one plausible answer. This approach sets the conditions for full participation where we think, listen, and respond to questions and answers from others. Themes that run through the selections are economic life, faith and belief, irrationality, knowing the self, political justice, power and coercion, the search for truth, and sex and love.

**Readings:** *Great Conversations 2*; The Great Books Foundation, 2006, ISBN 0-945159-48-X, \$25.00.

After 25 years as an Educator with the NYC DOE, **Arlyne LeSchack** joined the IRP. Arlyne has previously coordinated five literature study groups including two *Great Conversations* study groups. As a member of the IRP, **Judith Zaborowski** finds that her brain is nourished by our courses and conversations. Judith has previously coordinated two *Great Conversation* study groups. **Arlyne** and **Judith** attended the Great Books training course.

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Week 1 The Story of Samson

Week 2 Gogol, The Nose

Week 3 Dostoevsky, The Grand Inquisitor

Week 4 Poe, The Fall of the House of Usher

Week 5 Melville, Bartleby the Scrivener: A Story of Wall Street

Week 6 Rossetti, Goblin Market

Week 7 Synge, The Playboy of the Western World

Week 8 Hayek, Planning and Democracy

Week 9 Rawls, Distributive Justice

Week 10 O'Conner, Guests of the Nation

Week 11 Gordimer, Which New Era Would That Be?

Week 12 Carver, What We Talk About When We Talk About Love