

**Fall 2024**

**OLLI Proposal-Course Content**

***Lady Bird; Claudia Alta Johnson, First Lady from Texas.***

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**Week 1-** Born in a small town in Texas Lady bird spent summers with her aunt in Alabama. We will discuss her family heritage and education up to her time in college at the University of Texas.

**Week 2-** An extremely short courtship saw Lady Bird married to Congressional Aide Lyndon Baines Johnson. She helped underwrite his first political campaign and began her own business ventures in radio.

**Week 3-** As a political wife Lady Bird stepped beyond the traditional boundaries of congressional and senatorial wives She was an active voice for causes that she supported.

**Week 4-** She had a difficult act to follow entering the White House after Jacqueline Kennedy. But she made her own mark and spoke out about environmental issues.

**Week 5-** After her husband's passing Lady Bird had a massive impact in both the State of Texas and the nation as an outspoken supporter of a variety of issues.