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#### **President's Message**

With the spring semester underway, I want to welcome you all back to OLLI. A special welcome goes out to those new members who just signed up in January. Please keep an eye out for the orange dot on the badges of those who are new this year, and make an extra effort to make them welcome at OLLI.



To start the year, allow me to highlight some new classes and programs. Mike Stover and Rich Eaton have teamed up to offer "Can They Do That? The U.S. Constitution in Today's America." Offered on

three Tuesday mornings, this class is likely to be popular, so plan accordingly. In technology classes, CEC is experimenting with a new format called "Learning and Sharing Groups." There are two topics planned, "Google Photos," for those who have taken the initial class, and "Procreate for iPad." Details are on Pages 68 and 70 in the Blue Book.

For those days when you can't make the trek to campus or don't want to deal with the parking, check out OLLI's distance learning videos. Bob Newcomb, Don Lake and others have been recording, editing and posting videos of selected classes on the OLLI website. The goal is to provide some of the popular lectures to members who cannot get to OLLI, because of weather, health, parking, schedule conflict or any other reason. Videos of classes that were designated as open to the public can also be viewed on YouTube. See the "Distance Learning Video Project" article in this ChroniCLE.

Jim Monroe, President, OLLI Board of Trustees

### **Distance Learning Video Project**



You've probably noticed OLLI members in the Mackey Auditorium videotaping with large cameras mounted on tripods. We are recording and editing some of our lecture programs for

webcasting and archiving on the OLLI website.

So, why are we doing this video project? First, we recognize that, as OLLI members age, many of us can no longer attend classes in person, and would welcome the chance to watch from the comfort of our home or a retirement community. Second, we all know parking is an ongoing problem on campus, and, on those busy days when you gnash your teeth while trying to find a parking spot, we can provide an alternative by web streaming selected programs into your home. Finally, there are days when your favorite classes are running concurrently, forcing you to choose between one or the other. Now you'll be able to attend one class in person and schedule time to watch another from your home computer or webenabled television.

Many of the Mackey programs have already been placed onto the OLLI website. To access the video collection: 1) Type olli.fullerton.edu into the address bar on your browser, 2) Click "CLASSES/ACTIVITIES," 3) Click "DISTANCE LEARNING VIDEOS" and 4) Click on the video you wish to watch.

As we expand this program, we will need more human resources. With the support of the OLLI Board of Trustees, CSUF Office of Research

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## Joyce Ono, Vice President Technology

With the increased use of technology at OLLI, the office of Vice President Technology was created



in 2011, separating functions that were previously under the Vice President Facilities. As the fourth VP Technology, I'm responsible

for supporting the audiovisual (AV) systems in classrooms and meeting rooms, and I serve as the liaison to the campus technology entities.

We have a group of volunteers aptly named the OLLI AV Help Squad, consisting of Leland Asasaki, Ginger Barnhart, Jim Cenname, Benson Chin, Dan Coby, Bob Newcomb, Susan Hanna, Rick Hearn, Audrey Koren, Richard McCaman, James Monroe, OLLI President Jim Monroe and myself, whom the OLLI office can call upon when an instructor or coordinator needs help with any AV system. A calendar has been established with members of the squad indicating the times they are at OLLI and available to help that the OLLI office can check and contact. We could use additional helpers, especially on Fridays. Contact me at jono@fullerton.edu if you are interested in receiving training to utilize the AV equipment and

would like to join the AV Help Squad.

The OLLI Board of Trustees approved expenditures for several projects to install and upgrade the AV systems in OLLI's classrooms, except for Mackey Auditorium, which is maintained by CSUF. New AV equipment was installed in Room 8. The AV systems in Shapiro ABCD and Room 9 were also upgraded. The new equipment allows Apple devices to connect to projectors wirelessly, and laptops to be connected via HDMI, which uses digital signals for improved images and sound. Instructions for using the new AV equipment are available on the home page of the OLLI website at <a href="http://olli.fullerton.edu/">http://olli.fullerton.edu/</a> in a link entitled "Coordinator's Information."

OLLI also recently purchased a new portable projector that has a bright display, allows connection through the HDMI connector, and has a strong enough speaker that no additional speakers need to be connected. This projector will serve as a backup in case the AV system in any of our classrooms goes awry.

Several classes have used the ELMO, a document camera, which allows one to project demonstrations through the projector. Positioning the ELMO so it covers an adequate field of view has been a problem, so a folding shelf has been added to the podium in both Shapiro AB and CD, thanks to the efforts of the Vice President Facilities, Thom Gortner. In addition, an adjustable platform stand, stored in the west closet in Shapiro AB, is now available to better position the ELMO for demonstrations.

With input from OLLI members, I have also organized and color-coded the myriad adapters for laptops and mobile devices stored in a cabinet in the OLLI office. If you use OLLI's AV equipment, please be sure to follow the protocol of checking out the major resources and be sure that all component parts are returned to their proper storage locations.

In summary, the Vice President Technology is involved in facilitating the use of technology at OLLI and relies on the help of many technology-comfortable OLLI members in providing assistance, advice and counsel—because no one person knows it all!

Joyce Ono, Vice President Technology

# Civility at OLLI Applies to Parking as Well

With drama and rhetoric seemingly a part of daily life now, OLLI members have been doing very well keeping the tone of class discussions both civil and productive. However, recently there were some frustrations that arose over parking concerns. Please make the same effort to maintain civility in the parking lot that you are making in the classroom.

Remember that parking rule enforcement is the responsibility of CSUF Parking & Transportation. OLLI members or staff should not engage with another individual regarding parking concerns. There are, however, some things that you can do if you notice a parking problem. These are outlined below.

#### Reporting Parking Violations in Lot J

Please write down the following and turn it in to the OLLI office:

- 1. Date and time.
- 2. Parking problem (taking multiple parking spots, student parking, etc.).
- 3. Campus parking permit number.
- 4. License plate number.
- 5. Auto manufacturer and color.
- 6. Approximate location in Lot J.
- 7. Your name.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance. Jim Monroe, OLLI President

# If You Hear a Member Is ILL or Has Passed, Let Us Know

Please notify the VP Membership at <u>olli.</u> membership@gmail.com if you hear that an OLLI member is ill (sick, in rehab or in hospice) or has died. It is important that we are able to give timely get well cards or condolences to members' families. In the event that they have passed, we would like to invite their surviving family members

to our In Memoriam program.

## CSUF Students Research OLLI Volunteerism

On December 11, 2018, students from CSUF's Mihaylo Center for Entrepreneurship capped off



their semester project by presenting their research results to OLLI members. The students spent the fall semester investigating

OLLI's process of identifying, enlisting and retaining volunteers.

Overall, OLLI is doing a good job. Two key findings were: 1) OLLI members volunteer to enhance their lives, they do not require additional motivation; and 2) OLLI members who do not participate in volunteerism do not have time, do not feel they are capable of fulfilling volunteer responsibilities, or do not have sufficient information regarding volunteerism.

As a result of these findings, OLLI will clarify their volunteer communications to ensure members understand how they can support our many volunteer opportunities.

Janice Jeng, Vice President External Relations

## **Nancy Hill Retires**

Supporting OLLI as a member of CSUF's Extension and International Programs for years, Nancy Hill is shown (center) being both thanked



for her service and congratulated on her well-earned retirement by OLLI President Jim Monroe and OLLI Administrative Manager Patsy Burns at the December

meeting of OLLI's Board of Trustees. Particularly over the last couple of years, Nancy has been helpful in writing articles for the ChroniCLE, helping coordinate Blue Book production and updating OLLI's procedural documents. Have a wonderful retirement, Nancy.

#### Your OLLI. Your Impact.

We are heading into the second full year under the new tax code. As you are filing your taxes for 2018 you may find that many of the deductions you have counted on in the past, including the charitable income tax deduction, are now limited. You may find that it is no longer advantageous to itemize your deductions and instead settle for the increased standard deduction.

However, one thing that has not changed is the IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). The QCD, also known as an IRA Charitable Rollover, is a permanent feature of our current tax code.

The IRA QCD remains one of the most taxadvantaged ways to make a charitable gift. Here is how it works:

If you are 70½ or older you are likely familiar with the IRA required minimum distribution (RMD). Each year, the IRS requires you to withdraw a certain amount from your IRA whether you need the funds or not. And you pay income tax on every distribution you take. For many IRA account holders, the taxes can be a significant and an undesirable annual burden.

Many people are discovering that they can make a big difference to help support OLLI with an IRA rollover gift.

The IRA charitable rollover provides several benefits. It allows you to transfer up to \$100,000 (\$200,000 for a married couple) from your IRA directly to a qualified charity like OLLI each year. You pay no taxes on the transfer and your gift counts dollar-for-dollar to support OLLI. You can also count the gift against your RMD, which lowers your income and taxes for the tax year.

Therefore, in 2019 instead of paying more in taxes, use your IRA for a big impact at OLLI. For an added benefit, consider designating OLLI as a beneficiary of your IRA.

Planned Gifts to support OLLI-CSUF are coordinated through University Advancement. Please visit <a href="www.csufplannedgift.org">www.csufplannedgift.org</a> or contact us to learn about all of the benefits of making a charitable bequest and how it can help OLLI-CSUF continue our important work. If you're interested in establishing your legacy and making a lasting impact at OLLI-CSUF through membership

in the <u>Ontiveros Legacy Society</u>, please contact our Office of Planned Giving at 657-278-3947 or <u>CSUFPlannedGift@fullerton.edu</u>.

Hart Roussel, Director of Planned Giving University Advancement, CSUF

## Thanks to Happy H'OLLI' Days Luncheon Donors

OLLI thanks all of the donors who provided funding or items for the gift baskets, especially our largest donor for this event, Pacific Western Bank, which was misidentified in the holiday luncheon program. The gift basket winners were: 1. Sue Doppieri—Coffee, Tea and Me Basket: 2. Marsha Lipnisky—Grow Organically Basket: 3. Judy Alter—DIY Basket: 4. Debbie Maxwell—Emergency Preparedness Basket: 5. Marge Osborn—Science Basket: 6. Cindy Honsoa Welch—Gift Clip Basket: 7. Michele Frankel—Artistic and Craft Basket: 8. Carol Melle—Family Fun Night Basket: 9. Dianne Wallace—Electronic Gift Basket: 10. Thomas Barry—Polly's Pies Basket: 11. Judy Jennings—Pasta Passion Basket: 12. Rosalind Charles—Fairy Garden Planter Gift Basket: 13. Hal Frey—Mexican Fiesta Basket: 14. Jane Goodman—CSUF "Titans" Loyalty Basket: 15. Ying Lu—Long Beach Symphony Basket: 16. Phillip Barnhard—LA Philharmonic Basket: 17. Pete Lech—Air, Sea and Land Grab Bag Basket: 18. Dianne Wallace—Outdoor Fun Adventure Basket: and 19. Pete Saputo—Honorary "1-Year" OLLI Membership.

## **Verify Calendar Information**

Dates, times and places of classes and events shown in the ChroniCLE calendar and the Blue Book are subject to change or cancellation.

Notifications are sent via email and OLLI News Bytes. You can access the OLLI website at <a href="http://olli.fullerton.edu">http://olli.fullerton.edu</a> and select the CALENDAR tab for up-to-date information.

## Happy H'OLLI' Days Luncheon—December 12, 2018



## What's Better\* Than OLLI's Blue Book?

OLLI combines a description of each semester's courses with the schedule of its class dates, times and classrooms into a single paper document, the familiar OLLI Blue Book. Production of this valuable source of information begins about six months before the semester starts, every spring, summer and fall. It is mailed to (or picked up at OLLI by) all OLLI members about a month before that semester's classes begin. Every piece of information about the curriculum and events contained in the Blue Book is also placed on OLLI's website by the time the Blue Book is distributed to members.

As good as our Blue Book volunteers are (they are <u>very</u> good), the minute the Blue Book is published it probably contains some erroneous information. Something about a course or event may have changed during the publishing and printing process—a cancelation, addition or room change. By the time the semester starts, and as it continues, more stuff happens, and the accuracy of the information in the Blue Book diminishes even more.

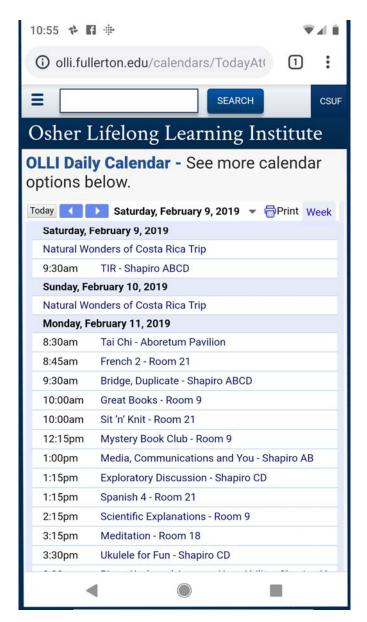
Have you ever shown up for a class to find it was canceled, with a piece of paper taped to the classroom door? If so, you probably learned the hard way to check that week's OLLI News Bytes for any changes before you go to OLLI.

What you may not know is that the OLLI website is almost always correct and up-to-date at all times. An equally hard-working group of volunteers, Winnie Ho, Carole Johnson, Bev Risse and Ginger Barnhart, headed up by Webmaster Dan Coby, maintain the OLLI website, and they do it every day. Each time a class is canceled, a new class is added, an event is newly offered, a classroom has changed etc. those volunteers get it on the website PDQ. An added benefit to viewing your class on OLLI's website is that some instructors provide updated information, like links to guest speakers or reading materials for the upcoming meeting.

The most valuable resources OLLI has are its volunteers. And OLLI's website is a great illustration of how they keep you informed about

the latest, most correct information on OLLI happenings. To be more informed, use the OLLI website <a href="http://olli.fullerton.edu">http://olli.fullerton.edu</a> and the online calendar <a href="bit.ly/todayatolli">bit.ly/todayatolli</a> (see illustration provided) for the latest information.

\* More accurate and timely Send questions or comments to Jim Cenname at jimcenname@csu.fullerton.edu.





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and Development, and CSUF Extension and International Programs, we expect to find those human resources by raising funds to hire and train CSUF student workers to videotape and edit OLLI classes. We recently hired our first CSUF student worker. Her name is Anna Galloway, and you will see her behind the cameras in Mackey throughout the spring semester. She will also edit videos and post them online.

Finally, we need more help behind the cameras so if you would like to volunteer please contact us for training and scheduling. We can be reached at the following email addresses if you have any questions or wish to volunteer: Don Lake: <a href="mailto:donslake@me.com">donslake@me.com</a>; Bob Newcomb: <a href="mailto:bobnewcomb@csu.fullerton.edu">bobnewcomb@csu.fullerton.edu</a>.

## Happy New Year! 2019 The Year of the Pig

Bingo! Back by popular demand! Last year's Bingo Party was so well received by OLLI members; the Hospitality Committee is bringing it back with a twist. Not only are they planning fun games with super prizes and yummy snacks, but they are also serving a delicious Chinese food lunch from Panda Express to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

OLLI Bingo or "Xin Nian Kuai Le" (Happy New Year) Party will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2019. The festivities will begin at 12 p.m. with an OLLI courtyard social as we gather for lunch at 1 p.m. in Shapiro Wing ABCD. Bingo will begin immediately after lunch with five games played before a break and then another five games. Tickets for the event are only \$10.00; registration begins January 20 and the deadline is Friday, February 15. Flyers with registration coupons are available in this OLLI ChroniCLE issue, the OLLI website or the OLLI office.

Chinese New Year in the West is celebrated as the spring festival in China and several other Asian countries. Following a lunar calendar, the 15 day holiday changes each year; the first day falls on the first new moon appearing between January 1 and February 20. The Year of the Pig is perfect for 2019's Bingo Party; in Chinese culture, the pig is

#### **Special Events**

## **Events Requiring Registration Chinese New Year Bingo**

Saturday, February 24 • Noon • RGC (see separate announcement for details) Register January 20 to February 15.

#### **OLLI China Culture Overnight Trip**

October 9-22

(see flyer for details)

Registration deadline January 31.

#### **LA Architectural Tour**

Wednesday, March 20 • 8:30 a.m.-5:30 a.m. Guided tour of the Music Center, Disney Hall, Our Lady of Angels Cathedral, Central Library and other architectural marvels. Register February 4 to March 5.

#### Cambria and Hearst Castle by Rail

May 13-15

Taking the Coast Starlight train to a 2-night, ocean-front stay at Cambria's Moonstone Beach and tour Hearst Castle. Register January 28 to March 12.

#### Carlsbad Flower Fields & Leo Carrillo Park

Tuesday, April 9 • 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. • Lot A See the famous flower fields of Carlsbad and Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park tour. <u>Register</u> <u>February 12 to March 26</u>.

#### **More Information**

Flyers and sign-up coupons for events requiring registration will be available in the OLLI office, and on the OLLI website at <a href="http://olli.fullerton.edu/">http://olli.fullerton.edu/</a> under "CLASSES/ACTIVITIES" - "OLLI EVENTS" or "DAY AND OVERNIGHT TRIPS."

Watch for updates in future ChroniCLEs, OLLI News Bytes and Events Open to the Public newsletters.

the symbol of wealth and fortune. Wishing you Xin Nian Kuai Le (pronounced "sheen neean kwai lue") and good luck at OLLI Bingo.

Elaine Mitchell, Staff Writer





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If you still have trouble receiving emails from OLLI, send an email to <u>ollinewsbytes@hotmail.com</u> and include your name and email address.

## How to Get the ChroniCLE by Email - Save Trees and Stamps!

Unless you elected not to receive emails from OLLI, you are currently receiving an email each month announcing the new ChroniCLE and calendar for the upcoming month with links to view or download the publications. You can also access the most recent ChroniCLEs and calendars through links in the weekly OLLI News Bytes and on the OLLI Website.

If you are receiving the ChroniCLE in the mail, but no longer want it mailed to your home, send an email to <u>olli-info@fullerton.edu</u> with **your name and address** stating: "Do **not** send me a ChroniCLE in the mail." If you ever need the printed version, copies are always available in the OLLI office.

## If you Need to Contact OLLI

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