President’s Message

Whatever the reason that you joined OLLI, you owe it to yourself to explore some of the other amazing resources and opportunities available on the CSUF campus. It is a diverse and energizing community that this short note cannot come close to describing.

Starting just north of the Ruby Gerontology Center is the 26-acre Fullerton Arboretum. You will find the main entrance near the end of the pedestrian/bike path to parking Lot G. A walk through the grounds can be relaxing, provide great photography settings and encourage some exercise. The Arboretum also offers classes, lectures and events of their own including the Veggiepalooza on March 16 and 17. For more information, calendar of events and maps see:

http://fullertonarboretum.org/home.php

If you have an interest in sports, men’s and women’s basketball is continuing (hopefully well into March). Softball and baseball are both underway. Remember that regular season home games are free to OLLI members when you show your badge.

Across campus, the College of the Arts offers world-class shows, exhibits and performances at the Clayes Performing Arts Center and the Begovich Gallery. For a unique musical experience, check out the Clayes Collage Concert on March 9. This usually sells out, but there may be some tickets left. Follow the CSUF School of Music on Facebook, if you are a user, for information on recitals and other upcoming performances.

Jim Monroe, President, OLLI Board of Trustees

OLLI-CSUF Board Election

Coming April 18, 2019

In accordance with OLLI Bylaw BL-9, the Nomination and Election Committee was tasked with nominating a single slate of candidates for election to replace the members of the Board of Trustees who are completing their terms in May 2019.

The Committee nominated Joyce Ono for President; Ellie Monroe for Vice President Programs; Kathryn Cozza for Vice President Membership; Pete Saputo for Vice President Facilities; Elaine Mitchell for Vice President Hospitality; Tom Toby for Treasurer and Benson Chin, Debbie Maxwell, Susan Mullaly, Tony Package and Arie Passchier for the five Trustees at Large to be elected in April. Short biographies and pictures of all the nominees are shown in this issue.

The Board of Trustees appointed the following OLLI members to this year’s Nomination and Election Committee: Linda Callen and Fritz von Coelln (representing the general membership); Linda Lockwood and Ray Young (representing the Board); Barry Escoe (Immediate Past President); Phil Barnhard (advisor) and Chris Shaw (Chair). Thanks to the Committee members for recruiting and vetting a fine slate of nominees.

In October and November of 2018 all OLLI members were invited via emails, OLLI News Bytes, the ChroniCLE etc. to submit an application if they were interested in being a candidate for the election. Those applicants and other OLLI members were considered by the Committee for the Board positions up for election. Their deliberations were confidential and independent of the Board.

Bylaw BL-10 provides that any member who submitted an application, but was not nominated by the Committee, may submit a petition to be placed...
Joyce Ono, Nominee
President

Joyce was born on Oahu, Hawaii. She earned a B.A. from the University of Hawaii, an M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in Zoology, and did postdoctoral research in the Division of Neurosciences at the City of Hope. She joined the CSUF staff in 1986 as an associate professor; became a full professor in 1998; and retired from CSUF in 2003 as an emeritus professor. The scientific honors, the research and study grants and the CSUF awards she earned during her career comprise an extensive list of academic achievements.

In 2003 she transferred her enthusiasm for scientific research and teaching into her membership in OLLI. Over her years at OLLI she has instructed and/or coordinated many classes—currently “Drawing for the Fun of It,” “Watercolor Workshop,” “Transitions in Retirement Essentials,” “iPad for Artists,” and “Google Apps Workshops.” Recently she introduced the concept of computer courses that provide a forum for class members with some technical knowledge and experience to learn and share at the same time: “Google Photos Learning and Sharing Group” and “Procreate iPad Learning and Sharing Group.”

Joyce has served on many committees, including the Computer Education Committee, Curriculum Committee, Nomination and Election Committee and Policies and Procedures Committee. Joyce has served on the Board of Trustees as Trustee at Large, Vice President Programs, Vice President Communications and Vice President Administration, and she is currently serving as Vice President Technology.

Ellie Monroe, Nominee
Vice President Programs

A California native, Ellie Monroe graduated from CSUF with a degree in Finance and Marketing and was employed in that field for over 30 years.

Ellie is best known for her music classes, which have covered the lives and music of the classical composers to the “History of Broadway” course. She works closely with the CSUF School of Music as an OLLI Collaborator and often performs for the OLLI Socials. She has coordinated the Sock Hop and the Cinco de Mayo Celebration, and this semester she is coordinating Country Jamboree/Chuck Wagon Meal. She is the instructor and/or coordinator for the “CSUF Faculty/Student Performances,” the “Guitars/Strings—Jam Session,” “Transitions in Retirement Essentials,” “Great American Songbook: The History of American Music,” “Line Dancing—Beginner’s Level” and “The OLLI Pops Combo” courses. Ellie also assembles pictures of OLLI members who served in the military during previous
Kathryn Cozza, Nominee
Vice President Membership

Kathryn was born in San Diego but experienced a lot of travel, being the child of parents who were both in the Navy. She is an alumna of CSUF and Claremont Graduate University. After many years of public school teaching ranging from elementary to community college, she retired in 2014. She is also a National Board certified teacher.

She completed CERT training with the Orange Police Department. She is currently involved with CERT and the Red Cross in disaster simulations.

Shortly after retiring, she read an article about OLLI in the OC Register and came to a “Transitions in Retirement Essentials” class. That led her to sign up for OLLI two days later. She is currently a coordinator for TiR. She enjoys a number of OLLI courses; among them are computer courses and especially the iPhone course. She also enjoys Mike Stover’s courses, the “Medical Series” and Ellie Monroe’s music courses. She is a docent at the Victorian house in the Arboretum, and loves to show children around the place. She also participates in the “Fit 4 Life” classes in the Kinesiology Center, and belongs to MAMM Alliance and Music Associates.

Most recently Kathryn has served on the OLLI Board of Trustees as a Trustee at Large.

Mary Sampson, Staff Writer

Pete Saputo, Nominee
Vice President Facilities

Pete Saputo was born in Chicago into a large, close, traditional family. He developed a strong work ethic, a drive to always learn more and to dream higher. Pete became a true jack-of-all-trades, studying mechanics, hydraulics and electronics; but concentrating on basic physics.

Following an accident with a long recovery period, Pete decided to move to Colorado and bought mountain property near Denver. He built his family home and barn himself. He moved from repairing to selling heavy equipment and was recruited by a large corporation to open a California office. He started his own company to engineer, manufacture and supply unique tooling, usually for manufacturing large items.

Pete retired early, went back to school and earned a B.S. in Geology from CSUF. Afterwards, he was asked to join the Field Investigation for Science Teachers (FIST) Program, where he taught earth sciences to science teachers.

Pete served as OLLI’s Vice President Facilities from 2009 to 2011. He enjoys all OLLI science classes, “Mystery Book Club,” and discussion classes such as “The New Yorker.” His past service on OLLI’s Board of Trustees, his life experience and his education make him eminently qualified for this office.

Elaine Mitchell, Nominee
Vice President Hospitality

Elaine Mitchell was born in San Francisco, but since her father was in the military, she moved around a lot, including two years in Japan. Her family eventually settled in Denver, and she obtained a Bachelors in Psychology at University of Colorado Denver.

Elaine worked as a social worker in Colorado,
and later after moving to Orange County with her husband, worked in human resources. Most of her life Elaine has supported organizations she believed in by chairing and helping organize many events and fundraisers, such as PTA, children’s sports leagues, political and environmental organizations, high school boosters, Soroptimists, Rotary and Orange Empire Chorus. Most of the events were large (over 100 guests) and involved either preparing or catering meals and drinks. She also worked on themes and décor, communications, advertising and negotiations with caterers and venues. As an ardent supporter of OLLI for many years, she has taught and/or coordinated several courses or events, including the Baseball Bash, Basketball Bash, and Academy Awards Night. She has been an OLLI Trolley driver and served on several committees. Most notably Elaine served on OLLI’s Board of Trustees from 2008 to 2011 as Vice President Special Events, which is now called Vice President Hospitality. We are fortunate to have a nominee with these credentials to serve as Vice President Hospitality.

Chris Shaw, Editor

Debbie Maxwell, Nominee
Trustee at Large

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Susan Mullaly, Nominee
Trustee at Large

Susan Mullaly was born and raised in Los Angeles County. She earned a B.A. from CSU Los Angeles and a Masters in Organizational Management from Azusa Pacific College. She worked in sales, marketing, budgeting project management, facility and event management, distributor relations and as Executive Assistant to the CE. Her philosophy was to learn all facets of entrepreneurial and corporate business with a goal of facilitating improved business processes and to develop continuous communication improvement strategies throughout her career.

Susan has been a member of the American Society for Training and Development, facilitator for networking groups and Small Faith Community groups. She has also been a literacy tutor and chairperson for the Chino Hills Literacy Coalition. In her spare time she enjoys walking, audio books, travel, “Tai Chi” and the diversity of programs offered at OLLI.

Susan joined OLLI in 2017. She serves as a mentor for a CSUF ECS student on the OLLI-CSUF Collaboration team where she also assists in administrative tasks. She enjoys her OLLI courses: “Spanish I,” “American Songbook,” bowling, “Piano Keyboard-Introduction” and “Line Dancing.”

Alice Gresto, Staff Writer

Arie Passchier, Nominee
Trustee at Large

Arie Passchier was born in Scheveningen, Holland and migrated with his parents to Norwalk, California in 1950. He graduated from Artesia High in 1957. He completed a B.S. and M.S. in chemistry at CSU, Long Beach and a Ph.D. at the University of Washington. Following graduation Arie was hired by North American Aviation’s subsidiary, Rocketdyne, in Canoga Park testing rocket fuel stability. In 1970 he transferred to the Materials and Processes Labs at the Autonetics facility in Anaheim. He managed Materials and Processes personnel that provided contamination control and analytical support for the manufacture of navigation and guidance instruments for what ultimately became Boeing.

Arie retired in 2011 after 41 years in aerospace. He joined OLLI shortly after, where he enjoys “Bridge, Duplicate,” “Behind the News,” “Musical Performances” and various science courses, in particular Bob Newcomb’s “iPhone and iPad Essentials.” He is the coordinator for “Bridge, Intermediate” and a co-coordinator for “Transitions in Retirement Essentials.” And, of course, he was dubbed “Captain Coffee,” because of the amount of time he volunteers in the OLLI kitchen making coffee and maintaining coffee supplies. He and his wife, Deanna, are members of MAMM and Music Associates at CSUF.

Denny Bean, Staff Writer
Tony Package, Nominee
Trustee at Large

Tony Package was born in western Pennsylvania, but grew up in Seattle where he graduated from Seattle University with degrees in marketing, accounting and philosophy. He then received an M.B.A. from UC Berkeley. He worked as a marketing executive in companies that supply the dental industry.

Tony enjoys sports, gardening, yoga, reading mysteries and collecting coins. He did a Rainier Beer commercial with Mickey Rooney, and he sparred with Mohammed Ali a week before the Michael Spinks fight. As Tony recalls, Ali was out of shape. In 1969 his band, The Rum Runners, served as backup for several bands during the infamous Woodstock concert.

Tony’s OLLI interests include courses in classical music, Spanish, history and poker. Tony served as Vice President Facilities from 2013 to 2015, when he had the flooring redone and chairs replaced in Mackey Auditorium and had Shapiro Wing carpeted. He is currently Lead for the OLLI Library Team; he has worked for years to develop the OLLI Library, building new shelving, soliciting donated books and developing lending procedures.

Tony’s executive career and many years of volunteer service for OLLI make him an excellent choice for Trustee at Large.

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Benson Chin, Nominee
Trustee at Large

Benson (Ben to his many friends at OLLI) was born and raised in San Francisco on the peninsula near Silicon Valley. He obtained a B.S. in engineering and minored in business at San Jose State University. He earned his M.B.A. at California Lutheran University. Ben worked for a variety of high tech companies from start-ups to large corporations including Boeing, GTE and Raytheon. He became a Registered Professional Engineer for the state of California. He progressed to the position of Vice President of Operations for two publicly traded tech companies prior to retiring in 2008. He was also President of an engineering chapter dedicated to continued education for chapter members. He is married and has two grown daughters.

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Nancy Spencer, Donna Spradlin, Kirt Spradlin, Barbara Talento, Mark Tony, George Wan, Bradley Woodhull and Patricia Woodhull.

Jim then discussed OLLI’s history, its connection with the Osher Foundation and CSUF, the benefits OLLI provides to members and the structure of OLLI including the Board of Trustees and office staff, Ying Lu, Celia Reynolds, Michelle Sanford and Manager Patsy Burns.

The program continued with a presentation by Benson Chin (VP Programs) detailing OLLI’s classroom amenities and showing highlights of OLLI’s more than 130 courses and events listed in the spring Blue Book. Dr. Joe Lawton discussed the health advantages of attending his Medical Series and, of course, his infamous Jazz Series, and Russ MacKeand discussed the Transitions in Retirement program. Janice Jeng (VP External Relations) talked about our impressive OLLI-CSUF Collaboration program with the University. Ellie Monroe (VP Membership) promoted volunteer opportunities at OLLI, providing the benefits of extended longevity, helping CSUF students start their lives and meeting new friends along the way.

Jim ended the program by inviting guests to visit the computer lab to register as a new member of OLLI, and invited all attendees to the coffee and cake reception in Shapiro.

Chris Shaw, Editor

Special Events

Events Requiring Registration

Volunteer Recognition Reception/Concert
Sun., April 7 • 2-5 p.m. • Titan Student Union
Come and help thank our volunteers, and enjoy socializing with members along with a special concert. Registration March 11-22.

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. Registration ends 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. Registration ends 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. Registration ends March 26.

No Registration Required

DAR Veterans’ Recognition Event
Friday, March 29 • 11 a.m.-3 p.m. • RGC
(see separate announcement for details)

Coming Soon
(subject to change)

In Memoriam
Friday, April 12

General Meeting and Election
Thursday, April 18

Country Jamboree/Chuck Wagon Meal
Saturday, April 27

Long Beach Aquarium
Monday, May 6

OLLI Baseball Bash
Date TBD (watch News Bytes for details)

More Information

Flyers and sign-up coupons for events requiring registration will be available in the OLLI office, and on the OLLI website at http://olli.fullerton.edu/ 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.
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