



President's Message

During this break between spring and summer classes, OLLI leadership is busy preparing for the upcoming year. About half of the OLLI Board of Trustees positions



were up for election in April, including the President. Those new Board members, including OLLI President-elect Joyce

Ono, will be installed in late May. Take a moment to congratulate the newly elected members, and thank them for committing their time and energy to OLLI.

I want to thank all of the OLLI volunteers for their support these past two years. Without your continuing efforts, whether small or large, our OLLI-CSUF could not exist. In particular, the Board members and committee members deserve special recognition as they do the behind the scenes work to make OLLI the great program we experience today.

In addition, I want to extend my appreciation to Extension and International Programs Associate Vice President Chris Swarat and Senior Director Karen McKinley for their leadership and support of our programs with the university. And on a daily basis, Patsy Burns and the OLLI office staff, Celia Reynolds, Michelle Sanford and Ying Lu have assisted my office, the Board officers, chairpersons, instructors, coordinators and members with numerous requests for service.

My sincerest thanks to all for making our OLLI experience at CSUF among the best in the nation.

Jim Monroe, President, OLLI Board of Trustees



Blue Book Comes Via Email

Link Beginning Summer 2019

The Blue Book is now distributed to you electronically, but, rest assured, the printed version is **not** going away.

Near the end of spring semester, all members received an email providing a link to the summer 2019 Blue Book, enabling you to view or download it. In addition, your own hard copy was available for pick-up at the Ruby Gerontology Center, as usual, and those copies not picked up were mailed to members.

We don't plan to discontinue printing copies of the Blue Book—only to reduce the number printed and mailed in order to conserve OLLI's budget for other expenses, and to save some trees.

Later this year, in an effort to reduce printing and mailing costs, we will ask if you are willing to forego a mailed copy, to pick up your Blue Book in the office, or to rely only upon the electronic version. When you renew your membership this fall, you will be given an opportunity to request that Blue Books continue to be mailed to you—in addition to receiving the electronic version.

One disadvantage of relying on the printed Blue Book is that the information about class dates, times and meeting rooms in course descriptions and the Index by Date (class listing in date order at the back of the Blue Book) is subject to change over time. Courses often experience class cancellations or changes in times or classrooms



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Ann Sparks Appointed OLLI Secretary

OLLI's Board of Trustees recently appointed



Ann Sparks to serve as Secretary for the next year, replacing Linda Lockwood, who was elected Secretary in April 2018. Concurrently, Linda was appointed Trustee at Large, to serve out Ann's remaining year as a trustee on the Board.

Ann's life began in Iowa where she lived until the age of four. The family then moved to New Jersey where they lived for ten years, then, it was back to Iowa. In 1976, she moved to California, where she attended Cypress Community College. She graduated from our own Cal State Fullerton with a degree in Business Administration and Accounting followed by an M.B.A. in Finance with a Certificate in School Business Operations.

Her career began in the savings and loan industry, followed by positions in three different educational entities. She worked at the Los Angeles County Office of Education and Rowland Unified

School District, and her last position was as the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services at Bonita USD. In all, her career spanned 38 years.

After retiring in 2017, Ann attended OLLI's "Transitions in Retirement Essentials" classes, which are open to the public, and decided to join OLLI. After serving on the Board as a Trustee at Large for a year, she was ready for a more active role on the Board, and was appointed Secretary. Her current favorite courses are "What's Behind the News?," "The New Yorker Magazine Discussion Group" and "The Trump Presidency." She expressed how she admires OLLI members' respect for each other's opinions and the deep knowledge they possess.

The OLLI secretary's principal responsibility is to take notes at the Board of Trustees meetings and write the official minutes of the meetings, which are retained in the OLLI archives for historical purposes and future reference. Occasionally the Executive Committee of the Board meets, and the secretary does minutes for those meetings as well. The secretary also does minutes of all official, general meetings of the OLLI membership, such as the Spring Preview Meeting in January and the General Meeting and Election in April. The OLLI president may ask the secretary to take minutes for other committee meetings, such as Development/Philanthropy Committee meetings.

The accuracy of the minutes is assured by emailing a draft to those who were in attendance at the meeting, who review it and provide corrections and additions. The final, revised minutes are then distributed with the agenda for the next meeting, where members have another opportunity to make any changes, and the minutes are officially accepted.

The secretary is also responsible for monitoring which Board positions are up for election each year, then announcing to the membership through the ChroniCLE and OLLI News Bytes when applications will be accepted for those positions. The secretary then turns over all applications to the chair of the Nomination and Election Committee for consideration for their nominations for the election. This process happens in October and November for

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OLLI in the News: OLLI Flash Mob Performs

Spectrum News 1, a Charter Communications cable channel for Southern California, did a video report on the OLLI Flash Mob, also known as the Fullerton Flashers, performing at the Sunrise Villa Bradford, a senior living facility where many of the residents have dementia. You can read about it and see the video at <https://tinyurl.com/y6juoo55>. It features John Van Wey, a member of the Flash Mob. The OLLI Flash Mob is led by Jeanette Reese.



Farewell, Ying Lu

OLLI Administrative Manager Patsy Burns announced at the March meeting of the OLLI Board of Trustees that Accounting Assistant Ying Lu would be leaving to pursue new opportunities at the Social Security Administration. The picture shows Ying to the right of fellow office-mates, Celia

Reynolds and Michelle Sanford.



As the Accounting Assistant, Ying handled all OLLI's expense payments and reimbursements to members for their OLLI-related expenses.

She has been taking classes at Cal State Fullerton, and is close to obtaining her Bachelor's Degree, in her quest to become more qualified for higher-level positions.

I'm sure I speak for all members, particularly those who came in contact with her pleasant, upbeat personality, in thanking Ying for her years of service to OLLI and wishing her all the best in her new job.

Chris Shaw, Editor

Behind the Scenes: Fritz von Coelln

There are a few of us around who were born right here in SoCal as was Fritz von Coelln in West L.A. His father immigrated here from Germany with few funds at the onset of the Great Depression. He graduated from Dorsey High School, then went to USC, earning a B.S. in Civil Engineering. He attended Berkeley until financial pressure ended his Masters pursuit.



His career began at Coast Elevator Company, his most unusual task being designing the tilting floor of the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. After ten years he went to work for the State of California inspecting elevators. This also included inspecting ski lifts at Big Bear, June Mountain and Mammoth, where he met Dave McCoy, the founder. Together they would ride atop the gondolas and climb towers. After four years, Magic Mountain theme park sought his experience for their thrill rides, where he did safety and maintenance. His friend Steve Knott hired him to continue his efforts at the Farm. It's now 1985, and the Fairchild Furniture Company allowed Fritz a share of the Company. Fritz ran production and administration, while another member did sales. His marriage ended sadly after 45 years when Patricia succumbed to breast cancer.

In 2001 Fritz retired and found OLLI (then known as CLE), where later he met, fell in love with and married Cindy.

He became a member of the 2005-2006 Orange County Grand Jury. He led the investigation and wrote the report, "Citizen Oversight of Law Enforcement Agencies," even though the police chief objected. The prior 19-member grand juries were limited to just two computers to publish their many reports. It was during Fritz's tenure that he initiated and assisted with the installation of a computer for each member.

In 2006 he was talked into serving as Vice President of Programs, and he talked Joyce Ono

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To Outgoing Board Members: Thank You for Serving OLLI

Approximately half of the members of OLLI's Board of Trustees will be completing their term of office in May, and will be replaced by those who were newly elected at the General Meeting and Election on April 18.

Those leaving their positions are: President Jim Monroe; Vice President Administration Ray Young; Vice President Programs Benson Chin; Vice President Membership Ellie Monroe; Vice President Facilities Thomas Gortner; Vice President Hospitality Jean Bryant; and Trustees at Large Phillip Barnhard, Jim Cennane, Jim Ertle, Dianne Wallace and Doretta Wedin.



Pictured is the full 2018-2019 Board of Trustees.

OLLI at CSUF's Geropalooza Staged March 20, 2019

Cal State Fullerton invited OLLI to participate in their aging awareness fair, or "Geropalooza,"

The fair was designed to enhance students' knowledge about aging in fun and interesting ways, and give them an opportunity to socialize with older adults, including older professors. The university provided games, food and prizes with activity and information booths.

OLLI's Flash Mob performed, illustrating just how vital and fun our organization and its members are.

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 of changes are sent via email and OLLI News Bytes. You can access the

OLLI website at <http://olli.fullerton.edu> and select the CALENDAR tab for up-to-date information.

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into being his assistant on the OLLI Board of Trustees. Asked what his greatest challenge was on the Board, he responded it was convincing University Extended Education that the "Scrabble" and "Poker" courses were educational. Now he serves on the Curriculum Committee and the Nomination and Election Committee, and as coordinator for "Death Café," "Creative Writing 101" and "OLLI Flash Mob." He loves to be onstage, and is MC for OLLI functions, including the Holiday Luncheon and "OLLI Follies."

Hank Smith kept telling OLLI writers "You should publish that." Fritz responded with the "Publish Before You Perish" course, resulting in dozens of books coming out of creative seniors and the black ether of their computers.

Authors' Day at CSUF Pollak Library, which featured a dozen OLLI writers last March 7, is one of several collaborations with CSUF that Fritz has coordinated, or has been a participant in. "It is thrilling to be on campus to share with students," said Fritz.

On Saturdays Fritz bikes the Santa Ana River Trail with neighbors for breakfast. Loving to dance, he square dances with the Ichabod Square Dance Club. He received the "People's Choice" award dancing to his arrangement of the "Phantom of the Opera," which he choreographed for Look Who's Dancing (Pathways of Hope's annual show to raise money for the homeless and hungry in North Orange County).

Denny Bean, Staff Writer

Chinese New Year Bingo and Lunch

February 23, 2019



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Fram Virjee Appointed President of CSUF

On March 23 the Cal State Fullerton Board of



Trustees appointed Fram Virjee as permanent president of the University. Pictured is Fram speaking during OLLI's Open House event last August. He has attended several OLLI events during his

temporary appointment as president since January 2018. Many OLLI members have been impressed with his genuine expression of support and interest in OLLI, and OLLI's Board of Trustees expressed to CSUF officials their support for making Fram's presidency permanent. The full announcement from CSUF can be read at <http://news.fullerton.edu/2019wi/President-Announced.aspx>.

New Programs Offered in Summer

See further details in the summer Blue Book on the pages indicated.

Art Exhibitions on Screen

Each class is a high-quality filmed visit to an art exhibition of a great artist's paintings somewhere across the globe. Film content usually focuses on a single artist, at a single exhibition, with relevant background added by art historians and exhibit curators. There will be open discussion after the film.

Coordinator: Judy Alter. See Page 24.

Lip Reading

This course is designed for people who have participated in the semester length "Hearing and Hearing Aids" course, which covers the basics of lip reading. Students will actually practice lip-reading to enhance their lip reading skills. Students' lip reading ability will be analyzed, and they will learn strategies to compensate when lip reading isn't enough.

Instructor: Jane Steckler. See Page 40.

Archaeology of the Celts

This course is about who the Celts were, where they originated and what archaeology tells us about the Picts, Gaels, Scots, Irish and Welsh. The Celts' genetic picture will be analyzed. Lectures will also touch briefly on Celtic language and art.

Instructor: Bonnie Shirley. See Page 44.

Chris Shaw, Editor

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positions up for election in April of the following year. Approximately half of the Board positions are up for election each year.

The OLLI Board of Trustees is made up of the president, vice presidents of administration, programs, communications, membership, external relations, facilities, technology and hospitality, the treasurer, the secretary, the immediate past president, nine trustees at large, the OLLI administrative manager and the dean of CSUF's Extension and International Programs or the dean's representatives. The Board meets at 8:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of every month, generally meeting in Room 8. All OLLI members are welcome to attend Board meetings as visitors.

Chris Shaw, Editor

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on a weekly basis. The weekly OLLI News Bytes and Events Open to the Public newsletters list Blue Book changes throughout each semester, and class schedules on the OLLI website are updated daily, so information there is always accurate. Updated schedules on the website feed into the electronic bulletin board in the Shapiro Wing lobby, so that, too, is up-to-date. But if you add the handy OLLI website shortcut icon to your cellphone, at any time you are a click away from the list of that day's accurate class lineup (see "OLLI ON YOUR PHONE/TABLET" on the home page of the OLLI website at <http://olli.fullerton.edu>.)

Whether you access the Blue Book online or you request a hard copy mailed to you, printed copies will always be available for pick up at the OLLI office.

Chris Shaw, Vice President Communications

OLLI All American Dinner

Saturday, June 22—save this date for a wonderful OLLI evening of delicious dinner and great music. The OLLI All American Dinner will offer appetizers, cool lemonade and time to chat from 5-6 p.m. in the RGC courtyard. Dinner will follow in the Shapiro Wing, and what a dinner: moist and delicious broasted chicken with potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw and, keeping the all-American style, apple pie and ice cream for dessert.

In addition to the great meal, OLLI partygoers are in for another special treat; the evening's entertainment will be provided by a local favorite quartet, "Jukebox Memories." You are sure to enjoy the '50s style doo-wop, classic barbershop and their own crazy combination of a cappella styles. The musical selections guarantee smiles with unchained melodies and hip harmonies.

You are invited to add to this fun event by dressing "Americana" style, and you get to define that style for yourself. It could mean some combination of red, white and blue; it could mean a uniform from your military or other service days; it could be dressing as a famous American historical (or current) citizen, symbol, era or fad. It could even mean dressing in your own or your families' country of origin costume; unless you are Native American, we have all enriched this amazing mix we call American culture by bringing the best from another country. What you wear is up to you. Be fun and creative but respectful.

As always, we need to fit within our available space, so get your reservations in as early as possible. Registration begins on May 20, and the final deadline is Friday, June 14. The reservation cost is only \$15.00 for good food, good music and a good time. The flyer/coupon accompanies this ChroniCLE issue, and is available in the OLLI office and on the OLLI website. See you June 22.

Elaine Mitchell, Staff Writer



OLLI's Facebook Page

Follow activities at OLLI on our Facebook page at : <https://www.facebook.com/OLLICalStateFullerton/>

Special Events

Events Requiring Registration

Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific

Monday, May 6 • 8:30 a.m.-5:30 a.m. • Lot A
Guided tour of the aquarium, lunch on your own near there and shopping available. Registration ends April 30.

Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL)

Tuesday, May 26 • 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. • Lot A
Tour the von Karman Center, Space Flight Operations and Spacecraft Facility.
Registration begins May 6 & ends May 31.

OLLI "All American" Dinner

Saturday, June 22 • 5-9 p.m. • RGC
(see separate announcement for details)
Registration begins May 20 & ends June 14.

No Registration Required

4th of July & Veterans Recognition

Thursday, June 27

Show: 1-3 p.m. • Mackey Auditorium
Patriotic songs performed by OLLI musicians, followed by recognition of veterans.

Reception: 3-4 p.m. • Shapiro ABCD
Visit with friends and honored veterans. Light refreshments provided.

Coming Soon

(dates subject to change)

Hollywood Bowl – July 18

Summer Sock Hop – July 27

Fall Open House – August 10

Los Angeles Airport Trip – October

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 newsletters.



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