

President’s Message



OLLI members have many volunteers to thank for helping to mitigate the parking problems that we anticipated before classes began in September. OLLI’s Vice President Administration, Mike Stover, and his Parking Restrictions Mitigation Subcommittee, have done a fantastic job of informing members and organizing volunteer drivers for the OLLI Trolley. Vice President Membership Debbie Maxwell’s teams of volunteers have helped to distribute information and to serve as “ambassadors” to help members navigate parking at the off-campus site at the EvFree Church.

Thanks, too, to Bob Newcomb and his team of videographers, who have increased the speed at which videos of popular OLLI classes are available to view from the [OLLI Distance Learning page](#) on the OLLI website. This is one of the ways we hope to alleviate the parking situation on the days when popular classes are offered.

The surveys that many OLLI members completed each weekday, for two weeks, allowed the Parking Restrictions Mitigation Subcommittee to monitor the effects of all their efforts. These surveys indicated that most members were coping well with the parking situation produced by the loss of 500+ parking spaces, as a new parking structure is being erected in the Lot E parking lot near OLLI’s Ruby Gerontology Center (RGC). Thanks to all you OLLI members who have changed the way you get to OLLI by parking at the EvFree Church lot, carpooling, using ride-hailing services like Lyft and Uber or by walking to the RGC. In my

OLLI Board of Trustees Openings and Application Process

Each year a portion of the officers and trustees at large complete their terms of office on the Board of Trustees, and new members are elected to replace them. The election takes place at the General Meeting and Election in April.

The following positions will be up for election in April 2020:

President—one-year term (may be re-elected for second one-year term).

Vice President Administration—two-year term.

Vice President Communications—two-year term.

Vice President External Relations—two-year term.

Vice President Technology—two-year term.

Secretary—two-year term.

Trustees at Large (four positions)—two-year terms.

All OLLI members are encouraged to communicate their interest in being nominated for any of these positions by completing a short and confidential application form and submitting it to the OLLI Secretary, Ann Sparks.

The fillable application can be printed or downloaded from <http://olli.fullerton.edu/resources/pdfs/NominationApplication.pdf> or picked up in the OLLI office. The application can either be emailed to asparks91744@gmail.com, or delivered to the OLLI office in a sealed envelope addressed to Ann Sparks. All applications must be received no later than **November 15, 2019**.

Principal duties of each officer position are detailed in OLLI-CSUF Policies on the OLLI website at <http://olli.fullerton.edu/>. Trustees at large have no specific duties; they represent all OLLI members to the Board, participate in discussions

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Tom Toby OLLI Treasurer



Tom Toby was elected Treasurer of OLLI in April 2019, and officially took office in May. Actually, he was just continuing his responsibilities, because he had been appointed Treasurer in 2018 by the Board when Jim Bradsher was unable to complete his term

of office. Tom holds a B.S. degree in Finance from San Diego State University and a Master’s Degree in Business Administration from USC. He was a financial analyst for several companies; then he spent 24 years as a high school teacher in Diamond Bar, before retiring and joining OLLI.

Daily financial transactions are the responsibility of the OLLI office staff, while the OLLI Treasurer represents the members and Board of Trustees. The OLLI Treasurer works with the OLLI office staff and the OLLI president and vice presidents to manage and control OLLI’s overall finances as required by OLLI and CSUF policies.

Tom monitors OLLI’s overall financial position each month and reports to the Board of Trustees at their monthly meetings. His reports list income, expenses for our normal operating costs, capital purchases and a summary of our financial reserves. Financial entries are compared each month to the budget in order to keep our expenses and income balanced.

OLLI’s financial resources pay for the everyday items that OLLI needs to function. OLLI is self-funding, meaning that we do not depend on state or university funding for our activities. OLLI’s main sources of income are member dues. These cover about 90% of OLLI’s operating expenses. Operating expenses include office staff, office administrative items, parking fees, program (class) related costs, marketing, communications and other member support costs.

Income from member dues is supplemented by investment income from a \$2 million endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation. This additional income has also supported facility and technology upgrades to enhance OLLI facilities for our members.

Of course, member and community donations are graciously accepted. These are carefully managed for the intended purpose, with the assistance of CSUF’s University Advancement Foundation. These regular additions to the donation accounts help keep OLLI in a good financial position.

OLLI also maintains reserve funds, currently valued at approximately a full year of operating expenses. These funds are maintained for possible future capital purchases, renovations, unforeseen facility costs and emergency funds. Financial reports are available for review by OLLI members in the OLLI office.

In the coming years, OLLI will face challenges including inflation, costs to maintain our Ruby Gerontology Center facilities and slowing of our membership growth. But Tom reports that OLLI is operating on a solid financial base and has growing reserves.

Chris Shaw, Editor

1979-2019: OLLI's 40th Anniversary

The Leo Shapiro Connection



In 1978 David Walkington and Betty Robertson of the California State University Fullerton (CSUF) Extended Education Department proposed the establishment of an outreach program for senior citizens to access

lifelong learning. Betty Robertson recruited Leo Shapiro, and the three of them recruited community leaders and CSUF faculty members, who became the founding committee. Those founding members were Florence Arnold, Russell Ball, Ernest Lake, Lucien Miner, E. Ray Nichols, Charles Ruby and Leo Shapiro, along with ex-officio members Betty Robertson and David Walkington.

My focus in this article is Leo Shapiro, who became the first president of CLE, and who my father (an early member), Gordon Shaw, referred to as CLE's founding father. Betty told Leo about a program called The Institute of Continued Learning at the University of California San Diego, one of the few such programs at that time. They went to San Diego to learn about it, which resulted in the committee deciding to emulate UCSD's program.

The committee debated many names for their new organization, and Continuing Learning Experience won out. Then Leo's wife pointed out that the acronym "CLE" is the word for "key" in the French language. So, the initial logo for CLE was the image of a key, representing the key to a fulfilling retirement.

In an interview for CSUF's Oral History Program in 1988, Leo stated that CLE obtained a written agreement from the university that "as long as CLE is a viable organization it will be operating on this campus." Since this statement seemed a little vague, Leo went on to explain that "We just hope that our activity will be sufficiently attractive to the university, and we think it has been to date, to make it worth their effort to want to keep us here and make us happy."

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and votes during Board meetings, and learn how the organization operates.

All applications received will be forwarded to the Nomination and Election Committee to be considered along with all other candidates for nomination. All applicants will receive further notification from the Nomination and Election Committee.

Chris Shaw, Editor

OLLI's Facebook Page Offers You the Latest News

Fun things happen at OLLI almost every day. For example you can experience the OLLI Flash Mob, a [student musical performance](#), a [Thursday social](#) or a great lecture in Mackey Auditorium.



You probably can't see them all; if you did, you would be at OLLI all the time. OLLI shares many of these special events on its [Facebook page](#).

The nice thing about OLLI's Facebook page is you don't need to be "on Facebook" to see it. [Click here for an example of something exciting about OLLI's Facebook page](#). Since many OLLI videos, photos and news are only available on its Facebook page, I'd like to ask you to go there to experience it. With all the great things said in the news about Facebook (sarcasm intended) it's hard to know if it's safe to view OLLI's Facebook page. I say that it is safe, but use care and common sense while on the internet.

To learn online safety take OLLI's classes on Facebook and Online Safety. In the meantime visit OLLI's Facebook page and "follow" it so OLLI news will regularly show up in your newsfeed. If you are on Facebook, search for OLLI at [OLLICalStateFullerton](#).

Jim Cenname is an OLLI Instructor, Chair of the Computer Education Committee and Vice President Technology on the Board of Trustees. You can reach Jim at jimcenname@csu.fullerton.edu or call or text 949-371-6535.

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previous ChroniCLE message I lauded the cadres of volunteers who worked together to put on the annual OLLI Open House in August. That same spirit of cooperation and collaboration is evident again as OLLI members worked together to mitigate and cope with parking issues!

As many of you know, CSUF has been undergoing the development of a master plan for the campus' physical facilities, and in an earlier scenario in 2015, OLLI's home, the RGC, was to be replaced by additional student housing. A new master plan is close to its final planning stages, and in September and October the public were invited to participate to view the plan and interact with the planning teams. The current plan, referred to as the Campus Master Plan Preferred Option, which can be viewed on the CSUF website at <https://masterplan.fullerton.edu/about/>, shows that the RGC as well as the Fullerton Arboretum have been spared. This latest news confirms our efforts to proceed with making improvements to the RGC, such as renovating the attached patio, so classes in Shapiro AB are not disturbed by classes taking coffee breaks, and updating the audiovisual system in the Mackey Auditorium. At this moment when I'm writing my monthly ChroniCLE message at the end of September, plans for the patio renovation are to be presented by the CSUF Planning and Design Department at the October OLLI Board meeting.

I'd like to close this November's newsletter with best wishes for the start of the holiday season as we celebrate Thanksgiving. As OLLI members, we have much to be thankful for beside our personal blessings by living a life of learning with fellowship!

Joyce Ono, President, OLLI-CSUF

Check Out Videos of Popular Classes on OLLI's Website

OLLI's Board of Trustees approved additional funding for our Distance Learning Program to step up production of more videos of OLLI's most popular classes, and make them available to members sooner on the OLLI website.

This program is intended to provide curriculum for members who may have time conflicts, can't get to the campus that day or otherwise are unable to attend these classes. They are particularly convenient during the current fall and coming spring semesters, while construction of the new parking structure puts a strain on members' ability

to get to class.

See what's available to stream on your computer or mobile device from the OLLI website at <http://olli.fullerton.edu>. Click on "Distance Learning Videos" on the homepage.

You may be

surprised to learn that there are over 70 videos available to view, and more are added each week.

Pictured are Will Cornell and Bob Newcomb preparing to video one of Mike Stover's popular classes.



Parking Tip: Disabled Spaces

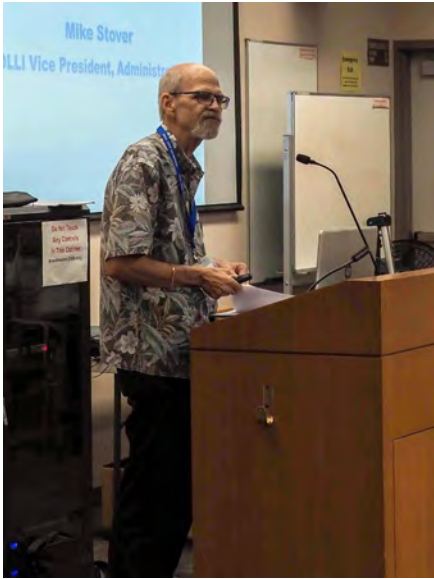
Lot G (just west of the Yorba Linda Blvd. entrance to the campus) has quite a few disabled person parking spaces, located just across West Campus Drive opposite the stadium entrance, and very close to the OLLI Trolley pick-up point. It turns out those spaces are almost never used.

On-duty OLLI Trolley drivers carry a cellphone that is dedicated to responding to calls from OLLI members once they are on campus. You can call 714-853-5436 when you park in a disabled space in Lot G, and the OLLI Trolley driver will answer your call and pick you up.



Normally, mostly vacant handicapped placard spaces in Lot G near OLLI Trolley stop

New Member Orientation & Welcoming Social—September 2019



It's That Time of Year!

But relax, we have the “Thanks for the Memories” Holiday Luncheon to reduce the hustle, bustle and stress that sometimes comes with the season. A delicious comfort-food luncheon, festive music, a relaxing ambiance, sharing with our OLLI friends, the suspense of drawing the winners of the beautiful prize baskets and—new this year—silent auctions are the components of this much-anticipated event.

This year's holiday luncheon is on Wednesday, December 11 at the beautifully decorated Brea Embassy Suites; sign-in opens at 11:30 a.m. and luncheon begins at 12:30 p.m. The cost is just \$30. The menu is designed for every taste with a selection of entrees; you can choose from chicken piccata, tri-tip with chimichurri sauce or pasta primavera. Each entrée will be accompanied by garden green salad, seasonal vegetables, mashed potatoes, rolls and butter, dessert and even include lemonade, coffee and hot and iced tea. For those who would enjoy an alcoholic drink, a no-host bar is nearby.

Entertainment will be OLLI all the way as many members have requested; we are fortunate to have so many talented people among our OLLI members. Esther Fieldhouse will play piano in the lobby, and All That Jazz Band, Snappy Tappers and Young MacKeand are also featured.

We will celebrate OLLI's 40th anniversary, featuring OLLI's leaders, members and events in charming centerpieces and throughout the event. The planning, designing, constructing and assembling have been going on for months. The creative and hard-working Hospitality Committee led by Lisa Sewell and Annette Lauritzen as Holiday Luncheon Co-Chairs, Tina Ernsting (Gift Basket Chair) and Donna Spradlin (Photo Archivist) will present another excellent celebration of OLLI's history and the season.

Unfortunately, seating is limited. Registration for this event begins on November 6 and must close on Friday, December 6. NO TICKETS can be sold at the door. Find registration flyers with this issue of the ChroniCLE, in OLLI Announcements & Events

newsletter, on the OLLI website and in the OLLI office. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. See you there.

Elaine Mitchell, Vice President Hospitality

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Initially, the university granted CLE the use of Mahr House (now Golleher Alumni House), but their burgeoning membership soon outgrew the fire codes for that facility. Leo and other CLE leaders decided that, rather than limiting membership, they would request some land on the campus where they could build a new facility for CLE. There were two turning points early on that gave that project the momentum to succeed. First, Charles Ruby and his wife, Rachael, told Leo they would pledge \$100,000 to the project. With that backing Leo convinced Dr. L. Donald Shields (then president of CSUF) that the CLE facility could also be used for a gerontology program, a first in Orange County, and only the second such program in all of California. The university granted CLE the use of 2.3 acres just to the south of the Arboretum for the facility, where the Ruby Gerontology Center (RGC) now sits.

Shapiro and his project committee solicited donations and grants from many individuals, corporations, foundations and municipalities. Leo was very proud of the fact that \$700,000 of the money they raised was donated by CLE members. Despite this, it took a long, hard seven years to raise the \$2 million needed for the construction of RGC. Leo used an office at Langsdorf Hall, where he worked full time for over four years on the project. Although no money came from the university or the state, Dr. Cobb (who succeeded Dr. Shields as CSUF president) helped Leo and his committee members with presentations to potential donors. The Ruby Gerontology Center was completed and opened in 1988. An Honor Board, listing the benefactors, now hangs on the wall of the foyer of RGC's Shapiro Wing, named after Leo Shapiro.

In 2005 OLLI threw a big 100th birthday celebration for Leo, commissioning his bust, which is located in the hallway to the kitchen in the Shapiro Wing. It is reported that Leo, who was a bit of a curmudgeon, took one look and announced that it didn't look like him. Someone put black-rimmed

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Did You Know? The Shapiro Wing was named after CLE's (now OLLI) first president, Leo Shapiro, who was not only the driving force behind the start-up of CLE, but who also tirelessly worked for eight years to lead the fundraising for and the building of the Ruby Gerontology Center.

To see CLE/OLLI's complete historical timeline, go to the OLLI website at <http://olli.fullerton.edu> and click on About OLLI-CSUF.



Changes to Board of Trustees

In the meeting of OLLI's Board of Trustees on September 12, the Board approved a request by Katherine Cozza and Debbie Maxwell to switch positions on the Board. Debbie Maxwell replaced Katherine Cozza as Vice President Membership, and Katherine Cozza replaced Debbie Maxwell as Trustee at Large.

Debbie will serve out the remainder of Katherine's term as Vice President Membership until 2021. Katherine will serve out the remainder of Debbie's term as Trustee at Large until 2021.



Debbie Maxwell
VP Membership



Katherine Cozza
Trustee at Large

Scholarship Announcement

Scholarships for membership are available for those having financial hardships. Applications can be requested through the OLLI office by phone or sending an email to olli-info@fullerton.edu. Applications must be received no later than Monday, December 9, 2019 for the spring 2020 semester. Each applicant will be contacted to set up an interview with the committee shortly after the application due date.

Fred Shecter, Chair, Scholarship Committee

Special Events

Events Requiring Registration

Mission Inn Tour & Festival of Lights

December 3 • 2-10:30 p.m. • Lot A
See Festival of Lights and tour the historic Mission Inn in Riverside. Dinner included.
Registration ends November 15.

Holiday Lunch "Thanks for the Memories"

December 11 • 11:30 a.m. • Embassy Suites
See separate announcement for details.
Registration begins November 6.

Rose Parade Float Visit

January 2 • 8 a.m.-3 p.m. • Lot A
Visit the Rose Parade floats up-close in Victory Park, Pasadena, plus sandwich buffet lunch.
Registration begins November 12.

South Coast Repertory Theatre Backstage

February 10 • 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. • Lot A
Backstage tour of Orange County's Tony-winning live theater, plus lunch at the Claim Jumper Restaurant at South Coast Plaza.
Registration begins December 7.

Alaska Cruise & Land Tour

August 26 to September 8, 2020
7-day Princess cruise from Vancouver plus 6-day land tour. See flyer for details.
Check availability for friends & family.

Coming Up

(dates subject to change)

Spring Preview • January 2020

Pasadena Architectural Tour • March 5 2020

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 and OLLI Announcements & Events newsletters.

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glasses on the bust, and everyone agreed—now it looks like Leo. To this day, the glasses remain part of the bust.

Chris Shaw, Editor



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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.

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