

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

It's the last week of August as I write this



President's Message for the October issue of the ChroniCLE, and I'm in a rustic, lakefront cabin in the Northwoods of Wisconsin, having just completed a four-day watercolor workshop. Art is one of the

pursuits I promised myself that I wanted to do when I retired, and OLLI-CSUF has allowed me to foster this avocation and to find like-minded friends among OLLI members with similar passions.

The visual arts exhibits at the OLLI Open House in early August are always a highlight and the culmination of the achievements of OLLI members in several art classes. We are still in the process of evaluating the recent annual OLLI Open House, where OLLI-CSUF gets to "strut its stuff" to guests and to fellow members. Members have questioned the need for the Open House, which in the past has been touted as a marketing tool, but data from several years, including this year, indicated that we recruit about 60 new members who sign up during the Open House. It isn't clear how many others are influenced by attending the Open House and sign up later.

If the Open House, which requires an army of volunteers, enormous time, effort and modest expense for three hours of official activities, is not a remarkable marketing tool, why do it? The answer is that it is an opportunity for large numbers of members to collaborate with enthusiasm and for us to learn about what goes on in classes that we don't usually attend. Visitors at the Open House have remarked that there is a palpable excitement with all the activities and the enthusiasm of OLLI *President's...Continued on Page 3* 

## Easy Ways to Support OLLI-CSUF After Your Lifetime

Passionate about supporting OLLI-CSUF even after your lifetime? It's not only possible, it's easy to do with a bequest or beneficiary designation. Just name OLLI-CSUF as a beneficiary to receive assets such as retirement plans and life insurance policies after you're gone. You simply fill out a form that is entirely separate from your will—which makes this approach an easy way to give.

Not only is it an easy way to give, but it's also flexible—you aren't locked into the choices you make today. You can review and adjust bequest and beneficiary designations anytime you want.

#### **Bequests**

Bequests are one of the most common forms of planned or deferred giving. Another form, right up there with bequests, is the beneficiary designation. A bequest generally involves a set of instructions in your trust or will for the disposition of the assets composing your estate. Beneficiary designations are even more simple and can sometimes be more tax-wise by preventing assets from going into your estate, whether your estate is taxable or not.

#### **Retirement Plans and IRAs**

A <u>retirement plan or IRA</u> is typically the largest source of assets that generate taxable income when paid to a beneficiary. More than half of your retirement plan assets could be subject to income and estate taxes. Therefore, if you are considering a gift to OLLI-CSUF after your lifetime, it is usually better to leave taxable assets to us and give nontaxable assets (such as stocks and real estate) to your loved ones. To complete your gift, simply contact your retirement plan or IRA administrator and complete a beneficiary designation form naming OLLI-CSUF as beneficiary and the percentage you would like us to receive (1–100%). *Parking Tips ...Continued on Page 3* 

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## Janice Jeng Vice President External Relations

One of the primary responsibilities for the Vice President External Relations is the Collaboration



Committee. The focus of OLLI's Collaboration Committee is to build and strengthen OLLI's relationship with the University. We do this by engaging in the following activities:

#### Consulting

Consulting collaborations take on many forms and may be with university administrators, faculty or students. OLLI members are often called upon to lend their career expertise to educational situations. OLLI members have helped with students' job resumes, business plans, statistical analyses, judging exhibits of student projects and even advising professors.

#### Lecturing

Lectures are one means for OLLI members to share their expertise; however, the collaboration may not end with the lecture. Students often seek out the OLLI lecturer for career advice and help with their public speaking techniques.

#### Mentoring

OLLI mentors have generally been invited to work with advanced or graduate student teams, working from 2 to 10 hours some weeks periodically during the semester, to identify and recommend improvements to local businesses or a business plan to start a new business. Or, OLLI members may be matched one-on-one with a student to assist on their "soft skills."

#### Tutoring

Tutoring involves one-on-one collaboration between OLLI tutors and students. Tutors work with a student for one or two sessions a week, spending 2 to 4 hours per session with the student, on such things as mastering the course material, writing papers and test-taking.

#### **Sharing Life Experiences**

Sharing life experience collaborations range from a one-time talk about some aspect of their lives that is relevant to what the class is learning to full time participation with the students for an entire semester. Students are moved by some of the stories they hear and are impressed by the OLLI members giving the talks.

#### **Sharing Career Experiences**

OLLI members participate on career panels to discuss their experience in industry segments (e.g., insurance, counseling, software project management, real estate, information technology and teaching) and in jobs that the students are interested in within those segments. They also suggest actions that may lead to jobs. One professor commented that these panels are excellent, because they enable the students to validate what they are learning in class against real life experience.

#### Serving as Research Test Subjects

OLLI members are ideal research test subjects, particularly for studies related to aging. Most studies require little time by participants. Research topics have included: Advance Directives, Exposure to New Technology, Walking While Talking, Fraud Among the Aging and Women Aging Well.

We often hear students say things like "I want to be like you when I'm retired," or "I'm going to get my parents (or grandparents) to join OLLI." More

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participants. That feeling is most likely a subtle recruiting tool, satisfaction for many participants and an opportunity to meet members we didn't know before.

October is when OLLI makes an effort to garner donations to fund several OLLI activities and projects that are needed to supplement the revenue from membership dues and interest from the Osher endowment. These funds have been used to fund scholarships for fellow OLLI members, computer laboratory expenses and several OLLI capital projects.

In the coming year or more, OLLI is gearing up to upgrade the outmoded audiovisual system in the Mackey Auditorium and to renovate the Shapiro patio adjacent to the kitchen, so it can be used for activities year-round. This latter project will also alleviate the issue of members taking refreshment breaks that can intrude on classes meeting in Shapiro AB.

We learned that such improvements to the Ruby Gerontology Center (RGC) facilities are feasible, since RGC is not on the CSUF Master Plan. Your donations to OLLI, while they are for OLLI, will also count in a CSUF campaign to increase the overall donations to the campus.

Currently, less than 10% of our members donate to OLLI, and we'd like to improve that number. I was surprised to find that my spouse and I have not donated to OLLI in the past year, although we have made donations to other campus entities. Please join me in donating to OLLI causes this coming year, such as helping less fortunate fellow members afford OLLI membership, and help with the many other projects that will improve the OLLI experience!

Joyce Ono, President, OLLI-CSUF

#### Did You Know? The Ruby Gerontology Center



was named after Dr. Charles L. Ruby, one of CLE's (now OLLI) founders. In 1983 he recognized the need for our own building, pledging the initial \$100,000.

His donations for building the RGC eventually totaled \$310,000.

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Then mail it back to the plan administrator and keep a copy for your records. Beneficiary forms are filled out on your terms and can be changed at any time.

#### **Life Insurance Policies**

Maybe you once needed <u>life insurance</u> for your loved ones, but now your family's requirements have changed. Why not use the insurance policy to help advance OLLI-CSUF? Not only will you make a substantial gift at a relatively low cost, but it is revocable at any time should you need to change your plans. You can designate OLLI-CSUF as the beneficiary for a percentage of your life insurance policy's death benefit. You choose whatever percent you desire. To complete your future gift, contact your insurance company or agent and request and complete a beneficiary designation form. Then mail it back to the insurance company. Keep a copy for your records.

#### Next Steps

<u>Contact Hart Roussel</u> at 657-278-5429 or <u>hroussel@fullerton.edu</u> for additional information on bequests or beneficiary designations and how they can help support OLLI-CSUF.

Talk to your financial or legal advisor to learn which assets will or will not trigger taxable income when paid to a beneficiary.

If you name OLLI-CSUF in your plans, please use our legal name and federal tax ID.

**Legal Name:** OLLI-CSUF c/o Cal State Fullerton Philanthropic Foundation

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*Vice President ...Continuedfrom Page2* information about OLLI-CSUF Collaboration opportunities is on the <u>OLLI website</u>. If you would like to volunteer, contact Janice Jeng at <u>d-jjeng@</u> <u>sbcglobal.net</u>.

Please join us in working with CSUF students, faculty and staff to support student success as well as bring diversity to our young scholars. *Janice Jeng, Vice President External Relations* 

#### **OLLI Honors Its Donors**

The OLLI-CSUF Board of Trustees wishes to publicly acknowledge and thank our members and friends of OLLI who donated to OLLI during the fiscal year, ending June 30, 2019.

We very much appreciate each and every donation—of any size," stated Joyce Ono, President of OLLI-CSUF. We use these tax-deductible gifts to keep our membership dues affordable and to ensure sufficient funds are available to meet our operating and capital equipment needs, unless the donation is directed by the donor to one of our seven specific-use funds, which are described in the Blue Book.

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#### What is the OLLI Mentoring Program?

The OLLI mentoring program is designed to give our members opportunities to share their lifetime of knowledge and make a real difference in the lives of CSUF students. We support the University's goals of helping students graduate on time and launch rewarding careers, serving diverse student populations and integrating with the community at large.

This is our chance to engage with young people, form valuable relationships and give back.

We are **<u>not</u>** subject-matter tutors. (CSUF has many excellent resources to provide tutors, and we can help our mentees find them.) Instead, OLLI mentors coach our mentees in "soft skills" such as time management, working within teams, leadership, navigating a large campus, networking, presenting yourself well in a job interview and so on—skills that are rarely taught, that so many students lack and that we have all developed in our careers. You don't have to know a thing about engineering to teach these skills to an eager engineering student!

Your mentee may be a traditional student who is just starting at CSUF, a student transferring from a community college or a student who is near graduation and looking to begin their career. You may choose to mentor a team of students dedicated to a semester project and guided by a faculty member, or choose one-on-one mentoring throughout the term of the mentee's academic career.

Examples of CSUF programs we currently serve are:

Project RAISE—STEM students transferring from community college: <u>http://www.fullerton.edu/</u>projectraise/.

Project Rebound—Students who were formerly incarcerated: <u>http://www.fullerton.edu/rebound/</u>.

Contact us if you are interested in sharing to make a difference in the lives of students! Janice Jeng at <u>d-jjeng@sbcglobal.net</u> or Susan Mullaly at <u>suemull2@msn.com</u>

#### **Open House Staged August 10**



On Saturday, August 10, an army of dedicated, skillful OLLI volunteers staged a well-run, entertaining and informative Open House to showcase OLLI's programs and facilities in advance of the new academic year.

Tents shading numerous OLLI program tables, highlighted by impressive art displays, filled half of parking Lot H just west of the Ruby Gerontology Center, and many other programs were displayed throughout the RGC classrooms, including an impressive display of photos created by OLLI's Phocus Club. Members of "Ukulele for Fun 101" provided entertainment in Lot H, and the OLLI Flash Mob did a surprise (what else?) performance.

The program in Mackey Auditorium began with the Voci d' Oro Chorale performing to the delight of a near-capacity audience.

President Joyce Ono opened the program spotlighting OLLI's history, celebrating its 40th Anniversary, and our relationship with Cal State Fullerton. Joyce then introduced Christopher Swarat, Interim Associate Vice President of CSUF's Extension and International Programs, who lauded OLLI's contribution to the University. Joyce cited the benefits of OLLI membership, and its dependence on volunteers. Then Ellie Monroe, Vice President Programs, gave a comprehensive presentation of OLLI's 120+ programs, and invited new members to attend the New Member Orientation and New Member Round Table Discussion. Jim Monroe, Immediate Past President, detailed the Transitions in Retirement programs; Dr. Joe Lawton discussed the popular "Medical

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Series" and, of course, his healthimproving "Jazz Series;" Janice Jeng, Vice

President External Relations, described the OLLI-CSUF Collaboration Program opportunities; and Mike Stover, Past President, went over the looming parking challenges and planned mitigation.

Joyce Ono closed the program by encouraging the audience to stay and enjoy the Curtain Call Band, Jazz Band and Snappy Tappers entertaining in the courtyard, visit the display areas, register to join OLLI in Room 20 and partake of light refreshments in the Shapiro Wing. *Chris Shaw, Editor* 



## New Member Round Table Discussion October 10

New members are invited to attend this casual round table discussion on Thursday, October 10 at 1 p.m. in Shapiro ABCD. After three weeks of experiencing the OLLI campus, you may have many questions to be answered. Our OLLI officers and committee members look forward to meeting you and will help answer those questions. If you missed the New Member Orientation held at the beginning of the semester, you are encouraged to come to this event. Light refreshments will be served.

## **Special Events**

#### Events Requiring Registration LAX Airfield Tour & Museum

October 16 • 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. • Lot A Behind-the-scenes airfield tour plus Flight Path Learning Center & Museum. *Registration ends October 7.* 

#### "Peace, Love & OLLI" Dinner

October 19 • 5 p.m. • RGC Italian dinner & entertainment. Come dressed in '79.'80 happenings. *Registration ends October 11.* 

#### CSI: Orange County

November 8 • 8:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Lot A Tour the OC Crime Lab and Coroner facility. *Registration begins Sep. 30 & ends Oct. 14.* 

#### 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 begins October 21.* 

#### 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. *Registration will begin September 30*.

### No Registration Required <u>New Member Round Table</u>

October 10 • 1-2:30 p.m. • Shapiro ABCD See separate announcement for details.

#### **Coming Up**

(dates subject to change) OLLI Holiday Luncheon • December 11 Rose Parade Float Viewing • January 2 South Coast Repertory Theatre • Feb. 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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