President’s Message

The theme of my column this month is Communication. Do you remember these two quotes? “The medium is the message.” and “We shape our tools and afterward our tools shape us.” from sociologist, Marshall McLuhan (1911-1980). He was an influence during my college days and my career in public education. Additional quotes from Marshall McLuhan can be found at www.brainyquote.com.

Today, we wake up in the morning and go to sleep at night to the sounds and visions of 24/7 instant messages, pictures/videos and breaking news. Outside of our people to people interactions most of our visual and sound contacts come from the Internet, radio, emails, text messages, social media, and our very own OLLI News Bytes, Eblasts and monthly ChroniCLE.

Change is part of our lives. Remember the “good old days?” Well that was last week, not 5/10/20 years ago. There is no such thing as the status quo. Our democracy works because the U.S. Constitution guarantees our freedom of speech, which encourages us to voice our ideas, and in many cases requires us to “think outside the box” to solve issues that challenge us. This is no different for the OLLI-CSUF community of members.

I recently received an email from an OLLI member asking me to consider using “The Suggestion Box” as a method of encouraging feedback from OLLI members. The “Box” brings back my memories of the worker anonymously

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Fall Open House at OLLI
Saturday, August 8, 9 a.m. to noon
Ruby Gerontology Center
OPEN to the PUBLIC

9 a.m.–10 a.m. • Docent-led Tours/Exhibits/ Coffee
10 a.m.–11 a.m. • Fall Preview Meeting • Mackey Auditorium
11 a.m.–noon • Exhibits/Registration Opportunity • Shapiro Wing ABCD

This is an opportunity to share OLLI with your friends! Invite them to visit our facilities in the Ruby Gerontology Center, view booths, meet members representing the various classes and OLLI activities, and learn about the 2015-2016 new and continuing programs. There will be coffee and light refreshments. Membership registration will also be available during the event. Parking is free on Saturday and the OLLI Trolley will be available to transport you from the State College Parking Structure on Gym Drive.

Help Wanted

Mobile Device Classroom Assistants

• Can you already use your smartphone or tablet for more than just the basics?
• Want to help others learn what you already know?

Classroom assistants (not instructors) are needed for iPhone/iPad and Android device classes in the fall session. You’ll help beginners find the tools they need to be comfortable with their mobile devices, and you’ll probably learn some new tricks, too.

If interested, please contact Bob Newcomb (Apple) at bobnewcomb@csu.fullerton.edu or Rick Hearn (Android) at rhhearn@hotmail.com to discuss this opportunity. (Don’t wait for the fall catalog—we’re eager to hear from you now!)
Fourth of July Celebration and Veterans Recognition

Observed July 2 at OLLI

Independence Day was celebrated and veterans were recognized at the Mackey Auditorium to a standing-room only crowd. Fritz von Coelln was Master of Ceremonies again this year.

Everyone stood for the singing of “The Star Spangled Banner” followed by the “Medal of Freedom,” “Hail America” and “The Washington Post March” by the OLLI Band. “Amazing Grace,” “You’re a Grand Old Flag,” “Red River Valley” and the familiar “Yankee Doodle Boy” were played by the OLLI Pops Combo. The latter three songs were arranged by Ellie Monroe.

One of the lighter moments of the program was when OLLI’s Snappy Tappers entered to the “Stars and Stripes Forever” and danced to the music of the Navy, Air Force and Marines as well as to “You’re a Grand Old Flag.”

A duo who performed at the celebration last year, Marvin Marsh, pianist, and the beautiful and talented former professional singer, Sandra Kastle, performed “Alexander’s Ragtime Band” and “When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again.” Three Stephen Foster songs, including “Camp Town Races,” were played by Rayleen Williams and Thomas Stachelek. Mike Shelton — With Strings Attached sang “This Land is Your Land” and “God Bless the U.S.A.”

Before the intermission the audience joined in a sing-along of the “Battle Hymn of the Republic” and “America the Beautiful.”

The Presentation of Colors by William Lucas, Marine Lt. Colonel, Retired, veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam was followed by the “Pledge of Allegiance.” A very special time for OLLI veterans was when their names were called and their pictures appeared on the screen, many of them causing laughter at “young” soldiers, sailors and marines in uniform.

Marge Osborn, who started the band several years ago, is director of the OLLI Chorale; James Hartford is Band Director; and the program and reception were planned by Ellie Monroe.

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writing a note with gripes about another co-worker or supervisor, or requests for improved working conditions or benefits. I thought about the issues that are brought to the OLLI Board of Trustees meetings and how the Box might broaden our outreach to the membership. Yes, opinions from the Box will give us feedback, but we should also consider thinking outside of the Box. I consulted with two OLLI innovators, Warren Wilson and Pete Saputo. They are the “OLLI go-to guys.” Past presidents have enlisted them to make an idea become a reality. They answered my inquiry with “give us the size, location and we will build it.”

That brings me to the next step in the evolution of the Box! What should we call it? Of course, we can call it “The Suggestion Box,” or as OLLI member Elaine Mitchell suggested “Here are my Two Cents.” Or we might just call it “The OLLI Box.”

Help me name the Box and share your thoughts, ideas, suggestions and solutions. OLLI members and/or staff personnel will get a “pat on the back” for dropping a three-by-five card or your personal note in the “Box,” or you can email me at bescoe@fullerton.edu.

The Box will be located in the Shapiro Lobby starting Saturday, August 8 to coincide with the Fall Open House. I will share your input from the Box with the appropriate OLLI vice president, trustee and/or Patsy Burns, our OLLI office manager.

I look forward to seeing all of our OLLI members at the Fall Open House on Saturday, August 8 from 9 a.m. to noon. Please bring your friends. You can read more details regarding the Fall Open House in this ChroniCLE.

Thanks again for your continuing membership and for your volunteerism at OLLI-CSUF!!

Barry D. Escoe, President

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terrific OLLI Presidents, Mike Stover and Barry Escoe. Barry, of course, is our current President, and I want to take this opportunity to wish him good health in the coming year.

A big part of my job has to do with encouraging our members to volunteer. OLLI would not function without our volunteers. Our membership fees would have to be much higher. We would have to pay instructors. We would have to hire and pay for additional office staff—and the list goes on. To build a successful community we need everyone to pitch in. We have something special here and to keep it going, we need volunteers. I love to point out to folks that when you volunteer you get back the satisfaction of a job well done, and the pleasure of working with your fellow OLLI members. This old adage is so true: Volunteers are not cheap, they are priceless.

I’m also fortunate (and OLLI is fortunate) to have an experienced and capable office staff, led by Patsy Burns. OLLI functions as part of an administrative structure involving the University. Our office staff does a first class job of keeping us in conformance with University policy and procedures.

The best part about being an officer at OLLI is that everyone is committed to making OLLI work. We have our issues and problems, and sometimes it seems that not everyone is rowing in the same direction, but we muddle through in the end because of our commitment to this great family called OLLI.

In conclusion, I would once again suggest that you get out of your comfort zone, and take a class that challenges you. Try “Tap Dancing” or “Flash Mob Rehearsal” or “Shakespeare Aloud.” It’s good for your brain and your heart.

Edward Dunvan, Vice President of Administration
BElLA SERA ITALIANA

A capacity crowd of OLLI members and their friends attended Bella Sera, an Italian dinner, which was held on Saturday, June 20 in the Ruby Gerontology Center. Although the day had been very hot, a gentle breeze was blowing through the courtyard where hors d’oeuvres were served by members of the Hospitality Committee; music was provided by Pat Lawrence on the accordion.

Promptly at 6 p.m. the guests were led through a floral archway and into Shapiro ABCD, which had been transformed into an Italian ristorante. They quickly formed lines for the buffet which included lasagna, garlic bread and tossed green salad. The dessert of chocolate chip cookies, various flavors of Italian ices and coffee were served at the table. Barry Escoe, OLLI President, welcomed the diners and thanked Judy Lech, Vice President of Hospitality, and Gene Hiegel, Vice President of Facilities, and their committees for their work. Entertainment was provided by Cara LaGreen, who sang familiar Italian songs while dancing around the tables.

Lorraine Gerni, Editor
Marjorie Mota
Spirit of OLLI

Marjorie Mota, a native of Southern California, was nominated as a representative of the Spirit of OLLI in the Language curriculum category during the Recognition Luncheon held last October. Margie was one of 13 OLLI members who were honored as representing the Spirit of OLLI in various categories.

Margie attended the University of the Pacific and New York University in Spain, and graduated from UC Santa Barbara. She was an exchange student in high school in Chile for six months and during her college years she lived for three years in Spain.

Although Margie began her career as a social worker, after her marriage she decided to become an elementary school teacher and taught in the Bellflower and Santa Ana school districts. She had a bi-lingual credential, something that was highly prized in elementary education in the 1980s and 1990s.

When she retired in 2007, her friend, Alice Gresto, who also had been a teacher, invited her to join OLLI; she accepted and immediately became involved in our many activities. Because of her interest in languages Margie studied “Survival Italian,” “Conversational German” and “French 3.” She also attended lectures on the Byzantine Empire and archaeology and “Science for You” classes.

Margie is secretary of the Curriculum Committee and prepares the language class descriptions for the Blue Book.

When asked which OLLI class is her favorite, Margie said that “Everything in OLLI is my favorite class.” But then she added that it’s “Spanish 3,” because she remembers teaching in elementary school where she had to prepare six or seven different lessons a day. She continued that preparing for “Spanish 3” is a “piece of cake.”

Margie became the coordinator/instructor of

Concert Under the Stars
September 19—Save the Date!

Cal State Fullerton’s annual Concert Under the Stars will be held on Saturday, September 19 in the athletic field next to Gym Drive. This year’s event will feature CSUF faculty and students in “The Motown Sound.” Gates open at 5 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7:30 p.m., ending in a gala fireworks display.

This is CSUF’s biggest fundraising event, and OLLI has reserved 24 tables. OLLI’s special price is $35/person. Coupons for tickets are in the August ChroniCLE, and will be available in the OLLI office; you can also print ticket reservations from the OLLI News Bytes and the OLLI website. Please purchase your tickets by Friday, August 14 by turning in your completed forms to the OLLI office (RGC-7). You may invite non-OLLI members to this event.

Bring a picnic dinner, or purchase food at gourmet food trucks, or pre-order a dinner through Dickey’s Barbecue Pit. As before, alcoholic beverages may only be purchased on site—no outside sources of alcohol are allowed. Dickey’s menu and instructions for pre-ordering food can be accessed at this link: http://www.fullerton.edu/concert/_resources/pdf/Dickeys-menu.pdf.

If you want to reserve a table for 10, tickets for a reserved table are $350. All other seating is on a first-come basis. Names of attendees should be written on the back of the ticket reservation form. Paid for tickets must be picked up at the OLLI office beginning Monday, September 14. No tickets will be sold at the concert. Be sure to bring something warm to wear, evenings in September can sometimes be chilly!

July Mailing Crew for the ChroniCLE

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SPECIAL EVENTS

OLLI Open House  9:00 a.m. August 8  ABCD - AUD
Hollywood Bowl Trip  6:00 p.m. August 18  Lot A

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Eclectics I  10:00 a.m. August 4  AUD
Jazz at Steamers  12:30 p.m. September 12  Steamers

Computer, Photo & Mobile Device Classes

Fall Session 1 (September 8—October 2)

Pre-registration, beginning August 24, is required for these classes. Pick up a registration form in the OLLI office and follow the instructions in the Blue Book.

For mobile device classes, you must obtain your campus-wide ID (CWID) and PIN number at the OLLI office, and have access to the CSUF Student Portal in advance of the class. See instructions on the OLLI website: http://olli.fullerton.edu/AboutOlliCsuf/CSUFWiFi.asp.

- CSUF WiFi/Student Portal—WX1a
  Tue • 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. • Room 20
  September 15

- Photoshop Edit & Organize—IX2
  Mon & Wed • 1:15-3:15 p.m. • Room 20
  September 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30

- Social Media 101—IX9
  Tue & Thu • 2:15-4:15 p.m. • Room 20
  September 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29 • October 1

- Android Essentials—BMD2a
  Tue & Thu • Noon-2 p.m. • Room 20
  September 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29 • October 1

- iPhone/iPad Essentials—BMD1a
  Mon & Wed • 10 a.m.-noon • Room 20
  September 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 • October 5,
  7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28

- Beginning Basic Mac Skills—BM1
  Mon & Wed • 1:15-3:15 p.m. • Room 11
  September 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30

“Spanish 3” when the instructor became ill. She said that a core of people already in the class wanted to focus on conversing in Spanish, so she tries to make sure that there are always some student-centered activities focusing on using the language. She added that sometimes native speakers attend who want to learn more about the grammar aspect of the language, something that may have been missing from their school experience in the United States.

Margie is a traveler and has been to Europe and Hawaii; she especially enjoys sailing to Catalina. On a more personal side, Margie has a son and daughter-in-law, and a 3½-year-old grandson with whom she loves to spend time.

Juanita Driskell, Staff Writer

CSUF Recycling Program

Last fall CSUF started a program to reduce, reuse and recycle on the campus. Over the past few months it has been expanded and recently reached the Ruby Gerontology Center.

Blue recycling bins with the recycle logo have been placed throughout the building along with black bins for trash items. Items that can be placed in the blue bins include most paper products, beverage bottles, aluminum and steel cans and glass containers. All items must be empty. No liquids are allowed in either bin. Important details about “What Goes in the Blue Bin” can be found at: http://news.fullerton.edu/news/_resources/pdfs/Blue_Bin.pdf

Please recycle while at OLLI.
Not Receiving OLLI Emails?

If you have unsubscribed in response to any OLLI email, you have unsubscribed from all OLLI emails. If, for any reason, you are not already receiving OLLI emails about upcoming classes, events and special notices, you can subscribe (or re-subscribe) by going to http://tinyurl.com/OLLI-email and entering your email address, first name and last name.

If you still have trouble receiving emails from OLLI, send an email to ollinewsbytes@hotmail.com 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 olli-info@fullerton.edu 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.

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