President’s Message

By the time you read this message it will be December and I hope we will have cooler days and moderate rainfall!

Let’s recap a few things I have been involved in during the fall semester.

In October I attended the Bernard Osher National Conference, which is held every 18 months. This year OLLI-CSUF was represented by Todd Frandsen, CSUF Senior Director in University Advancement who advises us regarding charitable gift plans and me. I shared my conference notes at the OLLI-CSUF Board of Trustees meeting on November 12 (If you would like a copy please send me an email at bescoe@fullerton.edu).

OLLI-CSUF is short for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at California State University, Fullerton. Mr. Bernard Osher, a self-made billionaire, created a foundation in 1977 to promote senior lifelong learning and to fund integrative medicine centers. OLLI-CSUF is a CSUF Chartered Institute assigned to the University Extended Education Division (UEE) within CSUF. We are one of 119 Bernard Osher Foundation OLLIs in public and private universities in the United States. In addition to these OLLIs, there are a number of private travel companies, magazines, universities and other entities that market and promote senior lifelong learning programs in the United States and abroad that are not affiliated with Osher.

The OLLI National Resource Center at Northwestern University in Chicago is an excellent

OLLI-CSUF Collaboration

While shopping at Smart & Final up the street from California State University, Fullerton I was approached by a young woman who asked me if I was one of the people who made life experience presentations in Dr. Wong’s gerontology class at CSUF. I smiled and nodded “yes.” She thanked me for participating in the project and said that the class always looked forward to the panel visitations. Those visitations are coordinated by OLLI member, Jane Moon, and CSUF Professor, Karen Wong.

Interaction with CSUF students and instructors is such a satisfying experience. Being able to “give back” is what motivates the OLLI participants as they share their professional and/or personal expertise. The frosting on the cake is the positive evaluations or personal notes sent by faculty and students. Recognition while walking across campus, through the library or shopping at a local store always brings a smile.

Since OLLI-CSUF Collaboration’s start in 2010, hundreds of OLLI members have been supporting the university students by acting as consultants in their areas of expertise, presenting lectures, sharing life and career experiences, mentoring individual students, acting as test subjects, screening (hearing) subjects for graduate students and tutoring students at the elementary and college
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resource to find out information regarding the 119 OLLIs around the United States. You can discover a wealth of information by searching their website at nrc.northwestern.edu. A whole world of information awaits you. I discovered that the public media project, Next Avenue (part of the Public Broadcasting System (PBS), named Bernard Osher, along with nine other people in the United States, to their first annual list of “Influencers in Aging.”

Over 150,000 seniors participate in OLLI programs in the United States. The average OLLI membership at a university is 1,275. OLLI membership ranges from 505 to 13,990 (This huge OLLI is at Florida Atlantic University, which has five OLLI sites in the Miami area).

High achieving OLLIs (including OLLI-CSUF) have the following characteristics:
• A tight relationship with the host university.
• Fundraising systems and annual campaigns.
• Cherished membership resources.
• Coffee and parking for their members.
• Peer volunteer teachers.
• A large cadre of volunteers.

All OLLIs reported some sort of membership growth issue, most commonly:
• Overcrowded facilities.
• Parking—unlike OLLI-CSUF, most OLLIs do not have parking on their campus.
• Budget—unlike OLLI-CSUF, most OLLIs pay rent for all their facilities.
• Not enough staff to serve membership.

I came away from the conference with these thoughts:
• We should be counting our blessings that our OLLI is on campus at CSUF, and we have our own building complex with classrooms, computer labs, a kitchen and a large auditorium—plus a courtyard for social interaction.
• Yes, we have parking challenges, but at least we have an OLLI-designated parking lot (Lot J), and it is adjacent to the Ruby Gerontology Center, plus additional campus parking in Lots A, D, E, G and S.

Important events to be placed on your personal calendar:
• The Volunteer Opportunities

Workshop—Thursday, January 14, 10:30 a.m. to noon.
• The Spring Preview—Saturday, January 16. 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
• Spring Classes Start—Tuesday January 19.

In closing, I want to wish all OLLI members and their families a healthy and happy holiday season and a joyous New Year, 2016.
Barry D. Escoe, President
bescoe@fullerton.edu

Spring Preview Meeting
(Open to the Public)
Saturday, January 16 • 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Mackey Auditorium and Shapiro ABCD

OLLI’s Spring Preview Meeting, open to members and their guests, will provide information on classes and OLLI events during the spring semester, which begins on Tuesday, January 19. We will also honor our Over 90’s Members with cake and ice cream following the presentation.

Membership registration will also be available during the event. This is an opportunity to share OLLI with your friends! Invite them to visit our facilities in the Ruby Gerontology Center and learn about the 2016 new and continuing programs.

Parking is free on Saturday, and the OLLI Trolley will be available to transport you from the State College Parking Structure on Gym Drive.

November Mailing Crew for the ChroniCLE

THANK YOU to the volunteers who helped with the November ChroniCLE mailing: Mary Alice Blaydes, Kathleen Brooks, Jean Bryant, Vicki Colvin, Karen Katz, Linda Lockwood, Sally Meert, Lorraine Miller, Harriette Millman, Gail Nitta, Judy Randlett, Marie Stiegler and Carol Thurk.
HOLLIween Party
Saturday, October 24, 2015
OLLI Assistants
New Member Outreach

Whether one is a new or a veteran member of OLLI, questions and concerns arise due to a lack of information, changes in schedules and procedures, or simply a senior moment. In some cases it can be disconcerting, causing frustration, angst and possibly disillusionment.

Keeping all of our members feeling welcome, comfortable and included is the major focus of the Membership Committee. As we bring new members on board, we look for ways to accommodate their needs as they embark on their OLLI experience.

Starting in January, the OLLI Assistants will make their debut as welcoming agents to new members. In the first two weeks of the new semester, an information table will be set up in the courtyard at designated times to answer questions, give directions or just have a conversation.

These friendly, informed volunteers will be wearing “ASK ME” badges, and will have green dots on their nametags. They are looking forward to assisting you.

*Linda Lockwood, Vice President of Membership*

Canyonlands Trip
October 11 to 16, 2015

OLLI members enjoyed a great overnight (5-day) trip to Canyonlands in October. Their first night was at the Treasure Island Hotel in Las Vegas. They then went on to visit six national parks (Zion, Bryce Canyon, Capitol Reef, Goblin Valley, Cedar Breaks and Valley of Fire) led by a geomorphologist who explained how the canyons came to be and to have different colors, slants, odd shapes etc. Learning something new every day and experiencing the wonders of the West was a special treat.

*Fran Dobley, OLLI Trips Committee*
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levels. OLLI volunteers have provided services in all nine of the CSUF colleges, the library and in many other on-campus organizations, and the wide majority of the collaborations support the CSUF Strategic Plan.

With each passing semester the number of projects and opportunities filled by OLLI members has continued to grow. In 2010 there were 82 collaboration opportunities filled by OLLI members. In 2014, opportunities filled increased to 422, and in the first half of 2015, OLLI members had already filled 362 opportunities.

In the first six months of 2015 OLLI members racked up 2,650 hours of service. Those hours do not include OLLI members serving as ushers for CSUF basketball and baseball games, performing flash mob dances in the Quad, and participating in Friends of the Arboretum, the Music Associates and other University groups supporting the arts. 86 percent of faculty evaluations stated that collaborations with OLLI would continue into the next semester. The other 14 percent “maybes” were contingent on curriculum and course assignment decisions. All evaluations stated that they were extremely satisfied with the OLLI-CSUF Collaboration coordinators.

The current OLLI-CSUF Collaboration Working Committee members are Ron Osajima (Chair), Mike Ames, Patti Chikahesa, Lee Ann Donaldson, Jane Goodman, Jane Moon, Georgiana Nygaard, Bill Purpura, Judy A. Smith, Carol Thunk and Elli Vargas-Page. Others who are coordinating collaborations this semester include John Blaydes, Janice Jeng, Glenn Kawafuchi, Russ MacKeand, Ellie Monroe and Fritz von Coelln. And OLLI Past President Mike Stover, President Barry Escoe and Vice President of External Relations John Blaydes provide strong guidance and support.

Interested in joining the Collaboration Committee and/or becoming an OLLI-CSUF Collaboration participant? Check out the OLLI web site and the OLLI News Bytes to see the latest CSUF project opportunities, and contact one of the many collaboration coordinators mentioned above. There is a spot just waiting for your personal touch.

Alice Gresto, Staff Writer

OLLI Artists Honored in Local Art Shows

Congratulations to some of our OLLI artists who are beginning to win recognition at local art shows (stay posted for others who we may have missed this time).

Emma Cox had two watercolor paintings accepted into the Orange Art Association’s annual juried show at the Museo in Anaheim.

Joyce Ono was invited to show her watercolors at the Hillcrest Invitational Art Festival at the Hillcrest Congregational Church in La Habra Heights, and she sold a painting.

Both Joyce Ono (watercolors) and Sharon Brown (photographs) were juried into the CSUF Art 4 Health Exhibition, currently on display through 2016 at the Student Health and Counseling Center across the street from the Ruby Gerontology Center toward the center of the campus.

Sandy Wessel won “Best of Show” at the Tustin Art League’s annual juried show and second place in watercolor at the Orange Art Association’s annual juried show. Sandy was honored with a solo show of 70 paintings in Tustin last February, and will have a second solo show there next February.

Betty Redmon won “Best of Show” at the Whittier Art Gallery’s juried show of artwork about dogs. She won two second place awards in oil and mixed media at the Anaheim Art Association’s annual juried show, third place in mixed media at the Orange Art Association’s show, and first place in the senior division at the Los Angeles County Fair. Betty also won “Best of Show” for CSUF Alumni at the CSUF Art 4 Health Exhibition (see above) with an invitation for a future small solo show in the CSUF Student Union.

Betty Redmon, Contributor
SPECIAL EVENTS

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Computer and Mobile Device Classes

Spring Session 1

(December 20-February 12)

Pre-registration, beginning January 4, 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.

- Photoshop Edit/Organize—IX2
  Mon/Wed • 1:15-3:15 p.m. • Room 20
  Jan 20, 25, 27, Feb 1, 3, 8, 10
- Android Mobile Devices—BMD2a
  Tue/Thu • Noon-2 p.m. • Room 20
  Jan 19, 21, 26, 28, Feb 2, 4, 9, 11
- iPhone & iPad Essentials—BMD1a
  Mon/Wed • 10 a.m.-noon • Room 20
  Jan 20, 25, 27, Feb 1, 3, 8, 10, 17
  22, 24, 29, Mar 2, 7, 9, 14
- Beginning Basic Mac Skills—BM1
  Mon/Wed • 1:15-3:15 p.m • Room 11
  Jan 20, 25, 27, Feb 1, 3, 8, 10

OLLI Flash Mob Performs Footloose at CSUF Quad

Thursday, November 5, 2015

You can see a video of this flash mob at https://www.dropbox.com/s/m0m4tpkat9zmi4q/M2U00650.MPG?oref=e&n=78756350 courtesy of Marie Stiegler, OLLI member and videographer.
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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