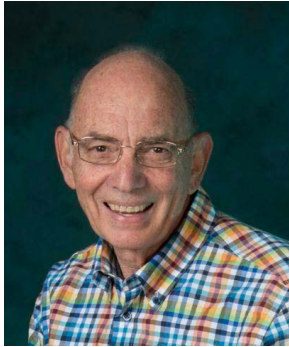




President’s Message

Season’s Greetings OLLI Members

I am writing this column the week after



my favorite holiday, Thanksgiving. It is the one holiday that everyone, no matter their faith, creed, color or political preference, comes together with family, friends and neighbors to give thanks for our freedoms and many opportunities in the United

States of America. I know that I am talking to the choir, but the lessons we have learned serve us well in this special place called OLLI-CSUF.

Online Registration

We were anxious over how well the new online registration would play out with our membership. It turned out a large number of the members used their home computers to renew online for the full year. My wife, Cheryl, and I came to the computer lab, and with the assistance of the volunteer experts we completed the online renewal. It was a painless experience. A big Thanksgiving thank you to the scores of volunteers in the computer lab for a job well done. A special shout-out to Susan Hanna, Rick Hearn and Bob Newcomb for making the computer lab experience five stars. Everyone involved should take your right hand, move it to your left shoulder and pat yourself for a job well done.

Last school year our enrollment reached 1700+. The demographic trends indicate that OLLI-CSUF shows growth at between 5-10% a year. The Ruby Gerontology Center is now at overcapacity; we are offering classes six days a week from early morning to the evening hours. When we all return

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ChroniCLE Changes

The ChroniCLE, published monthly during the OLLI sessions, is OLLI’s primary communication with all members. It contains information from the Board of Trustees, notices to members, information about upcoming events and trips and the monthly calendar of classes.

Members currently receive the ChroniCLE via mail or online, and many receive it both ways. The OLLI Board of Trustees is now strongly encouraging members to read the ChroniCLE online, accessing it through the email that is sent to all members monthly, or through the link in the OLLI News Bytes and the OLLI website. We are asking that members discontinue receiving it at home through the regular mail. This saves OLLI the expense of printing, assembling and postage, keeps our dues low and saves trees. Future membership registration renewals will require members to opt-in to receive the printed copy via U.S. mail; otherwise, their mailings will be discontinued.

If you want to discontinue receiving the ChroniCLE by mail now, send an email to olli-info@fullerton.edu stating: “Do not send me a ChroniCLE in the mail” and include your name and address.

Printed ChroniCLEs are now available in the OLLI office and in the Shapiro lobby for those who don’t receive it by mail, but still want to read the printed version.

Printed flyers and sign-up coupons for events requiring registration will no longer be mailed with the ChroniCLE, but are available in the OLLI office. The calendar will continue to be printed and included in the mailed ChroniCLE.

Within the ChroniCLE, the listing of classes open to the public will be eliminated, and the Special Events section on the next to last page will

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The Cold War—The Real Story



Not many fifth-grade students know what they really will be when they grow up. Ed Woodson was an exception to that assumption. He knew he would be a history teacher. He was so captivated by the subject

that he taught everything he learned to his younger siblings. Once he was hooked he never looked back or questioned his calling.

Ed taught history for 38 years in the Anaheim School District, first junior high and then 28 years at one high school. Early in his career, he saw that he could also help his students by offering them the structure that some did not have outside school. By communicating his expectations through fair but firm rules, he earned the students' trust and loyalty. Not to forget his first goal, many students not only learned history but even enjoyed it. Several of his former students are history teachers today. A former student who currently teaches in Ed's old classroom has invited him to be one of the four guests she may bring to attend the ceremony where she will be honored as

"Teacher of the Year," one of five in Orange County this year.

At OLLI we are fortunate that Ed's retirement has given him the time to continue his love of teaching history—he has simply transferred to teaching students a bit more mature. This semester, Ed is presenting "The Cold War: Causes, Events, Strategies and Technology." Because this era was in our lifetimes, we might think, we lived it so we know it, but so much of the real story was not available to all of us back then. Ed has researched the stories uncovered and declassified that are now available.

Ed's lectures bring to light shocking incidents that could have been unbelievable disasters but were narrowly avoided, often by sheer luck and happenstance. It seems we luckily missed the huge cost in human lives; we just paid in trillions of dollars. Ed gives his students information from experts that offers a more modern perspective of the whole picture by integrating the information from many sources. The history can be frightening when we see how close we came to destroying our world. If you enjoy action-adventure novels, the real history of the Cold War will have you on the edge of your seat.

Many of Ed's classes give us a chance to learn the lessons of the past so we can apply them to our current events. It is ironic that we currently are in situations with Russia that are so reminiscent of the conflicts with the Soviet Union during the Cold War. Does history repeat itself? Learning more about the dangerous issues of the Cold War can only help us know more about how to deal with today's dangerous confrontations.

If you enjoy checking out formerly classified information, exciting non-fiction tales of near disasters, or the technology of mid-century weaponry, "The Cold War: Causes, Events, Strategies and Technology" is the place for you. You cannot help but be fascinated by information when it is presented by Ed Woodson, a man who found his calling at an early age and still loves teaching history. You will find it all in Mackey Auditorium on alternate Tuesdays, noon-2 p.m.

Elaine Mitchell, Staff Writer

Watercolor Workshop Hosts Chinese Master Artist

During the October 26th session of the OLLI Watercolor Workshop, nearly 80 members and guests from various departments on campus were privileged to see a demonstration of the skill, creativity and talent of a master watercolorist from Mainland China, Xiao Zhongyin. The event was arranged by our new OLLI member and



watercolorist Naomi Jue and Dr. Ding-Jo Currie, CSUF Distinguished Professor of Educational Leadership and retired Chancellor of Coast Community College District.

We watched enthralled as Xiao Zhongyin demonstrated a Chinese Line Drawing (with brush and ink) followed by a Chinese Ink Painting. He also unfurled a scroll, painted on both sides in the most detailed line drawings, that stretched across the front of ABCD; an 18-inch high copy of his nearly 8-foot-high masterwork. His daughter, Xiao Xiao, a Visiting Scholar with the Department of Educational Leadership at CSUF, served as translator with a very excellent command of English vocabulary and pronunciation. She is one of 16 Chinese professors living on campus for six months and studying American curriculum and techniques.

Pictured is Xiao Zhongyin, with his wife and daughter, holding the Chinese Ink Painting he demonstrated at OLLI.

Xiao Zhongyin, a retired associate professor of mass culture at Wulong Cultural Center, Chongqing, has published three albums and one textbook, including “A Painting Album of the Furong River.” His work was shown in the National Art Museum of China in Beijing in 1998 with exhibits in the Chinese National Exhibition (1994) and Sichuan Art Exhibition (1997) as

Works of Excellence. His work on the theory and practice of Chinese art and culture for over 40 years encompasses the cultural identity of “tai chi,” the balance of yin-yang, and views of nature using line drawing and impressionistic details.

We were honored by this visit to see a master of his medium!

Betty Redmon, Contributor

OLLI Scholarship Application Deadline

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

Forms for OLLI Scholarships are available in the OLLI office between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. during the week for individuals who wish to apply for scholarships for membership. The completed applications **must** be returned to the office no later than noon on Wednesday, January 4 so the Scholarship Committee members have time to carefully review them. Note that the OLLI office will be closed from December 26 through January 2. We are sorry but **no** applications will be accepted after noon on Wednesday, January 4.

Suzanne Mills, Chair of Scholarship Committee

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be expanded to provide more information about upcoming events and trips and information about where to get flyers and coupons.

The monthly email distributing the ChroniCLE will continue to provide links to the calendar, event flyers, coupons and waiver forms. Flyers and coupons can also be accessed on the OLLI website at <http://olli.fullerton.edu/> under “CLASSES/ACTIVITIES” – “OLLI EVENTS” or “DAY AND OVERNIGHT TRIPS.”

We believe these changes will better serve OLLI members.

Chris Shaw, Co-Editor

Get Hopping for the OLLI Sock Hop

Saturday, February 4th

The second OLLI Sock Hop will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 4th, starting with a rousing, free Pep Rally in the Mackey Auditorium, followed by an all-you-can-eat drive-in menu at the CSUF



Gastronome from 5-6:30 p.m. The Gastronome will serve hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, desserts and drinks and accommodate vegetarians as well. A Sock Hop with live music in Shapiro ABCD will follow from 6:30-8:00 p.m., with root beer floats and ice cream available to fuel the energy you expend on the dance floor or keeping time to the music of the mid-'50s to mid-'60s era. **Registration for the \$15 per person tickets for the dinner and dance will be available starting on Wednesday, January 4, and must be purchased in advance by Tuesday, January 31.** This was a fun and popular event last year so

don't drag your heels, seating is limited to 150 for the dinner and Sock Hop! Coupons to register for the event will be available in the OLLI office and for downloading from the ChroniCLE email, OLLI News Bytes and OLLI website.

OLLI Artists Juried into International Exhibit

Sandy Wessel (see "The Lauhala Weaver" below) and John Detrick ("Beach Surprise"), members of the OLLI Watercolor Workshop, were juried into the very prestigious Watercolor West International Exhibition displayed at the Brea Gallery from October 15 to December 18, 2016. Their paintings were among only 101 accepted for the exhibit out of 552 entries. This is truly an achievement for contemporary watercolorists!

Recent recognition also goes to Mary Sampson ("Abandoned House in Portugal") and Betty Redmon ("Best Friends") for work juried into the Art-4-Health exhibit on display in the CSUF Student Health Center until spring 2017. Betty won Alumni Best-of-Show in that exhibit, as well as 2nd place in Visual Arts at the Orange County Fair. She has a solo show of paintings and sculptures at the Atrium Gallery in the CSUF Student Union through January 6, 2017.

John Blaydes, Sharon Brown, and Marla Greer exhibited at the La Mirada Arts Colony juried show that ran through November.

Congratulations to these and other OLLI artists whose work continues to grow in quality and recognition.



Sandra Wessel

The Lauhala Weaver (8½" x 12½")



John Detrick

Beach Surprise (12" x 16")



Fall Dinner—October 29, 2016
“A Magical Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum?”



Thank You Carol Creighton

At the November OLLI Board of Trustees



meeting, Carol Creighton, Associate Dean, University Extended Education (UEE), announced she is retiring at the end of the year, after 17 years at Cal State Fullerton.

OLLI-CSUF operates within UEE, and, along with Dean Kari Knutson Miller, Carol was OLLI's principal

liaison to CSUF. She has been a great supporter of OLLI over the years.

OLLI President Barry Escoe, Immediate Past President Mike Stover, Vice President External Relations Ron Osajima and Administrative Manager Patsy Burns all expressed their personal appreciation for working with Carol, and she received a rousing acclamation from the members of the OLLI Board of Trustees.

Thank you, Carol, and welcome to retirement life.

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to classes for the spring semester take a moment and thank your teachers and coordinators for giving their time to enrich our lives.

Spring Preview

Our Spring Preview "Learn in Retirement" is Saturday January 7 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Mackey auditorium. We will present an overview of spring classes and activities, and new members can register. Please come to say hello, honor and congratulate our members who have attained the distinction of being 90+ years old. Free parking will be at the State College parking structure with shuttle service.

Parking/OLLI Trolley

By now each of us has carefully planned our arrival time at OLLI in order find a parking space. If you want to review the Parking Tips, I refer you to the OLLI-CSUF web site at <http://olli.fullerton.edu/>. If you are parking in Lots G or A, use the free OLLI Trolley service, which runs Monday through Friday during the spring and fall semesters (see times in the Blue Book). Next time you use the OLLI trolley, please thank the driver. By the

way, we need additional drivers. Please contact the OLLI office for information.

OLLI ChroniCLE

As they say time does not stand still, and the OLLI ChroniCLE is no exception. We encourage members to read the ChroniCLE online and to consider discontinuing receiving it at home. Please read the article about this and other changes by Chris Shaw.

Together we will sustain the OLLI-CSUF legacy

In closing, I want to remind all of you that we are a volunteer organization and we do not receive any operational funds from CSUF. We are self-supporting through our membership and your generosity. This month you received a letter indicating how to contribute to OLLI and assure that our programs and events will continue. Additional Giving forms are available in the OLLI office. Please contact Todd Frandsen, Executive Director of Central Development, at 657-278-8569 if you want to give by phone.

I wish each of you and your families a healthy and safe Holiday Season—I look forward to you returning to classes on January 17, 2017.

Barry D. Escoe, President
bescoe@fullerton.edu

Spring Preview Meeting (Open to the Public)

Saturday, January 7, 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 17. We will also honor our Over 90s Members with cake 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 2017 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.

Special Events

Events Requiring Registration

Sock Hop

Saturday, February 4 • 4 p.m.-9 p.m. • Mackey Auditorium/Shapiro ABCD

Have a fantastic time reminiscing the “Happy Days” dressed in your favorite outfit from your high school days. Cheerleaders will introduce a variety of performing groups at our OLLI Pep Rally. Enjoy an “old fashioned” high school meal, and dance to live rock and roll era music from the ‘50s and ‘60s. **Registration begins January 3 and ends January 31.**

Death Valley Splendor Tour

This overnight trip from March 5-7 provides extensive sightseeing of both upper and lower Death Valley with Geographer Dennis Napier guiding us through Zabriskie Point, Devil’s Golf Course, Stovepipe Wells, Badwater (292 feet below sea level), Ubehebe Crater and Harmony Borax Works. **Registration is open through January 3.**

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No Registration Required

OLLI Spring Preview Meeting (Open to the Public)

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This provides information on classes and events during the spring semester, beginning Tuesday, January 17. Membership registration will be available during the event. Bring your friends to visit our facilities and learn about our programs. Parking is free with the OLLI Trolley available from the State College Parking Structure on Gym Drive.

New Member Orientation

Wednesday, January 11 • 10 a.m.-11 a.m. • Shapiro ABCD

New members are invited to a casual gathering, including a brief Q&A session, to learn more about OLLI’s benefits. Meet other new members and members of the Board of Trustees while enjoying light refreshments. Photographers will be available to take new member photos.

Community

by Jack Wheatley

What is Community, and what is it not?
A few lines to ponder, some food for thought.
Communities welcome, defend and sustain.
Shunning outsiders? Wrong-headed, insane!

Must we prejudice due to color of skin?
That action’s senseless; all people are kin.
We come from one Mother, though eons ago,
Africa, Asia, Europe, Navajo.

We segregate our neighbors, rich from the poor.
Our species grows older but remains immature.
Are we so diverse we cannot agree?
Are we so rude we spurn LGBT?

We keep out all strangers because of our fear,
While they mistrust us in like atmosphere.
Why not build bridges instead of a fence?
Do we need bulwarks, how ‘bout commonsense?

Our one lonely planet shrinks all the while.
Why postpone a peace, why not reconcile?
This sphere is precious, our one secure place.
Must we continue this wasteful arms race?

Seek common values, ideas to share,
It’s for our own good, all peoples’ welfare.
If we can but learn to live side-by-side,
One day we could earn Community worldwide.

Mailing Crew

A big THANK YOU to our members who helped with the November ChroniCLE mailing: Tom Barry, Kathy Brooks, Marietta Davis, Lee Ann Donaldson, April Fisher, Linda Ganda, Karen Katz, Liz Lincoln, Linda Lockwood, Sally Meert, Lorraine Miller, Harriette Millman and Mary Sambrano.





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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.

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