President’s Message

NEWS: OLLI and CSUF agree to a five-year parking agreement through June 30, 2021.

When we join OLLI-CSUF we receive a special OLLI parking permit, which permits us to park in Lot J (only open to OLLI members) and any other parking lot that is open to CSUF students, except the student housing and Arboretum lots.

In spring of 2015, the CSUF Parking and Transportation Department met with OLLI representatives, expressing concern about the number of parking permits issued to OLLI. Over the past five years the permits grew from approximately 1,200 to over 1,700. The OLLI Board of Trustees agreed that I would sign a one-year parking agreement with CSUF for $32,518 for the year, based on the following formula: 71 parking spaces in Lot J, multiplied by the student parking rate for two semesters each a year.

When I started my term of office in May, 2015, I set up an OLLI ad hoc parking team which would represent OLLI in our discussions with CSUF. The team members were: Barbara Talento, Gene Hiegel, Mike Stover, Patsy Burns, Jim Monroe and me. The OLLI team members were of the opinion that we were using mostly Lot J and we had a minor impact on the other CSUF parking lots, but we needed an instrument to measure OLLI parking on campus. Our goal was to maintain our exclusive use of Lot J and other student parking lots we currently use and have a multi-year parking agreement in place before June 2016. We agreed to meet every two weeks with CSUF starting in June.

OLLI-CSUF is Alive with the Sound of Music!

In just a few years-time we have developed a fine program of music classes including “OLLI Chorale,” “Recorders/Guitars & More Ensemble,” “Jazz Band,” “Guitar/Strings—Jam Session,” “OLLI Orchestra,” “Learn to Play Blues Guitar,” “Classical Guitar Ensemble” and “Piano Keyboard.” Now there is a new offering this semester—“Ukulele for Fun 101.”

We enjoyed the humorous patter and ukulele performance of Jeff Heileson at our OLLI concert last August. It reminded me of that uke I used to play when I was a kid. What fun! Now we are able to take up the ukulele with a fine instructor to lead the way to a lot more than “Three Blind Mice” or “Sweet Leilani.”

Born in Nampa, Idaho just outside Boise, Jeff did not stay long in any one place. His father was a store manager for Montgomery Ward and moved frequently from store to store in different states. The family ended up in Anaheim, where Jeff attended Anaheim High School. He went on to Fullerton College and Cal State Fullerton where he earned a degree in Business Administration and Marketing. He went to work for Travelers Insurance in the San Francisco Bay Area, later transferring to Kansas City, Missouri and finally to Southern California. In 1979 he joined Northwest Mutual Life, retiring in 2014.

Jeff enjoys fishing in the Eastern Sierras, June Lake, Lee Vining and Bridgeport. He also loves playing his ukulele and working on projects in his Santa Ana home, where he has lived for the past...
You retire, plan out your time, and decide that since you have heard from friends of all the fabulous opportunities available at the OLLI-CSUF program, you start to investigate further. Soon you are signing up for some of the multitude of classes and programs available. But wait … there is more to this. They have special events that involve food and fun. That was my initial draw to the Hospitality Committee a few years ago.

Under the leadership of those before me, I saw an enthusiastic group of about 25 people who wanted to combine their time and talents to have the opportunity to plan fellowship for their fellow members and friends. They are a group of event planners from start to finish—The Creative Team. It means months of planning and organizing from brainstorming ideas, choosing themes, securing sites, and planning the menu, decorations and entertainment to arrive at the final production. Whew! This team knows how to get things done. And in the end … we are so pleased to hear our guests had a good time.

Yes, the Hospitality Team is one of the hardest working—but one of the most rewarding—ways to spend your time. Did I ever know how much time and preparation this would be for me? Not really. Guidelines needed to be followed, time limits were imposed, and paperwork was submitted. I was willing to learn and be guided along the way.

We plan seven hospitality events a year. The OLLI Spring Preview Meeting and celebration of our 90+ young members in January was first. On April 21, we will be holding the General Meeting/Election and our Ice Cream Social. The Board Retreat is on May 12. Our June 25 dinner is always fun. August is Open House where we serve refreshments. The HOLLiween Party on October 29 lets you be theme creative. And finally, we end the year with our Holiday Luncheon on December 7.

As you can see, our dates are already planned out, we are working on themes, and flyers and posters will keep you informed. We have an area for everyone to feel comfortable in choosing their tasks and working in smaller groups. Come and join us. The Hospitality Committee meets the first Friday of each month from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in Room 9. The only requirement is a smile.

Judy Lech, Vice President Hospitality

OLLI-CSUF Help Needed Ads

OLLI relies on volunteers to get things done, and various kinds of help are needed at different times and for varying lengths of time. Volunteers who need help with their responsibilities can advertise those opportunities in the ChroniCLE to connect with OLLI members interested in helping. If you have an OLLI job that you want to post in the ChroniCLE, email Chris Shaw at tashawc01@gmail.com, and include the following information:

1) What the need is for.
2) What skill sets are necessary for the volunteer.
3) What timeframe the help is needed for.
4) How a potential volunteer could contact you.

Current Help Needed:

OLLI News Bytes Editors. The current editor, David Doo, is resigning for family reasons. The
28 years. He has just recently refinished his dining room floors with the help of his son.

Seven years ago he went to Hawaii where he picked up a souvenir uke and an instruction book. Two years later he purchased a better instrument and began playing at the Island Bazaar Uke Store in Huntington Beach, where they held ukulele sessions six days a week—often with 40 or 50 people in attendance. Jeff set a goal to play a solo there every week to conquer his stage fright. For the past five years he has played there a couple of nights a week.

After he retired he thought he would like to take a few classes at a local community college, but nothing appealed to him in their catalog. A friend suggested he check out OLLI, recommending the art, music and computer classes available. He liked what he saw, and immediately enrolled in the “iPhone/iPad Essentials” and “Recorders/Guitars” classes. Currently he attends the “Critic’s Choice—The Movies” program on Friday mornings.

He decided to teach the ukulele class here at OLLI, because there seemed to be no uke classes in Northern Orange County. Jeff promises to start slow with the basics, and then progress each week to build proficiency and confidence. Prerequisites are a desire to learn and have fun, a good tunable ukulele and electronic tuner, a music stand and a sense of rhythm. No ability to read music is required. No solos are required. Just have fun and meet new friends! “Ukulele for Fun 101” meets every Monday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Room 18.

On the first night of class Jeff had 40 students with ukuleles in hand and eager to strum. They learned to play “Happy Birthday” and a commercial radio jingle during class time, leaving with a set of chords to practice at home.

OLLI-CSUF’s Connection to Osher

You may know that OLLI-CSUF began as CLE (Continuing Learning Experience) in 1979, based on a model developed by UC San Diego as an outreach program for senior citizens to access lifelong learning. Separately, the Bernard Osher Foundation was founded in 1977 to support higher education and the arts. It wasn’t until 2006 that CLE became a member of the family of Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes, now numbering 119 across the country, and became OLLI-CSUF.

The Bernard Osher Foundation has a National Resource Center (nrc.northwestern.edu) at Northwestern University which our President, Barry Escoe, mentioned in his President’s Message in the December/January issue of the ChroniCLE. The NRC distributes a national, monthly OLLI Newsletter with articles from OLLIs throughout the country, giving members insight into what other OLLIs are doing.

The national OLLI Newsletter printed the December/January ChroniCLE’s article about our OLLI-CSUF Collaboration program in their February 2016 issue, and the OLLI-CSUF Flash Mob was featured in the December 2015 issue. You can read it at: http://nrc.northwestern.edu/category/national-newsletter/, and you can request to receive it via email each month. Our OLLI-CSUF website also has a link to the national OLLI Newsletter.

More information about how other OLLIs operate can be seen in an article that was published by the New York Times in January spotlighting the OLLI-Johns Hopkins, which you can read at: http://tinyurl.com/NYTIMESJH-OLLI.

Thanks to Ed Batson for alerting us to the New York Times article.

Chris Shaw, Associate Editor

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OLLI News Bytes is OLLI’s weekly newsletter that is emailed to members. Computer literacy is required, but training will be provided for using Constant Contact and other tools. Editors will work on the newsletter 1-2 days a week. If interested, please contact Joyce Ono at jono@fullerton.edu for more information.

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When parking your car in the OLLI or CSUF parking lots, please make sure that your vehicle is within the white lines. This is important because of the limited parking spaces for the many members who drive to OLLI. Thank you for complying with this request.

Park Within the Lines

Alice Gresto, Staff Writer
Spring Preview Meeting and Club 90 Recognition
January 16, 2016

A whopping 232 members and guests attended this year’s Spring Preview Meeting, packing the Mackey Auditorium to near capacity. Janice Jeng, Vice President Programs, who headed the committee that organized the meeting, kicked off the program by taking a picture of the audience. She introduced Barry Escoe, OLLI President.

Barry spoke about the history of OLLI at Cal State Fullerton, going back to its inception as the Continuing Learning Experience (CLE) in 1979, and continuing up to its membership today in the 119-member, nationwide Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes. Barry talked about the great, and in many ways unique, relationship our OLLI has with CSUF, including the OLLI office staff of Ying Lu, Celia Reynolds, Wendy Jaicoma and Manager Patsy Burns, and explained how OLLI-CSUF works and its benefits.

As a bonus this year, OLLI recognized its Club 90—those members aged 90 or more—who were treated as special guests at the event. Of the 26 Club 90 members, 12 were in attendance. The picture shows, from left to right: (rear) Royal Howes, Pumpkin Bantrell, Edith Bockian and Gwen Chapman; (front) Helen Geiger, Myron Bantrell, Dixie Shaw and Dar Fredrickson. Also in attendance, but not in the picture, were Pat Jokela, Bill Lucas, Betty Lundgren and Christine Miller.

The program continued with an interesting slide-show presentation by Janice on the highlights of OLLI’s more than 140 programs and classes. Mike Sultan made a theatrical presentation on the new offerings this semester, followed by presentations by Dr. Joe Lawton about the Medical Series (including, of course, his infamous Jazz Series), Russ MacKeand about Transitions in Retirement classes, which are open to the public and Lee Ann Donaldson about our impressive OLLI-CSUF Collaboration program with the University.

Of course, no such event would be complete without an elaborate coffee and cake reception in Shapiro after the program, hosted by our crack Hospitality Committee headed by VP Judy Lech, which gave everyone a chance to meet and greet, featuring our Club 90 members, who each received their own take-home cake.

Chris Shaw, Associate Editor
2015. All the meetings with CSUF representatives were collegial, and we worked mutually to find the answers to the OLLI parking footprint on campus. Both CSUF and OLLI concluded that we needed definitive data to ascertain the OLLI footprint on the CSUF parking lots.

I requested Gene Hiegel, Vice President Facilities, to form a committee to propose and develop a data instrument and action plan to measure OLLI parking on a daily basis. Gene formed a committee, which included Carol Thurk, Susan Snell and Ed Batson. They marshalled scores of volunteers to obtain 2,208 completed questionnaires from every class that met during one week in October 2015, asking OLLI members about their mode of transportation to OLLI that day, the time they arrived and departed OLLI, and what parking lot they used.

Susan and Ed did an exhaustive analysis of the data, and found:

- OLLI “rides light in the water” at CSUF, with less than a third of members attending on any given day.
- OLLI members turn over their parking spaces fairly rapidly, with the majority staying less than four hours (not all day). Thus, any one particular parking spot usually “curns” at least once a day, often more.
- OLLI members mainly use Lot J (the OLLI lot) for their parking needs.
- OLLI has minimal impact on Lot E and the parking structures, with little or no usage during peak student-faculty usage times.
- Lot J overflow is going primarily to Lot G, the far lot out by the Arboretum.

On January 12, 2016 we met with the CSUF Parking Department and mutually agreed to a five-year parking contract that allows OLLI the use of the same parking lots we currently use on campus, with the minor change that OLLI will now pay for the use of Lot J during our summer sessions in addition to the two regular semesters. The total cost through summer 2017 will be $44,375, which includes an additional $11,000+ for the summer session. This cost will increase if the student parking fee goes up anytime during the next five years.

One of the major reasons for this advantageous new parking agreement for OLLI was the creation of a smart parking survey and the keen analysis of the data by Susan Snell and Ed Batson, which convinced CSUF that we have a minor impact on student parking.

I am appreciative of the support from Danny Kim, CSUF Vice President Administration and Finance, Joe Ferrer, Interim Assistant Vice President Business and Administrative Services, Kristen M. Jasko, Interim Director Parking and Transportation Services, Kari Knutson Miller, Interim Dean University Extended Education (UEE), and Carol Creighton, Associate Dean UEE. A major factor for our successful conclusion to the parking project was the OLLI parking teams, Board of Trustees, instructors, coordinators and the OLLI membership for their total buy-in, bringing this project to a successful conclusion for both CSUF and OLLI-CSUF.

In the future, OLLI will encounter new issues that will challenge us, but for the next five years our new parking contract will guarantee us exclusive use of Lot J and continued use of student parking lots. In closing, I would like to thank Mike Stover, Patsy Burns and Gene Hiegel for their editorial reviews for this month’s column.

Barry D. Escoe, President
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February Mailing Crew for the ChroniCLE

THANK YOU to the volunteers who helped with the February ChroniCLE mailing: Jean Bryant, Nancy Carlton, Susi Karlan, Karen Katz, Mickey La Casa, Linda Lockwood, Sally Meert, Harriette Millman, Gail Nitta, Pat O’Connell, Jerry Pollack, Judy Randlett and Karen Wilkins.
SPECIAL EVENTS

Los Angeles Getty Museum Trip                  9:00 a.m. March 16
Lot A

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Eclectics I                                      10:00 a.m. March 8, 22
Eclectics II                                     10:00 a.m. March 3, 17
Great American Songbook                           12:00 p.m. March 1, 15
Jazz Series                                       12:30 p.m. March 5
Musical Performances                                2:15 p.m. March 8, 22
Medical Series                                     9:00 a.m. March 2, 16
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TiR Essentials                                     9:30 a.m. March 5, 12, 19, 26

Olli Art Honored

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