President’s Message

Here are my tips for thriving at OLLI.

Parking at CSUF

There is no way to sugarcoat this issue: parking at a “commuter university” such as CSUF is a frustrating experience until you learn how to cope. Unlike regular CSUF students, OLLI-CSUF members are blessed with our own parking Lot J on the east side of the Ruby Gerontology Center (even CSUF faculty can’t park in Lot J). Try to arrive early. On most days you will find open parking spaces in Lot J up to 8:30 a.m. Parking spaces also open up during the noon hour and after 3:30 p.m.

Use the OLLI Trolley if you park in the north campus parking Lots G and A (west of G). See the OLLI Trolley operating schedule to and from the Trolley pickup area near Lot G in the Blue Book.

Consider carpooling with another member during the first weeks of the semester, when campus parking is the most congested.

There are additional parking tips and information on Pages 14 and 15 of the Blue Book, and a map of parking lots on Page 23. Note: parking is prohibited in the Arboretum lot and student housing Lot RH.

Refreshments and Meals

Coffee, tea and cocoa are offered on the counter of OLLI’s kitchen in Shapiro AB. It’s self-service from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please make at least a 50 cent offering to our coffee fund, whenever you have a beverage, in order to keep this service available for our members.

The Gastronome in the student housing area on

OLLI-CSUF Board Election

April 20, 2017

In accordance with OLLI Bylaws, BL-8, the Nomination and Election Committee was tasked with nominating a single slate of candidates for election to replace the members of the Board of Trustees who are completing their terms in May 2017.

The Committee nominated Jim Monroe for President; Benson Chin for Vice President Programs; Ellie Monroe for Vice President Membership; Thomas Gortner for Vice President Facilities; Gayle Wheatley for Vice President Hospitality; Jim Bradsher for Treasurer and Phillip Barnhard, Jim Cenname, Jim Ertle, Dianne Wallace and Doretta Wedin for the five Trustees at Large to be elected in April. Short biographies and pictures of all the nominees are shown in this issue.

The Board of Trustees appointed the following OLLI members to this year’s Nomination and Election Committee: JoBeth Cooper and Russ Mackead (representing the general membership); Joyce Ono and Gene Hiegel (representing the Board); Mike Stover (Immediate Past President); and Chris Shaw (Chair). Thanks to the Committee members for recruiting and vetting a fine slate of nominees.

In October and November of 2016 all OLLI members were invited in emails, and in an article in the ChroniCLE, to submit an application to the OLLI Secretary if they were interested in becoming a candidate to replace the outgoing officers or trustees. Those applicants and other candidates were considered by the Committee for the positions up for election. Their deliberations were confidential and independent of the Board.

Bylaw 8.4 also provides: “In addition to the
President: Barry Escoe
Vice President Administration: Joyce Ono
Vice President Programs: Janice Jeng
Vice President Communication: Dan Coby
Vice President Membership: Linda Lockwood
Vice President External Relations: Ron Osajima
Vice President Facilities: Gene Hiegel
Vice President Technology: Dan Coby
Treasurer: Jim Monroe
Secretary: Chris Shaw

Chris Shaw (tashaw01@gmail.com), Editor; Lorraine Gerni, Associate Editor; Denny Bean, Juanita Driskell, Alice Gresto and Elaine Mitchell, Staff Writers


Jim Monroe, Nominee
President

Jim Monroe is a native of Michigan. A graduate of Michigan Technological University with a degree in physics, Jim earned a M.B.A. at CSUF. He was employed as a Program Manager at Boeing before he retired and joined OLLI.

As a member of the Orange County Astronomers, Jim is involved with the Outreach Program which involves visiting elementary schools with telescopes and introducing students to astronomy. He brings his interest and knowledge of astronomy to OLLI as a coordinator of “Boundaries of Science—Exploring Current Developments.” He is also co-coordinator of the “Warren Buffett’s Investment Methodology” and “Transitions in Retirement Essentials” classes. He has served on many committees for OLLI, and is currently a program editor on the Curriculum Committee, the chairperson of the OLLI Budget Committee and the co-chairperson of the Policies and Procedures Committee.

Jim was a Trustee at Large and Vice President Programs. He is currently completing his two-year term as OLLI Treasurer and Parliamentarian on the Board of Trustees. His education, experience and dedication to OLLI will serve him well as president of OLLI.

Chris Shaw, Editor

Benson Chin, Nominee
Vice President Programs

Benson (Ben to his many friends at OLLI) was born and raised in San Francisco on the peninsula near Silicon Valley. He obtained a B.S. in engineering and minored in business at San Jose State University. He earned his M.B.A. at California Lutheran University. Ben worked for a variety of high tech companies from start-ups to large corporations including Boeing, GTE and Raytheon. He became a Registered Professional Engineer for the state of California. He progressed to the position of Vice President of Operations for two publicly traded tech companies prior to retiring in 2008. He was also President of an engineering chapter dedicated to continued education for chapter members, requiring planning curriculum content for chapter meetings, scheduling, obtaining resources etc. He is married and has two grown daughters.

He came to OLLI with an interest in music and photography. He became a member of the Computer Education Committee. He is co-instructor for the “Lightroom for Managing and Editing Your Photos” and coordinator of “Musical Performances” classes. Before OLLI Ben was a member of the San Fernando Valley Male Chorus and a senior choral group. Now he sings in the OLLI Chorale, and plays electric bass with the OLLI Jazz Band.

Ben brings a multitude of skills which will serve him well as Vice President Programs.

Alice Gresto, Staff Writer
Ellie Monroe, Nominee  
**Vice President Membership**

A California native, Ellie Monroe graduated from CSUF with a degree in Finance and Marketing and was employed in that field for over 30 years.

Ellie is best known for her music classes, which have covered the lives and music of the classical composers to the “History of Broadway” classes. She works closely with the CSUF School of Music as an OLLI Collaborator and often performs for the OLLI Socials. She is currently a coordinator of the Sock Hop, the Spring Instrumental Recital, the Cinco de Mayo Celebration, and the “CSUF Student Performances,” the “Guitars/Strings—Jam Session,” and “Transitions in Retirement Essentials” classes. She is an instructor/coordinator for the “Great American Songbook: The History of American Music,” “Line Dancing—Beginner’s Level” and “The OLLI Pops Combo” classes. Ellie also assembles pictures of OLLI members who served in the military during previous wars, and shows them, accompanied by patriotic music, during the Fourth of July and Veterans Recognition event each year.

Ellie was a Trustee at Large and the OLLI Treasurer on the Board of Trustees. Her education, experience and dedication to OLLI will serve her well as Vice President Membership.

*Chris Shaw, Editor*

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Thomas Gortner, Nominee  
**Vice President Facilities**

Thom Gortner began his life in the Echo Park area of Los Angeles. From there the family moved to Pico Rivera, and finally Fullerton, where he attended Fullerton High School and Fullerton College. Thom has a degree in chemistry from CSUF, and pursued studies at UC Irvine and California State University Long Beach with an interest towards teaching. However, these activities ceased with a marriage and a family requiring a need for financial gains.

His career was in the construction industry as a journeyman carpenter, a job that he truly enjoyed. He has constructed every sort of building from start to finish, was a construction foreman and superintendent, and was the head of the construction department of a large furniture company. At the age of 13 he constructed his own small sailboat. Sailing has been a lifetime activity as he currently owns a Lido 14 and has had a boat large enough for use as a residence. He built his own computers so he could possibly assist in that area here at OLLI.

Thom’s activities at OLLI include taking classes on the iPhone, iPad and yoga, and he intends to take classes in Mac art, drawing, painting, Spanish and French. His extensive experience in building and furniture construction make him an excellent candidate for Vice President Facilities.

*Denny Bean, Staff Writer*

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Gayle Wheatley, Nominee  
**Vice President Hospitality**

Gayle grew up in northern West Virginia in the ’40s and ’50s. A stuttering problem plagued her early on, but she worked her way through it. After marriage, a move to Chicago, then California, and raising four kids, she was ready for something outside the home. She took classes, attended Dental Assistant School, graduated first in her class, and started life as a professional.

Thirteen years later, back problems forced her to retire. Still motivated, Gayle started a specialized janitorial service for banks, medical and dental offices. She then branched out...
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and taught at drug, aerospace and electronics companies, teaching engineers at UCI and scientists at Stanford and JPL.

After retiring yet again, Gayle learned about OLLI from friends in 2005, and has since donated her talents here. She has developed and coordinated cooking and drum exercise classes. She is currently a supporter of the OLLI Follies, and has spent six years as a group leader for the “Life Story 2” class. She has written two memoirs and is about to produce a book of personal essays. She is currently completing her two-year term as Trustee at Large on the Board of Trustees. Her experience in her career and at OLLI will serve her well as Vice President Hospitality.

Chris Shaw, Editor

Jim Bradsher, Nominee
Treasurer

Jim was born in a small town in southeast Arkansas, but moved to California with his parents in 1952. He attended high school in Norwalk, went into the Army and served in Korea, and then went to UCLA majoring in business administration. His concentration were accounting and his graduate major was business economics.

After college, he spent his first 10 years in accounting and auditing. Then for the next 10 years he was a broker/partner in a real estate partnership specializing in commercial and industrial real estate. After selling his interest to his partner, he became a stock broker with Merrill Lynch. After that, he spent 20 years teaching business classes at Pasadena City College. His education and experience qualified him for five life-time teaching credentials in the subjects of banking and finance, marketing, real estate, management and accounting. After retiring, Jim was appointed as a Senior Commissioner for the City of Norwalk.

After a friend told Jim about OLLI, he joined us about a year ago. He has enjoyed the science, finance and many other classes at OLLI. Since Jim has disabilities and is in a wheelchair, he hopes to help OLLI raise awareness of the needs of those with disabilities. With Jim’s background and willingness to serve, he should make a terrific Treasurer.

Juanita Driskell, Staff Writer

Phillip Barnhard, Nominee
Trustee at Large

Born in Columbus, Ohio, Phillip Barnhard was raised in Southern California. He received his B.S. at the University of Arizona and his law degree at the Western State College of Law, but never practiced law. Instead he turned to the field of health care, first with Blue Cross where he eventually became a marketing executive, then on to St John’s Hospital and Health Center in Santa Monica as Chief Operating Officer with an emphasis on planning. Later he served at St. Jude’s in Fullerton and St. Mary’s in Long Beach.

As a member of OLLI for the past seven years he has served as Trustee and as Parliamentarian. He wishes to continue to serve as Trustee to support the long term relationship between OLLI and CSUF. Phil has served as co-leader of the “Wisdom Exchange,” enjoys the interplay at “Behind the News” and the various classes that deal with politics and current events. You will often find him “holding court” in the OLLI courtyard, greeting new members and inviting them to join in on whatever conversation is in play.

His years of experience in planning and marketing and his interest in the future of OLLI, plus his absolute joy in serving others, makes Phil a choice candidate for the position of Trustee at Large.

Alice Gresto, Staff Writer
Jim Cenname, Nominee
Trustee at Large

Jim Cenname was born in Pennsylvania; worked in a steel mill; got his bachelor’s degree at Penn State and then went on to Boston University. With his engineering degree, he became a factory manager, ending up in Southern California. He met his wife, Ellen, through Match.com, which apparently worked well since they have a happy, 11-year marriage.

A few years ago, Jim decided to change to a more service-oriented profession. He found a need for a business providing services for seniors who could not do for themselves, and he and his wife started Nightingale Senior Care. They sold the business recently to retire young enough to enjoy retirement in good health. He wants to enjoy his love of skiing and teach his grandchildren to love the slopes.

As a relatively new OLLI member, Jim has recently been organizing the photos of OLLI members and activities for the OLLI archives, and is the chairperson for the new Photo Resource Committee. He enjoys photography and credits the Phocus Club’s talented members for his improving skills. Jim also assists in Rick Hearn’s Android classes.

His experience in leadership, his willingness to tackle the tough jobs and his caring for others will make Jim Cenname a welcome member of the OLLI Board as a Trustee at Large.

Elaine Mitchell, Staff Writer

Jim Ertle, Nominee
Trustee at Large

Jim Ertle was born in Jersey City, New Jersey and raised in Fullerton, California. For the past 67 years Fullerton has been his home town. He attended Servite High School and CSUF, where he received his B.A. in Business Administration. His education was interrupted by a two-year stint with the Army, serving a year in Vietnam. Discharged in 1969, he found work at Kraft Foods, married and started his family. In 1970 Jim returned to school at Pepperdine for weekend and evening classes to earn an M.B.A. while he worked days for Kraft, Coca-Cola and then 7UP. After a major lay off at 7UP, Jim bought the Diamond Trophy and Engraving Company making awards for corporate businesses. Jim believes that you do not have to be brilliant to get ahead. What is needed is perseverance, determination and a drive to achieve.

Jim has been a Titan season ticket holder for the past 20 years. After retiring he looked into OLLI. He was astounded by the quality and quantity of offerings in the OLLI Blue Book, all done by volunteers. He began attending Board meetings to learn more about the organization of this amazing program. He became a coordinator for OLLI-CSUF Collaboration, seeking mentors to serve at the Mihaylo School of Business.

With his background and enthusiasm Jim is a fine candidate for the position of Trustee at Large.

Alice Gresto, Staff Writer

Dianne Wallace, Nominee
Trustee at Large

Dianne Wallace is a California native, born in Los Angeles, who never lived more than 40 miles away, but her travels have taken her around the world.

She got a job in aerospace, and studied at Cal Tech, taking every opportunity to keep learning and improving her versatility. She worked for many Southern California aerospace companies as a software process and quality engineer, often a project or configuration manager. When the usual picture was taken of a whole project crew, Dianne

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Doretta Wedin, Nominee
Trustee at Large

Doretta was born in Douglas, Arizona into a family of construction workers, the kind who built dams, so her family moved around a lot. When she was two years old, her family moved to California, eventually settling in Fullerton. After marrying she and her husband moved to Brea, where she has lived ever since. The Wedins have two grown children and five grandchildren.

In her professional life, Doretta was an elementary school teacher, teaching every grade except the third grade, as a Reading Specialist and a Language Arts Specialist. She also set up a GATE program and a library, helped her principal start a new school and was Brea’s Teacher of the Year several times. She also found time to serve in a volunteer support group for St. Jude Hospital where she served in many positions, including president.

She joined OLLI after retiring, when she heard about us from friends. She has participated in the “Storytelling & Drama & Imrov,” “Shakespeare Aloud,” “Longevity Stick Exercises,” “Wisdom Exchange,” “Money News” and “Creative Writing 101” classes.

Doretta feels that having benefited from participating in OLLI for the past few years, it is time to offer her time and skills to OLLI as a trustee. What more could OLLI ask?

Juanita Driskell, Staff Writer

Meet Caroline Carpenter

Caroline Carpenter, Ph.D. is the new Interim Associate Dean of Strategic Operations of University Extended Education (UEE)/International Programs & Global Engagement, responsible for the University’s oversight of OLLI-CSUF. Brandy Schaal, Administrative Manager reporting to Caroline, will continue to be UEE’s day-to-day contact with OLLI-CSUF.

In her new role, Caroline will provide leadership and direction for innovative program and process solutions including implementation of a new Customer Relations Management system and associated transformation of communications and marketing practices, interface with the Division of Information Technology, and work with colleagues to organize and present analytics essential to effective business operations and decision making.

Caroline previously served as a consultant to UEE/IPGE and part-time lecturer in the Department of English, Comparative Literature, and Linguistics. She was Director of Development Support Services focused on early adopter support, quality assurance, and technical publications. Caroline is a CSUF alum, earning her B.A. in English, Summa cum Laude. She completed an M.A. and Ph.D. in English at Claremont Graduate University.

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the other side of Lot J is an all-you-can-eat, one-
price cafeteria offering breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The CSUF Community Market across from the
Gastronome has sandwiches, drinks etc. from 7:30
a.m.

The Titan Student Union in the center of the
campus provides a variety of fast food stalls, like
Togo’s (my personal favorite), Asian food and
salads. And if you need cash, ATM machines are
outside the Titan Student Union.

OLLI-CSUF members receive a 10 percent
discount if you show your name badge at the
Gastronome, Community Market and Titan Student
Union.

Aids for Class/Program Selection

In any given week over 90 classes and other
programs are offered at OLLI. Use the Index by
Date in the Blue Book (starting on Page 96) to
find what is being offered on each day during the
semester.

Also refer to the weekly, online OLLI News
Bytes, OLLI Events Open to the Public and
occasional emails from OLLI for class schedule
updates and program details not found in the Blue
Book.

Access the new online calendar on the
OLLI website at http://olli.fullerton.edu at the
CALENDARS tab to check class dates, times and
classrooms which are updated daily. Note: OLLI’s
online calendar can be integrated into your personal
calendar on your computer, smartphone or tablet
from the OLLI website.

If, for any reason, you are not already receiving
OLLI emails about upcoming classes, events and
special notices, you can subscribe (or re-subscribe)
at http://tinyurl.com/olliEmailSignUp.

OLLI offers many courses this semester and
most of them do not require advance registration.
I encourage you to sample as many as your time
permits. Find the ones that connect with your
passion or open the door to a new skill or interest.

And Finally

Wear your name badge when at OLLI. OLLI-
CSUF is a chartered organization within University
Extended Education at CSUF. All members are
required to wear their membership name badge on
campus. If you bring a guest for the day, you must
inform the office and obtain a one-day guest badge.

Provide feedback through our Suggestion Box
in the lobby of the Shapiro Wing, and let us know
how OLLI is helping you.

Stay Informed about OLLI through our many
forms of communication: the monthly ChroniCLE,
weekly OLLI News Bytes and OLLI Events Open
to the Public, occasional emails, bulletin board
outside the OLLI office, electronic bulletin board
in the Shapiro lobby and the OLLI website at

Reach out! Don’t be shy, ask questions. You
will find OLLI members are friendly and eager to
answer your questions. I am on campus or in the
OLLI office most days. Come by and say hello.

Barry D. Escoe, President
bescoe@fullerton.edu

Oops, I spilled something

Spills happen on floors and furniture, including
the courtyard.

Immediate cleanup
is essential and easy.
Remove solids and
blot or wipe liquids
dry with paper towels,
available in the kitchen or restroom. Substances
that stain must be sprayed with a cleaning solution,
available by the kitchen sink, then blotted dry.
Thanks for keeping OLLI clean.
This year’s Spring Preview Meeting was less about recruiting new members and more about featuring the spring semester program lineup and our 90+ Club members.

OLLI President Barry Escoe kicked off the meeting by introducing the new Interim Associate Dean, Dr. Caroline Carpenter, who is now overseeing OLLI within CSUF. He then recognized those in attendance out of the 33 members who belong to OLLI’s 90+ Club: Genevieve (“Pumpkin”) and Myron Bantrell, Edith Bocklan, Katherine and Robert Forrester, Harold Frey, Aileen Hollowell, Royal Howes, Patricia Jokela, William Lucas and Betty Lundgren.

Barry discussed OLLI’s 38-year history, starting with the Continuing Learning Experience (CLE), OLLI’s beneficial connection with the Osher Foundation and CSUF’s University Extended Education Department, the benefits to OLLI members, the structure of OLLI including the Board of Trustees and office staff (Ying Lu, Celia Reynolds and Manager Patsy Burns), and our parking issues and the OLLI Trolley.

The program continued with a slide-show presentation by Janice Jeng, showing highlights of OLLI’s more than 140 programs and classes. Russ MacKeand discussed the Medical Series (and, of course, Dr. Lawton’s infamous Jazz Series) and the Transitions in Retirement program. Mike Stover talked about our impressive OLLI-CSUF Collaboration program with the University. Linda Lockwood focused on the need for volunteers, and Barry Escoe ended the program extolling the physical, emotional and intellectual benefits of membership in OLLI, and noting that new members can register online and get their picture taken after the meeting.

The meeting adjourned to a coffee and cake reception in Shapiro, hosted by the Hospitality Committee headed by Judy Lech, which gave everyone a chance to meet and greet, including our 90+ Club members.

Chris Shaw, Editor
Special Events

Events Requiring Registration
California Science Center & Space Shuttle Endeavor
Wednesday, March 22 • 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • Parking Lot A
Explore the Space Shuttle Endeavor, including an IMAX film and many other exhibits at the California Science Center. Cost is $28 including transportation. Lunch not included. Registration ends March 10.

OLLI Spring Dinner—Two Gentlemen of Verona
Sunday, March 5 • Play: 2 p.m. Young Theatre • Dinner: 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Gastronome
The event starts with a play at CSUF’s Young Theatre at 2 p.m. Go to the Clayes Performing Arts Center box office on campus no later than March 1 with your OLLI badge and purchase a $12 ticket for the 2 p.m. performance of “The Two Gentlemen of Verona.” Following the play, come join us at the Gastronome for dinner for $11. Registration ends for the dinner February 25.

The Broad & MOCA Museums Trip
Wednesday, April 19 (date subject to change) • 9 a.m.-6:15 p.m. • Parking Lot A
The trip provides small, docent-led group tours of the new Broad museum and the Museum of Contemporary Art including transportation to Los Angeles for $55. Lunch is on your own between museum tours. Registration starts March 15.

Flyers and sign-up coupons for events requiring registration are 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.”

No Registration Required
Spring Instrumental Recital (Open to the Public)
Wednesday, March 29 • 1 p.m.-3 p.m. • Mackey Auditorium and Shapiro ABCD
OLLI is once again proud to invite members, friends and family to a recital featuring our seasoned instrumentalists in the Mackey Auditorium. Then talk to the musicians and enjoy the fellowship of other music lovers at a reception with light refreshments in Shapiro ABCD.

Casual Classical Concerts
Friday, April 7 • 1:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m. • Mackey Auditorium
Through the courtesy of Kurt Mortensen, Director of Audience Engagement at the Pacific Symphony, OLLI members will learn about the fall Casual Connections Concerts. Note: specially priced tickets are currently available for OLLI members for performances of “Ellis Island: An American Dream” on April 9 and “Renewal and Redemption” on June 11 by the Pacific Symphony at the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall in Costa Mesa. To obtain tickets call Louise Jacobs at 714-876-2311, Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
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/olliEmailSignUp 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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