



President’s Message

Now that we are a few weeks into the fall semester, I encourage you to look at other classes in the Blue Book that might interest you. The



breadth of presentation, discussion groups, and activities in our OLLI catalog never ceases to amaze me. Whether an outside speaker, CSUF professor or our own OLLI instructors, the

programs are always informative, often inspiring and sometimes entertaining.

For a truly rewarding experience, consider participating in an OLLI-CSUF Collaboration activity with CSUF. It is an opportunity to share your experience and skills, and perhaps make a difference in a student’s success. Collaboration activities range from a few hours for a one-time workshop or panel, to weekly mentoring and coaching, to participation as research test subjects. Review the OLLI News Bytes or contact Janice Jeng for more information.

During the summer, OLLI initiated a distance learning pilot project. Three presentations of “The Trump Presidency: The Man, His Policies, His Foes” class were recorded and made available online for member home viewing. The series was also replayed at nearby retirement communities. This was managed by the OLLI Grants Committee, with extensive support from the University. During the fall semester, more classes will be recorded for online viewing. The University will again do the recording, but OLLI will take over the video editing. Please review one of these classes after they are announced and provide feedback at

olli-Info@fullerton.edu.

Jim Monroe, President, OLLI Board of Trustees

“Tales of a Great University”

Coming Soon!

Don’t miss out—be informed!

Save the dates and invite your friends: On four Tuesdays, October 10 and 24 and November 7 and 28 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., four distinguished CSUF leaders will share current information, challenges and future directions of their respective CSUF Colleges.

“Tales of a Great University,” one of the signature events of OLLI-CSUF’s Collaboration Program with the University (Page 49, OLLI Blue Book), is open to CSUF faculty, campus leaders, CSUF students, friends and the general public in addition to OLLI members. This vital information-sharing, speaker series will raise listeners’ awareness of current trends and dynamics at CSUF, better enabling CSUF faculty, staff, OLLI members and the public to be mutually supportive.

Edward J. Fink, Ph. D, Interim Dean, College of Communications, is the ‘Tales’ kick-off speaker on



October 10. Dr. Fink has taught communications and radio-TV-film (cinema and television arts) at CSUF and also served as department chair for eleven years. He earned a MA in Telecommunications and a Ph.D. in Mass Communications-Telecommunications from

Indiana University. A co-author of several books related to radio, TV and video, he has also published innumerable journal articles related to this field. The College of Communications includes multiple disciplines such as advertising, journalism, cinema and television arts, public relations, human communication studies, communication sciences and disorders and more.

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The Ease, Simplicity and Power of Bequests and Beneficiary Designations

In April 2017, OLLI-Sonoma State announced it had received a bequest of \$2 million to grow OLLI activity at Sonoma State. SSU-OLLI Director Carin Jacobs said in a statement, “The boomers are coming to class in growing numbers, and Gen X is right behind them,” referring to the older waves of students. “This bequest will allow us to grow and adapt to meet the needs of these new generations of OLLI students.” [[The Press Democrat, April 28, 2017](#)]

[Bequests](#) are one of the most common forms of planned or deferred giving. Another form, right up there with bequests, is the beneficiary designation. A bequest generally involves a set of instructions in your trust or will for the disposition of the assets comprising your estate. Beneficiary designations are even more simple and can sometimes be more tax-wise by preventing assets from going into your estate, whether your estate is taxable or not.

Increasingly, investors have the opportunity to name beneficiaries directly on a wide range of financial accounts, including employer-sponsored [retirement savings plans](#), IRAs, brokerage and bank accounts, insurance policies, U.S. savings bonds, mutual funds and individual stocks and bonds.

The upside of these arrangements is that when the account holder dies, the monies go directly to the beneficiary named on the account, bypassing the sometimes lengthy and costly probate process.

It is important to work with an estate planning professional to ensure coordination between your beneficiary-designated assets and the disposition of property as it is spelled out in your will.

You should also review your beneficiary designations on a regular basis—at least every few years—and/or when certain life events occur, such as the birth of a child, the death of a loved one, a divorce or a marriage, and update them, as necessary, in accordance with your wishes.

Are you a longtime beneficiary and supporter of OLLICSUF? Perhaps you have been thinking about how you could make a significant gift to support our work.

Many retirees think about leaving IRAs or other qualified retirement accounts to their heirs. Since qualified retirement accounts receive tax-preferred treatment as they grow, your heirs may pay estate taxes and income taxes on the qualified retirement accounts.

There is a more tax-wise strategy. By designating OLLICSUF as a beneficiary of qualified retirement assets, you can still provide a nice inheritance to heirs with other parts of your estate while avoiding the income tax!

Contact your IRA or 403(b) custodian to obtain a beneficiary designation form and name OLLICSUF as a beneficiary of your IRA or 403(b).

Planned Gifts to support OLLI-CSUF are coordinated through University Advancement. Please visit www.csufplannedgift.org or contact us to learn about all of the benefits of making a charitable bequest and how it can help OLLI-CSUF continue our important work. If you’re interested in establishing your legacy and making a lasting impact at OLLI-CSUF through membership in the [Ontiveros Legacy Society](#), please contact our Office of Planned Giving at (657) 278-3947 or CSUFPlannedGift@fullerton.edu.

*Hart Roussel, Director of Planned Giving
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Dr. Fink’s extensive background in communications makes him the perfect kick-off speaker in the OLLI “Tales” series as we seek to keep pace with accomplishments and future directions at CSUF.

On October 24 Susamma Barua, Ph.D., Interim Dean, College of Engineering and Computer Science (ECS), will provide an overview of



programs offered by ECS and speak about its role in related workforce development. Listeners will learn about exciting ECS student success initiatives to increase student retention and reduce their time to degree. Dr. Barua will talk about student engagement through faculty/

student research and industry and community partnerships. Finally, she will highlight past OLLI-CSUF Collaboration efforts and share ideas for potential projects.

Dr. Barua, who joined Cal State Fullerton in 1988, earned her Ph.D. in computer engineering from the University of Cincinnati. She has been active in mentoring female and underrepresented students in computing throughout her career. Undoubtedly, Dr. Barua’s knowledge, enthusiasm and involvement in engineering and computer science will enable listeners to keep pace with the rapid changes and future directions in these fields.

On November 7 Laurie Rodes, Ph.D., Dean of College of Health and Human Development,



will share her expertise. Dr. Rodes, a licensed clinical psychologist, has done research in gerontology, neuropsychology and more. She will enlighten us about new directions in the School of Health and Human Development, which includes

nursing, child and adolescent studies, kinesiology and counseling, to name a few. She joined CSUF in 2016, after 20 years as an associate dean at Cal Poly, Pomona.

Following the fall break, on November 28 Marie Johnson, Ph.D., Dean of the College



of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, will be the culminating fall speaker. Before coming to CSUF, Dr. Johnson spent 21 years at West Point, where she was the director of the Environmental Program for seven years.

World leaders today are focused on global warming and the environment. Dr. Johnson’s research interests center on environmental security, an interdisciplinary field that analyzes how degraded environments cause chaos, conflict and violence in the world. Her insights will assuredly enlighten listeners about our fragile planet and the importance of training future leaders in the natural sciences and math. The College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics includes five departments—biological science, chemistry, geology, physics and mathematics.

Come early to these talks to grab a great seat in Mackey Auditorium. You’ll be treated to four dynamic speakers as they tell “tales” about a great university—California State University, Fullerton.

We hope to see you in the audience of fellow thinkers, doers and inquirers!

Patricia Silvestri, OLLI-CSUF Collaboration



Five of OLLI’s Past Presidents



Past OLLI presidents Kirt Spradlin, Dave Musante, Barbara Talento, Mike Stover & Barry Escoe

Open House Staged August 12

On August 12 more than 400 visitors and OLLI members, including the skillful volunteers who staged the event, attended a well-run, entertaining and informative Open House to showcase OLLI's programs and facilities in advance of the new academic year which officially commences September 11. Of the 184 visitors, 96 registered online that day to become new members of OLLI with the help of OLLI volunteers in the computer lab.

Tents shading numerous OLLI program tables, highlighted by impressive art displays, filled half of parking Lot H just west of the Ruby Gerontology Center, and many other programs were displayed throughout the RGC classrooms.

Before the program presentations in the Mackey Auditorium started, the OLLI Chorale and Flash Mob performed to the delight of a near-capacity audience. President Jim Monroe opened the program spotlighting OLLI's history, current organization, ties to the Bernard Osher Foundation, relationship with Cal State Fullerton and benefits of membership. Caroline Carpenter, Interim Associate Dean of Strategic Operations, confirmed the University's support for OLLI and its appreciation for the many ways OLLI helps CSUF. Janice Jeng, Vice President External Relations, described OLLI's programs via a video familiarizing the audience with the Blue Book. Betty Redmon described our arts programs (all in rhyme!); Dr. Joe Lawton humorously discussed the Medical Series and, of course, the Jazz Series; Russ MacKeand detailed the Transitions in Retirement program, now in its 10th year; Ellie Vargas-Page trumpeted the seven-year-old OLLI-CSUF Collaboration program; and Ellie Monroe, Vice President Membership, invited the audience to join OLLI's volunteers, who make it all happen, and meet new friends in the process.

Jim Monroe closed the program by encouraging the audience to stay and hear more from the OLLI Chorale, enjoy the OLLI Orchestra and Jazz Band in the courtyard, visit the course display areas, register to join OLLI in Room 20 and partake of refreshments provided by the Hospitality Committee in the Shapiro Wing starting at 11:30 a.m.

Chris Shaw, Editor





Welcoming and having fun!

“You are never too old to set a new dream”



OLLI Gives to OLLI

Donations to OLLI from members over the last fiscal year exceeded \$25,000 for the first time ever. Members regularly make donations to OLLI, and you can contribute to this important source of revenue for OLLI too.

Donations go into the general Operating Fund, unless the donor designates one of the following directed funds:

- Today and Tomorrow Fund for major structural, capital or refurbishment projects not normally covered by the operating fund.
- Computer Education Fund to help keep abreast of advances in technology.
- Masters in Gerontology Scholarship Fund for scholarships to Master's students enrolled in CSUF's Gerontology program.
- Membership Aid Fund for scholarship aid to deserving OLLI members who meet certain requirements.
- President's Advisory Council Fund for discretionary funds for special projects.

To give by credit card call 657-278-2118, or send a check noting any fund preference to Cal State Fullerton Philanthropic Foundation, 2600 Nutwood Ave., Suite 850, Fullerton, CA 92831. The University administers donations for OLLI-CSUF, and they will send you an acknowledgement of your tax-deductible contribution. Thank you for your support.



New Arboretum Member Rate for OLLI

The Friends of the Fullerton Arboretum are pleased to announce a new special rate for OLLI members to join and support their mission of providing visitors the opportunity to gain knowledge and appreciation of the plant world through the Arboretum's many collections. Individuals may join at \$40, and couples may join at \$80. As a member of the Friends you have the opportunity to become a volunteer with the Friends, receive discounts on classes at the Arboretum and get in early to special events. Fullerton Arboretum members also gain free admission to more than 250 botanical gardens nation-wide through the American Horticultural

Society's Reciprocal Admissions Program.

Many OLLI members know that the 26 acre Fullerton Arboretum is right next door to our Ruby Gerontology Center on the Cal State Fullerton campus. And some OLLI classes are already held at the Arboretum, including walks, longevity stick and Tai Chi. But you may not be aware there are also many nature tours, gardening classes, art exhibits, special events, concerts, food and wine pairings and nature photography courses available to members. The Arboretum's web page is: <http://fullertonarboretum.org/home.php>. And watch for Arboretum updates in the weekly OLLI News Bytes.

Stop by the Arboretum today to pick up a membership form! They are open daily from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Forms are also available at the table near the entrance in the Shapiro Wing. And remember to include your OLLI Campus Wide Identification (CWID) number on the membership form for processing.

Fall Dinner Coming:

A Night at the OLLI Museum

Calling all OLLI members, who are looking for a night of fun!

Imagine walking into the Museum of Natural History and all the exhibits come alive after dark! Well, this is the theme for the Hospitality Committee's October costume dinner event.

Come dressed as your favorite Natural History Museum exhibit and have it come to life on October 28, 2017 beginning at 4:00pm. The Hospitality Committee has a great night in store for the lucky 130 guests who purchase their tickets beginning September 20, 2017 and ending October 20, 2017 or until tickets are sold out. These lucky ticket holders will enter the OLLI museum and enjoy a costume parade, with a costume contest winner, a raffle drawing, entertainment and an Italian cuisine meal.

What more could one ask for? So get your imaginations flowing and purchase your ticket as soon as you can for this fun event. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Class Calendars on the OLLI Website

- Bookmark the OLLI website <http://olli.fullerton.edu> on your mobile device
- Populate your personal calendar with OLLI classes and events from the website
- Check what's happening at OLLI on your mobile phone or tablet
- Changes in class and event times, dates and classrooms are updated on website calendars

Cal State Fullerton Celebrates its 60th Year with a Diamond Jubilee

CSUF is commemorating its 60th year with a year-long Diamond Jubilee celebration. Special Jubilee celebration elements will be incorporated into a number of events throughout the year.

The first event was the Concert Under the Stars on September 23, 2017. This is the University's signature fund-raising event, featuring talented student and alumni performers, and members of OLLI-CSUF represent a large presence at this event every year.

Here are the events throughout the year that will include Diamond Jubilee celebrations:

- Royce Symposium on Thursday, October 19, 2017: A community event with National Keynote Speaker and special guest, Congressman Ed Royce.
- Vision & Visionaries on Thursday, November 30, 2017: Dinner program celebrating Cal State Fullerton's Distinguished Alumni.
- Homecoming on Saturday, December 2, 2017: Alumni and their families return to campus to enjoy fun activities prior to a basketball game.
- President's Holiday Celebration on Saturday, December 16, 2017: President Garda hosts a holiday celebration at El Dorado Ranch.
- CSUF Day at Disneyland on Thursday, February 1, 2018.
- Legends & Legacies on Saturday, March 3, 2018: A recognition event celebrating Cal State Fullerton's honored donors.
- Commencement Ceremonies on Saturday May 19 and Sunday, May 20, 2018.

Watch for announcements from the University with more details about these events.

Chris Shaw, Editor

New Member Round Table Discussion Thursday, October 5 at 3-4:30 p.m. in Shapiro ABCD

New members are invited to attend this casual round table discussion. After three weeks of experiencing the OLLI campus, new members may have questions. Our OLLI officers and committee members look forward to meeting you and helping to answer those questions. If you missed the New Member Orientation held at the beginning of the semester, you are encouraged to participate in this event. Light refreshments will be served.

Special Events

Events Requiring Registration

OLLI October Dinner—A Night at the OLLI Museum

Saturday, October 28 • 4 p.m.-9 p.m. • RGC Courtyard & Shapiro Wing (see separate notice)

Holiday Luncheon

Wednesday, December 13 • 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. • Embassy Suites in Brea (see separate notice)

Flyers and sign-up coupons for events requiring registration will be 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."

California Coastal Princess Cruise

March 10-17, 2018

Sail from Los Angeles to San Francisco, then to Monterey, San Diego and Ensenada, before returning to LA. Cabin selection determines the price, which includes transportation from CSUF to LA Harbor, and all meals, entertainment, informative lectures and activities aboard the Ruby Princess. Passport or passport card is required. Signup deadline is December 20.

No Registration Required

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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.

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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