President’s Message

* Invite your friends to our January 10 Spring Preview
* Donations are welcome year-round
* New year, new challenges

I am delighted with CSUF President Mildred Garcia’s strong endorsement of our activities in her November 26 message in the CSUF section of the Orange County Register. She certainly is aware of our contributions to the University. She really “gets us.”

Spring Preview

Because we have officially ended our new member drive, some members ask me whether they should continue to invite their friends and acquaintances to join OLLI. The answer is yes! New members are always welcome. They add to our organization in countless ways. Invite all who could benefit to our Saturday, January 10 Spring Preview Meeting to learn more about us.

In contrast to our former new member drive, we are now concentrating our outreach communications on the University community (faculty, administrators, staff, and students) to keep them aware of our activities and contributions to our university. Their awareness will increase their participation as guest speakers and as sponsors of our OLLI-CSUF Collaboration engagements.

Annual Donation Appeal

The OLLI annual letter requesting donations was delivered during the

Spring Preview Meeting

Open to the Public

Saturday, January 10, 10:00 am to noon

Mackey Auditorium and Shapiro ABCD

OLLI’s first Open Meeting of 2015 will be open to OLLI members and their guests. The program will provide information on classes and OLLI events during the Spring semester, which begins on Tuesday, January 20.

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 2015 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.

A Look inside OLLI’s Class Offerings

During each of the Spring and Fall semesters, OLLI offers over 140 different classes, plus 100 or so during the summer session. It can be a daunting task to wade through the Blue Book to decide which ones to attend. Through a series of articles that will appear in the coming ChroniCLEs, we will take a closer look at those offerings with the intent of giving you a better understanding of them than you can glean from the short descriptions in the Blue Book.

The Curriculum Committee—co-chaired by Janice Jeng and Joyce Ono, and overseen by Vice President of Programs, Jim Monroe—approves new classes and coordinates the scheduling of dates, times, and classrooms for all classes. They have organized all class offerings into seven curriculum areas: 1) The Arts; 2) Literary Arts; 3) Languages; 4) Economics, Humanities and Social Science; 5)
Volunteer Opportunities Workshop

Wednesday, January 14,
10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Shapiro ABCD

This workshop is a great opportunity for members who want to learn how they can contribute some of their time and expertise to OLLI. It is also intended for current OLLI volunteers who wish to explore other opportunities to enrich their OLLI experience.

More than a dozen different volunteer opportunities will be reviewed. Speakers will include OLLI officers and committee chairs. After the presentation we will have a Volunteer Fair, and members will have an opportunity to meet individually with others who are currently in volunteer positions.

Without an active “Volunteer Corps,” OLLI-CSUF would not have classroom instructors, classroom coordinators, trolley drivers, computer labs, socials, day trips, etc. By being a volunteer, members enhance their OLLI experience and engage with other members in shared activities.

The workshop is coordinated by Edward Dunvan. A pizza and salad lunch will be served at the conclusion of the workshop.

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A Tribute to OLLI’s Presidents

As we come to the end of our 35th anniversary year, we pay tribute to the 18 people who served as President of CLE or OLLI over those 35 years.

It took an army of dedicated volunteers to make this organization what it is today, the most critical of those being our leaders—presidents, vice presidents, officers, committee chairs, and trustees. Among those leaders, the most demanding and impactful job is that of President.

It is the President who often champions and shepherds ideas that result in major improvements in our organization. It was our first President, Leo Shapiro, who was not only the driving force behind the start-up of CLE in 1978 and 1979, but who also tirelessly worked for seven years to make the Ruby Gerontology Center (RGC) a reality. When CSUF’s necessary expansion of student housing reduced available parking at the RGC, it was Barbara Talento who thought up the OLLI Trolley and worked to make it feasible. And it was Dave Musante who recognized the value of joining a nationwide organization of lifelong learning programs for seniors (sponsored by The Bernard Osher Foundation), resulting in more than $2 million in grants now in trust for OLLI at CSUF. These are only a few examples of our presidents’ contributions that were important turning points in CLE/OLLI’s history, but there were many other less momentous changes championed by our presidents that incrementally improved our organization over the years.

So, thanks to those strong, visionary presidents for creating, protecting, and improving the robust organization we enjoy today. In recognition of their service, pictures of all of the presidents, with their dates in office, are shown on the next page.

Chris Shaw, Associate Editor
Leo Shapiro  
1979-1981

Lucien Miner  
1981-1983

Gordon Shaw  
1983-1985

Philip Castle  
1985-1987

Sthephen Balgrosky  
1987-1989

Bill Coston  
1989-1990

Cedric O’Donnell  
1990-1992

Ken Glessner  
1992-1994

Louise Lee  
1994-1995

Anthony Arace  
1995-1997

Don Pease  
1997-1999

Anne Pearson  
1999-2001

Barbara Talento  
2001-2003

Kirt Spradlin  
2003-2005

Charlotte Fox  
2005-2007

Barbara Talento  
2007-2009

David Musante  
2009-2011

Charles Ritz  
2011-2013

Michael Stover  
2013-2015
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Thanksgiving week.

We can put your donations to good use. For example, our membership aid fund allows eligible individuals to participate (or continue to participate) as OLLI members regardless of their financial circumstances. This fund required a “bail out” from our general revenues earlier this year. This is where I contributed a portion of my OLLI gift this year.

My letter sets forth how you can either earmark your tax-deductible gift for a particular purpose (e.g., computer technology purchases), or allow it to be spent for the highest use based on Board of Trustees priorities. Donations are welcome year-round. Several members donate funds to OLLI “in honor of” (IHO) or “in memory of” (IMO) the passing or achievement of a friend or loved one.

Contributions of any amount are welcome. Please use the envelope included in the mailing, or click the “Donate” button at the top of our website for online gift giving (see: http://olli.fullerton.edu).

Members who wish to consider including us or any University program in their estate planning are invited to contact a designated representative of University Advancement (the campus’ fund raising experts) on the choices and means available for these purposes.

The Year Ahead

We expect several improvements, great opportunities, and challenges in the new year. These include:

* Strengthening our close bonds with University Extended Education and the CSUF campus leadership team. Our new dean—Dr. Kari Knutson Miller—is a delight to work with, and her enthusiasm for international travel and additional integration of OLLI with campus life creates new opportunities.
* Enjoying—and preserving—the new carpeting in Shapiro ABCD, Shapiro lobby, and the PC lab (room 20) as well as the new flooring in the Shapiro Wing kitchen. This “investment” in the RGC is the latest of more than $100,000 in improvements we made in 2014 throughout the RGC.
* “Rebooting” our overnight excursion program.
* Planning more audio-visual and technology improvements to enhance our instructional resources.

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Healthy Living; 6) Science and Technology; and 7) Social Programs and Special Interest Groups.

Each article will focus on one of these seven curriculum areas, giving details about program content and program presenters.

Also featured will be curriculum Spirit representatives. During the Anniversary Recognition Luncheon last October, Barry Escoe recognized 30 OLLI members who represent the Spirit of OLLI in the seven curriculum areas and their related volunteer areas.

We hope these articles will be entertaining and enlightening.

December mailing crew

THANK YOU to the volunteers who helped with the December Blue Books mailing: Mary Alice Blaydes, Jean Bryant, Vicki Colvin, Dar and Norine Fredrickson, Bob and Sue Knepper, Jerry Pollack, and Marie Stiegler.

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stovermw@fullerton.edu
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## A Surprise for Linda Lockwood

Linda Lockwood began her regular, monthly Hospitality Committee meeting on November 7 thinking they would be planning the upcoming Holiday Luncheon. Her committee members had other plans. The full committee membership surprised her with a party, complete with snacks provided by the members, to thank her for her leadership of the Hospitality Committee over the past year and a half. As Vice President Hospitality, Linda has led a very active and successful committee, culminating in an impressive Awards Luncheon on October 11 feting the many OLLI members who volunteered their services over the 35 years of CLE/OLLI’s existence. Completely overwhelmed by the surprise, Linda described the party as “Fabulous.” She will complete her two-year service as Vice President Hospitality in May, although—as anyone who knows her will tell you—she is looking forward to other opportunities to serve OLLI.
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

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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