President’s Message

* Hearing the “student perspective” on November 13
* Membership drive now officially over
* Overnight travel planning reinitiated

For those who participated in and volunteered on behalf of our 35th anniversary, I want to thank you. There are simply too many of you to thank by name.

The anniversary was a group effort that was magnificently implemented with tender loving care. We achieved each of our anniversary goals.

November 13 intergenerational presentation

We not only share this campus with University students, many of them are our grandchildren or other loved ones, but also we are vitally interested in their success.

To get their views on their challenges, our next “Tales of a Great University” class will focus on the “student perspective” on Thursday, November 13, from 2:15 to 3:45pm in the Mackey Auditorium.

CSUF student body president Harpreet Bath and Dr. Berenecea Johnson Eanes, CSUF Vice President of Student Affairs, will discuss the challenges facing University students and how the University and Associated Students are addressing those needs.

This opportunity for intergenerational insight and dialogue should be exceptionally interesting. Please attend if you can.

New member drive is officially over!

Awards Luncheon Honors Legends and Volunteers

At a luncheon on Saturday, October 11 OLLI capped off a nine-month long celebration of its 35th anniversary year by honoring 28 people whose huge efforts both at our beginnings and in the years since are of historical significance to CLE/OLLI’s success, designating them as the “Legends of OLLI.” Also acknowledged were 23 current members, who were given the OLLI Volunteer Award for unmatched volunteer contributions in an individual year, and seven recently deceased members, who were given the In Memoriam Award for leaving deep “foot prints” in the forward path of the organization.

OLLI’s President, Mike Stover, opened the luncheon by welcoming members and guests. He recognized Lynda Lockwood, Vice President of Hospitality, and her committee who planned the luncheon, and Barry Escoe, Recognition Committee Chairman, whose committee nominated the award recipients. He also presented a “Special Recognition Award” to Dr. Harry Norman, who retired at the end of June as Dean of University Extended Education (UEE), under which OLLI operates.

Mike introduced Dr. Kari Knutson Miller, Interim Dean of UEE, who introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Mildred García, President of CSUF.

Among other things, Dr. García congratulated OLLI on its 35 years as a successful lifelong learning organization on the CSUF campus, and thanked OLLI for its contributions to the University.

For a listing of those who were honored at the luncheon with the Legends of OLLI Award, OLLI Volunteer Award, and In Memoriam Award, including their contributions to CLE and OLLI, see past issues of the ChroniCLE.

Chris Shaw, Associate Editor
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While anniversary year activities are winding down, we are implementing several OLLI initiatives. The first of these is to “right size” our outreach efforts so that we no longer emphasize membership growth. Our membership drive is now officially over!

Our ongoing outreach activities will simply be to stabilize our membership. We are cutting back on new member outreach efforts and spending. Of course, we will continue to welcome new members. We invite you to recruit your friends and neighbors. OLLI is strengthened by their participation in classes and as volunteers.

What is changing is the emphasis that we have placed in past years on membership growth to be (successfully) considered for additional Osher Foundation funding. We achieved our goal of 1,000 members and received the prize—a second $1 million Osher endowment.

Until now, we haven’t reduced the high level of new member recruitment activities that had been initiated, but that is now changing. We will place no ads in local newspapers to promote the spring semester and we will significantly curtail Blue Book distribution.

We also are reorganizing our Spring Semester Preview on January 10 to emphasize showcasing our new classes and activities, rather than recruiting new members.

Outreach has an important place in OLLI, but its goal should NOT be to grow the membership beyond our existing facilities, which were built with an optimal design capacity of 900-1,000 members.

We have gotten too big in the number of courses and membership for the facilities that we use. Rather, we will emphasize outreach efforts inward to heighten awareness of our activities among campus faculty and staff. They are our “partners” on this campus.

Reinstating overnight travel

The Trips Committee, under Ken Luke’s leadership, is working to restore one of OLLI’s most popular programs, overnight excursions to U.S. and international sites. Our new dean is

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Jane Brubaker, Vice President Membership

I have just completed serving my first year as OLLI’s Vice President of Membership. Although I only had been a member since 2005, I accepted the position because I enjoy meeting people and making new friends. I wish to thank all those who have helped me with my varied and numerous responsibilities during the past year.

Because I was the owner/operator of an indoor plant store in Anaheim Hills for many years and dealt with the public and area businesses on a daily basis, I feel this experience has been an asset in my serving as Vice President of Membership.

When my friends at OLLI became aware that I had been the proprietor of an indoor plant shop they asked me if I would take care of the plants here and I agreed to what has become a “labor of love.” I also enjoy meeting the OLLI members who ask my advice on caring for the plants in their homes. “Don’t overwater your plants,” is always good advice.

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Tribute to a Gentleman Poet

Enjoy Every Minute of it
Be glad you are old and contentious
Be glad you can rant and rave
It’s the last chance to be obnoxious
Before you go to your grave.

The first stanza of the above poem, written by James D. Young, is completed at the end of this article.

James D. Young, who was hired in 1960 by founding President William Langsdorf to establish a Department of Theater and Dance at Cal State Fullerton, died on August 29 in Fullerton. During his 41 years at CSUF he served as the department’s first chair from 1964-69 and was a member of the original faculty council, now known as the Academic Senate. He was named as the associate dean for the School of Letters, Arts, and Sciences in 1970 and was associate vice president for academic programs from 1973-79. He continued teaching part time after being granted emeritus status in 1986.

Jim co-founded and co-chaired the “It’s Our University” faculty/staff/emeriti campaign to raise money for University programs, scholarships, and departments. He was a key fundraiser and donor for the Clayes Performing Arts Center and the 250-seat James D. Young Theatre which is named in honor of his contributions and commitment to the College of Arts.

Although everyone who knew Jim was saddened when they heard of his death, members of OLLI’s Poetry group felt a deep personal loss. But they had memories…and Jim’s poetry!

The Poetry for Pleasure group began in 1990, two years after CLE, as OLLI was known at the time, moved to the Ruby Gerontology Center. They met “off and on” until 1995 when Jim, professor emeritus, joined the group; meetings have been held every week of every semester since that time. Mary Sampson, who was one of Jim’s students when he was chairman of theatre and dance at CSUF almost 50 years ago, said she didn’t know at the time that he wrote poetry even though she had kept in touch with “one of her favorite professors” over the years. In fact, she joined the class because of Dr. Young and said it was quite a few years before she was comfortable calling him “Jim”. Mary said that his poetry is beautiful, serious, funny, and touching; sometimes all in the same poem.

“We always will be grateful to Jim for helping us to read our poems more effectively by learning to look at our audience, finding the right words to emphasize, knowing where the pauses should come, and and how to deliver a poem smoothly and confidently. The members also were encouraged by Jim to write poetry. One might think they would have been intimidated by his poetry, however, “We were inspired by it,” according to Mary.

Kitty Baier, another member of Poetry for Pleasure for many years, spoke emotionally of Jim as a “remarkable human being who left his footprints on the hearts of all of us who knew him. I so admired this ‘gentle’ man who was responsible for my joining CLE/OLLI,” she said.

Although Jim is no longer with us, his poetry will live on and members of Poetry for Pleasure who knew him will always have fond and loving memories of their mentor and friend.

Lorraine Gerni, Editor

(Editor’s Note: Information on Jim’s career at CSUF was found in a news release from the University on 09/02/14 and the 2005 issue of the Titan magazine.)

(Gifts in Dr. Young’s memory can be made to the Dr. James D. Young and Dorothy R. Young Founder’s Scholarship Endowment at California State University Fullerton, in care of the CSUF Philanthropic Foundation, 2600 Nutwood Avenue, Suite 850, Fullerton, CA 92831.

To make a gift, please enclose a note with your check that states the name of the fund and account #40518, or write the account number on the check. Checks may be made payable to: CSFPF.)
Gala 35th Anniversary Recognition Luncheon, October 11, 2014

Camaraderie
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very supportive and has given us common sense suggestions to follow to address past objections from campus administrators, who were concerned about liability and risk management issues that inevitably arise from an ambitious travel program.

Please stay tuned for an announcement on our first overnight destination.

Your views are important
Before we begin a formal strategic planning process in 2015, an OLLI committee will organize “open forums” to solicit your views on our strategic challenges and priorities. I’ve appointed Barry Escoe and Phil Barnard as the OLLI Strategic Discussion Committee to organize these important sessions. I urge you to participate.

New brochure
I hope you have picked up our new brochure, featuring Patti and Hank Chikahisa on the cover, either at the anniversary luncheon or in the OLLI office. The brochure is our first in eight years. The eight-page publication is our best effort to date to describe OLLI-CSUF to campus leaders, faculty, and staff as well as prospective members. Please pick up a copy if you don’t have one.

Mike Stover, President
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Correction: The (t) at the end of Bryan Moffet’s first name should be omitted as found in the list of Volunteers on Page 5 of the October ChroniCLE

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My major responsibilities during the year include organizing and participating in the Open House in January and the Open House in August, which is the largest. I really appreciate the help of OLLI Board members, coordinators, and instructors in the innumerable classes who work so hard to make the Open Houses successful.

Now that I have completed my first term as Vice President of Membership, I feel I am better able to answer the members’ questions than I was a year ago. I wish to thank all volunteers who have helped me during the past year; if anyone has questions about OLLI membership or would like to join the membership committee you may e-mail me at jane@brubaker.com.

OLLI’s Flash Mob dancing to the song, Happy, at noon Monday, October 13, in the CSUF QUAD. Jeanette Reese, OLLI member, was the coordinator and Cara La Green, choreographer.

OLLI Scholarship Application Deadline
Monday, January 5, 2015
OLLI members who wish to apply for a Scholarship for the Spring Semester must return the completed form to the office no later than noon on Monday, January 5, according to Suzanne Mills, chairman of the Scholarship Committee. Application forms for OLLI Scholarships may be picked up at the office between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm any weekday.

SPECIAL THANKS to all the volunteers who helped with the October ChroniCLE mailing: Ricardo Acosta, Lu and Susan Attal, Mary Alice Blaydes, Don and Inez Fallis, Bob and Sue Knepper, Barbara Talento and Carol Thurk.
SPECIAL EVENTS

CSI: Orange County Trip 9:00 am, November 21 Parking Lot A
Country Jamboree 6:00 pm, November 21 Shapiro ABCD

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Coming Events
(Place these dates on your calendar.)

Anniversary Art Exhibit
In Progress through December 5, 2014
First & Second Floors Near Elevators
Pollak Library, CSUF
Coordinator: Betty Redmon

Holiday Luncheon
Wednesday, December 10, 2014
Embassy Suites Hotel, Brea
Coordinator: OLLI Hospitality Committee

Country Jamboree
“Chuck Wagon Meal”
Friday, November 21, 2014
6:00 to 8:00 pm
Shapiro ABCD

The Musical Performance Committee has organized a fun afternoon for our members and guests. This event will start with a musical concert, Country Jamboree themed and an optional wonderful BBQ meal to follow. To add to the fun, we encourage Country style attire.

Come join the fun on Friday, November 21, as you share a meal with friends and guests. Fill up on some great “vittles”. The Chuck Wagon Meal will follow our Country Jamboree Concert which will be held at an earlier time (details for concert will be published at a later date).

In order to assure that we have enough “grub” for ya’ll, please be sure to submit your coupon at the OLLI Office. Hurry – space is limited. Your reservation for the meal is needed no later than Friday, November 14, 2014. We cannot guarantee there will be food available without a reservation. Coupons are included in this ChroniCLE. No reservation is needed for the concert.

Chock Wagon Offerings include BBQ spare ribs, chicken, and baked beans from Blake’s Place. Green salad, dinner roll, dessert and non-alcoholic drink. Please refer any questions to Ellie Monroe: ellie.monroe@mindspring.com.

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Enjoy Every Minute of it (cont’d.)

While people are trying to please you
And tend to your every need
Enjoy whatever they will do
Including getting you peed.

You say you are old and unwanted?
Have nothing to give to the world?
Hey! Face up to life. Be undaunted.
Live it up! Let the future unfurl.

You’re entitled to your share of pleasure
Spend all of the money you can
Make up for the lost hours of leisure
Become a great jitterbug fan.

Don’t make it an important issue
When things go wrong in your brain
When your legs start to buckle beneath you
And you have to lean on your cane.

Getting old is just part of living
To live a long time isn’t bad
Accept what anyone’s giving
While you’re here they’ll always glad.

If it were not for you
These people would not have jobs.
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