



## President’s Message

*By Ellie Monroe, President, OLLI-CSUF*

I hope you all are enjoying your summer. Whether you have been traveling or staying home enjoying shorter jaunts, I hope you are all practicing safety as you greet old friends and family or making new friends.



The enthusiasm of getting back on campus and able to see our old OLLI members is so infectious. We are

continuing to work with the campus leaders to make sure our members are safe while attending those classes that will be held on campus. At this time, OLLI members are required to be vaccinated prior to coming on campus. We are waiting to see if those who have medical reasons that keep them from being vaccinated will be able to attend in person.

We will host another Town Hall Meeting towards the end of August in order to share the most up-to-date COVID-19 protocols for our return to campus. Be sure to open your newsletters to keep up with the latest information.

Your Board and many volunteers are hard at work preparing for our fall semester return. Our offering in the fall will be brought to you as in-person classes, online classes and a combination of both. We are in the process of setting up our audiovisual equipment so anyone can attend from home, including those who live outside the area or who have mobility issues. Many popular programs are returning to campus after not meeting for over a year.

I am looking forward to seeing my OLLI family face-to-face in the coming fall semester. Please join us on campus for our “Welcome Back Social” on Saturday, September 18. Take care and stay safe!! Cheers!!

## OLLI Protocols for COVID in Fall

*By Mike Stover, Vice President Administration*

OLLI is proudly returning to the CSUF campus for its fall semester. OLLI’s Board of Trustees is committed to making the Ruby Gerontology Center (RGC) a safe place for members to return to enjoy in-person courses and activities. The following protocols also reflect the University’s strong commitment to a COVID-safe environment.

The “new normal” for campus classes and activities may be different for degree-seeking (taxpayer-supported) CSUF students and the public than for nonmatriculated special populations such as OLLI.

For OLLI members, the new normal is:

- Because we are **not** subject to mandatory weekly testing for COVID-19 infections (CSUF students are), **only vaccinated OLLI members may attend OLLI classes and activities in person on campus** during the fall semester subject to possible University-approved exceptions.
- Unvaccinated OLLI members and others may participate in online Zoom and YouTube live-streamed classes.
- Members are required to confidentially disclose their vaccination information (from their COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card) as part of their online registration to attest to their vaccination status.
- Instructional areas, including the Mackey Auditorium, RGC and other campus classrooms, are allowed to operate at full room capacities without social distancing.

The University is following current guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), California for Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA), state and local advisories, and the CSU Chancellor’s Office.

Specifically, the University is performing **OLLI Protocols ...Continued on Page 3**

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## The Ease and Simplicity of

### Bequests and Beneficiary Designations

*By Hart Roussel, Senior Director of Planned Giving, University Advancement, CSUF*

In April 2017, OLLI-Sonoma State announced it had received a bequest of \$2 million to grow OLLI activity at Sonoma State. OLLI-SSU 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](#)]

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

[Bequests](#) are one of the most common forms of planned or deferred giving. A bequest generally involves a set of instructions in your living trust for the disposition of the assets comprising your estate. Another form, right up there with bequests, is the beneficiary designation.

[Beneficiary designations](#) are also simple and sometimes more tax-efficient by preventing assets

from going into your estate and becoming taxable, whether your estate is subject to estate taxes or not. Inheriting a qualified retirement account may become a taxable event for non-spousal heirs. Since [qualified retirement accounts](#) receive tax-preferred treatment as they grow, your non-spousal heirs will pay income taxes on the qualified retirement accounts. This is an important consideration since the 2019 SECURE Act eliminated the “stretch” IRA which many relied upon to minimize income taxes from an inherited IRA.

There is a more tax-wise strategy: designating OLLICSUF as a beneficiary. Account holders can name beneficiaries directly on a wide range of financial accounts, including employer-sponsored retirement savings plans, IRAs, brokerage and bank accounts, insurance policies, mutual funds and individual stocks and bonds. The upside of beneficiary designations is the funds go directly to the beneficiary named on the account, bypassing the probate or estate settlement process. 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).

It is important to [let us know about your bequest or beneficiary designation](#), because many retirement plan administrators assume no obligation to notify a charity about your designation. The administrator also will not monitor whether your gift designations are followed. We would love to talk with you about your intentions to ensure that they are followed. We would also like to thank you for your generosity.

Please visit [www.csufplannedgift.org](http://www.csufplannedgift.org) or contact us to learn about the benefits of making a charitable bequest and how it can help OLLI-CSUF. 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](mailto:CSUFPlannedGift@fullerton.edu).



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comprehensive cleaning and disinfection, hazard assessments and safe practice protocols, procurement and distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and COVID case response protocols.

COVID prevention protocols described in this article were valid when this ChroniCLE went to press in early August, but they may change in response to later pandemic conditions. Updated information will appear in the weekly OLLI newsletters and can be accessed through the OLLI website on the COVID Response webpage at [COVID-19 Statement - Osher Lifelong Learning Institute | CSUF \(fullerton.edu\)](https://www.fullerton.edu/olli/COVID-19-statement).

Like other CSUF community members, any OLLI member who (a) discriminates, harasses or retaliates against anyone on campus for wearing or not wearing a face covering, or (b) fails to adhere to the mitigation measures noted above, may be subject to disciplinary action.

## **New Fall Course Coming with Stephanie Leon**

*By Mary Sampson, Staff Writer*



Would you like to try writing a book for children? Have you already worked on one on your own but left it unfinished? There is a new course for you called “Writing a Children’s Book.” The course will start in the fall semester, although it has already had a trial run this summer.

Stephanie Leon (pictured) will be the instructor. She has written and published several books for children.

What can you expect from joining this course? There are lots of experiences that can supply material for writing. In the first part of the class, you will examine and discuss children’s books, their similarities and differences by grade level. You will also bring children’s books to share. How is writing for children different/same as writing for adults? You will discuss characters, setting,

plot and theme, as well as graphics, font size and other aids for young readers. In the second hour of the class, you will get feedback for your own story ideas and creations. There will be opportunities to collaborate with OLLI artists as well. After all, what is a lower elementary children’s book without illustrations?

Stephanie Leon got her start writing for children by trying to write a non-fiction book to explain and soften the subject of divorce for her twin grandchildren. Three years and lots of research later, she produced a book, published in 2019, called “The Answer Is Armadillos: How to Save a Species,” a humorous fantasy about how animals and humans saved the giraffe species (giraffes having been placed on the endangered list in 2018). The heroine, a kick-boxing giraffe, wants to be a swan so she can have the same mate forever.

Prior to this book, Stephanie had only written non-fiction and found it largely unfulfilling. Writing for children about nature and the environment gave her a purpose and a mission. Previously, she thought herself incapable of humor and lacking in imagination. A subsequent book in 2021, “Because of Coyotes,” was also environmentally-oriented.

Grandchildren of friends, neighborhood children and her own grandchildren provide plenty of reactions to new books.

Stephanie enjoys the freedom of being able to mix genres: poetry, non-fiction, fantasy and art in children’s books. Good writing is good writing, and the normal rules always apply. She received lots of encouragement from Fritz von Coelln’s and Ron Baesler’s writing courses. She began her first book in Ron’s course. She also took drawing courses from Jean Casucci and has pursued art as a hobby since childhood. And she has illustrated her own books.

With so many former teachers among OLLI members, this should prove to be a popular course this fall.

*“Once you stop learning, you start dying”  
Albert Einstein*

## OLLI Honors Its Donors

*By Chris Shaw, Editor*

The OLLI-CSUF Board of Trustees wishes to publicly acknowledge and thank our members and friends of OLLI who donated to OLLI during the fiscal year, ending June 30, 2021. They gave a total of \$41,539.

“We very much appreciate each and every donation—of any size,” stated Ellie Monroe, President of OLLI-CSUF. We use these tax-deductible gifts to keep our membership dues affordable and to ensure sufficient funds are available to meet our operating and capital equipment needs, unless the donation is directed by the donor to one of our seven specific-use funds, which are described in the Blue Book.

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## **OLLI-CSUF Collaboration Meets With Associate Deans**

*By Chris Shaw, Editor*

Each year the OLLI-CSUF Collaboration Committee meets with associate deans of the various CSUF colleges to review the previous year's collaborations and gain input for collaboration plans for the new academic year.

At this year's meeting, held on July 12, OLLI's Collaboration Program was represented by Phil Barnhard, Ed Batson, John Blaydes, Roz Charles, Fran Colwell, Jane Goodman, Alice Gresto, Jo Ann Harding, Ronnie Sue Henderson, Darla Holland, Janice Jeng, Linda Lockwood, Joyce Ono, Bill Purpura, Mike Stover, Mary Kay Toumajian, Diane Wallace and Collaboration Committee Chair, Sue Mullaly, plus President Ellie Monroe, representing OLLI's Board of Trustees.

OLLI's newly-elected President, Ellie Monroe, kicked off the meeting. She observed that OLLI is coming back to campus and growing its membership after a tough pandemic year, continuing our mission virtually. She thanked the associate deans for continuing to work with OLLI virtually, noting that supporting the CSUF colleges and their students through our Collaboration

Program is one of OLLI's principal goals.

Sue Mullaly began a review of the 2020-21 academic year by noting that OLLI members love interacting with CSUF students and helping them thrive. Last year Collaboration expanded its mentor program and OLLI members shared their life experiences with students. In addition to mentoring and other Collaboration activities, OLLI members logged 2,000 hours, touching 3,300 students. Ellie Monroe related the many projects with the School of Music, noting our 10-year relationship. Janice Jeng and Roz Charles discussed special projects with the Colleges of Communications and Business, which helped OLLI improve its Facebook page, start a student- and faculty-focused Instagram page and engage in other social media. Ed Batson and Bill Purpura talked about Collaboration's focus on mentoring last year, including helping students with coaching, project judging, panel discussions and interview preparation.

CSUF Project Rebound student, Sergio Torres, shared his experience with, and gratitude for, Ed Batson and the OLLI-CSUF Mentor Program. Collaboration is involved with CSUF's Project Rebound program, mentoring students who were formerly incarcerated to adjust and succeed in their new academic environment. Sergio struggled initially, but Ed served as one of his mentors for the past three years, encouraging and supporting him. Sergio graduated in May and received the CSUF Alumni Association Outstanding Graduating Senior Award. He will now pursue a Master in Education degree.

One of Collaboration's newest projects is matching OLLI members with students' service-learning projects through CSUF's Aging Studies Gerontology course, in partnership with Project L.I.F.E.

Ideas for future projects were discussed. Many students need help improving their writing skills. We are looking into developing a support team for OLLI to help CSUF students with writing in addition to our other projects.

If you are interested in giving back to the community in general, and CSUF students in particular, by sharing the skills and knowledge you have achieved over your lifetime, consider joining

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the OLLI-CSUF Collaboration team. Watch for Collaboration announcements in the weekly OLLI newsletters or contact Vice President External Relations Sue Mullaly at [Smullaly@csu.fullerton.edu](mailto:Smullaly@csu.fullerton.edu).

## **Lucky Joanne Hardy**

*By Elaine Mitchell*

Joanne Hardy said she had never before won anything when she received the OLLI Fiesta party raffle basket. Joanne recalls only one win of a raffle drawing; when she was young, she won a set of pots and pans. Her mom, being more practical, saved the set and gave them back to her years later. Joanne plans to use her basket of goodies for a bon voyage party for a granddaughter going off to college.

Joanne may not usually think of herself as lucky, but OLLI is very lucky to have her on board. She is an ardent supporter and uses her energies and talents to make OLLI a better place for all. Joanne is a born and bred Californian, but marrying Dave, with a career in the Air Force, gave her the opportunity to see more of the world.



While stationed in Germany for three years, Joanne took a job which she felt suited her perfectly and led her to change her educational goals from teaching to library work. She found she really enjoyed, and was good at, being a reference

librarian. Another memorable station was Aurora, Colorado's Lowry Air Force Base, where her oldest daughter was born.

Joanne's undergraduate work was at Redlands and Cal State Northridge, where she earned her Bachelors. Her Master of Library Science was earned at Cal State Fullerton. Most of her career was at Anaheim and Fullerton Public Libraries. She became a library manager and, just before retirement, served as an interim library director.

It is not surprising to find Joanne attracted to the OLLI Flash Mob, she loves to dance and believes in a healthy body with exercise and good food. She also enjoys genealogy; researching bits of

information and clues seem natural for her.

As OLLI's Archivist/Historian, Joanne's career experience and skills make her a strong archivist. Also, she has recently accepted the Policies and Procedures Committee Chair. She shares Chris Shaw's concern over the lack of organized saving of digital materials. In recent years, OLLI business has become digital, but lacks any central digital storage. OLLI members waste time and are less productive if they cannot continue a job or position with the past solutions and methods readily available to reference. Folks end up spinning their wheels while they try to invent a new wheel.

Joanne and Chris, slowed by the pandemic, are eager to return to work on the first step to saving OLLI's digital information—a framework for, and installation of, a cloud-based, online library/repository for all of our important documents. These will include Blue Books, ChroniCLEs, Board minutes, official policies and procedures etc. The framework design then needs to pass a proof of concept before the next huge step: finding and inputting all the information that is now scattered around on many, many different computers.

Good luck and thank you for tackling this large but very necessary project. It takes a strong historical base to build a sturdy future.

## **What's Happening at the Board**

*By Chris Shaw, Editor*

OLLI's Board of Trustees met on July 8 and a Town Hall Meeting was held for all OLLI members on July 10. Following are highlights of the issues from those meetings:

- Joanne Hardy was appointed Chair of the Policies and Procedures Committee.
- Roz Charles was appointed Lead of Facebook and Social Media.
- Some Board members, like VP Facilities Tony Package, obtained single-day authorization to visit the campus to inspect the facilities and plan maintenance.
- The refrigerator in the Shapiro kitchen died and a new one was purchased.
- Purchase of a new laptop computer was

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authorized to replace a very old loaner in the OLLI office.

- Authorization was obtained from CSUF to have the Fall Open House event on campus on August 14.

- The purchase of light refreshments was authorized for the Fall Open House.

- The Board authorized the purchase of a new OLLI Trolley vehicle.

- Fall semester Blue Books were distributed to all OLLI members, both digital and printed.

- OLLI membership now totals over 1,000.

- Purchase of equipment was authorized for use in Mackey Auditorium, Shapiro ABCD and Room 21 to enable Zoom and YouTube live-streaming of class meetings.

- An OLLI-CSUF Collaboration pilot project was approved for members to participate in service learning by CSUF students through CSUF's Aging Studies Gerontology course, administered by Project L.I.F.E.

- OLLI volunteers are now being recertified and retrained to drive OLLI Trolleys for the fall semester.

- Joseph Shapiro is the new Associate Vice President of Extension and International Programs (EIP), the CSUF department that oversees OLLI.

- The following long-time courses have been discontinued: "Tennis," "Hearing and Hearing Aids," "Lip Reading," "Opera on DVD," "The Caesars" and "Survival Italian."

- There will be no new handicapped parking spaces in Lots J or H, next to the RGC, but many handicapped spaces remain unused near the OLLI Trolley pickup in Lot G.

- CSUF course auditing will be available for CSUF's fall semester, which starts August 21. See instructions on the OLLI website.

- There is no change in the membership fee for 2021-22.

- The simplest way to handle CSUF's two-factor sign-in to the student portal is to click on the option to request a call to confirm your identity. You must select the option to extend your logins without two-factor for five days. When you receive an immediate, automated call back, press number one on your phone, and you will be logged in.

- There are several spots on campus that are designated specifically for Lyft and Uber drop-off/pick-up.

- OLLI members who did not renew membership in 2020 can reactivate their membership as a "returning member." They will need their old CWID and pin numbers (available from the OLLI office). Help will be available.

- When members renew membership this year, they may be required to set a new password.

## **Special Events**

### **Events Requiring Registration**

#### **"Hamilton" at the Pantages Theatre**

December 1 • Evening

Registration **not** open. Do **not** contact the office until the registration date. Watch the weekly newsletters for the registration date.

#### **Rose Parade Float Viewing**

January 2, 2022 in Pasadena

Registration **not** open. Do **not** contact the office until the registration date. Watch the weekly newsletters for the registration date.

### **No Registration Required**

#### **New Member Orientation**

September 1 • 1:00-2:30 p.m. • Shapiro/Zoom  
learn more about OLLI and meet with members of OLLI's Board of Trustees.

#### **Welcome Back OLLI Social**

September 18 • 2-4 p.m. • Shapiro ABCD

Help us celebrate coming together again on campus with fun, music and refreshments. Meet new, and greet returning, members to OLLI.

#### **OLLI Social**

September 30 • 3-5 p.m. • Shapiro/Zoom

Watch for details in the weekly newsletters.

### **Coming Up**

(dates subject to change)

**OLLI Socials** • October 28, December 2

**OLLI October Dinner** • October 23

**OLLI Holiday Luncheon** • December 8

### **More Information**

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."



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If you still have trouble receiving emails from OLLI, send an email to [ollinewsbytes@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

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