



President’s Message

By Joyce Ono, President, OLLI-CSUF



I’m writing my monthly message for February at the end of December while there is a surge in the number of COVID-19 cases in Orange County and the nation. The much-awaited vaccines

are now being distributed to the first group to be inoculated, and members of OLLI should be in line for the vaccinations within another month or two. The California State University system has announced that campuses should plan on reopening in fall 2021, and OLLI will plan accordingly for a transition, even though there is a chance that we will not be allowed back to campus in the fall because of the vulnerability of our population. Also, our facilities may not be ready for the heightened sanitization that will be needed.

Some of my thoughts about our return to campus revolves around minimizing our physical encounters with students in the first year or our return and decreasing our parking footprint on campus. One possibility is to shift our use of the Mackey Auditorium from Tuesdays and Thursdays, the two days in the week when most CSUF classes are held and when parking is the most challenging. We would shift our use of the auditorium to Fridays and perhaps on Saturdays, the two days when the campus is least used. Many members have expressed that they would like virtual classes to continue as well, so classes would be offered in hybrid mode, both virtually and face-to-face simultaneously. This will require equipping classrooms with audiovisual systems to stream live videos and training instructors and coordinators

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Planned Property Giving: Pay Attention to Prop 19

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



The passage of Prop 19 is a reminder to review your plans to transfer real property (principal residence,

vacation home, commercial property) to your children. Prop 19 is the most significant change to California’s property tax transfer and exemption law since Prop 13.

Prop 19 expanded the categories of people who qualify for a transfer of the Prop 13 tax cap and taxable value of their current home to a new property. Effective April 1, 2021, this category will now include homeowners over 55 years of age, certain disabled persons, and victims of wildfire or other natural disasters, regardless of age or disability status. The new law also allows replacement homes anywhere within the state of California, not just the county in which the original home was located.

But Prop 19 also alters the Parent-to-Child Exclusion for inherited property. Are you planning to leave real property to your child, children or grandchild? Be sure to review your plans with an estate attorney and explore trust and charitable giving strategies.

When implemented on February 16, 2021, California Prop 19 will, with limited exceptions, eliminate a parent’s ability to leave to

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Bob Newcomb **Vice President Technology**

By Chris Shaw, Editor



Bob Newcomb was elected to serve on the Board of Trustees as Vice President Technology in 2020 for a two-year term, ending in May 2022.

Bob attended Humboldt State University, majoring in Oceanography. He

went on to receive a degree in Marketing from San Diego State University, and an M.B.A. from CSUF. Bob was initially employed as an accountant at a medical supply company in Southern California. He then spent 20 years as Controller and Information Systems Director of a moving and storage company.

Bob joined OLLI in 2011. It wasn't long before he became an instructor in our Computer Education Program. He currently teaches "iPhone & iPad Essentials." He has served as chair of the Computer Education Committee, remaining an active force on that committee, and is a member of the "Free OLLI

Tech Help" team that is available via Zoom every Friday (check the OLLI website for login ID) from 1:00-3:00 p.m. (or call 714-451-6698).

Several years ago, Bob was instrumental in organizing our Distance Learning Program, which he continues to lead. Bob and his team have amassed over 285 videos of classes since then, and they continue to add new videos of current Zoom classes every week. These are available to view anytime on the OLLI website under [Distance Learning Videos](#).

The Vice President Technology is responsible for supporting the audiovisual (AV) systems in classrooms and meeting rooms, and serves as the liaison to the campus technology entities.

Bob leads a team of volunteers in supporting instructors and coordinators in use of the classroom AV resources. This may be showing them how to operate the AV gear ahead of a class or helping to troubleshoot why the laptop's display isn't showing up on the projection screen. This is a challenging task since the operational details vary for each classroom. The team also helps Bob in identifying needs for updates and additions to the classroom AV equipment to better serve OLLI's needs.

Bob has a group of volunteers aptly named the OLLI AV Help Squad, consisting of Leland Asasaki, Ginger Barnhart, Jim Cename, Benson Chin, Dan Coby, Bob Newcomb, Susan Hanna, Rick Hearn, Audrey Koren, Richard McCaman, James Monroe, Jim Monroe and Joyce Ono, whom the OLLI office can call upon when an instructor or coordinator needs help with any AV system. Instructions for using the AV equipment are also available on the OLLI website under [Coordinator's Information](#).

Each semester a team, headed by Rick Hearn and Susan Hanna, provides assistance for people who need help getting through the online membership registration process. Most OLLI members are able to navigate the system to renew their membership on their own, but new members and less tech-savvy members find their help invaluable.

Ever since the Ruby Gerontology Center was forced to close due to the pandemic last March, Bob and a group of more tech-savvy members have been working diligently to train instructors

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New Programs Added

The following programs were recently added to the spring 2021 semester offerings. They are not shown in the Blue Book, except “Eclectics I” which had no class descriptions. Links to join these Zoom classes are available through the OLLI Class Information and Updates newsletter or on the OLLI website at <http://olli.fullerton.edu/> (bottom right side of the home page). Members will be asked for their CSUF username and password.

Learn to Play Guitar

Alternate Tuesdays • 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. • [Zoom]
January 12, 26 • February 9, 23 • March 9, 23

This is a beginning guitar class. We’ll start with the basics—chord shapes, structure, complementary chords, rhythm and strumming patterns. You’ll soon be able to play your favorite songs, or even write your own. By the end of the course, we’ll additionally have covered basic scales and pentatonic patterns, so you can also play lead and melody lines. All levels of guitar players are welcome! As the course progresses, we’ll accommodate different learning speeds and end-goal desires, as well as address all of your guitar questions. All you need is a six-string guitar, a tuner and a desire to have fun and play music. If you have any questions, you may text or call me at (714) 420-9207 or email me at patflynnjr@csu.fullerton.edu. Please be sure to include your name.

Instructor: Patrick Flynn

Coordinator: Ellie Monroe

Strings and Things Music Jam

Alternate Tuesdays • 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. • [Zoom]
January 19 • February 2, 16 • March 2, 16, (30 no class) • April 6 • Intersession: April 20 • May 4, 18

This music jam activity class is for musicians who want to play and/or sing with other musicians and increase their repertoires. We will have an open jam format where class members will suggest tunes and songs to be played. If possible, please buy the “Fiddler’s Fakebook” by Brody, which is available from Amazon and local music stores, and is a valuable resource for any music class. Feel free to email me at pattymccollom96@gmail.com if you have questions. I am looking forward to our musical collaboration.

Instructor: Patty McCollom

Coordinator: Ellie Monroe

Volunteer Recognition Presentation and Concert

Thursday, April 15 Social • 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m. • [Zoom]

The month of April is Volunteer Appreciation Month, and OLLI recognizes our volunteers and their generosity in sharing their talents and time to make OLLI a great community. Volunteers are at the heart of our organization and make OLLI a dynamic and successful part of the university. OLLI members are invited to this event to thank and acknowledge the volunteers. Join us at this special presentation to honor those who have served in various capacities to assist OLLI with its many diverse programs during the past year. They make OLLI at CSUF one of the very best in the country. A special concert designed for OLLI will follow the presentation. Additional information will be provided through the OLLI newsletters, the ChroniCLE, and the OLLI website. Please save the date!

Coordinators: Ellie Monroe, Committee Chair and the Membership Committee

Silver Screen

Alternate Wednesdays • 9:30 a.m.-noon • [Zoom]
January 20 • February 3, 17 • March 3, 17, (31 no class) • April 7

In each class, we view a documentary about one of the Hollywood greats, followed by one of their best films.

Coordinators: Claire Curran and Rich Eaton
Eclectics I (Open to the Public)

Alternate Tuesdays • 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. • [Zoom]

A wide variety of topics of interest to OLLI members and guests is presented by experts recruited and hosted by the coordinators. Please be sure to check the weekly OLLI newsletters, published and delivered via email during the semester, for topic descriptions. You may also refer to the OLLI Facebook page.

Coordinator: Janice Jeng

January 12 • Measured Response: Managing Conflict in the Social Environment

January 26 • The Challenges (and Opportunities) in Computer Hardware

February 9 • Art Theft, Looting and Repatriation

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Facebook: Sharing is Caring

Jim Cenname, Instructor “Facebook 101”



During most of my adult life I was a very private person, not interested in disclosing details about my life to others, not even to acquaintances, you know, the kinds of friends you make at work.

In 2012, my wife, Ellen Busch, and I started a business, Nightingale Senior

Care. I suddenly needed people to know who I was, know about my business and hopefully like and trust me. The marketing consultants told me to create a Facebook page for Nightingale. I created a business Facebook page for Nightingale, and I made posts about our caregivers, our quality and our service, week after week.

But no one ever commented, or “Liked” or “Followed” us. What was Facebook good for anyway? A colleague from my business networking group suggested I make a personal post on the page. Why should my personal life matter to prospective clients? “Just do it,” she said.

Shortly thereafter, while Ellen and I were celebrating the 10th anniversary of our first date at California Pizza Kitchen at the Brea Mall, I snapped a selfie and posted it on Nightingale’s Facebook page. I was amazed at the comments and Likes I received from that post. To my surprise my friends, acquaintances and business colleagues were interested in our special anniversary. Many offered congratulations. That was the beginning of my appreciation of the friendships and connections that a little personal sharing could kindle.

Since then, by joining Facebook Groups, including groups from my high school and the OLLI Phocus club, and making humorous posts of events in my life, I’ve reconnected with friends going back through every job I’ve had, all the way back to high school.

After selling our business, I joined OLLI. I made OLLI-friends, but I realized there were hundreds of members I didn’t know because we were interested in different classes. I wanted to know more OLLI

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February 23 • Mobile Device Biometrics—Past, Present and Future

March 9 • Repatriation, Restoration and Resurrection: The Return of African Cultural Heritage

March 23 • Emerging Non-Destructive Testing and Eco-Friendly Materials—Durable Solution for Nation’s Infrastructure

Eclectics II—Diversity 2021 (Open to the Public)

Alternate Wednesdays • 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. • [Zoom]

Eclectics Diversity Series: Focusing on diversity in our community including presentations from our CSUF faculty, staff, students and community leaders.

Coordinator: Janice Jeng

January 20 • Institute for Black Intellectual Innovation

February 3 • OC Human Relations

February 17 • Lifestories—Told by Three Successful Asian American Women

March 3 • Mindful Intercultural Communication for Personal Relationships

March 17 • Project Rebound

March 31 (no class)

April 7 • Going for the Gold: How I Trained Titans to Win the First Emmy

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and coordinators to host Zoom classes, as well as training OLLI members how to use the Zoom teleconferencing app to join and participate in OLLI’s classes and events. This has contributed in no small way to enabling OLLI’s volunteer instructors to continue to provide a robust curriculum and even some fun social activities for OLLI members through this rough time.

Thanks to Bob and all those members who have volunteered to help make OLLI better through technology.

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to use the equipment. In the long run, hybrid classes would help to alleviate parking issues and allow those with mobility problems to continue to participate in OLLI's classes.

OLLI will also look into the possibility of holding a class this summer in an off-site facility that has been approved to be properly equipped for an elevated level of sanitization. Detailed plans will be needed to return the OLLI office staff to campus before OLLI members are allowed back. Fortunately, our facilities will enable the office staff to maintain social distancing while they work.

All this planning and activities have stymied our progress in completing the update to OLLI's five-year plan, which was scheduled to be completed in May 2021. Thanks to those who provided input to the SWOT analysis in identifying OLLI's Strengths/Weaknesses and Opportunities/Threats to our organization. In light of the many uncertainties we currently face, we will focus on a one-year plan instead. This will provide us with a process on how best to deal with the cycle of future shutdowns: pivoting to offering a virtual program and transitioning a return to campus, should we face another threat to the well-being of our members or any kind of closure of our facility in the future.

The recent analysis by the ad hoc committee headed by Mike Stover in re-engaging former OLLI members indicated that the largest segment of OLLI's population that we "churn" annually represents the newer and younger members. OLLI needs to recruit and retain our new and younger members in order to maintain a viable and vibrant organization. But more importantly, we need to engage this segment of OLLI's demographic to retain them. This is a challenge while we are virtual.

In thinking about how many of us have engaged with OLLI over the long term, volunteering appears to be a major means of developing friendships that we need to replace those we lose from our workplace when we retire. Those of you who may be in this segment of OLLI's population might want to consider volunteer opportunities, of which there are many. Check the [OLLI website for volunteer opportunities](#) and get the most out of your OLLI membership!

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their children or grandchildren their Prop 13 tax cap and tax base. All property will be reassessed at its current fair market value, with one very small exception. Specifically, Prop 19 alters the Parent-to-Child Exclusion by adding a residency requirement. Prop 19 requires that the inheritor(s) live in/on the property as the owner. This means junior will no longer be able to turn the family home into a rental property and keep the lower Prop 13 tax cap and tax base.

Beginning February 16, 2021, children who inherit real property from their parents will have to factor in increased property taxes in the decision to keep or sell the property. If a child chooses to keep the real property and use it as the child's primary residence, then up to \$1 million of the reassessed value will be excluded from the new property-tax basis. (Before, primary residences could be transferred with no cap.) If the child chooses to keep the property as a second home, vacation home or rental property (i.e., anything other than as the child's primary residence), there is no \$1 million exclusion and the child will face an increase in property taxes.

In all cases, whether a replacement property or an inherited property, everyone needs to know that the transfer of the Prop 13 tax benefit is not automatic. The benefit must be proactively claimed when title is transferred.

As always, this information is not intended as legal or tax advice. Please consult your professional advisors for legal and tax guidance.

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.

What's Happening at the Board

By Chris Shaw, Editor

OLLI's Board of Trustees met on December 10. Following are highlights of the issues from that meeting:

- Treasurer's Report: Income from membership dues was \$37,000. Expenses included \$17,000 for office staff, \$2,000 for administration costs, \$2,200 for CSUF administration fees and \$1,300 for printing and ceramics costs.
- Computer Education Fund balance is \$30,000.
- 2021 Board Election: Thanks to the Nomination and Election Committee—Vickie Hite, Debbie Maxwell, Rayleen Williams, Ken Luke, Jim Monroe, Phil Barnhard and Chair Janice Jeng—for their work nominating candidates for the April election.
- The slate of nominees is Ellie Monroe for President, Renee Cabrera for VP Programs, Bill Sampson for VP Membership, Tony Package for VP Facilities, Lisa Sewell for VP Hospitality, Ann Sparks for Treasurer and Rosalind Charles, Tom La Casa, William Clark, Michele Frankel and Pete Saputo for Trustees at Large.
- Distance Learning videos will continue to be available on the OLLI website without requiring OLLI members to log into the CSUF student portal.
- \$800 was voted to add to the total \$5,300 for re-engaging, retaining and recruiting OLLI members. Thanks to committee members—Sue Mullaly, Debbie Maxwell, Bill Sampson, Vickie Hite, Ellie Monroe, Mike Stover and Roz Charles.
- Spring Open House ads ran in the LA Times on December 30, January 3 and January 6 and in the OC Register on December 31 and January 7. Ads also ran in the Fullerton Observer on December 14 and January 4.
- More ads were run on the CSUF electronic billboard December 18-January 18, our Open to the Public Gatefold brochure was emailed to community, senior organizations and ads were purchased on Facebook.
- Recruiting letters and holiday cards were mailed to former members, and a new OLLI

Tattler newsletter is being emailed to former members, sharing current member activities. Zoom Buddies was formed to offer Zoom help to them.

- More is being done to promote the member benefit of auditing CSUF courses for free.
- Workshop on how to find and sign up to audit CSUF courses was offered December 15.
- Bring a Friend Program went well, which may generate some new members in spring.
- Policies and Procedures Committee is working on revisions to OLLI Policies for Board approval.
- A committee is being formed to consider a plan to publish the Blue Book just once a year, and publish the schedule of classes (e.g., dates, times and classrooms) separately on a monthly basis and encourage reliance on the website and newsletters for class meeting information. The Blue Book would continue to have all course descriptions for the year, but without dates, times and venues. This would save over \$7,000 in printing costs each year and avoid publishing listings of class meeting information that becomes out-of-date and misleads members.
- Surveys of incoming, current and former OLLI members are being considered to determine what people want, and don't want, OLLI to provide its members in order to aid in member recruiting and retention.
- From November 30 to December 6, four new members and 28 current members registered for the spring and summer semesters.
- Spring Open House: Planning was continuing for this virtual Open House to replace the usual Spring Preview on January 9. CSUF President Virjee couldn't make it, but Provost Carolyn Thomas would take his place. 90+ Club members will be honored. Breakout rooms with course instructors will promote various OLLI programs.
- OLLI's Sunshine Callers made social calls to 285 members, providing information on upcoming programs and offering Zoom help. Some said membership cost was not worth Zoom-only programs, but they appreciated the

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calls.

- A committee is being formed to draft the Long-Term Plan 2022-2027.
- OLLI Administrative Manager Patsy Burns is planning virtual OLLI office meetings for members to meet with office staff via Zoom.
- Hospitality Committee emailed members a holiday greeting card photo album of past Holiday Luncheons on December 9 as a tribute to this popular OLLI event, curtailed by the pandemic this year.

Ask the Board

By Chris Shaw, OLLI Secretary and ChroniCLE Editor

New OLLI member Carol found she needed Campus-Wide ID (CWID) and Pin numbers to log into the CSUF student portal website. Michelle in the OLLI office (olli-info@fullerton.edu or 657-278-4270) responded that these numbers are sent in a separate email shortly after new members register online. The final step in new member registration is to go to the CSUF website at www.fullerton.edu, click on “Student Portal” and then click on “Create My Campus Account.” There they are prompted to enter their CWID and Pin numbers and other personal information. This produces a CSUF campus ID, password and email address for the OLLI member, which are needed to participate in Zoom classes.

Linda asked why “Wisdom Exchange” was not being offered in the spring curriculum this year, and if we need more facilitators to volunteer to run it. Vice President Programs Ellie Monroe explained that “Wisdom Exchange” is not always offered in the spring, but it is always offered in the fall semester. The course’s coordinators chose not to offer it this spring due to other commitments, but they plan to offer it in the fall 2021 semester.

If you have a question, send an email to Chris at tashawc01@gmail.com with your question. This is your one-stop, easy access to all things OLLI.

I will find the right person to get the right answer for you, and I’ll email you the answer. I’ll also share your question and answer in the next ChroniCLE.

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members. That’s when I thought of Facebook.

I set up a Facebook page for OLLI about two years ago, which is now managed by Janice Jeng. Through my personal page, the Phocus Photo Club page and OLLI’s Facebook page I’ve met scores of OLLI members who I would never have met.

I’d like to share my great experience with Facebook with you. Please visit OLLI’s Facebook page at facebook.com/ollicastatefullerton. You can visit OLLI’s Facebook page any time without joining Facebook or setting up your own Facebook page. See the posts and photos of your friends, as well as many others you have never met, and watch what’s going on at OLLI on a daily basis.

If Facebook seems intimidating to you, or you don’t want your personal information all over the internet, attend my “Facebook 101” course. You will learn how to use Facebook and to safely limit what you share, however it suits you.

The “Facebook 101” course will have two Zoom class meetings, Friday April 9 and Friday April 16 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The link to join these Zoom classes is available on the OLLI website at <http://olli.fullerton.edu/> (bottom right side of the home page). Members will be asked for their CSUF username and password. Or, watch the OLLI newsletters for the Zoom link. This course requires pre-registration, so I recommend you register now by [clicking here](#) and completing the simple online registration form.

If you have any questions about registering for or joining the Zoom class, contact me (Jim Cename) at jimcename@csu.fullerton.edu, 949-371-6535, call or text.

90+ Club Members Interviewed

In conjunction with OLLI’s Virtual Spring Open House celebration of our 90+ Club members, VP Administration Mike Stover interviewed five distinguished members—Barbara Talento, Char Oliva, Desiree Engel, Donna Spradlin and Richard McCaman—about their experiences at OLLI. You can view this exceptional 14-minute interview by [clicking here](#).



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