



## **President’s Message**

*By Joyce Ono, President, OLLI-CSUF*



OLLI started its summer session in virtual mode and all the work that has been done by a dedicated and compassionate cadre of volunteers. It makes me feel proud to be part of this organization! The need for members to update their

use of technology has meant that those who are “technically inclined” have made great efforts to learn Zoom in order to share their expertise with instructors, coordinators and other OLLI members.

Training sessions have been made available, but it is sometimes disheartening to see how few have taken up these offers. Unfortunately, for those who think “I’m not a techie,” and decline to make the effort to learn the technology necessary to partake of OLLI’s growing number of virtual classes, learning will **not** be a lifelong endeavor. Just as current education has changed from the instructor being the sole source of knowledge, focus now is on being able to search for information with the proper queries and filtering what is useful and reliable information from what is not. To be a lifelong learner means that we need to learn the technology necessary to continue to learn and not rely only on others to provide instruction. Teachers today serve as guides, and the best are able to distill the framework that underlies a field of knowledge and impart that to novices so they too have a means to mentally file the information they gather by their own inquiries. I hope those of you who have shied away from learning the rudiments of the Zoom technology that OLLI is using for virtual

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## **How to Renew Your Membership And Why You’ll Want To**

*By Mary Sampson, Staff Writer*

So you just received your reminder that it’s time to renew your OLLI membership for the coming year, but you’ve been wondering how on earth you can participate in the classes you love since OLLI is closed due to the shelter-at-home requirements. Fear not. OLLI is still do-able. We value your participation in this outstanding 40-year-old program. We do not want you to fall by the wayside, nor do we want to lose our office staff—Patsy, Celia and Michelle. We want OLLI to go on for many more years. You can help make that happen by renewing your membership. Shelter-at-home will not last forever. We are planning a lot of classes that are accessible through the University’s Zoom account, all without leaving the comfort of your home or fighting traffic or hunting for one of those elusive Lot J parking places.

What is Zoom, you ask? It is an electronic method of communicating visually and verbally, or videoconferencing. Because OLLI uses CSUF’s Zoom account, it is very secure and safe to use. When you open your email and read the OLLI newsletters where the weekly classes are listed, you will see a Zoom link. Clicking on that link will get you the list of Zoom access numbers for all courses for the semester, also available on the OLLI website under [Zoom Help](#). A single course uses the same Zoom link for each of its class meetings throughout the semester. Ten minutes before your class starts, click on its Zoom link, and follow the directions on the screen to join your videoconference, where you will be able to see those familiar, smiling OLLI faces that you may not have seen in several months.

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## Dr. Mackey’s Auditorium Jewel of the RGC

*By Chris Shaw, Editor*



The Mackey Auditorium, the jewel of our Ruby Gerontology Center (RGC), was named after Dr. Francis G. Mackey (known as “Bud”). Dr. Mackey made a major donation toward building the RGC, particularly intended for the auditorium, because he believed in the concept of

the Continuing Learning Experience (CLE, the predecessor to OLLI) as a benefit to the senior community and Cal State Fullerton. Dr. Mackey also used his influence with the Orange County medical community to help fund the auditorium, and they raised \$350,000 in his name.

Mackey Auditorium was the result of Dr. Mackey’s dream to build a state-of-the-art, multipurpose facility that could be used for general lectures, research and entertainment. He believed the auditorium would serve as a learning center and a social center for both the University and CLE/ OLLI, and also benefit the medical community by

supporting gerontological learning and research. It has been used extensively for these purposes over the years. Dr. Mackey based the design of the auditorium on the L.B. Mayer Learning Center at the USC School of Medicine.

The 230-seat Mackey Auditorium, which opened as part of the new RGC facility in August 1988, was designed as a high-technology theater/ auditorium. The auditorium included state-of-the-art audio-visual display and videotaping capabilities. Originally, each seat included an audio outlet plus an audience response mechanism that was used for research and data acquisition, as well as aiding the audience in participating in discussions and Q&A. The audience response system did not survive over the years, but the auditorium has been continually updated with the latest audio-visual systems.

Dr. Mackey was one of Orange County’s most renowned physicians. Originally from Warren, Ohio, he graduated from Ohio State University Medical School in 1943, then served in the Army Medical Corps during World War II. After the war, he moved to Fullerton and opened his internal medicine practice. He was the first cardiologist at St. Jude Medical Center, and when he retired from his cardiology practice, he became the Medical Director at St. Jude. He was the driving force in establishing the first inpatient rehabilitation center in Orange County, which evolved into a model inpatient and outpatient facility at St. Jude for rehabilitation of stroke, orthopedic, cardiac and other conditions. He was also a pioneer in the development of the medical culture in Orange County. Dr. Mackey was named Physician of the Year by the Orange County Medical Association and Distinguished Physician of the Year by St. Jude.

After many years of ignoring his own doctor’s suggestion to have routine tests for colon cancer, Dr. Mackey discovered he had it, and made it a cause to promote early detection. He spoke at wellness forums and medical gatherings, preaching the value of tests like colonoscopy for those over 50, which he believed would have saved his own life and would ultimately save thousands of lives.

Dr. Mackey died in 2001 at the age of 84 of colon cancer, but not before he published a book about his *Dr. Mackey’s ...Continued on Page 3*

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If there is a camera on your device (laptops, tablets and even cellphones have them), you will likely have a microphone on it. If you are using a desktop computer, you may need to buy a webcam with microphone (around \$50 on Amazon) to participate in class discussions. Now you're ready to meet new friends and have a great time learning in retirement, just as you did before the virus kept us all home.

Of the 118 programs we plan to offer in the fall semester, we will offer as many as possible via Zoom until the Ruby Gerontology Center is reopened and in-person programs are resumed. Those programs that will be offered via Zoom are noted in the fall Blue Book. You will need to check the OLLI newsletters every week, so you know what is going on with the classes you are interested in and get their Zoom links.

If you are a bit apprehensive about tech stuff, don't worry; there is lots of support to guide you through the process. Help with Zoom is available on the OLLI website under [Zoom Help](#). "Going" to Zoom classes is not hard. Once you've done it a time or two, it's pretty easy. Being the mature, seasoned citizens that we are, we can do it.

OK, so now that you know how to go to classes, how do you renew your membership? It's pretty much just like it was last year. You will need the CSUF/OLLI student account user name and password that you created when you registered online the first time. If you are a new member and renewing for the first time, you need to get a CWID (campus wide ID) and PIN number. Email Michelle at [OLLI-info@fullerton.edu](mailto:OLLI-info@fullerton.edu) and she can assist you.

Include your phone number, so she can call you.

Just FYI, right now no one is in the OLLI office, and we're not allowed onto the campus, so you may get a gentle reminder from the campus police that you need to leave.

You can renew your OLLI membership online on your home computer by going on the OLLI website at <http://olli.fullerton.edu> and click on JOIN/RENEW, listed on the far right. Follow the registration instructions provided on this webpage. Please consider NOT checking the box on the registration form indicating that you want the

Blue Book mailed to you. All up-to-date course information, class schedules and Zoom access numbers are on the OLLI website. Once you have completed and paid for registration, be sure to print a copy of the receipt. It would be really helpful if you could renew your OLLI membership for the coming year by August or sooner.

What else can you do to ensure that OLLI continues until we can meet again in person? Reach out to a friend who isn't an OLLI member (or used to be a member and gave up after finding nowhere to park) and help them to join or rejoin. If you have friends who are in assisted living, even if they are disabled, they can join OLLI and enjoy current classes on Zoom and videos of previous classes on OLLI's website.

We continue to be here for you. Thank you for your continued support—you make us "OLLI Strong—Titan Strong."

## **New Features in Electronic Versions**

Starting with the electronic version of the fall 2020 Blue Book, you can click on a section or program title in the programs and alpha indexes to jump to that section or program page. You can also open a list of bookmarks on the left side of the document, enabling you to jump to any section or program page.

Starting with the August ChroniCLE, you can click on the footnotes at the bottom of the page that state "xxxxxx ... Continued on Page x" to jump to the page where that article continues.

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own experience, from diagnosis to chemotherapy, titled "Why Die of Colon Cancer?" He self-published his book at a cost of \$57,000, because he feared he would die before he found a publisher.

Dr. Mackey's support of the RGC and CLE/OLLI established a connection between St. Jude and OLLI that remains today in the form of Dr. Joe Lawton's "Medical Series" classes, instructed by prominent doctors from around Southern California, many from St. Jude.



## What's Happening at the Board

By Chris Shaw, Editor

OLLI's Board of Trustees met on June 11. Following are highlights of the issues from those meetings:

- Treasurer Tom Toby resigned; Ann Sparks was appointed to replace him.
- Chris Shaw was appointed Secretary replacing Ann Sparks.
- Key goal for 2020-21 is keeping OLLI members safe. OLLI's plan to return to campus will be impacted by state and CSUF rules.
- New committee focusing on retention of current members and recruiting new members to replace non-renewing members. Normal membership turnover rate is 20%, usually replaced each year. Losing significantly more members would be detrimental to OLLI. Focus on current members bringing in new members.
- Membership registration/renewal begins July 16.
- Planned \$5 membership fee increase was rescinded.
- Creating new OLLI webpage marketing OLLI to public.
- Planning advertising for new members in local papers.
- Summer session's offering of 50 courses via Zoom are well attended and well received.
- OLLI members can learn to use Zoom at "Free OLLI Tech Help" held every Friday from 1-3 p.m.
- Fall Open House will be held August 22 via Zoom.
- Fall semester will start with virtual (Zoom) programs.
- Fall Blue Book is in production and on schedule.
- Working on strategic goal to expand diversity of OLLI membership.
- Committee working to streamline budget planning and financial reporting.
- 13 CSUF-Collaboration Project Rebound students graduated.
- CSUF Titan Magazine featured OLLI members Janice Jeng and Ed Batson and their Collaboration students.
- OLLI-CSUF Collaboration's annual meeting

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instruction will muster motivation to try and take advantage of the written and video tutorials on the OLLI website under [Zoom Help](#).

OLLI's [Open House](#) will be a virtual meeting on August 22, and we are trying to capture some of the energy and vigor that pervades our usual Open House. Our traditional Open House is when members collaborate to showcase OLLI's programs and achievements. We will have help with online membership registration, once again, by the efforts of Vice President Membership Debbie Maxwell and her seasoned crew of helpers. They have had to learn to use Zoom in novel ways to provide remote assistance for those seeking help with OLLI's online registration. For the fall, instructors who have not yet learned to use Zoom will need to be trained by members of the Distance Learning Committee, who put in great effort to ready those teaching in the summer session. I hope all members are aware and grateful of the efforts of these volunteers for facilitating their continued learning experiences.

CSUF has revealed their plans ([Titans Return](#)) for reopening the campus in phases and OLLI's Board has made keeping our members safe their first priority. The Cal State University system has curtailed all non-essential domestic and international travel until next July so it is highly likely that OLLI's travel program will be unavailable for the entire academic year. This means that OLLI's entire program is centered on our Zoom-mediated classes and a growing library (over 170) of [Distance Learning](#) videos.

Our OLLI probably has the most class videos of any OLLI, thanks to the efforts of Vice President Technology Bob Newcomb and his team of video editors. We need more volunteers, and if you have video editing expertise, OLLI needs you!

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with CSUF associate deans will be July 7.

- Sunshine Social Callers have 25 callers calling 50 OLLI members each month to maintain social contact with members.
- Planned USC Collaboration was canceled.
- Planning Saturday afternoon virtual Socials.

**Phocus Club Annual Photo Contest Winners**  
**Additional winners and more information are available on**  
**[OLLI's Facebook page.](#)**



**Brave Junior Cowboy**  
**By Donna Judd**



**Craig Park Owl**  
**By Donna Judd**



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**By John Price**



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**By John Blaydes**



**People**  
**By Lori Norman**



## Continuing Learning Experience to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

By Susan McNamara, Staff Writer



If a book were to be written about the essence of the success of OLLI-CSUF over its 40 years, one chapter would be dedicated to two key people who shared a vision. One of them was Leo Shapiro, father of Continuing Learning

Experience (CLE), and the other is Bernard Osher, the founder of the Osher Foundation. A list of attributes that ring true for both men would write themselves. Both were born in the second half of the 1920s, both were businessmen with more than one successful career, both were innovative, both knew how to get things done and both were philanthropists. The clarifying sandwich sentence would be: They were men with a vision. Although this vision of adult learning may have differed in the details, the end result is a 40-year-old organization that has been a bountiful resource for seniors with a thirst for learning.

Leo Shapiro was born in Chicago on January 4, 1905. He graduated from the University of Chicago with a Baccalaureate Degree in Economics in 1925 at the young age of 20. Upon graduating, Leo went to work for Sears, Roebuck and Co. and became an executive. He took an early retirement in 1944 and moved to Los Angeles where he created The Drugette, an innovative marketing enterprise which was purchased by Kaiser Markets in 1950. He then worked in marketing for Raisin and Alpha Beta Markets, retiring in 1970 from the position of Vice President of Marketing. Philanthropy became his next focus.

In 1979 Shapiro worked with Betty Robertson (fondly remembered as Godmother of CLE), Director of Community and Outreach Programs at Cal State Fullerton, to design an organization that would provide access to lifelong learning. This gave birth to CLE. The foundational principles included members paying their own way and volunteers creating programs using their areas

of expertise. Shapiro had a few rules that he felt strongly about, and they included that classes had to be of college level and were to be taught by retirees or expert faculty. Shapiro was adamant that the teachers should not be paid. The teaching and the learning should both be fueled by the joy of sharing knowledge. The first CLE offerings took place in the Mahr House in 1979, and when CLE membership outgrew that small facility Shapiro was instrumental in raising 95% of the contributions and pledges that paid for building the Ruby Gerontology Center. CLE moved into the Ruby Gerontology Center in 1988.

Bernard Osher was born in Maine in 1927. He graduated from Bowdoin College and took over his parents' hardware business. He moved to the Bay Area in 1963 and managed World Savings, a financial institution, for over 40 years. He bought Butterfield and Butterfield, a fine art auction house, in 1970. His success in both business arenas enabled him to create the Osher Foundation in 2000, a nationwide philanthropic organization supporting his passion for learning for the sake of learning. The foundation was interested in targeting mature students not well served by standard continuing education curricula.

During the fall of 2002 the Osher Foundation issued Requests for Proposals to campuses in the California State University and University of California systems, offering an initial grant of \$1,000,000 to establish a lifelong learning institute, with the offer of a second grant if the program was able to demonstrate potential for success and sustainability. The Request for Proposal landed in the CSUF office of University Extended Education (now EIP).

At this point CLE had prospered and grown as an institution for 23 years. A rich history with traditions and practices existed along with a well-deserved pride. When the Osher Foundation proposal was brought to the CLE Board of Trustees it was soundly rejected. CLE members involved at the time recall it as a very divisive period. There were many concerns revolving around the loss of autonomy. CSUF brought the proposal back to CLE for a second vote, and it was rejected again.

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## Fall Programs Offered Via Zoom

All programs that can be adapted to videoconferencing (about 87) will be offered via Zoom until the campus and Ruby Gerontology Center are reopened and in-person programs are resumed. All programs that are not adaptable to videoconferencing will not be offered until in-person classes are resumed. See the fall Blue Book and watch OLLI's weekly newsletters and special announcement emails for information about programs offered in the fall semester.

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Ultimately, the decision to accept the Osher Foundation proposal was made by CSUF President Dr. Gordon without the backing of CLE. CLE officially became OLLI in 2006. In 2008 the Osher Foundation endowed OLLI with \$1,000,000. The second \$1,000,000 was received in 2012, when OLLI surpassed the condition that it exceed 1,000 members.

Those involved during the transition said it took time to accept the change from CLE to OLLI. They recall being determined to carry on as before and remain true to their founding principles. They all expressed a love for Shapiro and a pride that members, under the banner of either CLE or OLLI, gave their heart and soul to the organization. There was an acknowledgement that the endowment enabled them to make purchases like the OLLI Trolley and that OLLI became connected to other OLLI institutes across the nation, now numbering 123, and had the opportunity to share and learn.

Leo Shapiro and Bernard Osher were men with a vision. Their vision has sustained 40 years of joyful learning. Here's looking at the next 40 years!



## Fall Open House Saturday, August 22 9:30-11 a.m. Via Zoom



The Fall Open House is an opportunity to learn what's in store for the coming year and to share OLLI with family and friends! We want new members, so invite your family and friends to join this Zoom overview of OLLI's organization, programs and benefits. Some OLLI instructors and coordinators will also give short descriptions of their courses and activities. Information to join this Zoom event will be available on the OLLI website and our weekly OLLI newsletters.



## Scholarship Announcement

Scholarships for membership are available for those having financial hardships. Applications can be requested through the OLLI office by phone or sending an email to [olli-info@fullerton.edu](mailto:olli-info@fullerton.edu). Applications must be received no later than Monday, August 10, 2020 for the fall 2020 semester. Each applicant will be contacted to set up an interview with the committee shortly after the application due date.

*Fred Shecter, Chair, Scholarship Committee*



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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.

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](mailto: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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