



## President's Message



With the spring 2020 semester in full swing, there is a lot going on in March! The first of OLLI's signature events for our 40th Anniversary will be held on March 12th with a panel discussion

in the Mackey Auditorium, "OLLI-CSUF: Past, Present and Future," moderated by Vice President Administration, Mike Stover, who also chairs the OLLI 40th Anniversary Committee. I've been an OLLI member for almost half of its existence so I've witnessed and experienced first-hand, some of the changes that have occurred

One of the significant developments at OLLI-CSUF is the establishment of the [OLLI-CSUF Collaborations Committee](#) that promotes interactions of OLLI members with the students, faculty and staff of the University. The expertise and life skills of our members are a great asset to the University in promoting student success. OLLI's Vice President External Relations, Janice Jeng, spearheads these activities by identifying specific needs of CSUF's various colleges through a steering committee consisting of the associate deans from each of the colleges. Many OLLI members have served as mentors to students or student groups, sometimes sharing their workplace expertise but in many instances it is the "soft" skills gained by thoughtful living that students need to learn from us. These collaborations work both ways, with student groups providing OLLI with potential solutions for improving our organization through their research projects, and of course CSUF faculty provide us with ongoing learning activities

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## **OLLI-CSUF Board Election**

**Coming April 16, 2020**

All OLLI members are encouraged to come to the General Meeting/Election on April 16 at 1:30 p.m. in Mackey Auditorium to meet the nominees and vote to elect the new officers and trustees of the Board of Trustees (Board).

In accordance with OLLI Bylaw BL-9, the Board appointed the following OLLI members to this year's Nomination and Election Committee (Committee): Phillip Barnhard (representing the general membership); Ellie Monroe and Arie Passchier (representing the Board); Jim Monroe (Immediate Past President); and Benson Chin (Chair). Vickie Hite was also appointed to the Committee to represent the general membership, but resigned in order to qualify for, and apply for, a nomination as Trustee at Large. The Committee was tasked with nominating a single slate of candidates for election to replace the members of the Board who are completing their terms in May 2020.

In October and November of 2019 all OLLI members were invited via emails, OLLI Announcements & Events newsletters, the ChroniCLE and other media to submit an application if they were interested in being a candidate for the election. Those applicants and other OLLI members were considered by the Committee for the Board positions up for election. Their deliberations were confidential and independent of the Board.

The Committee nominated **Joyce Ono** for President (her second of two one-year terms); **Mike Stover** for Vice President Administration; **Ginger Barnhart** for Vice President Communications; **Bob Newcomb** for Vice President Technology, **Ann Sparks** for Secretary and **Renee Cabrera, Vickie Hite, Janice Jeng** and **Cynthia Owens** for the

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President . . . . . Joyce Ono  
 Vice President Administration . . . . . Mike Stover  
 Vice President Programs . . . . . Ellie Monroe  
 Vice President Communication . . . . . Chris Shaw  
 Vice President Membership . . . . . Debbie Maxwell  
 Vice President External Relations . . . . . Janice Jeng  
 Vice President Facilities . . . . . Pete Saputo  
 Vice President Hospitality . . . . . Elaine Mitchell  
 Vice President Technology . . . . . Jim Cename  
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## Nominees for 2020 OLLI Election

### Joyce Ono, Nominee President



Joyce was born on Oahu, Hawaii. She earned a B.A. from the University of Hawaii, an M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in Zoology, and did postdoctoral research in the Division

of Neurosciences at the City of Hope. She joined CSUF in 1986 as an associate professor; became a full professor in 1998; and retired from CSUF in 2003 as an emeritus professor.

In 2003 she transferred her enthusiasm for scientific research and teaching into her membership in OLLI. Over her years at OLLI she has instructed and/or coordinated many classes, e.g., “Drawing for the Fun of It,” “Watercolor Workshop,” “Transitions in Retirement Essentials,” “iPad for Artists,” and “Google Apps Workshops.”

Joyce has served on many committees, including the Computer Education Committee,

Curriculum Committee, Nomination and Election Committee and Policies and Procedures Committee. Joyce has served on the Board of Trustees as Trustee at Large, Vice President Programs, Vice President Communications and Vice President Administration.

Joyce is currently serving her first year as President of OLLI. OLLI’s Constitution provides that the term of office of president is one-year, with the option to be elected for a second one-year term. Joyce is nominated for a second term.

*Chris Shaw, Editor*

### Mike Stover, Nominee Vice President Administration



Mike Stover uses his excellent organizational and leadership qualities in service to OLLI and its challenges. He joined in 2009 and has served on many committees, from Transitions in Retirement to Collaboration. He also

has served as Vice President Administration; President; Vice President External Relations; Trustee at Large; Chair, Policies and Procedures Committee; Chair, 35th Anniversary Committee; and all the while, he has been Instructor/Coordinator of some of the most successful OLLI courses.

Mike also has recently brought his expertise to the Parking Mitigation and the OLLI 40th Anniversary Committees and serves as Chair of both.

A career in government as Lakewood City Manager for 22 years; Deputy Executive Director, Municipal Redevelopment Agency; and Association of Water Agencies Joint Water Quality-Communications Committee Co-Chair have provided excellent skills for OLLI’s benefit.

Of course, Mike Stover volunteers in his own community too. He serves on the Public Works

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Commission; is Chair of the Boy Scouts Volunteer of the Year Committee; is the Pi Alpha Alpha Chapter President, Long Beach State University; and is Chair of the Chino Hills Planning Commission.

Mike Stover is dedicated to volunteerism; OLLI benefits greatly from his commitment.

*Elaine Mitchell, Staff Writer*

### **Ginger Barnhart, Nominee Vice President Communications**



Ginger grew up Burbank, California. She raised her family in the Bay area, and later moved to Arizona to care for her mother before coming home to Southern California. She had four children, but a son, a special needs child, passed

away in adulthood.

She has had a lot of organizational experience. She was an HR manager of One Step Beyond, an organization with over 100 employees. She was responsible for training families and caregivers, and issuing information about and explaining updates in state regulations. She was also Director of Education and Training, Raising Special Kids, IDEA-mandated Parent Training and Information Center for the state of Arizona. Responsibilities included training and supporting families and educators regarding special education law. She was also an Inclusion Specialist at BANANAS Child Care Resource and Referral agency. She trained and supported families, educators and child care providers regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Ginger has been the OLLI newsletter editor for four years. She does Calendar entry and maintenance of the OLLI website. She has also served on the Curriculum Committee and as an OLLI office volunteer, and she would like to continue to work with the communications team.

*Mary Sampson, Staff Writer*

### **Susan Mullaly**

#### **Nominee by Petition**

#### **Vice President External Relations**



Susan Mullaly was born and raised in Los Angeles County. She earned a B.A. from CSU Los Angeles and a Master's in Organizational Management from

Azusa Pacific College. She worked in sales, marketing, budgeting project management, facility and event management, distributor relations and as Executive Assistant to the CE. Her philosophy was to learn all facets of entrepreneurial and corporate business with a goal of facilitating improved business processes and to develop continuous communication improvement strategies throughout her career.

Susan has been a member of the American Society for Training and Development, facilitator for networking groups and Small Faith Community groups. She has also been a literacy tutor and chairperson for the Chino Hills Literacy Coalition. In her spare time she enjoys walking, audio books, travel, "Tai Chi" and the diversity of programs offered at OLLI.

Susan joined OLLI in 2017. She serves as a mentor for a CSUF ECS student on the OLLI-CSUF Collaboration team where she also assists in administrative tasks. During her term as Vice President External Relations, Janice Jeng trained Susan as her backup, qualifying Susan to take on the responsibilities of Vice President External Relations.

*Alice Gresto, Staff Writer*

### **Bob Newcomb, Nominee**

#### **Vice President Technology**

Bob is nominated for the position of Vice President Technology, a position he has held at OLLI in the past. He has also served OLLI as a past chairman and member of the Computer

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Education Committee. His strong knowledge of audio visual systems and his ability to troubleshoot issues with computers has benefited OLLI. Bob is credited with installing audio visual systems in

Rooms 11, 20 and 21 in the Ruby Gerontology Center. He is the lead technology person for the Distance Learning Project.

Bob came to OLLI with a wealth of skills accumulated from having been involved with information systems for various companies since 1980. His goal for working in the position of Vice President Technology is to help OLLI make use of technology to further its needs and efforts to bring classes and supporting media to its members and the community. Bob's background and the work he is currently accomplishing for OLLI makes him an ideal candidate for Vice President Technology.

*Susan McNamara, Staff Writer*

### **Ann Sparks, Nominee Secretary**



Ann's life began in Des Moines, Iowa where she lived until the age of four. The family then moved to New Jersey where she really experienced a difference in culture and geography. At 14, they closed the loop by

moving back to her beginnings.

In 1976, she moved to Cypress where she attended Cypress College. Then it was off to our very own CSUF, where she graduated with a degree in Business Administration and Accounting, followed by an M.B.A in Finance. She was not done until she gained a School Business Operations Certificate.

Her career began in the saving and loan industry followed by various positions in education, ending as the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services at Bonita Unified School District.

Ann attended the Saturday "Transition in

Retirement Essentials" classes before she retired in 2017 and joined OLLI. Her favorite classes are "What's Behind the News?," "The New Yorker Magazine Discussion Group" and "The Trump Presidency." She admires how OLLIans respect each other's opinions and the deep knowledge some possess.

Ann served as Trustee at Large for a year, until she was appointed by the Board of Trustees in May, 2019 to serve the remaining term of the vacant OLLI Secretary position.

*Denny Bean, Staff Writer*

### **Renee Cabrera, Nominee Trustee at Large**



Music is Renee's first passion. She left college to join the United States Air Force Band in 1974. After leaving the Air Force she was employed by the University of California, Irvine for 28 years at UCI Medical Center in Orange, California, where she had administrative

and financial responsibilities including Pharmacy Office Manager, Administrative Analyst and Senior Analyst. Before she left UCI her duties included billing, systems audits and training staff on audit policies and procedures. She played in various musical groups at Fullerton College when time allowed.

After Renee retired in 2015 she learned about OLLI and its musical performance courses. Currently she sings soprano in the OLLI Chorale, (Voce D'Oro), plays the French horn in the Curtain Call Band and plays a mean trumpet in the OLLI Jazz Band. Occasionally, she can be heard performing in one of the OLLI concerts as a member of a group honoring the Andrew Sisters.

She is also a member of the OLLI Curriculum Committee and the Musical Performances Committee, and she is a section editor (Fine Arts) for the OLLI Blue Book. Her rich background

makes Renee a fine choice to represent us as a board trustee.

*Alice Gresto, Staff Writer*

## **Vickie Hite, Nominee**

### **Trustee at Large**



Vickie is a second generation Californian currently living in Placentia. She is married and has three children in a blended family, plus four grandchildren.

Before there was Costco, there was Price Club, and Vickie worked there. After it became Costco, Vickie was a founding member of the Journeys Program to help develop women in leadership positions. At the time, there were very few women in management at Costco. She worked at the eleventh Price Club in the country, which was in Fountain Valley. She spent thirty years in management at Costco, and had a lot of opportunities to do team building and problem solving.

She is justifiably proud of her blood and platelet donations at the Red Cross: blood—65 donations and platelet—9. She has also volunteered in her sister's elementary class in Buena Park.

At OLLI, Vickie is a coordinator for “Ukulele—Beyond Beginner” and “Tap-ercise” for the past year. She is also a member of the Snappy Tappers. She especially enjoys being able to perform with the group at various venues around the area.

Vickie is interested in learning more about the “behind the scenes” operation of OLLI and CSUF.

*Mary Sampson, Staff Writer*

## **Janice Jeng, Nominee**

### **Trustee at Large**



Janice received her B.A. in Liberal Arts from California State University, Long Beach in 1965. She became a certified travel agent in 1989 and began a career in the travel industry, setting up her own travel agency in

Newport Beach and eventually ending up with RCI Resort Management in Mission Viejo. She became Vice President of USI/Travel Insurance Services,

dealing with sales, client relations and global medical products. Her hobbies are hiking, opera, cooking and international travel.

Janice has been an OLLI member for nine years. She learned about OLLI while visiting with friends who attended the Channel Islands OLLI program, so she and her husband, David, decided to check out OLLI at CSUF.

Janice has served on the Board of Trustees as Secretary, Vice President Programs and Vice President External Relations, which includes the coordination the OLLI-CSUF Collaborations whereby OLLI members support CSUF programs by mentoring students, providing speakers for a variety of classes and each semester hosting visiting student nurses who visit OLLI classes to observe and interact with the “welderly” well-elderly. She is the coordinator of the “Eclectics” and “Around the World in 90 Minutes” courses.

*Alice Gresto, Staff Writer*

## **Cynthia Owens, Nominee**

### **Trustee at Large**



Cynthia was born in Pennsylvania and moved to Buena Park as a six-year-old. She recalls the pleasure of growing up in a city with farms and dairies which afforded her opportunities for exploration and discovery. She earned a

B.A. at CSUF in French, with minors in English and Social Science, along with a K-12 teaching credential.

Cynthia began her career as a junior high school English and history teacher. This position sparked an interest in learning disabilities which led her to earn an M.S. in Special Education/Counseling at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks. She spent the last 20 years of her career as a Learning Disabilities Specialist at Cypress College teaching classes, administering cognitive academic assessments and counseling students.

Cynthia plays bridge at OLLI and loves taking

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French and Spanish classes. She enjoys being part of a team and brings this quality to OLLI by assisting the coordinator and instructor during French classes and keeping the coffee pot full during the days that she participates.

Cynthia is a good listener and problem solver. These skills will be an asset to her in the position of Trustee at Large.

*Susan McNamara, Staff Writer*

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and students from the School of Music have showered us with their talents.

If you would like to apply your life skills and professional expertise, contact Janice or attend an OLLI-CSUF Collaboration meeting (see page 84 of the Blue Book). Nurturing a young person even for a brief period, is one of the most rewarding experiences you will ever have.

OLLI is well into meeting our donations goal of \$25,000 this year and increasing the number of donors to 12% of our membership (180 donors). Also occurring on March 12th is Cal State Fullerton's Inaugural Giving Day (#TITANSGIVE) in which donations made that day are eligible for further boosting. Donations made to OLLI count toward CSUF's goal of attaining \$200 million in donations. We have several projects to improve our facilities, which I've mentioned previously, that are in need of our support. The OLLI Board of Trustees has committed \$20,000 to draw up plans to cover and convert the Shapiro patio adjacent to the kitchen, so it can be used all year round. This will alleviate intrusions into classes ongoing in the Shapiro AB classroom with people getting refreshments during coffee breaks, and provide needed additional space for meetings and certain types of classes. If you've given already, thank you, and consider helping us to recruit additional donors to make our facilities more pleasant and functional!

*Joyce Ono, President, OLLI-CSUF*

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four Trustees at Large. The Committee made no nomination for Vice President External Relations. Thanks to the Committee members for recruiting and vetting a fine slate of nominees.

Bylaw BL-10 provides that any member who submitted an application, but was not nominated by the Committee, may submit a petition to be placed on the ballot. A petition was submitted to nominate **Susan Mullaly** for the Vice President External Relations position.

Short biographies and pictures of all the nominees are shown in this ChroniCLE.

Following the election there will be an Ice Cream Social in the Shapiro Wing.

*Chris Shaw, Editor*

## **OLLI-CSUF: Past, Present, and Future Thursday, March 12**

**2:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m. • Mackey Auditorium**

**Reception: 3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m. • Shapiro**

Don't miss OLLI-CSUF's 40th anniversary "signature presentation" on the history of lifelong learning at Cal State Fullerton, from the earliest days in 1978 to today. The program will also explore the challenges and opportunities facing OLLI-CSUF today, and how the organization may evolve in the next decade. On stage will be an illustrious panel: former OLLI Presidents, Barbara Talento and Jim Monroe; current OLLI President, Joyce Ono; and Interim Associate Vice President of CSUF's Extension and International Programs, Chris Swarat; with former President and current Vice President Administration, Mike Stover, as moderator. They will be joined by Stacey Hart Rivera from the Osher National Resource Center. Be prepared for both entertaining and candid discussions.

The presentation will be followed by a free reception with a fun and generous selection of internationally inspired foods in the Shapiro Wing.

To ensure enough food for all, please assist the Hospitality Committee by registering for the free reception in the OLLI office by March 6. A flyer with a coupon is available with the March

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electronic ChroniCLE, in the OLLI office, on the OLLI website and in the Announcements and Events newsletters. You can even call your reservation in to the OLLI office at 657-278-2446.

Come and let's reminisce, imagine OLLI's future and celebrate our 40th anniversary together!

**OLLI Volunteer Recognition &  
40th Anniversary Reception/Concert  
Sunday, April 5, 2020  
CSUF Titan Student Union  
Reception: 2-4 p.m.  
Concert: 4-5:30 p.m.**

The month of April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. This is OLLI's opportunity to recognize our volunteers and their generous gifts of time, talent and effort which create the many classes and events we enjoy throughout the year. Our volunteers are the core of our organization, making OLLI a dynamic and successful part of the university.

In addition, we are also celebrating OLLI's 40th Anniversary. Many of the campus and community leaders will be in attendance to show support of OLLI and its many contributions on campus and community.

All members are invited to the Volunteer Recognition Reception/Concert to thank and acknowledge the many heroes who devote themselves for our benefit and share the pride of 40 years of history.

Reservations are required. There will be a \$5.00 fee that includes both the reception and concert. Registration begins March 9 and ends March 27. Tickets will **not** be available at the door.

## Special Events

### Events Requiring Registration

#### OLLI-CSUF: Past, Present & Future

March 12 • 2:45-3:45 p.m. • Mackie Aud.

See separate announcement for details.

*Register by March 6.*

#### OLLI Spring Play & Supper

March 22 • 2-6 p.m. • Clayes Center, CSUF

“Jane Eyre, the Musical” at Little Theater, Clayes Center. See newsletters for details,

*Registration: see flyer & newsletters*

#### Volunteer Recognition/40th Anniversary

April 5 • 2-5:30 p.m. • Titan Student Union

See separate announcement for details.

*Registration starts March 9, ends March 27.*

#### Huntington Gardens & Galleries

April 22 • 8:30 a.m.-6:15 p.m. • Lot A

16 spectacular themed gardens and galleries of American and European art in Pasadena.

*Registration starts March 2, ends March 16.*

#### San Diego Getaway Overnight Trip

May 4-5

San Diego Safari Park, Seaport Village, Balboa Park and Museum of Music are included.

*Sign-ups at Good Times Travel end March 5.*

### No Registration Required

#### Estate Planning and Charitable Giving

March 21 & 28 • 9:30-11 a.m. • Shapiro ABCD

Don't miss these free classes on “Estate Planning Basics and Check-up” on March 21 and “Legacy and Charitable Estate Planning” on March 28.

**Coming Up** (dates subject to change)

**In Memoriam** • Apr 10

**General Meeting/Election** • Apr 16

**Hilbert & Howser Museums** • May 21

**Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)** • June

### 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.” Watch for updates in future ChroniCLEs and OLLI Announcements & Events newsletters.



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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.



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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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