



## President’s Message

*By Joyce Ono, President, OLLI-CSUF*



We are into the second week since registration for the 2020-2021 academic year began on July 16, and the number of members registering are about half of what they were last year at this time. The number of individuals requiring help with online membership registration is also greatly reduced thus far. It may mean that members who are challenged by the technology of using Zoom are not renewing, or that many have learned to use their campus username and password so frequently now, that online registration is no longer so intimidating. I hope it’s the latter, but time will tell! We have been expecting a downturn in our membership and these early figures are confirming our predictions.

However, we have not yet begun to fully implement the plans of our marketing campaign, under the direction of our new, energetic Vice President External Relations, Susan Mullaly. A group consisting of Susan, Melinda Wiltsie, Bill Sampson and Dan Coby plus IT and marketing professionals at the Extension and International Studies Program (EIP), which oversees OLLI, have developed a special [Welcome to OLLI page](#) where potential new members can find all the information needed to learn about our OLLI and hopefully, join.

At the time I’m writing my piece for the ChroniCLE, preparations for our virtual Open House on August 22 include developing promotional videos to [substitute for the tents](#)

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## **Lew Enjoys University Classes Thru OLLI**

*By Lew Livingston & Elaine Mitchell, Staff Writer*

Lew Livingston had a 41-year career in engineering in Southern California. During his work at System Development Corporation, he was sent to Japan for four months in 1975. As a result, he developed an interest in the Japanese language, and studied it at night at UCLA extension for two



years. Later, he changed companies, and eventually stopped studying the subject.

In the 2000s Lew learned that there were Japanese programs on local television, and he discovered how little he remembered about the subject. He once again began to study at a commercial school and then at Irvine Valley College through the extension program. He and Maureen McConaghy, Lew’s wife, visited Japan in 2007 and 2013.

After Lew retired from Boeing in 2013, Maureen told him about OLLI’s benefits, especially the opportunity to audit CSUF Japanese courses. Lew joined OLLI, joining his wife, in January 2014, initially taking a guitar course. Wanting the opportunity to audit CSUF courses, Lew first picked up the necessary paperwork from

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## OLLI Town Hall Meeting

*By Chris Shaw, Editor*

Over 170 OLLI members attended a Town Hall Meeting via Zoom webinar on July 25.

The panel included all the officers of the Board—Joyce Ono, Mike Stover, Ellie Monroe, Ginger Barnhart, Debbie Maxwell, Susan Mullaly, Pete Saputo, Jim Monroe, Elaine Mitchell, Bob Newcomb, Ann Sparks and Chris Shaw—plus Patsy Burns from the OLLI office. Bill Reilly served as technical host. Topics discussed included:

- After the March 16 closure, OLLI’s tech volunteers learned Zoom, then trained instructors, coordinators, participants and Zoom helpers.
- Instructors were recruited to offer summer and fall courses virtually, Blue Books were revised and Zoom instructions and links to classes were communicated to members.
- The many volunteers—instructors and coordinators and tech, communications, membership and programs teams—were acknowledged.
- Fifty courses from all areas of study were offered. Some courses can’t be done via Zoom.
- Attendees reported a high level of satisfaction

with Zoom classes, and class attendance grew throughout the summer.

- Many found advantages to Zoom, like ease of hearing and lack of parking problems.
- Eighty-Seven programs will be offered via Zoom.
- Working to convert more programs to Zoom.
- Zoom classes are being recorded for the growing video library under Distance Learning on the OLLI website.
- Keeping members safe is goal Number 1.
- OLLI is planning re-entry, probably in phases, but not before the spring semester.
- Considerations include how OLLI can effectively function, and how comfortable members may be with our safety procedures.
- All personnel are fully functioning from home.
- Contact Celia at 657-278-2446 or [creynolds@fullerton.edu](mailto:creynolds@fullerton.edu) for general OLLI office questions.
- Contact Michelle at 657-278-4270 or [olli-info@fullerton.edu](mailto:olli-info@fullerton.edu) for CWID/PIN, password or registration questions.
- The Board rescinded a planned increase in the membership fee, but decided not to reduce it. Most expenses are fixed, including office staff and parking, which is a flat fee negotiated with CSUF.
- Members may still audit CSUF classes. Watch for new procedures being updated on the OLLI website.
- Shapiro patio renovation plan is in the initial stage with CSUF for a 16’x35’ lunch and social meeting room at an estimated cost of \$450/sq. ft., which will free-up AB for classroom space. If it were possible to start construction now, this would be a good time, because it would not interfere with ongoing classes and programs.
- Zoom training for members is ongoing every Friday. The newsletter has a link to a registration form for one-on-one sessions from 1-3 p.m.
- OLLI’s sources of funding are: 76% from member dues, 19% from Osher endowment earnings based on markets and 5% from donations and fundraising.
- OLLI members who don’t have, or can’t operate, a computer or laptop can still join Zoom meetings with a cellphone or dial in with a standard

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telephone with audio only.

- The Board is not aware of any members contracting COVID-19, only a few family members.
- The CSUF Master Plan shows no plans for changing the RGC, and CSUF is not taking over the RGC.
- Overlapping classes are commonly necessary due to limited classroom space and limited popular times, but we work to minimize this impact.
- Outdoor classes are not possible on campus, because most campus facilities will be closed during the fall semester, including the Arboretum.
- Collaboration mentoring via Zoom works well for students and is expanding.
- Online membership registration will be open through September.
- Many Zoom classes are recorded and available under Distance Learning on the OLLI website.
- The Blue Book will be mailed to all members by the end of July. The electronic version was emailed to all members, and is on the OLLI website.
- The OLLI website will have a new welcome page for prospective OLLI members in early August.

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[where they hawked their classes](#) and the art groups that I'm part of for a virtual exhibition. All of these will be featured on an [Open House webpage](#) in the OLLI website to try to capture some of the feel of our capstone event. Check out some of the featured classes on the Open House page that will be available in the fall semester, either interactively when they are scheduled to meet, or asynchronously, at your convenience, by clicking on the [OLLI Distance Learning link](#) on the right side of the OLLI website home page. The videos of some of the classes that are not open to the public will require that you log in with your campus username and password.

In my monthly meeting with CSUF EIP, Associate Vice President Chris Swarat shared a book he had read, entitled "[The 100-Year Life](#)", which led him to want to learn more about OLLI.

He sees an opportunity for Extended Education as a means for current undergraduates to live a long, productive and fulfilling life. Our generation has three stages in our adult life: education, career and retirement. The authors of the book suggest that with 100-year lives, millennials and future generations will have many more stages in their lives, interspersed with "re-creation" stages, including education, to transition to a multitude of careers. Lifelong learning will be a necessity for those living 100-year lives. For our generation, OLLI and its programs provide the opportunity to increase what the authors refer to as "intangible assets," which include "great friends, strong skills and knowledge and good physical and mental health."

The [OLLI-CSUF Collaboration program](#) also offers the opportunity for members, especially those who have recently retired, to mentor students in their fields of expertise and for those who have been retired for a while to also help students develop

### **The 2020 Coronavirus, Aid, Relief And Economic Security (CARES) Act**

*By Hart Roussel, Director of Planned Giving, CSUF*

COVID-19 has certainly turned 2020 into a very challenging year. We're missing the opportunity to get together with our friends here at OLLI and our families, especially grandkids, at home. One bright spot has been the CARES Act and the likely additional federal responses to provide relief. The CARES Act provides a temporary change to the rules for retirement accounts and provides support to encourage charitable giving.

The CARES Act impacts owners of Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) by providing a temporary waiver of Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) for 2020, allowing IRA owners age 72 and older to keep funds in their IRAs and other qualified retirement plans. The decreased value of their portfolios may motivate some people to keep funds in their accounts temporarily.

You may still make [direct distributions](#) to a charity like OLLI from your IRA, just as before, *The 2020 ...Continued on Page 6*

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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, 2020. They gave a total of \$34,664.

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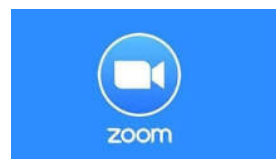
## What's Happening at the Board

*By Chris Shaw, Editor*

OLLI's Board of Trustees met on July 9. Following are highlights of the issues from that meeting:

- An important strategic goal for the Board is keeping members safe in planning for return to campus. Returning to in-person programs is unlikely in the fall semester.
- Another important goal is maintaining OLLI's current membership level by encouraging current members to renew and recruiting new members by encouraging members to invite friends to attend online classes and OLLI's virtual Open House, recruiting CSUF alumni and emeriti, advertising in local newspapers and recruiting from senior centers and diverse communities.
- Registration of renewing and new members for the new academic year (Sep. 2020-Aug. 2021) starts July 16. Volunteers are available to help with online registration.
- No member name badges or parking permits will be issued until OLLI returns to campus.
- Continue working with CSUF on parking fee refund request.
- Patio renovation floor plan was approved by EIP & CSUF Facilities, providing more space for people and storage, and easy access from the parking lot and Shapiro hallway.

- Arrangements made to move two video-editing workstations from the campus to members' homes to facilitate continued production of Distance Learning videos. OLLI's website library continues to grow with videos of Zoomed classes.
- Town Hall Zoom meeting planned for July 25, providing how Zoom programs were prepared for fall semester and how we plan to return to campus. Questions from OLLI members is planned.
- OLLI's Open House planned for August 22 via Zoom.
- OLLI's 26 Sunshine Callers have called over 1,000 members to provide a social greeting and information about OLLI. Calls are generally appreciated. Most questions are about parking, some about patio expansion.
- Official 40th anniversary celebration year ends August 31, 2020.
- Zoom training for members is ongoing, and more needed for fall.
- OLLI Collaboration had their annual meeting with CSUF associate deans, and planning continues for virtual support in fall semester.
- OLLI Social Dance Party planned for July 18 via Zoom.



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the OLLI office, and then received permission from Dr. Kazuha Watanabe to audit Japanese 306. Later, he also audited courses taught by Dr. Setsue Shibata. When Dr. Satoko Kakihara began teaching at Cal State Fullerton, Lew audited her Japanese Literature course. After that, he audited numerous courses given by Dr. Kakihara, including courses he had already taken. One of the benefits of auditing through OLLI, in addition to no tuition, is that if a class is not full, you can repeat it. Lew has audited at least one course, and sometimes two, every spring and fall semester since 2014.

Different professors often have different teaching styles, and OLLI members must obtain the instructor's approval to audit their course. The very qualified instructors are welcoming. When auditing courses, OLLI members often have the choice of fully participating—doing homework, writing papers, taking tests—everything students working for credit do. Other auditing students may not want to commit themselves, so they just take the course as a lecture. Lew is a dedicated student who still wants to reach his goal of being a competent Japanese speaker; therefore, he commits to doing everything any other student would be required to do.

Professor Kakihara was new to CSUF, and had not had experience with an older student. She was impressed with Lew's dedication and focus on his work. The professor echoes what has been heard from other CSUF instructors about OLLI students in their classes: they enjoy the way OLLI students speak up and participate in discussions, and that seems to encourage younger students to do the same.

OLLI members don't receive any official, academic credit from the University for auditing CSUF courses. But after reviewing the extensive list of Japanese courses Lew had audited over the years, and considering he had completed all the course work and exams the younger students had done, Dr. Kakihara decided to award Lew a special Certificate of Recognition in Japanese studies. Pictured is Dr. Kakihara presenting the certificate to Lew Livingston.

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if it makes financial sense for you to do so. Changes in the 2019 Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act make Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) from your IRA an attractive option since it keeps the starting age for making QCDs at 70½, but [increased the tax burden](#) for leaving IRAs to non-spousal heirs.

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Additional provisions in the CARES Act specifically encourage charitable giving by cash in this tax year. The following summarizes the most applicable parts to help you as you consider the best way and the best time for your continued financial support of OLLI-CSUF.

For the 2020 tax year only, the law allows an above-the-line income tax charitable deduction up to \$300 per filer even if you don't itemize your 2020 income tax return. The break is available to people who claim the standard deduction.

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Boundaries of Science  
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Caregiving and Grief Strategy  
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Ceramics II  
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