

FROM CLE TO OLLI

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF 45 YEARS

1978-79 – Continuing Learning Experience (CLE)
Conceptualized & Charter Signed



1982 – CLE Plans to Build Gerontology Center on Campus

1985 – Gerontology Center Fund Raises \$1,000,000!

1988 – CLE Moves Into Ruby Gerontology Center

2006 – CLE Name Changed To OLLI
(Osher Lifelong Learning Institute)



2008 – Osher Foundation Endows OLLI with \$1,000,000

2012 – Second \$1,000,000 Endowment from Osher

2014 – OLLI Celebrates 35 Years of Lifelong Learning

2017-2019 – Use of Technology Expands to Distance Learning
Class Videos, Mobile Digital Courses, Facebook Page,
Online Registration and “Smarter” Classrooms

2020-2023 – OLLI survives pandemic through Zoom &
livestream online classes

CLE FOUNDING MEMBERS

Our Founding Members are:



Leo Shapiro



Florence Arnold



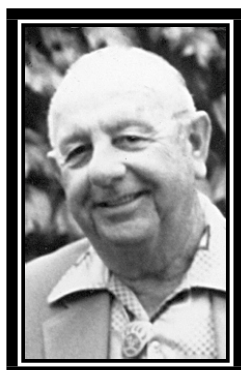
Russell Ball



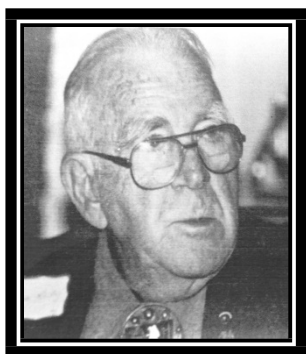
Ernest Lake



Lucien Miner



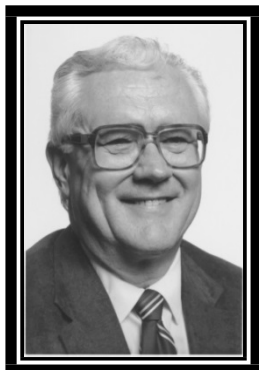
Ray Nichols



Charles L. Ruby



and Ex-officio members



David Walkington



Betty Robertson

Leo Shapiro meets with Betty Robertson & David Walkington to discuss the concept of a self-supporting educational unit on campus for older adults to access lifelong learning



LEADERSHIP – CLE/OLLI PRESIDENTS



1980
Leo Shapiro



1981-82
Lucien Miner



1983-84
Gordon Shaw



1985-86
Philip Castle



1987-88
Stephen Balgrosky



1989
Bill Coston



1990-91
Cedric O'Donnell



1992-93
Ken Glessner



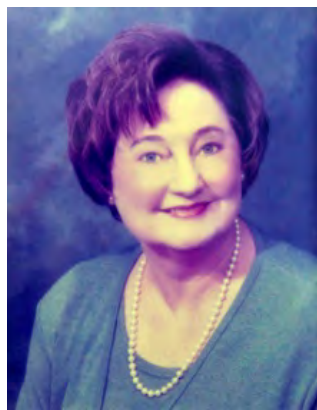
1994
Dr. Louise Lee



1995-96
Anthony Arace



1997-98
Don Pease



1999-2000
Anne Pearson



2001-02
Barbara Talento



2003-04
Kirt Spradlin



2005-06
Charlotte Fox



2007-08
Barbara Talento



2009-10
Dave Musante



2011-12
Chuck Ritz



2013-14
Mike Stover



2015-16
Barry Escoe



2017-18
Jim Monroe



2019-20
Joyce Ono



2021-22
Eleanore Monoe



2023
Mike Stover



2024-
Vickie Hite

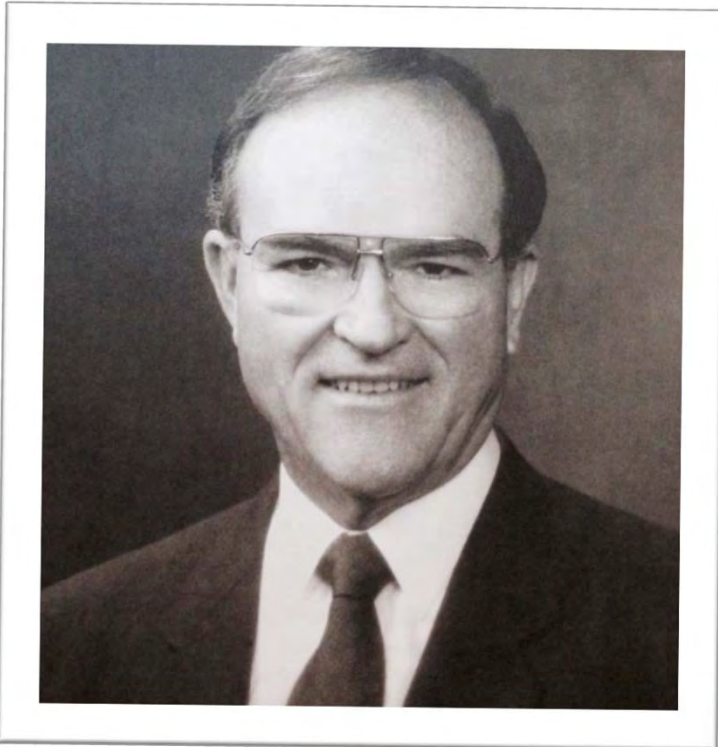
1979	
President	
Membership	37
Dues	\$100 per person, \$150 - couple
Travel	

Highlights

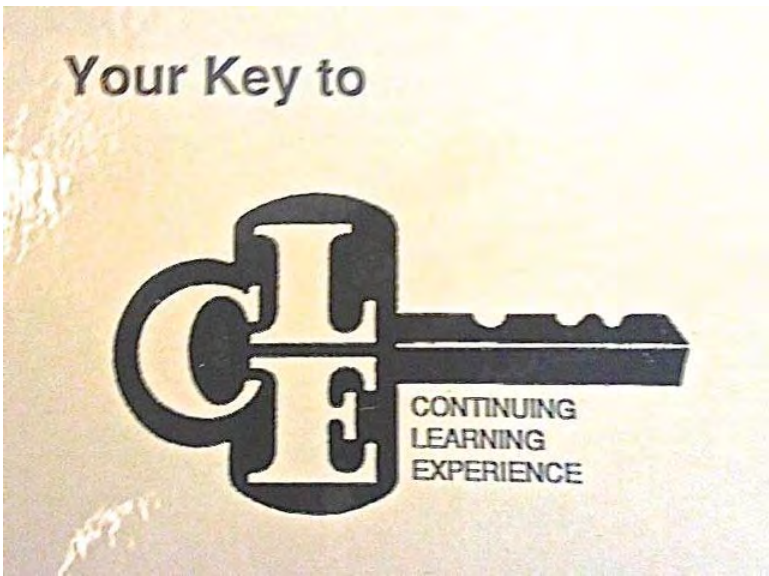
- **President Shields Issues the CLE Charter**
- CSUF President Donald Shields announces funding of CSUF Partners in Excellence grant to fund Senior Educational Experience (SEE) Program
- Name changed to Continuing Learning Experience (CLE)
- First CLE Open Meeting at Mahr House in September
- First CLE classes include:
 - “Around the World in 60 Minutes” – Leo Shapiro
 - “Holistic Medicine and Science Today” – Lucien Miner
 - “What You Always Wanted to Know about Art” – Florence Arnold
 - “What’s in the News for You” – Russell Ball
 - “Ocean Studies Research Cruise at Long Beach Harbor”
 - “Distinguished Lecture - China and its Potential”



Mahr House



CSUF President Donald Shields



Devora Shapiro suggests the “key” logo for the French word, cle`



Flossie Arnold objects to “senior” label in charter’s proposed first name “Senior Educational Experience”

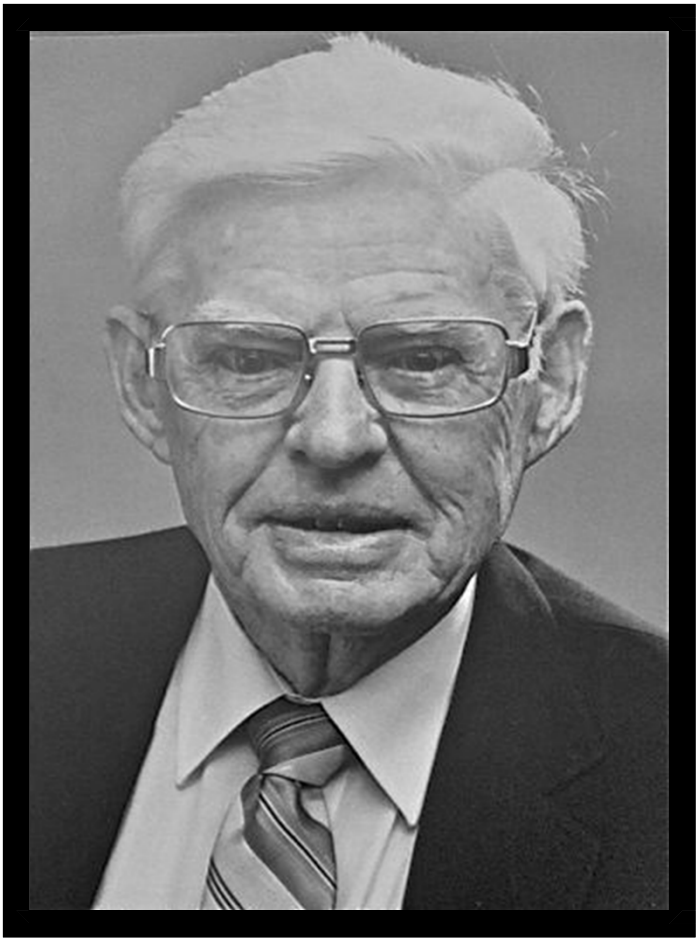
	1980	1981
President	Leo Shapiro	Lucien Miner
Membership	109	123
Dues	\$100	\$100
Volunteer of the Year		
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> McGee Creek, Mammoth Lakes in October for first overnight trip. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Death Valley, CA

Highlights

- Leo Rejects Off-campus Locations: “We belong here on campus with the other students”
 - CLE outgrows Mahr House and classes are held outdoors in the patio
- Jewel Plummer Cobb Succeeds Donald Shields as CSUF President



CLE President
Leo Shapiro
 1980



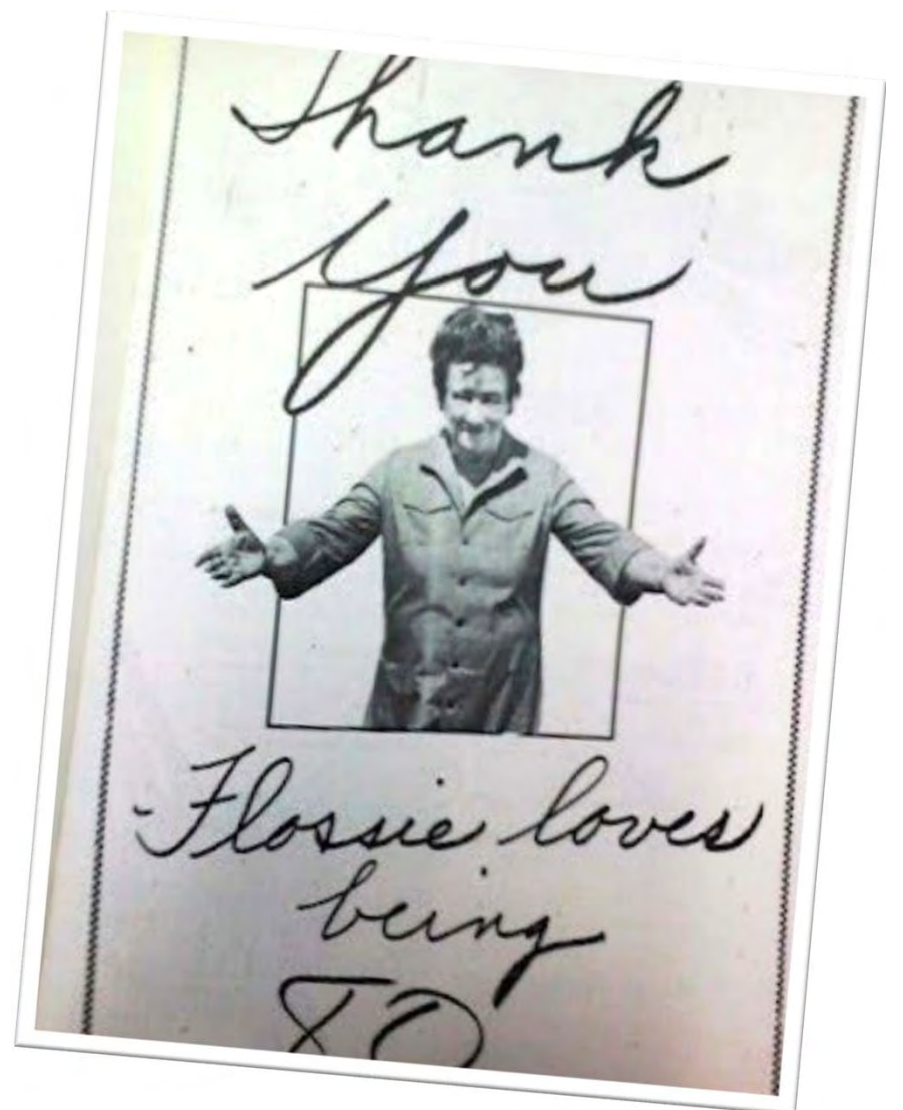
CLE President
Lucien Miner
 1981-1982



Lecture in Mahr House



Flossie Arnold lectures in crowded Mahr House



80th birthday party for Florence "Flossie" Arnold



CLE first overnight trip
McGee Creek, Mammoth Lakes

1982	
President	Lucien Miner
Membership	169
Dues	\$100
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After 8 week study course CLE travels to England for 15-day tour of Industrial Revolution sites • High Sierras

Highlights

- **CLE Announces Plans to Raise \$1.5 Million to Build Gerontology Facility on Campus**
- Charles and Rachel Ruby pledge \$100,000 and CLE members pledged or donated \$20,000 in cash to build gerontology center
- Leo Shapiro and Bill Coston volunteer to be Fundraising Co-chairs
- Dr. Francis “Bud” Mackey proposes plans for a state-of-the-art auditorium



CLE artist **Richard Seegar's** watercolor of proposed Gerontology Center

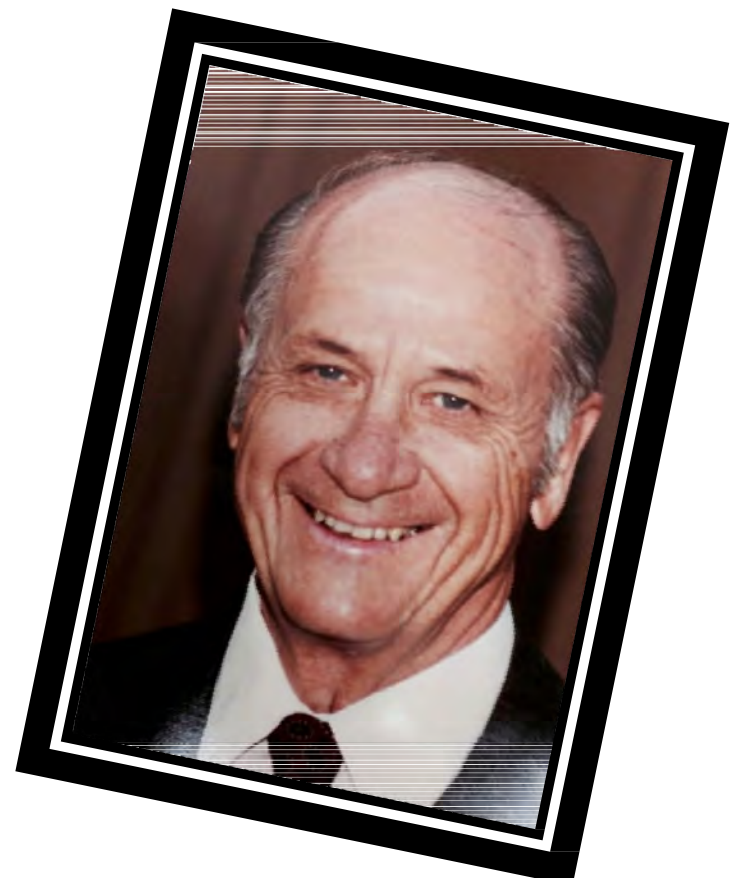


Samoan dancers at **CLE Social**



CLE travels to England for 15 days with tour of Industrial Revolution sites

Dr. Francis "Bud" Mackey proposes a state-of-the-art auditorium



1983		1984
President	Gordon Shaw	Gordon Shaw
Membership	232	246
Dues	\$100	\$100
Volunteer of the Year		Leo Shapiro
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • France • Copper Canyon, Mexico 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baja California

Highlights

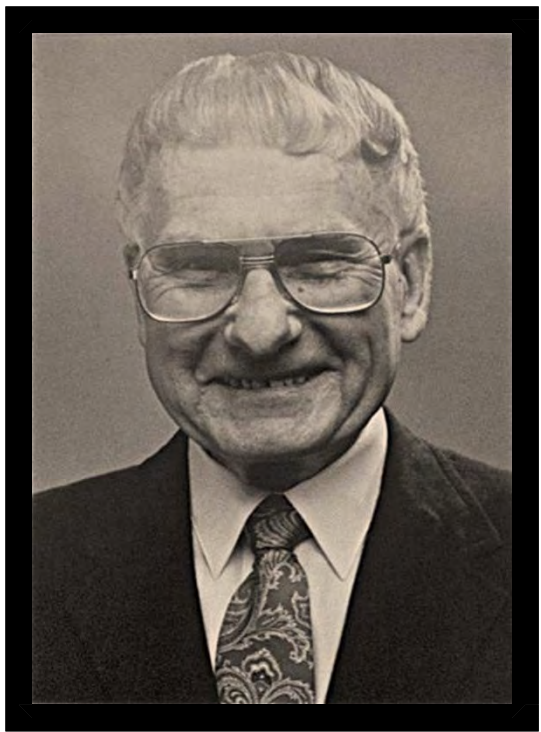
- **Gerontology Center Fund Reaches \$700,000**
 - Dr. Frank Amato chairs the Mackey Auditorium Fundraising Committee and raises \$50,000 from St. Jude Hospital
 - Dr. Rosalie Gilford is instrumental in the creation of the Gerontology Department at CSUF and eventually becomes its first coordinator
- **Fundraising Continues as Membership Grows**
 - CLE member, Richard Brown, volunteers to serve as an on-site Project Manager/Engineer for Mackey Auditorium construction for significant savings
 - Volunteer of the Year – Leo Shapiro is honored for raising 95% of Gerontology Center contributions received or pledged



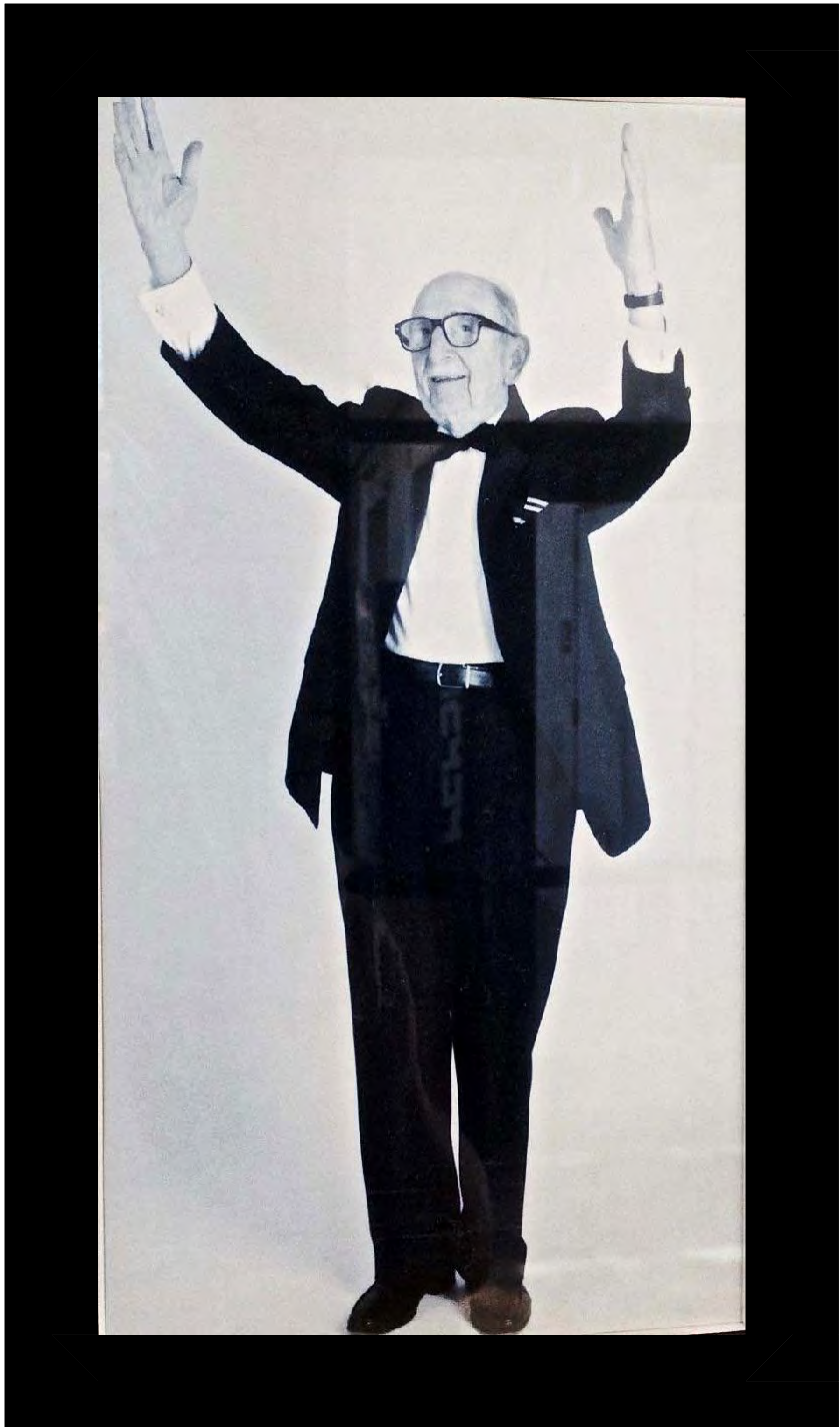
CSUF President Shields, Leo Shapiro and Lucien Miner review plans for Gerontology Center



Gerontology Center Layout



CLE President –
Gordon Shaw
1983-84



1984 First Volunteer of the Year
Leo Shapiro is honored for raising 95% of gerontology contributions



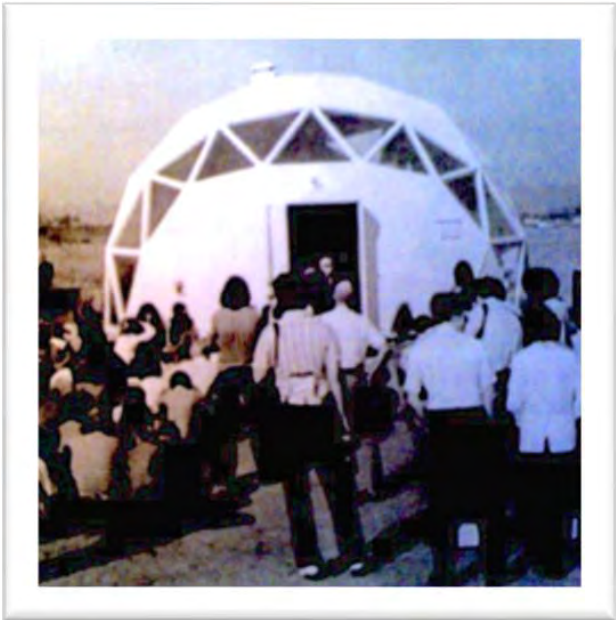
Richard Brown volunteers to serve as an on-site Project Manager/Engineer for Mackey Auditorium

1985		1986
President	Philip Castle	Phillip Castle
Membership	290	355
Dues	\$100	\$100
Volunteer of the Year	Florence Arnold	Ray Nichols
Travel		

Highlights

- **Gerontology Center Fund Drive Reaches \$1,000,000 Mark**
- Donations \$100,000 or more
 - Butler Family
 - Betty and Paul Hughes Family
 - Keck Foundation
 - Charles and Rachel Ruby
 - Leo and Devora Shapiro
- Donations \$50,000 or more
 - Decendants of A.S. Bradford
 - The County of Orange
 - Xerox Foundation
- Donations from a wide variety of local city governments were made to Gerontology Center
- “Wall of Honor” established to recognize contributions of \$1,500 or more
- \$1,000 Donor’s get names on a seat in Mackey Auditorium

- **Groundbreaking of the Gerontology Center**
- CLE joins the newly formed Association of Learning in Retirement Organizations, West (ALIROW)
- State of California allots 2.5 acres to the Gerontology Center which replaces the Buckminster Fuller Geodesic Dome that sits on the acreage



Geodesic Dome on campus to be replaced by Gerontology Center



Groundbreaking for the Gerontology Center



CLE President
Philip Castle
1985-86



1985 Volunteer of the Year
Florence Arnold



1986 Volunteer of the Year
Ray Nichols

1987		1988
President	Stephen Balgrosky	Stephen Balgrosky
Membership	370	421
Dues	\$100	\$110
Volunteers of the Year	Gordon and Dixie Shaw	Richard Brown
Travel		

Highlights

- **Construction of Charles and Rachel Ruby Gerontology Center Begins in August**
- University Trustees approve Gerontology Center construction
- The Charles and Rachel Ruby Gerontology Center is the first CSUF building to be named for individuals. Dr. Ruby contributed the initial \$100,000, then added another \$150,000 plus \$60,000 in a trust
- **CLE Moves into Ruby Gerontology Center in September**
- CLE’s “Godmother” Betty Robertson retires from CSUF Extended Education and joins CLE
- Dr. Rosalie Gilford is named to coordinate programs at Ruby Gerontology Center



Charles and Rachel Ruby

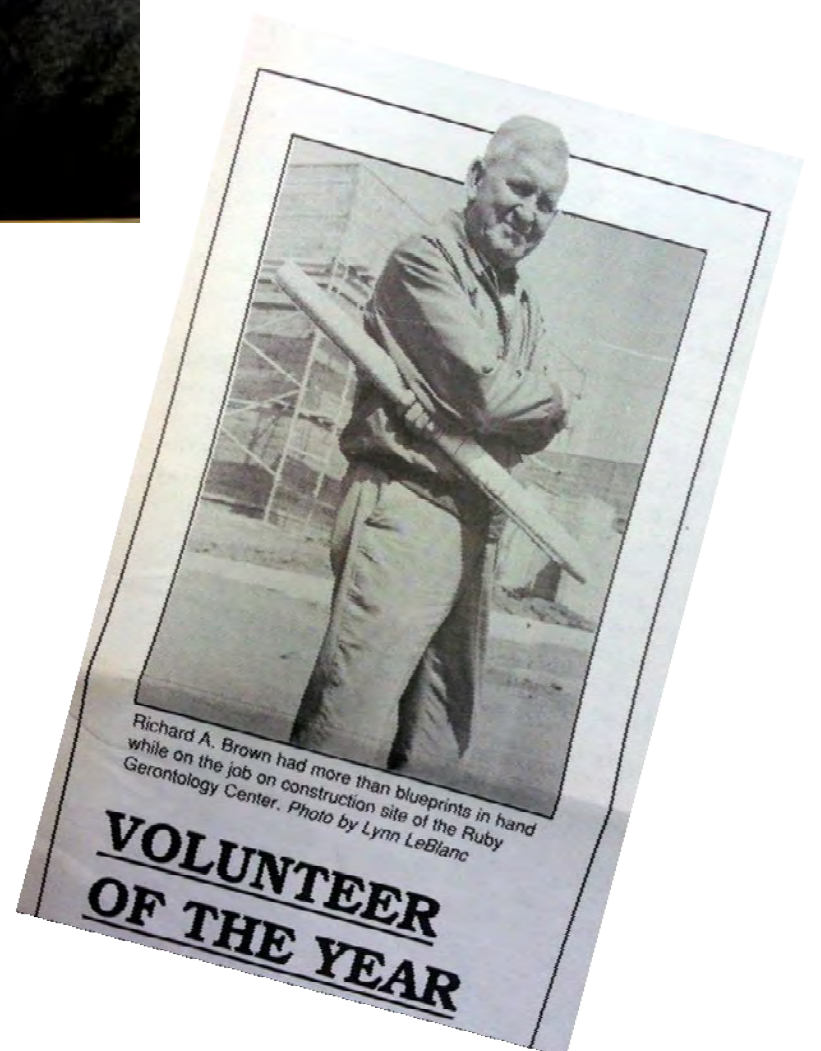


Opening ceremony as CLE moves into **Ruby Gerontology Center**

CLE President
Stephen Balgrosky
1987-88



1987 Volunteers of the Year
Gordon and Dixie Shaw
(first "team" nomination)



1988 Volunteer of the Year
Richard Brown for his work as the
unpaid Ruby Gerontology Center
Construction Project Manager

1989	
President	Bill Coston
Membership	524
Dues	\$110
Volunteer of the Year	
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alaska

Highlights

- **500th Member Enrolls In CLE**
- SeniorNet offers classes in “Computer Literacy”
- Betty Robertson is elected first Chair of the Computer Education Committee (CEC)
- Computer classes include:
 - “Welcome to Computers”
 - “Writing and Word Processing”
 - “Telecommunications”





500th member enrolls in CLE in the fall



CLE Tours cartoon
used to advertise trips



CLE President
Bill Coston
1989



“Welcome to the
Computer” classes begin

Betty Robertson
first chair of
Computer Education
Committee (CEC)



	1990	1991
President	Cedric O’Donnell	Cedric O’Donnell
Membership	535	573
Dues	\$110	\$110
Volunteers of the Year		Steve and Evelyn Balgrosky
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge Cardenas leads tour to Rome • Baja California • Grand Canyon, Arizona 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costa Rica

Highlights

- **“Please be Seated” Campaign Kickoff Begins With Sale of 165 Seats to Outfit Mackey Auditorium**
 - New CSUF President, Dr. Milton Gordon, welcomes back OLLI members at the Fall Open Meeting
 - Opening of the Wellness Clinic under supervision of Barbara Talento, R.N. for the assessment, referral and education of older adults
- **CLE–CSUF Foundation Endowment Fund is Established**
 - Charles Ruby matches Leo Shapiro’s gift of \$25,000 for the CLE Endowed Chair for Gerontology, bringing the total to \$222,000
 - Introduction of “Red Dots” on OLLI name tags to identify new members
 - Leo Shapiro and Bill Coston volunteer to serve as co-chairs of the Endowment Fund



Seats for **Mackey Auditorium Campaign**

New CSUF
President,
Dr. Milton Gordon



Dr. Harry Norman appointed
Dean of Extended Education



CLE President
Cedric O'Donnell
1990-91



1991 Volunteers of the Year
Steve and Evelyn Balgrosky



CLE Founders – Leo Shapiro, Lucien Miner,
Flossie Arnold and Russ Ball

1992		1993
President	Ken Glessner	Ken Glessner
Membership	642	689
Dues	\$120	\$130
Volunteer of the Year		
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayan Culture sites in Central America “The England Most Americans Never See” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Czechoslovakia, Austria and Hungary Catalina

Highlights

- **CLE-CSUF Endowment Fund Donors are Recognized by CSUF President Gordon. The Contributions Total \$250,000**
 - Dr. Jesse Jackson is appointed Director of CSUF Gerontology Programs
 - CLE classes include:
 - “Beginning German”
 - “Drama Group”
 - “Theatre Production”
 - “Line Dancing”
- **CLE Sponsors Gerontology Open House to Acquaint CSUF Students with Career Opportunities**
 - 100 volunteers help study on Mobility and Vitality conducted by Dr. Rikkli, Director of Gerontology Research Institute
 - CLE classes include:
 - “Wisdom Exchange”
 - “Enjoying Opera”
 - Languages include “French,” “German” and “Spanish”
 - “Bridge”
 - “Great Books”
 - “Poetry for Pleasure”
 - “Computer Education”
 - “Microsoft Classes by SeniorNet”

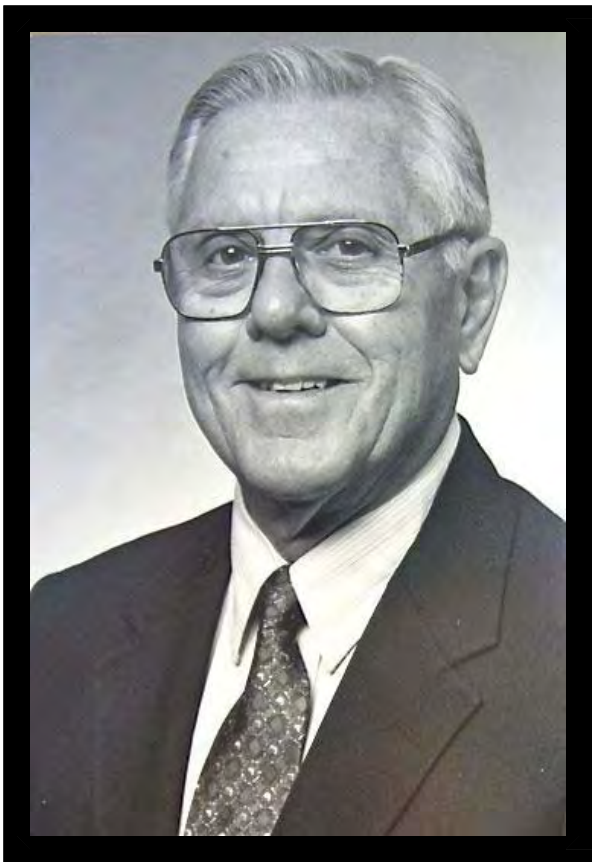


CLE–CSUF Endowment Fund donors:

Lucien & Nan Miner,
 Kay & Perry McCarthy and
 Dixie & Gordon Shaw



Newest Technology Arrives
 Computer kiosk set-up in
 lounge for individual
 member use



CLE President
Ken Glessner
 1992-93



100 CLE volunteers help study
“Mobility and Vitality” at the
 Gerontology Research Institute

1994		1995
President	Dr. Louise Lee	Anthony Arace
Membership	758	808
Dues	\$130	\$145
Volunteer of the Year	Gerry Sokoloff	
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shakespeare Festival, Ashland, OR Austria and Turkey 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hopi and Navajo Reservations

Highlights

- **CLE Fundraising to Date – January 1994 Total: \$2,866,000**
- Ruby Gerontology Center
Goal: \$1,500,000;
Raised: \$2,250,00
- Gerontology Endowed Professorship
Goal: \$300,000;
Raised: \$260,00
- Don Schweitzer Fund
Goal: \$100,000
Raised: \$75,000
- CLE-CSUF Endowment Fund (Planned Giving)
Goal: More the Merrier
Committed: \$281,000
Major Donors: Dr. June & George Pollak and Virginia & Jack St. John

- **CLE Celebrates 15th Anniversary and Leo’s 90th Birthday**
- Dr. Mary Furlong, Founder of SeniorNet, comes to CLE to share how computers have changed the lives of older Americans
- The Computer Education Committee drafts a grant proposal for five IBM compatible computers



Computer Lab with Bud Mackey and Don Pease



“**Healthy Aging**” study of CLE members concludes that physical activity delays the decline of physical function



CLE President
Anthony Arace
1995-96



CLE President
Dr. Louise Lee
1994



CLE celebrates **15th Anniversary**
and **Leo’s 90th Birthday**

1996	
President	Anthony Arace
Membership	836
Dues	\$155
Volunteer of the Year	Gabrielle Genereux
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santa Fe Opera, New Mexico • Catalina

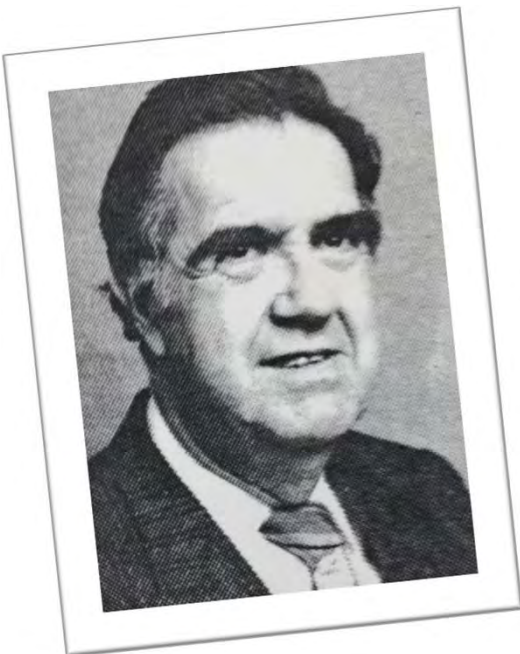
- Highlights
- **CLE Becomes a Model of Self-Supporting Lifelong Learning Programs for Retirees at Other Universities**
 - CLE revises its Constitution and Bylaws
 - CLE member, Dr. Arnold Miller, establishes an endowment of a \$25,000 Gerontology Scholarship
 - CLE Computer Education receives five new Acer computers with Windows 95 installed from SeniorNet



CLE Computer Labs continue to expand



Registration of new members at
Fall Open House



Dr. Arnold Miller, establishes
an endowment of a \$25,000
Gerontology Scholarship



1996 Volunteer of the Year
Gabrielle Genereux

	1997	1998
President	Don Pease	Don Pease
Membership	859	851
Dues	\$159	\$165
Volunteer of the Year	Barbara Talento	Al McClatchy
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLE floats down the Mississippi Russia with Dr. Bob Feldman France Hopi Reservation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hopi and Navajo Indian reservations Vancouver, B.C. Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon

Highlights

- **Blue Emergency Posts are Installed Throughout the Ruby Gerontology Center for CLE Members’ Safety**
 - “World War II Remembered” project featuring CLE veterans
 - Personal Computer Lab opens in Room 20
 - Dr. Debbie Rose, Visiting Scholar in Gerontology, introduces “Balance and Mobility” to CLE members in the Butler Research Lab
- **CLE Celebrates 10 years in Ruby Gerontology Center**
 - CLE becomes a beacon for Learning In Retirement (LIR) programs and hosts CSU Dominguez Hills, CSU Long Beach, UC Irvine, Rancho Santiago CC, Arizona State, University of Colorado and the International University of the Third Age in England
 - CLE hosts Japanese delegates who study how CLE programs can apply to their senior population



Bust of **Leo Shapiro**
sculpted by **Bud Mackey**



CLE floats down the Mississippi



Betty Robertson is honored
as “CLE’s Godmother”



CLE President
Don Pease
1997-98



CLE celebrates 10 years in the
Ruby Gerontology Center



1997 Volunteer of the Year
Barbara Talento

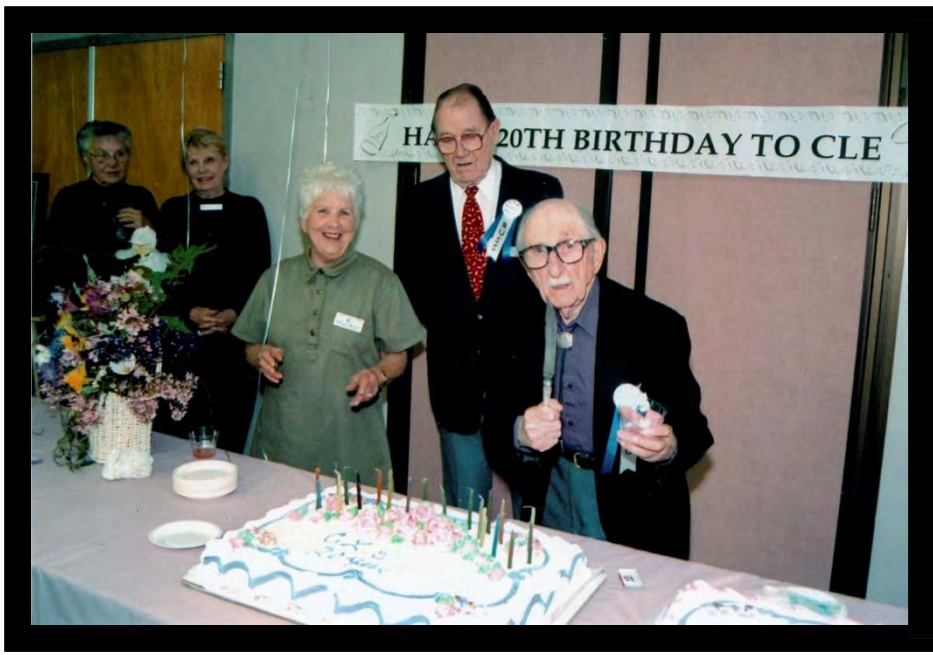


1998 Volunteer of the Year
Al McClatchy

	1999	2000
President	Anne Pearson	Anne Pearson
Membership	826	828
Dues	\$165	\$175
Volunteer of the Year	Tony Arace	Virginia and Lloyd White
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Santa Fe Opera in New Mexico 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judge Cardenas leads a tour to Roman England and its Heirs Vietnam with Dr. Harry Norman, Dean of Extended Education

Highlights

- **CLE Celebrates 20th Anniversary**
 - First “In Memoriam” program is presented
 - SeniorNet celebrates its 10-year anniversary. CLE’s program has grown to two computer labs with 20 computers
 - Dr. Pauline Abbott is named Director of the CSUF Institute of Gerontology with offices in the Ruby Gerontology Center
- **CLE Helps CSUF Celebrate 40th Anniversary**
 - CLE co-sponsors CSUF’s 40th Anniversary Lecture Series – “Hope or Hate: Religion, the Promise of the 21st Century”
 - Plastic pocket name badges on neck chains are introduced



CLE celebrates its **20th Anniversary**



33 members sign up
for the **CLE Chorus**



CLE President
Anne Pearson
1999-2000



CLE co-sponsors CSUF's 40th
Anniversary Lecture Series –
"Hope or Hate: Religion, the
Promise of the 21st Century"



1999 Volunteer of the Year
Tony Arace



2000 Volunteer of the Year
Virginia and Lloyd White

2001		2002
President	Barbara Talento	Barbara Talento
Membership	796	750
Dues	\$175	\$175
Volunteer of the Year	Anne Pearson	Betty Carter
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rome and Tuscany Grand Canyon and Indian Reservations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pueblo, Navajo and Hopi Indian reservations California Coast

Highlights

- **CLE Hosts the 12th Regional Conference of the Association of Learning in Retirement Organization, West (ALIROW)**
 - Nursing advice is offered three days a week
 - Computer classes offer newest technology in creating CDs and digital photography
 - Classes include:
 - “Digital Photography”
 - “CPR and First Aid”
 classes are offered by CSUF Department of Environmental Health and Instructional Safety
- **CLE Celebrates the Six Students Who are the First to Earn the Master of Science in Gerontology. This is the 100th Degree Program at CSUF**
 - “Footprints in Time,” an anthology of memories by the “Wisdom Exchange” class is presented to the Patrons of the CSUF Library. Profits from the project are donated to the Masters in Gerontology Fund
 - CLE members join with CSUF Gerontology and History Departments to form inter-generational class to study guided autobiography and oral history



Richard Seeger, contributes his watercolor of the Ruby Gerontology Center



OLLI 2002 Officers Installation Luncheon



CLE participates at the Regional Bi-Annual Conference for Learning in Retirement Programs of the West (ALIROW). Anne Pearson, John Taber, and Martin Hebeling in front of the CLE display at the conference.

CLE hosts the 12th Regional ALIROW



**CLE President
Barbara Talento
2001-2002**



**2002 Volunteer of the Year
Betty Carter**



**2001 Volunteer of the Year
Anne Pearson**

2003	
President	Kirt Spradlin
Membership	687
Dues	\$215
Volunteers of the Year	Estelle and Dick Blake
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hopi and Navajo Reservations in Arizona Santa Fe, New Mexico for a week of opera

Highlights

- **Marketing Committee Works to Expand OLLI’s Membership**
- The Computer Education Committee sponsors the OLLI June event, a summer barbeque



CLE President
Kirt Spradlin
 2003-2004



Popular **“Dr. Know-It-All”** class drew crowds led by Ed Schambaris and panelists Dick Blake, Barbara Talento, Jean Brosang and Len Leventhal



Open House Social



Annual Holiday Luncheons
are always popular

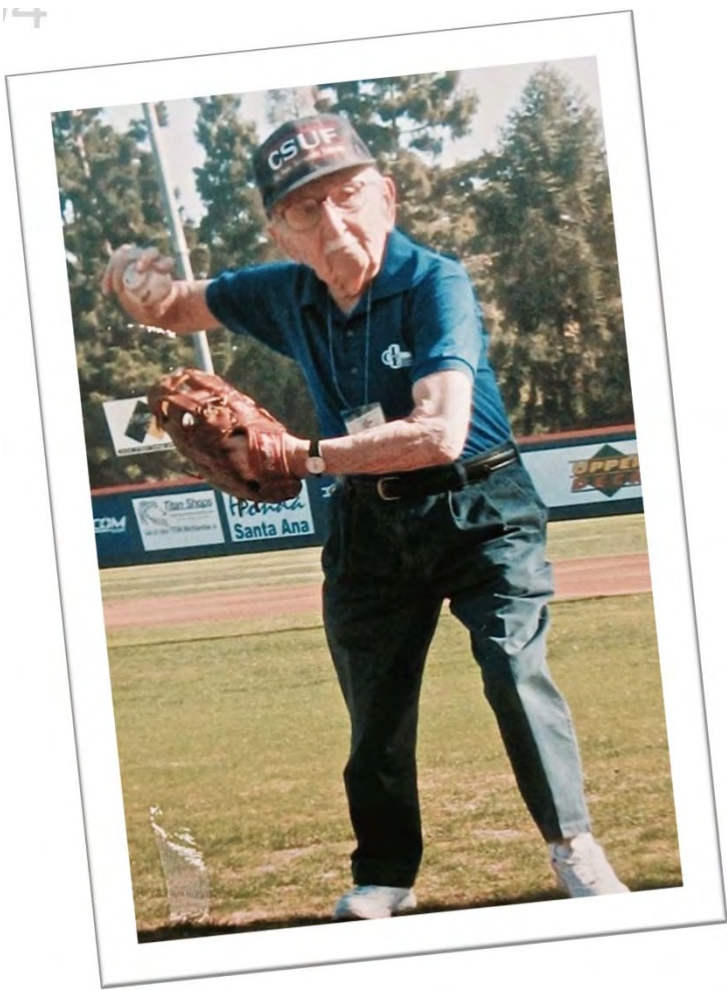


2003 Volunteers of the Year
Estelle and Dick Blake

2004		2005
President	Kirt Spradlin	Charlotte Fox
Membership	693	671
Dues	\$215	\$215
Volunteers of the Year	Bebe and Jerry Pollack	Marilyn and Gary Bates
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utah for the Shakespeare Festival The Arizona Indian reservations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cruise the Rhone River from Nice to Paris The Eternal Nile River Canyonlands, Utah Gold Country and Napa Valley’s Wine Country

Highlights

- **CLE Celebrates 25 Years. Charter Members, Phil & Irene Castle, Russell Ball and Margaret Coston, were Honored Along with Betty Robertson and Barbara Talento**
 - First annual CLE Baseball Bash is held. Leo Shapiro throws out first ball to Kirt Spradlin
 - The CLE Usher Program is started and it earns every member two free entries to all CSUF athletic events
 - “Refractions of Life,” a CLE book of poetry, is published by the “Poetry for Pleasure” class
 - CLE “Political Series” begins featuring Michael Dukakis, speaking about health care and public policy
- **Continuing Learning Experience Computer and Technology Club (CLECAT) is Established**
 - A donation of \$2,500 is made to CLE by the CSUF Athletic Department for the OLLI Usher Program



First annual CLE **Baseball Bash** with Leo Shapiro throwing out the first ball



Leo Shapiro's 100th birthday and, in recognition, Emerald Court retirement community donates \$1,800 toward the Scholarship Fund

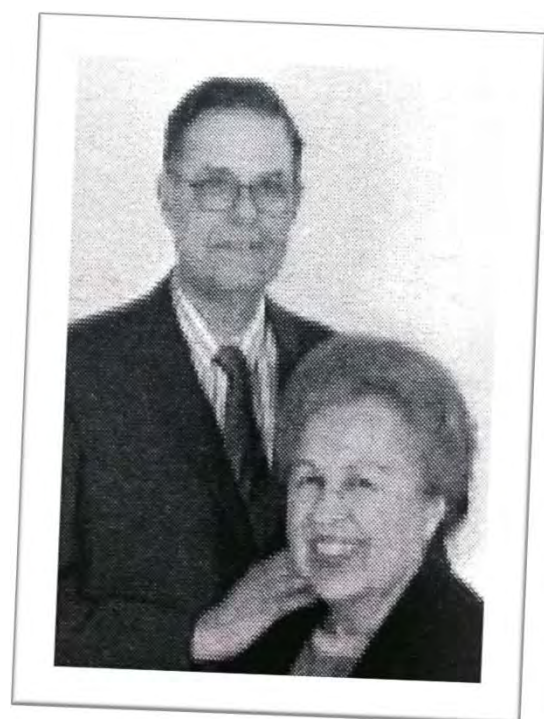


OLLI basketball ushers

CLE President **Charlotte Fox** 2005-2006



2004 Volunteers of the Year
Bebe and Jerry Pollack



2005 Volunteers of the Year
Marilyn and Gary Bates

2006		2007
President	Charlotte Fox	Barbara Talento
Membership	750	797
Dues	\$210	\$215
Volunteer of the Year	Bryan Moffett	Ken and Ethel Kamber
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barcelona, Spain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greece and the Greek Isles

Highlights

- **CLE Changes its Name to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)**
 - CSUF President Gordon grants new charter as CLE President Charlotte Fox announces name change from CLE to OLLI
 - A grant of \$50,000 is awarded to CLE as a provision of the name change to OLLI
 - CLE recognizes the eight Charter OLLI Members, who are in the 90+ Club, with free membership
 - Leo Shapiro retires from the Board and becomes an honorary lifetime member
- **“Transitions in Retirement” is a New, Free Program Open to the Public that Introduces OLLI to Prospective Members and Provides Retirement Information**
 - OLLI receives \$100,000 from the Osher Foundation
 - New electronic doors are installed at both entrances to the Shapiro Wing with special thanks to Paul Miller, CSUF Disabled Student Services
 - CSUF celebrates its 50th Anniversary
 - To relieve parking demands OLLI plans to purchase shuttle that will run between Lot G and the Ruby Gerontology Center. OLLI President Barbara Talento dubs it the “OLLI Trolley”



The “**OLLI Trolley**”

CLE changes its name to the **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)** with the potential to earn a \$1,000,000 endowment



OLLI President **Barbara Talento** (2007-2008) is elected President for the second time



The new Thursday afternoon **OLLI Socials** offer camaraderie and fun



2006 Volunteer of the Year
Bryan Moffett



2007 Volunteers of the Year
Ken and Ethel Kamber

2008		2009
President	Barbara Talento	Dave Musante
Membership	781	895
Dues	\$215	\$215
Volunteer of the Year	Lorraine Gerni	Donna Spradlin
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand 	

Highlights

- Osher Foundation Endows OLLI at CSUF with \$1,000,000**
 - Member benefits now include a special discount to CSUF Performing Arts Center and Meng Hall
- Schedule Expanded to the Late Afternoon to Accommodate New Classes. Nine Intercession Classes (in May and June) are Scheduled to Meet Between Spring and Summer Sessions**
 - OLLI parking permits now may be used in all student parking areas
 - Construction begins on the 1,000-bed dormitories east of the Ruby Gerontology Center
 - Osher Foundation gives \$50,000 grant to OLLI



To celebrate the \$1,000,000 the OLLI Chorus sings “Hallelujah”



Serving member parking needs, the **“OLLI Trolley”** arrives, driven by trained OLLI volunteers



Artist Betty Redmond, from "Watercolor "intersession class, does demonstration for Open House



“Wisdom Exchange” is one of OLLI’s favorite classes



OLLI President
Dave Musante
2009-2010



2008 Volunteer of the Year
Lorraine Gerni



2009 Volunteer of the Year
Donna Spradlin

2010	
President	Dave Musante
Membership	1,074
Dues	\$225
Volunteers of the Year	Elaine Mitchell and Pete Saputo
Travel	

Highlights

- **OLLI Introduces the New OLLI Mentor Program to Encourage New Members to Ask Questions of Seasoned Members and to Offer Suggestions**
- “A Day in the Life of OLLI,” a 10-minute video using OLLI talent, has been developed as a marketing tool
- The Volunteer Initiative Program is designed to match CSUF students’ needs with the skills and experience of OLLI members.
- Osher Foundation gives \$50,000 grant to OLLI as we enroll 1,000th member



OLLI's **"Life Story"** class with Rosalie Burg, Mike Sultan, Elaine Farnsworth and Pat Oswald



Mentors Joyce Ono and Carol Wilson



OLLI's exercise classes in **Drumming** and **Line Dancing** provide great workouts

2010 Volunteers of the Year
Pete Saputo and Elaine Mitchell



2011		2012
President	Chuck Ritz	Chuck Ritz
Membership	1,164	1,271
Dues	\$230	\$235
Volunteer of the Year	Joyce Ono	
Travel		

Highlights

- **OLLI Collaboration has 90+ Members Who Share Their Skills and Experiences Mentoring CSUF Students in Both the Undergraduate and Graduate programs**
 - Six-hour “Boot Camp” kicks off OLLI’s Transitions in Retirement (TiR) Essentials Program
 - OLLI News Bytes online newsletter begun and developed by Bob Rineer, Dolly Church & Jeff Harter
 - Gastronome dining facility and community market in the new student housing complex are great sources for a full meal or a take-out snack
- **The Second \$1,000,000 Endowment is Awarded to OLLI by the Osher Foundation**
 - The OLLI Blue Book offers over 125 programs to members. As the curriculum offerings expand additional classroom space in Pine Residence Hall is pressed into use
 - New class scheduling on Tuesday and Thursday allows for three classes in a six-hour time period. This was necessary to accommodate expanded program offerings
 - The OLLI Follies form as a group of dedicated OLLI performers who bring song, dance and skits to OLLI



Joanne Syrja and Russ MacKeand at **Transitions In Retirement Sign-up**



Open House Sign-up



Collaboration Committee
Members Ron Osajima,
Jane Moon and Ellie Page



OLLI's hardworking **Hospitality Committee** hosts fantastic Open Houses and special events



OLLI President
Chuck Ritz
2011-2012



2011 Volunteer of the Year
Joyce Ono

2013		2014
President	Michael Stover	Michael Stover
Membership	1,500	1,544
Dues	\$240	\$245
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hollywood Bowl Nethercutt Museum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prehistoric Orange County Huntington Gardens & Library CSI Orange County

Highlights

- Over 400 OLLI Volunteers Were Recognized at the Volunteer Recognition Reception and Volunteer Opportunities’ Workshop Draws Large Crowds**
 - Dr. Mildred Garcia is named President of CSUF
 - Electronic bulletin board debuts in Shapiro Wing thanks to Bill Fisher and others
 - Rooms 20 and 21 receive major face lifts with upgraded technology and streamlined sight lines.
 - Additional tables, chairs and umbrellas added to the patio
 - OLLI volunteers begin plans for year-long special events and activities to celebrate 35 years of lifelong learning at CSUF from CLE to OLLI
- OLLI Celebrates 35 Years of Continuing Learning Experiences**
 - 10th anniversary of Baseball Bash
 - OLLI ChroniCLE newsletter highlights historical stories of OLLI’s 35th Anniversary
 - OLLI President Mike Stover presents "Tales of a Great University" series with lectures by CSUF Provost and Department Chairs
 - The “Spirit of OLLI" celebrated at 35th Anniversary kick-off luncheon
 - OLLI honors retiring Dean Harry Norman
 - First Betty Robertson Award given to senior CSUF student



OLLI volunteer **Cindy Von Coelln** is Dr. Suess for Read-A-Loud Day at CSUF University Preschool



OLLI continues to celebrate **"The Spirit Of OLLI"** at a special 35th Anniversary Luncheon



21 members of the **90+ Club** receive honorary memberships



OLLI banner celebrates **35 years** of continuing learning experiences



Dr. Mildred Garcia is named President of CSUF



OLLI President **Michael Stover** 2013-2014

2015		2016
President	Barry Escoe	Barry Escoe
Membership	1,719	1,701
Dues	\$250	\$255
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canyonlands Overnight Buddhist Temple Catalina Overnight Reagan Library Descanso Gardens Morton Simon Museum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sequoia/Kings Canyon Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL) Washington, D.C. Orange Empire Railway Museum Griffith Observatory

Highlights

- Overnight Travel Trips Re-instated Thanks to Dean Kari Knutson Miller
 - “Medical Series” expanded to Morningside and Capriana retirement communities by Dr. Joseph Lawton
 - OLLI-CSUF Collaboration wins OC Spirit of Volunteerism Award from Orange County
 - Suggestion box installed in Shapiro Wing
 - Online comprehensive OLLI calendar added to OLLI website
 - OLLI “Flash Mob” performs Footloose on CSUF campus quad
 - Automated external defibrillators (AED) installed
 - OLLI artists are prizewinners at local area juried exhibits
 - OLLI’s “Snappy Tappers” gain fame far and wide
- Membership Enrollment and Renewals Go Online
 - Long-Term Plan updated to 2016-2021
 - OLLI & CSUF agree to five-year parking agreement
 - Eduroam Wi-Fi initiated allowing OLLI access to CSUF and other colleges
 - Development/Philanthropy Committee created as standing committee
 - Member application process initiated for Board of Trustees elections
 - Fall Photo Days – OLLI photographers create a library of member photos
 - Hank Smith recognized as Emeritus ‘Professor’ at OLLI
 - “Watercolor Workshop” hosts Chinese master artist



“Flash Mob” catches CSUF students by surprise on campus quad



Chinese Master Artist Xiao Zhongyin at “Watercolor Workshop”



OLLI’s popular “Snappy Tappers”



OLLI members take in popular JPL Tour



Cheering on the Titans at the annual “Baseball Bash”



Ukulele class is overnight sensation

2017		2018
President	Jim Monroe	Jim Monroe
Membership	1,684	1,670
Dues	\$260	\$260
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space Shuttle Endeavor • Broad & MOCA Museums • LA/LB Harbor Cruise • Monterey, Carmel Overnight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overnight Cruise to San Francisco • Costa Rica Overnight • King Tut Exhibit • Getty Villa Museum

Highlights

- **Distance Learning Project to Video OLLI Classes Started by Don Lake, Bob Newcomb and Fran Colwell**
 - Photo Resource Committee Formed, Chaired by Jim Cenname, to archive photos of OLLI’s events and members
 - Robust Aging Program provides nursing services at RGC by CSUF School of Nursing
 - Cal State Fullerton celebrates its 60th anniversary “Diamond Jubilee”
 - OLLI celebrates Myron Bantrell’s 100th birthday
 - Board of Trustees approves comprehensive updates to OLLI Bylaws and Policies
 - Benson Chin & Jim Cenname revise Blue Book scheduling process
- **OLLI Facebook Page Initiated by Jim Cenname**
 - Major audiovisual upgrades to Ruby Gerontology Center class and meeting rooms
 - Distance Learning Project expands with funding by Board for equipment and CSUF students for editing class videos
 - Framrose “Fram” Virjee appointed interim CSUF president
 - CSUF’s UEE (University Extended Education) becomes EIP (Extension and International Programs)
 - OLLI Author’s Day at CSUF’s Pollak Library
 - OLLI promotes climate of civility, based on OLLI and CSUF ethics policies



Myron Bantrell's 100th Birthday



"Mask" Querade Party



Cal State Fullerton's Diamond Jubilee



OLLI has a Facebook page!



**Jim Monroe
President 2017-2018**



**Will Cornell and Bob Newcomb
Video Mike Stover's class for
Distance Learning Project**



**OLLI authors sign their
books at Pollak Library**

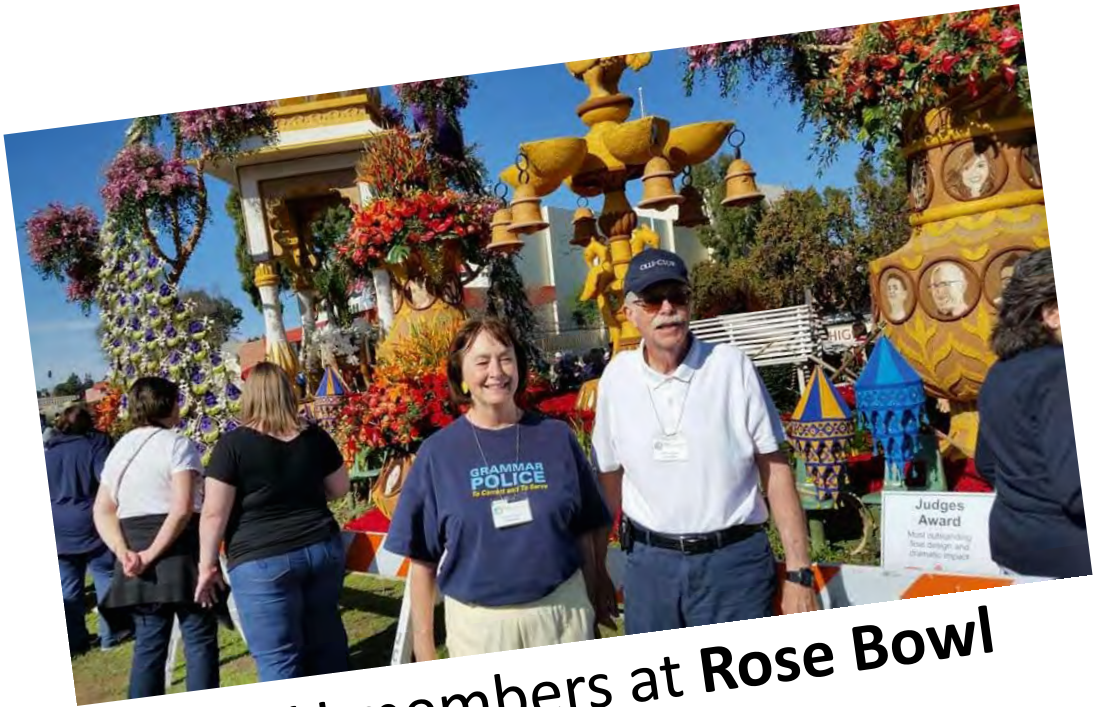
2019		2020
President	Joyce Ono	Joyce Ono
Membership	1,656	1,601
Dues	\$260	\$260
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL) • L.A. Architecture • LAX Tour • Hearst Castle • China 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rose Bowl Float Viewing • South Coast Repertory • All travel cancelled after March 16 due to COVID-19

Highlights

- **Blue Book Distributed via Email and Members Encouraged to Eschew Paper for Digital Access**
 - OLLI celebrates 40th Anniversary
 - Ellie Monroe conducts walking tours of School of the Arts
 - OLLI Collaboration uses videos to promote volunteerism
 - News Bytes restructured into Class Information & Updates and Announcements & Events newsletters
 - OLLI volunteers recognized at reception and concert
 - CSUF School of Nursing students interview OLLI members for aging study
 - Fram Virjee inaugurated as CSUF President
 - Newparking structure in Lot E creates parking challenges leading to expanded OLLI Trolley and ride-sharing
- **On March 16 the campus closed due to COVID-19. Meetings & classes met via Zoom**
 - OLLI pivoted to virtual meetings and instruction using Zoom technology
 - Distance Learning & Technology Education Committee took on a vital role
 - OLLI 40th Anniversary celebration canceled
 - OLLI newsletters, ChroniCLE & website provided information to members about changes due to coronavirus
 - Long Range Plan Committee for 2021 - 2026 established
 - Strategic goals: retain and recruit members; keep members healthy; improve member diversity
 - New OLLI Trolley purchased



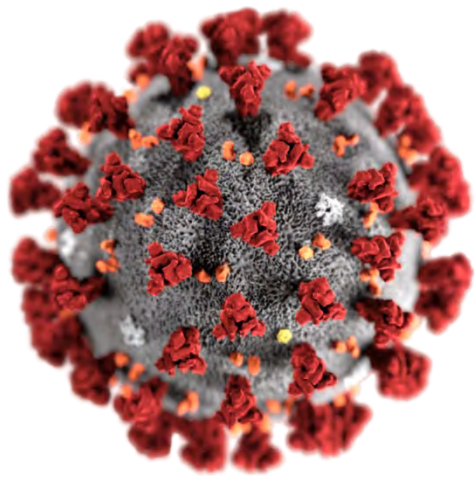
Alice Gresto interviews CSUF student about his study of OLLI's "well elderly"



OLLI members at Rose Bowl float viewing trip



OLLI's volunteers recognized



COVID-19 closes campus & Ruby Gerontology Center and classes go online through Zoom



Joyce Ono President 2019-2020



CSUF student nurses observe OLLI's "TED Talks" class



Board of Trustees meetings held via Zoom

2021		2022
President	Eleanore Monroe	Eleanore Monroe
Membership	961	1053
Dues	\$260	\$260
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All travel cancelled due to pandemic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hollywood Bowl Long Beach & LA Harbor Cruise

Highlights

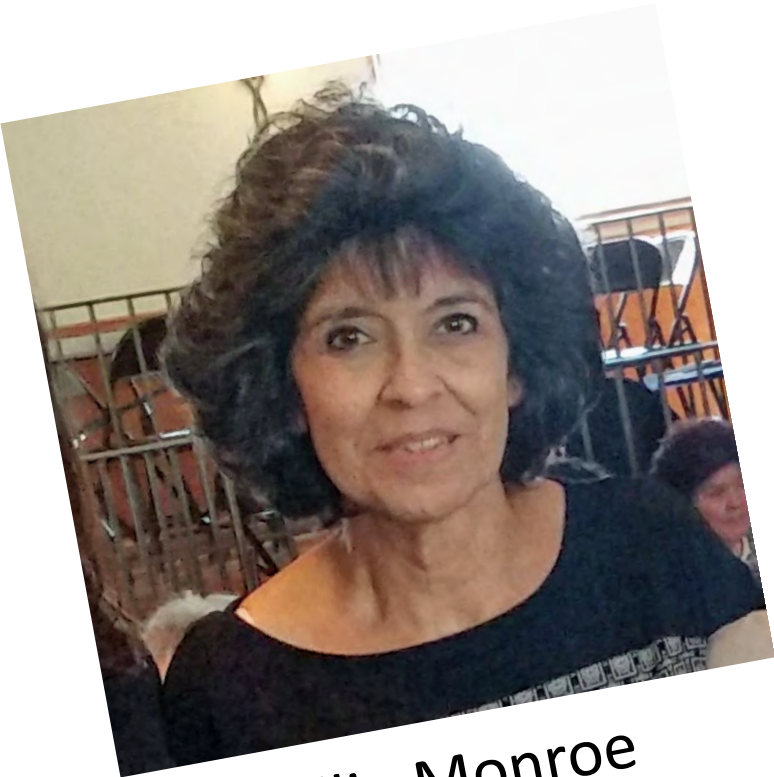
- **COVID-19 vaccinations mandated & facemasks encouraged for anyone returning to campus**
 - OLLI offered 75% of pre-pandemic classes
 - Zoom training continued for instructors and members
 - OLLI Sunshine Callers stayed in touch with members who didn't return to campus
 - President Monroe initiated online "Coffee Hour" providing updates from the Board
 - A mix of on-campus and Zoom or livestream classes offered
- **Spring Preview held virtually due to COVID**
 - Dean Debra Leahy joined CSUF heading EIP
 - CSUF Student Consulting Study engaged for Long Range Plan suggestions
 - Publicity increased to rebuild membership
 - Off-site marketing events initiated by VP External Relations Bob Kovacev
 - New courtyard umbrella tables & chairs installed



Over 50 members attended
Desiree Engel's 100th
birthday bash via Zoom



Members enjoy conversation
and **new tables, chairs and**
umbrellas in the courtyard



Ellie Monroe
President 2021-2022



New Member **Welcoming Social**



Masks required indoors at 2021
Open House



Dr. Debra Leahy
becomes Dean of EIP

2023		
President	Michael Stover	
Membership	1,063	
Dues	\$275	
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Academy of Motion Pictures MuseumOC Water DistrictHollywood BowlGriffith ObservatoryOrgan Concert	

Highlights

- **New Executive Director Daisy Thomas hired**
- Patsy Burns, longtime Administrative Manager, retired
- Office staffing vacancy presented workload challenges
- President Stover continued updates as “OLLI Today & Tomorrow Forums”
- Blue Book restructured into a course catalog and a schedule of classes & events
- Membership Incentive Plans added to rebuild OLLI membership
- Majority of OLLI classes return to campus classrooms
- Mackey Auditorium AV system upgraded; moveable wall repaired and flooring installed in Shapiro
- Virtual parking permits implemented by CSUF
- OLLI Collaboration initiated Project Rebound OLLI Mentoring, Aging Studies, and CSUF Basic Needs
- Two CSUF Aging Studies/Science Minors scholarships added



Mike Stover
President 2023



Daisy Thomas
New Executive Director



Patsy Burns (center) receives honorary, lifetime OLLI membership from President Mike Stover & VP Membership Debbie Maxwell



Ellie Monroe honored by Daughters of the American Revolution



Elaine Mitchell, Donna Spradlin & Pete Saputo at installation of bench honoring the late, **former President Kirt Spradlin**

2024		
President	Vickie Hite	
Membership	1149	
Dues	\$290	
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alaska Cruise & Land Tour Nethercutt Museum Joshua Tree & Fault LAX Tour & Museum Japan/American Museum Bird Watching Sanctuary 	

Highlights

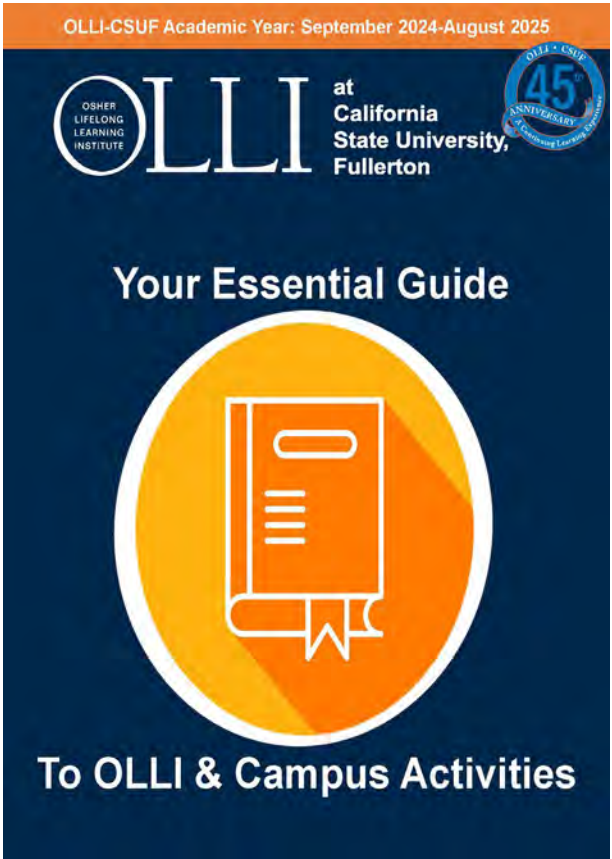
- **OLLI’s 45th Anniversary**
- Titans Give day record amount raised for OLLI
- OLLI oversight assigned to CSUF Academic Affairs
- Financial reporting and transparency improved
- CSUF College of the Arts “Behind the Scenes” tours
- Creation of Campus Experiences and Resources Team (CERT)
- Spring Preview event attracted 118 new members
- Annual membership fee increased to \$290
- Lunch Brigade encouraged a sense of community
- OLLI Office went cashless for payments of any kind
- Your Essential Guide to OLLI & Campus Activities created



Vickie Hite
President 2024



**45th Anniversary Celebration at
Bacon Pavilion, Fullerton Arboretum**



**Member handbook
created**

“THE SPIRIT OF OLLI”



