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
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  and  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

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1979

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**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”
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”
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**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
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| **Travel** | • 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 travels to England for 15 days with tour of Industrial Revolution sites

CLE artist Richard Seegar’s watercolor of proposed Gerontology Center

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

Samoan dancers at CLE Social
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### 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
Richard Brown volunteers to serve as an on-site Project Manager/Engineer for Mackey Auditorium

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

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

Gerontology Center Layout

CLE President – Gordon Shaw 1983-84
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### Highlights

- **Gerontology Center Fund Drive Reaches $1,000,000**

- 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
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**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](image)
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
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**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

“Welcome to the Computer” classes begin

CLE President
Bill Coston
1989

Betty Robertson
first chair of Computer Education Committee (CEC)
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**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](image-url)
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
### President

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### 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

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

CLE President
Ken Glessner
1992-93
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| Travel         | • Shakespeare Festival, Ashland, OR  
                 • Austria and Turkey | • 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
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| Travel       | • 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

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

Registration of new members at Fall Open House

1996 Volunteer of the Year Gabrielle Genereux
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**Travel**
- CLE floats down the Mississippi
- Russia with Dr. Bob Feldman
- France
- Hopi Reservation

**Travel**
- The Hopi and Navajo Indian reservations
- Vancouver, B.C.
- Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon

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**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

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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  
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| Travel           | • Santa Fe Opera in New Mexico | • 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**

**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

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

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**Travel**
- 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
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                  • The Arizona Indian reservations | • 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
Leo Shapiro’s 100th birthday and, in recognition, Emerald Court retirement community donates $1,800 toward the Scholarship Fund.

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

CLE President **Charlotte Fox** 2005-2006

OLLI basketball ushers

**2004 Volunteers of the Year**
Bebe and Jerry Pollack

**2005 Volunteers of the Year**
Marilyn and Gary Bates
### 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”

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

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

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

The “OLLI Trolley”
### 2008 - 2009

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#### 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

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

- **Schedule Expanded to the Late Afternoon to Accommodate New Classes. Nine Intersession 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
Serving member parking needs, the “OLLI Trolley” arrives, driven by trained OLLI volunteers.

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

2008 Volunteer of the Year
Lorraine Gerni

2009 Volunteer of the Year
Donna Spradlin

2008 Volunteer of the Year
Lorraine Gerni

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

OLLI President
Dave Musante
2009-2010

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**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
Mentors Joyce Ono and Carol Wilson

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

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

2010 Volunteers of the Year Pete Saputo and Elaine Mitchell
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**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

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

Collaboration Committee
Members Ron Osajima, Jane Moon and Ellie Page

OLLI President Chuck Ritz 2011-2012

2011 Volunteer of the Year Joyce Ono
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### 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’s 35th Anniversary Celebration

“Create your own Memories”

21 members of the 90+ Club receive honorary memberships

OLLi continues to celebrate “The Spirit Of OLLi” at a special 35th Anniversary Luncheon

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

OLLi banner celebrates 35 years of continuing learning experiences

Dr. Mildred Garcia is named President of CSUF

OLLi President Michael Stover 2013-2014
### 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

OLLI’s popular “Snappy Tappers”

Chinese Master Artist Xiao Zhongyin at “Watercolor Workshop”

OLLI members take in popular JPL Tour

Cheering on the Titans at the annual “Baseball Bash”

Ukulele class is overnight sensation
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**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

OLLI authors sign their books at Pollak Library

OLLI has a Facebook page!

Jim Monroe
President 2017-2018

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

Cal State Fullerton’s
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| **Travel**       | • Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL)  
• L.A. Architecture  
• LAX Tour  
• Hearst Castle  
• China  | • 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”

CSUF student nurses observe OLLI’s “TED Talks” class

OLLI members at Rose Bowl float viewing trip

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

Joyce Ono President 2019-2020

Board of Trustees meetings held via Zoom
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**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 | 2024
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**President** | Michael Stover |
**Membership** | 1,063 |  |
**Dues** | $275 |  |
**Travel** | • Academy of Motion Pictures Museum  
• OC Water District  
• Hollywood Bowl  
• Griffith Observatory  
• Segerstrom Organ Concert |  |

#### Highlights
- **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
- Patsy Burns, longtime Administrative Manager, retired
Mike Stover
President 2023

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

Ellie Monroe honored by Daughters of the American Revolution
“THE SPIRIT OF OLLI”