



President's Message

By Ellie Monroe, President, OLLI-CSUF



to campus. I am very moved seeing all the excitement as members greet each other face-to-face. The faces are masked, but the eyes are filled with warmth.

We are still required to wear masks indoors, and we encourage masks outdoors, to provide a safe learning environment for all. It is so great to see members taking care of each other by encouraging and applying safe practices while together.

Many of our classes are still active on Zoom or livestream, but we have enjoyed a steady flow of members who are attending classes on campus. The bridge, poker and dance classes are all filled with old and new friends enjoying the opportunity to meet on campus together again. If you have not joined an in-person class yet, I encourage you to do so.

I especially want to thank all of you for your patience as we adapt to the many changes in registration procedures. Many of you have learned to have a healthy relationship with your computers and acquired new skills by default.

If you are not receiving OLLI's weekly newsletters, please contact the office and let them know. Most of our communications to members are done through email. We also encourage you to visit our OLLI website, which contains the most up-to-date information on classes and changes at OLLI and the campus.

We still face many unknowns in our future, but it is much easier to overcome any hurdles when we face them collectively and work together. Take care and stay safe!! Cheers!!

OLLI Board of Trustees Openings and Application Process

By Chris Shaw, Editor

This is OLLI members' chance to become part of managing OLLI. Each year approximately half of the officers and trustees at large complete their two-year terms of office (one-year for the president) on the Board of Trustees. New members are elected to replace them at the General Meeting and Election in April.

Following are the Board positions that will be up for election in April 2022:

- **President**—Ellie Monroe may be re-elected for second one-year term. OLLI's chief executive officer presides over meetings of the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee and other meetings, implements decisions at those meetings and keeps OLLI's membership informed.
- **Vice President Administration**—Acts for the president in the president's absence. Responsible for supervising personnel, office support, parking, OLLI Trolley and Archivist/Historian operations.
- **Vice President Communications**—Responsible for supervising internal publicity, including the ChroniCLE, Blue Book, newsletters and other announcements, OLLI website, electronic bulletin board and OLLI's photo archive operations.
- **Vice President External Relations**—OLLI's liaison to CSUF is responsible for supervising research studies, grants, awards, speakers bureau, OLLI-CSUF Collaboration, long range planning, external publicity & relationships, social media and membership recruitment operations.
- **Vice President Technology**—OLLI's liaison to CSUF IT is responsible for supervising audiovisual and classroom support operations.
- **Secretary**—Prepares and distributes the minutes of the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee and

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By Ann Sparks, OLLI Treasurer



The Treasurer serves as the liaison between the Board of Trustees and the OLLI operational staff and works with OLLI management to manage and control the overall finances as required by OLLI and University policy. Daily financial transactions are the responsibility of the OLLI office staff. With

the assistance of office management, the Treasurer monitors and reports the overall financial position each month at the Board of Trustees meeting. These monthly reports highlight income, operational expenditures, capital purchases and a summary of the financial reserves. These financial transactions are compared each month to the budget to ensure that the expenses and income are within the budget parameters.

As most of you know, OLLI is self-funded, meaning that we do not depend on state or University funding for our activities. OLLI's main source of revenue is the member dues.

Get the Calendar from the Office

The monthly Calendar is no longer distributed with the ChroniCLE. Drop by the OLLI office for a hard copy or call/email the OLLI office for an electronic copy, which is now updated throughout the month.

Operating expenditures that are primarily paid with membership dues include office staff, office administrative items, campus parking fee, costs related to providing classes, marketing, communications and other member support costs.

Membership revenue is supplemented by earnings distributions from the Osher Endowment Fund. The earnings from the Endowment have been used to pay for facility and technology maintenance and upgrades and other one-time expenditures. Another source of funding is donations from members and other supporters of OLLI. Funds not expended during the fiscal year are retained and used to build operating reserves. Reserves are funds set aside to provide funding for future capital expenditures and renovations, unanticipated one-time expenditures and as an offset if membership fee revenues dip below projections. For example, reserves were available to help absorb the revenue shortfalls due to the steep decline in membership in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funds received from donations are carefully managed with the assistance of the University Advancement Foundation. For the 2021-2022 fiscal year, income is expected to increase over the prior year due to increases in membership, now that the pandemic is starting to wane and classes will again be held on campus. Any revenue shortfalls would be covered by the reserve accounts. Financial reports are available for review by OLLI members in the OLLI office.

In the coming years, OLLI will face many of the same challenges that members do in their personal lives, including inflation, facilities and operational costs, and uncertain membership levels. We encourage input and support from members interested in helping maintain and improve the OLLI "lifestyle."

Judy Alter

OLLI Instructor and Lifelong Learner

By Susan McNamara, Staff Writer

What makes OLLI a 950 member strong institute? It's having volunteer instructors like Judy Alter, a true lifelong learner, crafting compelling learning experiences.



Judy grew up in New York City, first living in the Bronx and then Brooklyn. She became interested in art at a relatively young age.

She recalls family outings to the Cloisters and the Brooklyn Museum of Art. She vividly remembers a room at the Metropolitan Museum of Art filled with Rembrandt portraits which she found magical with their dark colors and illuminated faces. When Judy began traveling as an adult she gravitated to museums, both famous and obscure. Art continues to be the focus of her travels. She was an avid reader as a child and fondly remembers reading Dr. Seuss books, "Winnie the Pooh" by A. A. Milne and "The Wonderful O" by James Thurber.

Judy majored in math at SUNY Buffalo. She continued her education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign earning two master's degrees in 1977, one in math and the other in statistics. While attending classes and studying she also was a teaching assistant and still found time to read marvelous books.

During the summer of 1977, Hughes Aircraft Company flew her out to California for an interview and hired her. She initially developed aerospace software using her knowledge of probability. During her last 15 to 20 years with the company her focus shifted to management, proposal work and overseeing contractors.

Judy's history with OLLI began when she retired in 2011. She participated in "Great Books," "French" and art history courses. Judy took over the role of instructor for "Great Books" around 2013. Since then she has added a summer semester course, "Art Exhibitions on Screen," as well as a course offered during the fall and spring semesters, "Artsy: A History of Impressionism."

Judy's "Great Books" course meets on alternate

Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon. She finds that avid readers are drawn to this course. The literature explored is based on recommendations by the Great Books Foundation. The quality of the authors and the discussion questions provide a platform for lively discussions. She said that the group is very welcoming, and she encourages you to give it a try. Information about reading selections for the fall semester can be found in the OLLI Blue Book course catalog.

"Artsy: A History of Impressionism" meets on alternate Tuesdays from 2:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. This course makes use of the Great Courses video series "From Monet to Van Gogh: A History of Impressionism" as its base. This fall semester highlights French art from the mid-1880s through the 1890s. The films are about 30 minutes long and are followed by a review and discussion of the paintings. Judy likes drilling for data and puts links to articles and sources related to each session's topic into a word file, thus personalizing the presentation and providing the opportunity for more learning.

Judy states that she derives joy from OLLI, and if she had to choose between taking or teaching courses her choice would be to teach. While preparing for her courses she finds out so much; things she didn't expect to find out. She describes her work as an instructor as a labor of love. OLLI is a richer place because of her labor.

Back to Campus Basics Video

OLLI's longtime science and tech instructor Rick Hearn presented a class on connecting to campus WiFi (Eduroam), watching streamed OLLI classes on YouTube, signing into OLLI with 2FA (two factor authentication) and providing vaccination certification. If you need a primer on these issues, you can see the video of his presentation and Q&A on YouTube by [clicking here](#) and choosing the September 14 CLECAT Club class.

Next ChroniCLE January

As usual, we are skipping December. The next issue of the ChroniCLE will be a combined December/January issue, and it will be distributed around December 20.

The Arboretum Then and Now

By Alice Gresto, Staff Writer

In 1976 a joint Exercise of Agreement between



the Redevelopment Agency of the city of Fullerton and the Trustees of California State University created the Fullerton Arboretum Authority governed by a seven-member Commission.

The Joint Powers of Agreement ended December 3, 2020, making the Fullerton Arboretum a fully integrated department within the self-support division for Extension and International Programs (EIP) at CSUF. OLLI is also under CSUF EIP.

In October of 2020 the Arboretum received the transfer of a \$1.4 million gift from the Friends of the Arboretum. The funding represents the original gift of James and Vergie Bacon in 1985. This funding came at a time when support from the city of Fullerton had ended. Arboretum director, Greg Dymant, indicates that the funds will be used for Arboretum operations.

This summer a \$1 million grant was received from the State of California thanks to the work of Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva. The monies will support sustainable ways of preserving the gardens and raising funds for the future. A Grand Opening event occurred in the Arboretum

on September 17, where CSUF president, Fram Virjee welcomed and thanked our state senators and assembly members for securing critical funding for the Arboretum.

OLLI members enjoy the unique privilege of being right next door to the Arboretum. The Arboretum is a perfect spot for a quiet moment, a peaceful stroll through the gardens and a look out for turtles on the lake. Check our OLLI Blue Book, Page 57, for the “Arboretum and/or Campus Walk,” lead every Tuesday and Thursday by Karen Tanner. The walk begins from the Ruby Gerontology Center courtyard at 9:00 a.m., loops through the Arboretum and returns to the courtyard around 10:15 a.m.

Fall hours for the Arboretum are Wednesday through Sunday 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. A donation of \$5.00 is suggested for deposit at the front entry post.



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general membership meetings, reports the Board positions that are up for election each year to the Board, solicits applications for candidacy from OLLI members for the election, and maintains the Board's list of committees and their chairs and responsible officers.

- Trustees at Large (four positions)—Learn how OLLI functions and various officers' areas of responsibilities, back up officers at Board meetings, assist officers on various committees and represent general OLLI members' interests by participating in Board meeting discussions and decisions.

All OLLI members are encouraged to communicate their interest in being nominated for any of these positions by completing a short and confidential application form and submitting it to the OLLI Secretary, Vickie Hite. Download the fillable application form at <http://olli.fullerton.edu/resources/pdfs/NominationApplication.pdf>, complete the form and email it to Vickie at vwhite418@gmail.com. All applications must be received no later than **November 15, 2021**.

All applications received will be considered by the Nomination and Election Committee along with all other applicants for nomination. Applicants will receive further notification from the Nomination and Election Committee.

What Does a Trustee Do On the Board of Trustees?

By Chris Shaw, Editor

OLLI at Cal State Fullerton was founded on the idea of community seniors banding together, volunteering their time and contributing their skills and knowledge developed over a lifetime, to provide a low-cost, no-tuition, perpetual college of lifelong learning for seniors. There are numerous opportunities for OLLI members to contribute their time and talent, from teaching courses to support services to managing the organization.

It is this last function, managing OLLI, that the Board of Trustees fulfills. There are 11 elected officers on the Board, including the president, eight vice presidents, a treasurer and a secretary. Their responsibilities are fairly obvious from their titles, but the Board also includes nine elected “trustees at large” whose responsibilities are not self-evident and are largely unknown by OLLI members. The most common question I get about OLLI’s elected offices is “What does a trustee do?”

Trustees need no prior experience of any kind, making that position the easiest entry onto the Board. To apply for some officer positions, like treasurer, it’s helpful to have accounting or other experience in your pre-retirement life; for other positions it’s helpful to have experience on related committees. But all candidates for officer positions benefit from experience on the Board as a trustee.

A trustee’s responsibility is to learn how the organization functions and how the various officers manage their areas of responsibility. Each Board officer is asked to appoint another Board member, preferably a trustee, as a backup. The backup represents the officer when the officer can’t attend a Board meeting, assists the officer and learns how the officer’s job is handled. In this way, the trustee may become a potential candidate for that officer’s next term of office. Trustees may also be asked to join operational planning committees.

Perhaps the trustee’s most important job is to represent the interests of all OLLI members in Board meeting discussions and decisions on issues that determine OLLI’s direction and how its resources are used to best serve OLLI’s members.

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Scholarship Announcement

By Fred Shecter, Chair, Scholarship Committee

Scholarships for membership are available for those having financial hardships. Applications can be requested through the OLLI office by phone or sending an email to olli-info@fullerton.edu. Applications must be received no later than Monday, December 6, 2021 for the spring 2022 semester. Each applicant will be contacted to set up an interview with the committee shortly after the application due date.

Blast From the Past: Parking at OLLI in the Beginning

By Joanne Hardy, OLLI Archivist/Historian

In an oral history given by Leo Shapiro (one of the founders of CLE, OLLI’s predecessor) in 1988, he describes what parking issues were faced back when CLE met at the Mahr House on campus, before our Ruby Gerontology Center was built:



“Parking.

We always had problems ... this is true of every campus in the United States. There are too many of our students and

faculty members who have cars and don’t know that they have feet ... and don’t use their feet. At Mahr House we had no paved parking; there wasn’t even black top. In our early days we had to invest ... [dollars] to buy gravel to pour on earth and have it rolled in. With the very first rain, all we got was mud. It was a mess. And our dear members, bless them, didn’t follow any kind of instructions about parking close to each other. There were those who came early and parked under the tree so their cars would be in the shade, and [then] two or three other cars would park immediately behind them, and number one car wanted to leave early, and we would have to disturb the whole class in order to get the other two people to move their cars and there wasn’t any place to move them. Oh, what a mess that was. Just part of the fun.”

Special Thanks to Membership Assistance Teams!

By Chris Shaw, Editor

Registering new and renewing members for OLLI's new term this year was made all the more complicated by new requirements, including CSUF's new duo-factor login authentication process required for online registration and the new online vaccination report form. Also new are revised parking rules, COVID protocols for attending classes and events on campus, and livestream class options. Fortunately, members didn't have to do it all on their own.

Recognizing that OLLI members need more help this year to navigate all the changes, Vice President Membership Bill Sampson set up an information table in the Ruby Gerontology Center courtyard both during the Fall Open House and during the first week or so of the fall semester. Thanks to volunteers Pat Burnes, William Clark, Claire Curran, Jim DeYoung, Phyllis DeYoung, Vickie Hite, Mickey La Casa, Tom La Casa, Stephanie Leon, Debbie Maxwell, Jim Medici, Harriette Millman, Ann Sparks, Elizabeth Trimble, Lorraine Van Pelt and June Watanabe.

Tom La Casa headed an Online Registration Assistance Team, which helped 13 people register during four days of sessions prior to the Fall Open House. The team included Susan Gaitan, Mark Hammel, Susan Hanna, Rick Hearn, Steve Kernes, Joyce Ono and Carol Thurk.

During the Fall Open House on August 14, Susan Hanna headed the Open House Registration Assistance Team, helping a crowd of 90 people register. Her team included Mark Hammel, Rich Harbert, Joanne Hardy, Rick Hearn, Steve Kernes, Tom La Casa and Cynthia Welch.

Following the Fall Open House, Joanne Hardy headed the On-Campus Registration Assistance Team, helping more than 150 people, some returning for additional help, with both registrations and COVID vaccination reports during 10 days of sessions prior to the start of the fall semester. Her team included Linda Callen, Marietta Davis, Eleanor Dorfman, Mark Hammel, Susan Hanna, Rich Harbert, Rick Hearn, Betty Jura, Amy Kernes, Steve Kernes, Tom La Casa, Ellie Monroe, Jim

Monroe, Joyce Ono, Mike Stover and Cynthia Welch.

As of September 7, OLLI had a total of 892 member registrations, including 80 new members, thanks in no small part to this group of dedicated volunteers. Thank you.

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The title "Trustee at Large" means each trustee represents all of the OLLI membership, as opposed to any one person or group.

The Board of Trustees is the decision-making body of OLLI. As such, it is vital that it be regularly refreshed with new members joining in the process of discussing and deciding the myriad issues faced by the Board, like how to mitigate the negative impact of COVID-19, as a recent example. New trustees are the principal source of new blood and ideas for the Board.

As are all officers, approximately half of the nine trustees' two-year terms of office end each year and are replaced by other members, who are elected by the OLLI membership each April. Applications for nomination to next April's election are being accepted now.

The Board is very eager to get more applications from OLLI members who are new to the Board. In fact, OLLI's Constitution states: "Officers may not be elected for two consecutive terms in the same capacity except the president who may be elected for a second one-year term." To some it could seem like there is a "good ol' boy" network of the same people running the Board year-after-year, but if that happens it's only by necessity when not enough new members step forward to apply.

Importantly, any OLLI member may apply to be a nominee for trustee at large (or any of the open Board positions) simply by submitting an application. So, help the Board refresh itself, and download an [application from the OLLI website](#), complete the fillable PDF form and send it to Vickie Hite, OLLI Secretary, at vwhite418@gmail.com no later than November 15.

What's Happening at the Board

By Chris Shaw, Editor

OLLI's Board of Trustees sponsored a Town Hall Meeting for all OLLI members on August 31 and the Board met on August 11. Following are highlights from those meetings:

- Attendance at the Town Hall was 303.
- VP Facilities Tony Package cleaned up the patio and added carpeting and new chairs. He added welcome signs to the RGC entrances and is working on getting lecterns for sign-in sheets at Shapiro and the Auditorium.
- VP External Relations Sue Mullaly and her team delivered TiR Open to the Public brochures and Blue Books to 44 community locations.
- Three registration assistance teams offered help prior to, during and after the Fall Open House (see the article titled "Special Thanks, Membership Team!").
- As of September 7, 892 people have registered with OLLI, including 80 new members.
- 70% of classes (including many in-person classes) are offered live online.
- VP Technology Bob Newcomb and his team worked tirelessly to get the new Zoom/ livestream hardware and software installed in Room 21, Shapiro ABCD and Mackey Auditorium. Instructors and coordinators are receiving training to use it.
- Zoom reports attendees' names to instructors, but livestream reports only the number of attendees.
- Over 30% of fall courses have made schedule changes in the first weeks of the semester, mostly to change the venue.
- OLLI members may currently park in Lots J, G and A and in the State College parking structure. A new parking agreement with CSUF is imminent.
- A survey of parking space usage in the first weeks indicated that significantly fewer CSUF students are parking on campus, which was predicted due to ongoing CSUF classes via Zoom.
- We have a new trolley, so two are now available, and OLLI Trolley service has resumed to Lot G.
- All OLLI members and guests must be vaccinated to come on campus, and all members must complete a vaccination report.

Special Events

Events Requiring Registration

"Hamilton" at the Pantages Theatre

December 1 • 5:30 p.m. • Lot A

Alexander Hamilton's story told thru music. See special COVID protocols.

Registration starts 8:30 a.m. November 3.

Rose Parade Float Viewing

January 2, 2022 in Pasadena

View the 2022 Rose Parade Floats.

Registration starts November 15.

No Registration Required

OLLI Social

October 28 • 3-5 p.m. • Shapiro/Zoom

Watch for details in the weekly newsletters.

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."

• Masks must be worn indoors on campus, including instructors. Dr. Thomas Cesario reported that masks have been proven to effectively control the spread of disease, including in confined spaces, like airplanes.

• No food or beverages are permitted in classrooms and meeting rooms.

• Those who do not follow COVID protocols on campus may be reported to Patsy Burns in the OLLI office and may be subject to disciplinary action.

• Any OLLI members who contract COVID-19 should report that to Patsy Burns in the OLLI office so contact tracing can be done in accordance with Orange County guidelines.

• Volunteers Keni Cox, Michele Frankel, Kathy Gilroy, Steve Kernes and Veronica Michalowski joined OLLI's communications team.

• 23 OLLI members volunteered with Collaboration for CSUF's Aging Studies Program.

• CSUF's Speech and Hearing Clinic offered OLLI members free hearing screenings.

• The office staff is back on campus and Patsy has resumed interviewing to hire an accountant.



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