

President's Message

By Ellie Monroe, President, OLLI-CSUF

As summer semester came to a close, we quickly prepared for the fall semester. Excitement is in the



air in anticipation of meeting in person again at OLLI. It was wonderful to be able to see so many of you at the Fall Open House on August 14. Thank you all for making our special event enjoyable and practicing safety procedures

to keep us all well.

If you were not able to attend the Town Hall Meeting on August 30, you are encouraged to view the recorded video of this event on the OLLI website. It contains information provided by Dr. Cesario, Infectious Disease Specialist, on how to stay safe on campus and in your community. See the following article in this ChroniCLE about new guidelines at the Ruby Gerontology Center to assure your safe return to campus.

OLLI members are currently required to be fully vaccinated prior to returning to campus. We are required to wear masks indoors until at least September 30. As an added precaution, we are encouraging members to wear masks outdoors as well.

Our volunteers have devoted many hours preparing for getting back on campus—creating the audiovisual systems, setting up new tables and chairs for the patio and the courtyard and receiving instructor/coordinator training for operating the new equipment.

If you are not receiving your weekly OLLI newsletters, please contact the OLLI office and let them know. The majority of our communications to our members are done through email. We also encourage you to visit our OLLI website which

OLLI In-Person Attendance Guidelines

We are all looking forward to attending classes in person starting September 7, 2021. Like most things we have experienced over these past months, several things will need to be modified in an attempt to keep everyone safe while you are at OLLI.

The following guidelines meet the current campus policies. As a member of the CSUF Community, we are all required to adhere to these safety measures.

Policies for Attending OLLI Classes or OLLI Events In Person

1) All instructors, members and visitors must be fully vaccinated by September 30, 2021 to attend class in person while on CSUF campus or locations. Fully vaccinated means at least two weeks have passed after the final dose in their vaccine regimen. All vaccination reports must be posted by September 30. There are no vaccination exemptions for OLLI members.

2) Until at least September 30, face coverings/ masks are required to be worn at all times when indoors and encouraged outdoors while on campus. Masks must be worn by both members and instructors/presenters. Masks will be available in convenient locations should you forget to bring one.

3) No food or beverages may be consumed in classrooms at any time.

4) Any member or instructor who does not comply with the CSUF COVID-19 Protocols, *OLLI In Person...Continued on Page 2*

contains the most up-to-date information on changes happening around OLLI and the CSUF campus.

I am looking forward to seeing my "OLLI friends" face-to-face. Take care and stay safe!! Cheers!!

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will be reported and fall under the recommended Actions for University Leaders' "Enforcement of President's Directive No. 22" and the "OLLI Ethical Environment Policy." Violators should be reported to the Administrative Manager Patsy Burns for counselling and/or discipline.

• Continued failure to comply will result in a warning in writing.

• An instructor may choose to take a class break, dismiss the class or continue the class virtually if the instructor or class coordinator believes the noncomplying member jeopardizes their safety or in-person class attendees.

• If the Administrative Manager using University standards considers the member's noncomplying behavior to be egregious or disruptive in nature, the member is subject to discipline including suspension or membership revocation.

Coffee and Lunch Breaks: Two-week trial period

The kitchen adjacent to Shapiro AB will be conditionally available for your use. Please note that you will need to use the patio access in the event there is a class held in Shapiro AB. Please do not use Shapiro ABCD for lunch or to gather for coffee.

1) Many of our classes have decided to meet virtually, which means we have fewer volunteers to make coffee. We will not restrict you from making coffee if you wish to do so, but you will be required to clean up after you have finished. If we find that there is a continued practice of leaving the coffee in the pots at the end of the day, we will close off the coffee makers.

Coffee is available at the Market Place across from the Gastronome or Starbucks in the Pollak Library.

Arie Passchier has volunteered to make coffee for Mondays and Fridays. If you would like to volunteer on the other days, please contact Arie.

2) If you wish to bring snacks or lunches, you may use the refrigerator in the kitchen to store them. Any items left in the refrigerator on Friday will be subject to being tossed out.

3) Please use the tables provided in the patio area next to the kitchen or the courtyard where tables, chairs and umbrellas are provided.

4) All members and visitors attending classes must sign in on the Attendance Logs provided at the entrances in each classroom.

OLLI Office - Office hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

1) Because of exceptional workload in resuming in-person classes and to prevent office overcrowding, the OLLI office shall operate under revised standards during the fall semester.

2) Office personnel will not be available for member interaction until 8:30 a.m. Please do not knock on the door prior to 8:30 a.m.

3) In order to keep our office personnel and our OLLI members safe, please form a line outside the office door and wait to be called in by one of the office staff. Please limit the number of non-office personnel in the office to two people at one time.

We ask that you not socialize within the office at this time.

4) If you are there to make copies, please come one-at-a-time to the copier and leave immediately once you have made your copies.

5) If you want to drop off a Copy Request, please leave it on the table near the copier. Please turn in requests at least three days in advance.

Welcome Back Fall Open House Staged

By Chris Shaw, Editor

This year's Fall Open House was special. Coming off last year's "virtual" open house on Zoom, this year the event was more of a homecoming than the traditional solicitation of new members. It was billed as "Welcome Back," and that's what it felt like. Current and returning OLLI members could be seen in clusters all around the Ruby Gerontology Center courtyard, in the exhibit rooms and around the exhibit tents reconnecting with their OLLI friends who they hadn't seen in at least 17 months, since the RGC was closed due to the pandemic. Yes, some of them had seen each other on a screen at Zoom meetings, but seeing and talking to each other again in person, on campus was different. Welcome back, indeed.

The event was attended by over 300 people on campus, of which 128 signed in as non-members, who were either prospective new members or returning members who sat out the pandemic. Another 104 people viewed the live streamed program online, thanks to Bob Newcomb and Don Lake.

A whopping 92 people registered to join OLLI during the event in Room 21, 31 of which were new members (not returning members). Although the computer lab in Room 21 was staffed with eight volunteers, led by Susan Hanna, to help people enroll for the new year, the large demand resulted in a continuous waiting line, sometimes a few and sometimes a crowd wrapping around the Shapiro end of the courtyard.

Mackey Auditorium was also packed, and the overflow audience was directed to Shapiro CD, where they could watch the 45-minute program.

President Ellie Monroe kicked off the program by thanking all the OLLI members who have volunteered to help as course instructors, course coordinators and computer technicians, bringing OLLI's vast selection of programs to its members. She also singled out the members who serve on the Board of Trustees, who work tirelessly to make OLLI happen.

Ellie provided information about OLLI's publications, how OLLI works, member benefits

and how OLLI's programs will be delivered in the fall semester—some in-person, some staying on Zoom and some utilizing both formats. She noted that OLLI is a great place to meet new friends.

Vice President Administration Mike Stover then gave details about where we can and cannot park this fall. The good news is we expect fewer CSUF students on campus, because so many of their classes will stay on Zoom.

Mike also went over the current, updated COVID protocols, which he emphasized are designed to keep our members safe and healthy. Members are required to be vaccinated to attend in-person classes, and they are required to mask-up indoors and encouraged to wear masks outdoors. There are no distancing requirements, so classrooms can operate at full capacity. Of course, all this is subject to change, and members should watch the weekly OLLI newsletters and check the COVID-19 webpage on the OLLI website for updates to these protocols as we continue through the fall.

Those of you who didn't attend the Fall Open House missed the refreshments—Subway sandwich, chips, tangerine, cookie and a soft drink.

The video of the Fall Open House is available to view on YouTube anytime. Link to it from the Welcome to OLLI webpage at <u>http://olli.fullerton.</u> <u>edu</u> or <u>click here</u>.

On Being a Mentor

By Linda Lockwood, OLLI-CSUF Collaboration

Over the years, I have volunteered for a variety of organizations doing anything from menial tasks to leadership roles. It seems no matter the level of involvement, I came away with a deep sense of satisfaction, a broader skill set and a stronger sense of what it takes to successfully serve the needs of a diverse population.

Most recently I have been mentoring Cal State Fullerton students who are potentially the first in their families to graduate from college. These students come with not only youth and energy, but with a drive to achieve beyond their dreams. They also bring with them a unique set of needs to achieve those goals.

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OLLI Livestreaming FAQs

By Chris Shaw, Editor

This fall, some OLLI in-person and Zoom classes are also offered via YouTube streaming (and recording). In effect, participating in livestreamed classes and events is much like a Zoom webinar; some of the capabilities are different, and the steps you take are different.

How do I know which classes are livestreamed?

Those courses that are shown in the Blue Book as available via Zoom may be either via Zoom or livestream, or you may have the choice of either medium. The Class Information and Updates Newsletter and the OLLI website course descriptions will indicate which courses are available via livestream.

Do I need to download an app?

No. Livestreamed classes and events are transmitted through (and recorded on) YouTube, so no special software is needed. Smartphones and tablets may offer a YouTube app as an option, but it is usually not required.

How do I access livestreamed classes?

Like Zoom, a link is assigned to each course. Unlike Zoom, the link will take you first to a webpage, not directly to the class. The webpage will have a button for each class given throughout the semester. You simply click the button for the current class to join the livestreaming class. OLLI member-only classes will require you to sign in with your CSUF username and password to access the class webpage.

Where do I get the livestream course link?

Like Zoom, you get the links from the weekly Class Information and Updates Newsletter. Or go to the OLLI website under <u>Livestream/Recordings</u> on the homepage, select the course (you will be required to log in to the CSUF student portal, unless the course is designated as open to the public) and then click on the desired class button.

If the meeting time of a livestreamed class changes, will I need to look for a new link?

No. The course link will remain unchanged, and it will take you to the same webpage, so all you do is click on the desired class button.

Can I participate in livestreamed class discussions?

No, not orally. Like Zoom, there is a chat function that allows you send a question or comment to the instructor, but unlike Zoom the instructor and other participants cannot hear or see you.

If I miss the livestream, can I view a video of the class later?

Yes. All livestreamed classes are automatically recorded, and you can view them later by clicking on the same course link and clicking on the same button on the webpage, as described above for viewing it live. Alternatively, go to the livestream courses list on the OLLI website under <u>Livestream/</u><u>Recordings</u> on the homepage, select the course and then click on the desired class button. Either way, you will be required to log in to the CSUF student portal, unless the course is designated as open to the public.

Where can I get further instruction on how to use livestreaming?

To view a video on how to navigate livestreaming <u>Click Here</u>.

What's Happening at the Board

By Chris Shaw, Editor

OLLI's Board of Trustees met on August 11. Following are highlights of the issues from that meeting:

• OLLI has an Instagram account aimed at CSUF students and faculty. A second Instagram account will show OLLI's activities and events aimed at members and the public.

• Over the last year OLLI's Collaboration Program volunteers put in 2,000 hours on 234 projects impacting 1,100 CSUF students.

• Work is proceeding on updating all webpages in preparation for the fall semester.

• OLLI's website calendars were updated with all fall courses, working on assigning Zoom and livestream links to courses.

• A new "Return to Campus Requirements" button is on the website home page, providing information on COVID protocols.

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Welcome Back Fall Open House



Meet Keni Brayton Cox ChroniCLE's New Assistant Editor

By Keni Cox, Assistant Editor



Born in San Diego four days before VJ Day, Keni Brayton Cox is a lifelong Californian, a bibliophile and a two-time retiree. Having failed her 2005 retirement, following 37 years as a public school educator, she "reupped" in 2006 and became an

Assistant Professor at CSUF in the Department of Educational Leadership, a position she enjoyed for seven years before retiring again in 2013.

"It was a great privilege to begin and conclude my professional career in the classroom—from high school English teacher to graduate school professor. From teaching writing and American Literature courses to teaching empirical research and the Foundations of Contemporary Education."

Jim Cox, Keni's husband, introduced her to OLLI. Her initial goal at OLLI was to tune up her Spanish, but she found herself drawn to the "The New Yorker Magazine Discussion Group" and other discussion-centered courses. The "Non-Fiction Writing" course, then led by Hank Smith, motivated her to write, "For the sheer joy of putting pen to paper," she said, metaphorically, of course.

"Publish Before You Perish," a course initiated by Fritz von Coelln, added fuel to the motivation for her and for many OLLI authors. "Writing to publish is both exciting and intimidating," she observed. In 2016, she began writing "Child of the Prairie—An Accidental Memoir." Framed around the letters of her grandfather and her mother's writing, the book describes life on a Montana homestead from 1913-1930.

In addition to writing a few research-based articles focused on education, Keni joined husband Jim as co-author of "Your Opinion, Please! How to Build the Best Questionnaires in the Field of Education," Corwin Press 2008. "Child of the Prairie" will be her first published piece of nonacademic writing.

Jim and Keni have been married 32 years and live in Anaheim with a cat named Lea. "When not

searching for a cell phone or the cat, we read, write and enjoy time with friends and family, especially our 13 grandchildren." Their first great-grandchild is expected in October.

"I am excited about joining the staff of the ChroniCLE. Print journalism," she said, "is dear to my heart. I will rue the day it disappears. Reading the Los Angeles Times and the New York Times is part of my morning routine."

In addition to being Assistant Editor of the Chroni-CLE, Keni, along with Fritz and Jeanette Reese, is a coordinator for "Writing with Feedback."

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• Email addresses of OLLI officers are being updated on the website so members can contact them with questions and suggestions.

• An Instructional Continuity Team is working to assure all is ready to provide programs to members for the fall semester come September 7.

• Donation of a piano fell through when transportation and inspection costs became too high.

• VP Technology Bob Newcomb received approval for additional funds to purchase audiovisual equipment to support Zoom and livestreaming of courses, starting in fall.

• Plans were reestablished to hire a replacement for the open position in the OLLI office.

• VP Administration Mike Stover reported the following COVID protocols established with CSUF for OLLI: 1) Vaccinations are required to attend classes and activities on campus; 2) Proof of vaccination is required; 3) Masking is required indoors and recommended outdoors.

• All protocols are subject to change at any time.

• OLLI members must not show any appearance of discrimination or retaliation for failure of anyone to wear, or not wear, masks.

• As of August 11, 347 people have registered as members, including six new members. Registration is ongoing and will pick up beginning with the Fall Open House on August 14.

"The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows"—*Sidney D. Harris*

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Frequently struggling with a second language, they are coming from culturally different backgrounds where resources are often limited. Exposure to social and educational experiences in their communities are infrequent and sometimes even discouraged. They plan to make a better life for themselves but may struggle with leaving their family and community behind. They may face fears of entering the new and unfamiliar. Their awareness about what could be may be narrow in scope. Preparing for the social and economic changes in that dream are a part of the challenge.

What an honor it is to meet and work with these incredible people! I never struggled with such crucial issues in achieving my goals. I do remember being so young, so full of energy and wanting to grow up so fast. Along the way, I learned important, valuable lessons that make up my wisdom. My wisdom is my wealth and now I have the chance to use it for a very noble cause. As a mentor, all I have to do is listen, encourage, guide and plant a few seeds for thought. I do not have to be a parent or a tutor. I can just be a friend.

Mentoring these students has become my favorite volunteer job ever! Their youth has kept me more up to date with current trends and technology. The unstoppable energy fills me with awe and renewed enthusiasm to be actively involved in my own world. Watching them learn to navigate through their challenges is inspiring and signals there is hope for the future. I embrace the opportunity to be a part of their journey.

If you are interested in sharing your skills and knowledge by helping CSUF students, watch for Collaboration announcements in the weekly OLLI newsletters or contact Vice President External Relations Sue Mullaly at <u>Smullaly@csu.fullerton.</u> <u>edu</u>.



Special Events

Events Requiring Registration Oktoberfest Dinner

October 23 • 4:30-7:30 p.m. • RGC Courtyard A traditional Oktoberfest will be in the RGC courtyard on campus. Registration starts October 4.

"Hamilton" at the Pantages Theatre

December 1 • Evening

Registration **not** open. Do **not** contact the office until the registration date. Watch the weekly newsletters for the registration date.

Rose Parade Float Viewing

January 2, 2022 in Pasadena

Registration **not** open. Do **not** contact the office until the registration date. Watch the weekly newsletters for the registration date.

No Registration Required

OLLI Social

September 30 • 3-5 p.m. • Shapiro/Zoom Watch for details in the weekly newsletters. **OLLI Social**

October 28 • 3-5 p.m. • Shapiro/Zoom Watch for details in the weekly newsletters.

Coming Up

(dates subject to change)

OLLI Social • December 2

More Information

Flyers and sign-up coupons for events requiring registration will be available in the OLLI office, and on the OLLI website at <u>http://olli.fullerton.edu/</u> under "CLASSES/ACTIVITIES" - "OLLI EVENTS" or "DAY AND OVERNIGHT TRIPS."

Arboretum is Blooming Again

Like OLLI's RGC, the Fullerton Arboretum had to close down with the rest of the campus in March 2020. But now it's open again and blooming. An article appeared in the Orange County Register about the Arboretum struggling to keep from going to seed and finally reopening. <u>Click here</u> to see the article, which was published on August 18, 2021, on the Orange County Register website.



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Not Receiving OLLI Emails?

If you have unsubscribed in response to **any** OLLI email, you have unsubscribed from **all** OLLI emails. If, for any reason, you are **not** already receiving OLLI emails about upcoming classes, events and special notices, you can subscribe (or re-subscribe) by going to <u>http://tinyurl.com/olliEmailSignUp</u> and entering your email address, first name and last name.

If you still have trouble receiving emails from OLLI, send an email to <u>ollinewsbytes@hotmail.com</u> and include your name and email address.



How to Get the ChroniCLE by Email - Save Trees and Stamps!

Unless you elected not to receive emails from OLLI, you are currently receiving an email each month announcing the new ChroniCLE and calendar for the upcoming month with links to view or download the publications. You can also access the most recent ChroniCLEs and calendars through links in the weekly OLLI News Bytes and on the OLLI Website.

If you are receiving the ChroniCLE in the mail, but no longer want it mailed to your home, send an email to <u>olli-info@fullerton.edu</u> with **your name and address** stating: "Do **not** send me a ChroniCLE in the mail." If you ever need the printed version, copies are always available in the OLLI office.

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