



President’s Message

By Joyce Ono, President, OLLI-CSUF



I’ve had my second COVID-19 vaccination! Hopefully, many of you have also been vaccinated by this time and are feeling some relief that there can be some return to routines that have been suspended for over a year, and which I realize I’ve taken for granted. I’m looking forward to shopping for my own groceries, something I never thought I would miss!

Mike Stover, Vice President Administration, and Patsy Burns, Administrative Manager, represent OLLI on a CSUF Business Continuity Team that has been responding to campus needs to maintain its programs and now are turning to the major effort needed to plan to return to face-to-face classes. Carolyn Thomas, CSUF’s Provost, who participated in our Spring Virtual Open House, has shared with the Continuity Team four possible scenarios that the campus will need to prepare for.

Scenarios		Face to Face	Virtual
1	With limits to classroom capacity to maintain social distancing (approximately 2/3 reduction of class size)	50%	50%
2		25%	75%
3	Without limits to classroom capacity	50%	50%
4		25%	75%

OLLI will need to abide by these preliminary scenarios and Ellie Monroe, Vice President Programs and soon to be OLLI’s President, will bear the brunt of planning how we will offer our classes in the fall. As you can see, OLLI, like the rest of the campus, will not be back to its full capacity in the fall, even though the majority of our members will most likely be vaccinated. There are still many “ifs” in what the fall will be like and much will depend on the effects of vaccinations and the public’s adherence to best practices for limiting the spread of COVID-19, especially as more virulent variants arise from the prolonged pandemic.

The OLLI Board of Trustees discussed the possibility of requiring that members be vaccinated, but the CSU Chancellor recently shared that the CSU will not have this requirement since the current vaccines have not undergone the full approval process. Surprisingly, the UC system required that all faculty/staff and students who were meeting on campus this fall be vaccinated for the influenza virus, mainly to prevent taxing healthcare systems, but these vaccines have undergone the full FDA approval process. I was surprised to learn that many OLLI members have not opted for the annual influenza vaccinations. As we age, our immune systems are not as robust. To prevent cluster infections where we gather, I think getting annual vaccinations for the flu and probably COVID-19 booster shots in the future, if there are no medical reasons for not being immunized, are needed for our own personal safety and that of others. I wouldn’t be surprised if the new normal will include a requirement for such vaccinations wherever mature adults gather regularly to prevent the devastation of another epidemic.

The month of April signifies the transition to a new OLLI Board as the General Meeting and Election take

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Vice President Administration

By Mike Stover, Vice President Administration



OLLI’s Vice President Administration oversees the implementation of the organization’s Policies and Procedures, acts on behalf of the President in her absence, supports OLLI office operations, oversees OLLI campus parking and trolley

activities, and works with staff and the OLLI Archivist/Historian.

Like other OLLI officers, this position has experienced expanded duties during the pandemic. For the Vice president Administration, these now include chairing the Board of Trustees “Safe Campus Priority Working Group” on planning the return of OLLI staff and members to the campus in the 2021-2022 academic year beginning with the fall semester. As you can imagine, this is an “all-hands-on-deck” endeavor to ensure that members return as soon as it is safe and operationally

feasible for OLLI to resume campus operations.

The organization is governed by written statements of policy and procedures defining steps for carrying out the policies. All policies and procedures must conform to OLLI’s Constitution and Bylaws and none shall conflict with those of the University. The Vice President Administration appoints the chair of OLLI Policies and Procedures Committee and serves as an ex officio member of the Committee. Current committee members are Chris Shaw (Chair), Phil Barnard (Board Parliamentarian), Joanne Hardy (Archivist/Historian), Jim Monroe (Past President) and Ann Sparks (Treasurer).

The Committee’s comprehensive updating of Board policies was recently approved by the Board of Trustees. In addition, the Board approved the Committee’s recommendations for an interim procedure for ethical environment investigations, including civility complaints.

Joanne Hardy (the Archivist/Historian appointee of the Vice President Administration) and Chris Shaw are exploring online storage of and access alternatives to OLLI’s historical records and other vital documents of importance to OLLI officers and members.

The Vice President Administration’s campus parking management duties have required increased attention in recent years as the campus parking “squeeze” has increased.

OLLI Financial Advisory Committee, chaired by the Vice President Administration, reviewed OLLI’s financial reserve accounts (investment and savings) policies and worked with Treasurer Ann Sparks to streamline monthly financial reports while an OLLI staff position remains vacant.

While the OLLI office staff are working from home, their duties remain vital. Thanks to technology, staff remain accessible to members through OLLI’s main phone number 657-278-2446 and via email, olli-info@fullerton.edu. Don’t hesitate to call or write if you need staff assistance.

Plans for Returning to Campus



By Ann Sparks, Treasurer and Chris Shaw, Secretary

The Board of Trustees is planning for OLLI's return to campus and at least some in-person classes for the fall 2021 semester, depending on many unknowns at this time, including safety protocols from the University and state and local government guidelines.

These plans will be conservative, recognizing OLLI members' higher risk, and return will likely be in stages.

As things evolve, so will the Board's plans, and we will continue reporting them to OLLI members.

The Board's priority is preserving our members' health and safe practices on campus.

Following are the key considerations being addressed:

- Meet, as yet to be defined, CSUF guidelines for return to campus.
- Develop the timeline for OLLI office staff to return to campus.
- Develop [Yale Model](#) for OLLI members' personal commitment to infection prevention.
- Determine PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), cleaning, ventilation and other safety requirements for members.
- Determine classroom capacity, based on physical distancing requirements.
- Determine how classes would best fit on campus, based on classroom capacity.
- Develop technology for live-streaming to enable hybrid in-person and online classes.
- Research options for off-campus classroom space.

- Research options for large, interactive programs such as poker, band and socials.

The current [COVID-19 Mitigation Measures and Guidelines](#) are available on the CSUF website.

General Meeting and Election

Thursday, April 15
1:30-3:00 P.M. Via Zoom



The OLLI Board of Trustees encourages all OLLI members to attend the annual General Meeting/Election to meet and vote to elect 11 new officers and trustees to the Board.

The nominees are Ellie Monroe for President, Renee Cabrera for Vice President Programs, Bill Sampson for Vice President Membership, Tony Package for Vice President Facilities, Lisa Sewell for Vice President Hospitality, Ann Sparks for Treasurer and five new Trustees at Large—Rosalind Charles, William Clark, Michele Frankel, Tom La Casa and Pete Saputo.

Biographies and pictures of the six officer nominees and five trustee nominees were included in the March ChroniCLE. These nominees submitted applications for open Board of Trustees (Board) positions during the application process last October and November. Applicants were then vetted and nominated by the Nomination and Election Committee, acting independently from the Board.

Please vote to elect all nominees onto the Board of Trustees, and consider applying for positions opening next year. In particular, the Board needs new trustees, whose job is to represent the interests of the general OLLI membership in participating in the discussions and voting on the decisions that determine the future of OLLI.

New Programs for the Intersession

OLLI Happy Hour

Fridays • 4 p.m.-5 p.m. • [Zoom]
April 16, 23, 30 • May 7, 14, 21, (28 no class)

This is the Zoom equivalent of an after work Friday happy hour (or “Cheers” bar) featuring interesting conversation with the goal of fostering OLLI comradeship. Each meeting will have a guest speaker to make a micro presentation on wines or other spirits. Members would be invited to participate with a “beverage and snack of their choice” (e.g., wine and cheese). “Ice breaker” discussion on fun topics will be announced before each class. In addition to current members, this event is open to former OLLI members with a history of volunteer roles and membership for more than five years. Details for each meeting will be provided in the weekly OLLI Class Information and Updates newsletters before each meeting.

Principal Coordinator: Mike Stover.

Coordinators: Patti Chikahisa, Debbie Maxwell, James R. Monroe, Barbara Rosen and Pat Stover.

Co-Hosts: Ellie and Jim Monroe

The Crafty Social

Thursdays • 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. • [Zoom]
April 15 (10-11:30 a.m.), April 22, 29 • May 6, 13, 20, (27 no class)

Crafting ... childlike freedom to discover or rediscover your creativity, while pushing out of your comfort zone.

A new course will be taking flight during the spring intersession where you can learn more about a variety of crafts without investing a huge amount of time or money. Ever wonder how all those handcrafted items you see in galleries and fairs are made? It all started with the first step, the basics. The rotating group of instructors will provide instruction in a different craft technique each week. If you discover something you enjoy, your instructor can guide you in ways to learn more. If you did not enjoy one craft, attend the next class; the next craft may be more to your liking. The classes are in a demonstration/lecture format, ending with time for questions and answers. No supplies are required to attend the class. Some classes may include handouts that will be made

available in advance of each class. Watch for the spring intersession schedule in our OLLI Class Information and Updates newsletters if you would like to attend.

Instructors: Variety.

Coordinators: Michele Frankel, Jill Patterson, Lin Baesler, and Debbie Maxwell.

Co-Hosts: Ellie Monroe and Renee Cabrera.

Consultants: Ricki Bremer and Janann Zechmister.

Cooking Potpourri

Wednesdays • 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. • [Zoom]
April 14, 21, 28 • May 5, 12, 19, (26 no class)

Do you want to learn cooking and kitchen basics? Do you want to improve your culinary skills? Would you like to learn hints and tips on food preparation? Would you like to learn about different ingredients? Are you interested in ethnic cookery? If you answer yes to any of these questions, join us for this course. The rotating group of instructors will provide instruction on a wide range of food and cooking topics that will be interesting to home cooks regardless of skill level. This course will allow the home cook to feel more comfortable and confident in the kitchen. The classes are in a demonstration/lecture format with a healthy question and answer component. Join us in the kitchen! Watch the OLLI Class Information and Updates newsletters for information and recipes for upcoming classes.

Do you like to host, cook and/or share your food knowledge? We are looking for volunteers to host a 90-minute class on a one-time basis. A volunteer does not have to be an OLLI member. So, if you have a friend who fits the bill and would like to volunteer please let us know. Contact MaryLouise Hlavac at mlhlavac@outlook.com or Zona Gray-Blair at zona.gray.blair@outlook.com. These classes will be held on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Instructors: Variety (Zona Gray-Blair, Ellie Monroe, MaryLouise Hlavac, Wei-Ling Louie and Jill Patterson).

Coordinators: MaryLouise Hlavac and Zona Gray-Blair.

Co-Hosts: Ellie and Jim Monroe.

Virtual Spring Open House Staged

By Chris Shaw, Editor

On Saturday, January 9, OLLI's virtual Open House showcased OLLI's programs and benefits, encouraged membership renewal and solicited new members. An exceptional 210 people attended the Zoom webinar; 27% of them were prospective new member guests.

OLLI President Joyce Ono opened the program spotlighting OLLI's affiliations to The Osher Foundation and the Extension and International Programs (EIP) and Auxiliary Services Corporation divisions of Cal State Fullerton (CSUF).

Joyce then introduced Chris Swarat, Associate Vice President of EIP, who profiled the current state of CSUF, congratulated OLLI's Board of Trustees, volunteers and office staff for continuing the program through the pandemic. He predicted the University will return to in-person classes in fall, although OLLI's return will be determined separately.

Joyce discussed OLLI's Presidents Advisory Council, members of the 2020-21 Board of Trustees and OLLI office staff. She explained OLLI's organization and benefits of membership, pointing to OLLI's Open to the Public Gatefold, the Blue Book catalog of programs and the OLLI website and newsletters as the best sources of information about OLLI, how to use Zoom and much more. A new Welcome Page on the OLLI website is designed for new members and prospective members to help them get started with the many benefits of OLLI. Another benefit that comes with OLLI membership is making new friends, and the easiest way to meet people at OLLI is to volunteer for the many opportunities for supporting our volunteer-driven organization.

Ellie Monroe, Vice President Programs, gave a comprehensive presentation of OLLI's programs, pointing to the success of 96 spring programs offered virtually through Zoom teleconferencing. Transitions in Retirement (TiR) courses are designed for newly retired members, but these courses are also open to the public. A library of recorded classes under OLLI's Distance Learning Program are available on the OLLI website, so

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In Memoriam Coming April 9



In Memoriam is normally a gathering of OLLI members who wish to remember those who have passed away since spring 2020. This year, a silent PowerPoint presentation with the names and pictures of those OLLI members will be shared on the OLLI website in honor of those members we have lost throughout this past year.

All OLLI members and bereaved families are invited to take a moment to view this special beginning April 9. Watch for announcements in the OLLI newsletters. A recording of the program will be available to watch on the OLLI website.

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place on April 15. Although many of the nominees are not yet officially on the OLLI Board, they have been attending Board meetings and are involved in planning for the fall since it will be important that the implementation process occurs smoothly.

Janice Jeng resigned from the Board, and Fran Colwell, who is also President of the Friends of the Arboretum, was appointed to serve the remaining term of Janice's Trustee at Large position. I would like to thank Janice for her many years of exemplary service in so many capacities on the OLLI Board, and I know that she will continue to be one of our valued super volunteers.

Please be sure to register for the April 15 General Meeting and Election to learn about the state of our OLLI and to elect our slate of nominees.

Join Us for Line Dancing Exercises on Fridays

The OLLI Line Dance Classes invites you to join us on Fridays at 4 pm for a one hour of practice and exercise session via Zoom: Use the same Zoom number as the Wednesday classes. We look forward to seeing you there. This is not a teaching session, so if you don't know the dances, you are still welcome to attend and dance to the music in your own style. We promise you a great workout!!

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members can view many popular classes online at their leisure. Ellie encouraged members to attend the General Meeting and Election in April, when we vote in new officers and trustees to serve on OLLI's Board of Trustees. We are developing new courses that appeal to those with special interests, like cooking and wine appreciation. She encouraged members to watch the OLLI newsletters for updates on new courses that may be added after the Blue Book was published. Ellie ended by thanking the army of instructors and coordinators who learned how to present their programs on Zoom, so OLLI could continue to offer the vast majority of our programs virtually, and she invited members to volunteer to present their own programs or help administer OLLI.

Susan Mullaly, Vice President External Relations, described the OLLI-CSUF Collaboration Program, which provides opportunities to use their lifetime of experience and skills to help the Cal State Fullerton students and faculty and the surrounding community. One of Collaboration's key programs is mentoring University students.

Debbie Maxwell, Vice President Membership, highlighted volunteering in the many committees within OLLI. She welcomed those who recently have, or will, join OLLI, and invited them to the New Member Orientation meeting on January 14. She outlined how prospective members can join OLLI by going to the OLLI website at olli.fullerton.edu and clicking on Join/Renew. Finally, she honored OLLI's 90+ Club members, screening their pictures.

Debbie introduced CSUF Provost and Vice President Academic Affairs, Carolyn Thomas. She explained she is new to CSUF, and she was impressed with what she's learning about the University and OLLI. She also spotlighted some of the 40 OLLI 90+ Club members.

Mike Stover, Vice President Administration, presented a very interesting video interviewing 90+ Club members Barbara Talento, Char Oliva, Donna Spradlin, Richard McCaman and Desiree Engel about their experiences in OLLI over the years.

Joyce closed the program, discussing what's next for OLLI, and invited participants to breakout rooms for art exhibitions and class promotions.

Videos of the Open House, breakout room presentations and the 90+ group interviews are available to view on the OLLI website. Click on [Visit Our Open House](#) under Welcome to OLLI on the home page of the OLLI website at <http://olli.fullerton.edu>.

Ask the Board

By Chris Shaw, OLLI Secretary and ChroniCLE Editor

Nancy asked to be connected with the OLLI person who called to offer her help getting a COVID vaccine appointment. She had lost the voicemail message. I referred her to Tony Package, Trustee at Large and nominee for Vice President Facilities, who leads the OLLI Sunshine Social Callers. They have been calling OLLI members to offer help in getting appointments. Tony helped her get registered with Othena, the COVID appointments service for Orange County, and gave her the address of a clinic that is providing the shots. Tony reported "She is happy!"

Judith asked if OLLI can arrange to have the Arboretum open for one day a week, just for OLLI members. I referred her question to Joyce Ono, OLLI President. Joyce responded that the Arboretum is closed to all non-essential staff, even to Friends of the Arboretum volunteers, and that CSUF has strict restrictions that don't allow OLLI members on campus without formal approval, which is unlikely at this time. Fran Colwell, President of the Friends of the Arboretum and OLLI member, added that the Arboretum Director and horticultural staff are tackling a challenging backlog of restoration, and they will eventually reopen under CSUF guidelines that protect the health and safety of staff, volunteers, students and visitors.

If you have a question, send an email to Chris at tashawc01@gmail.com with your question. This is your one-stop, easy access to all things OLLI.

I will find the right person, and you'll get an answer. I'll also share your question and answer in the next ChroniCLE, because if you wondered about something, other OLLI members may have wondered the same thing.

Fran Colwell

Trustee at Large



At the February Board meeting, Fran Colwell was appointed Trustee at Large, replacing Janice Jeng, who resigned from the Board. Fran will serve the remainder of Janice's term until May 2022.

Fran is President of the Friends of the Arboretum. He served on OLLI's Long Term Planning Committee, helps Tony Package with the OLLI Library and volunteers for the OLLI-CSUF Collaboration program.

What's Happening at the Board

By Chris Shaw, Editor

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

- Revenue from membership fees was up about \$9,000 due to new members joining OLLI.
- Total membership was projected to be 777, but successful recruiting resulted in an increase to 876.
- Of the 127 registrants added for spring and summer, 36 are new members.
- Expenditures totaled about \$16,000 for personnel, \$3,000 for printing and \$1,000 for materials.
- Janice Jeng resigned as trustee and Fran Colwell was appointed to replace her.
- OLLI Policies were revised, as follows:
 - The title University Extended Education was updated to Extension and International Programs, using the term "Extension" as a placeholder in the document.
 - The title OLLI Historian was changed to OLLI Archivist/Historian to reflect new emphasis on digital document retention.
 - The Computer Education Committee's title was changed to Technology Education Committee to reflect the evolution of computers into cellphones and other devices.
 - Policy 9.1.3 Annual Budget was revised to

conform to changes in CSUF ASC's budget policy.

- New Policy 11 adds responsibility for the Secretary to maintain a listing of OLLI's committees.
- New Policy 1.5 Nepotism and Conflict of Interest limits spouses from serving together as President, VP Administration or Treasurer or serve together on the Nomination and Election Committee or the Member Scholarship Committee.
- New Policy 9.2.6 provides guidelines for dedicating plaques and other commemorative items to individuals or groups for significant contributions to OLLI.
- Mike Stover, VP Administration, and Patsy Burns, Administrative Manager, reached an agreement in concept with CSUF Parking & Transportation for a one-year extension of OLLI's current campus parking agreement.
- CSUF has plans to construct additional student housing on the remaining area of Lot E.
- CSUF is not planning to contract for off-site parking with EV-Fee Church next academic year, but OLLI members will have access to the new parking structure at the south end of Lot E.
- A Survey Advisory Team was created to help develop guidelines for conducting surveys of OLLI members.
- The summer Blue Book will look the same as usual, but a sub-committee is researching an annual Blue Book, starting with the 2021-22 academic year, and separating out class schedule documents for each semester.
- Constructive criticisms and compliments received about the Virtual Open House are being reviewed to help design the next Open House.
- Planning has begun in earnest for the possible return to campus in the fall 2021 semester with at least some in-person classes. There are many issues to consider, but it is too early to know what the COVID-19 mitigation needs and requirements will be in September. OLLI's plan will be conservative, erring on the side of OLLI member safety.
- The Board is considering official support for the HIS-OC organization, which matches CSUF students who need housing with seniors who have rooms available.



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