



## **President's Message**

*By Ellie Monroe, President, OLLI-CSUF*



Fellow OLLI members, I hope all is well in your households. The Monroe household is doing its best to stay healthy and out of trouble. OLLI is well into our second month of spring semester, and reports are that classes are going well.

By the time this is published, in-person classes should have started. It will be so good to get our feet back on OLLI soil again. Some of our class instructors may choose to remain online during parts of this semester. This decision is up to the instructor, usually with input of the class. Be sure, when you are on campus, you remain masked while indoors and that all your vaccinations are up-to-date and reported.

The scheduling for our summer classes is in the works and will be available some time at the end of our spring semester.

Your Board is currently working on OLLI's annual budget for the fiscal year 2022-23. Our records show we are able to continue our operations due to careful financial planning by the Board in past years. We are currently focusing on plans to grow membership so we can grow back into the engaging, dynamic OLLI that we love. In order to grow, we ask that you invite your friends and family members to try out a single class (free) or join for a semester.

Be sure you are receiving your newsletters by email, and more critically, make sure you are opening them and reading the content. This is our fastest method of getting the information out to you. Contact the office if you are not receiving your copies.

Take care and stay safe. See you soon!

## **Board of Trustees Election**

**Coming April 21, 2022**

*By Chris Shaw, Editor*

All OLLI members are encouraged to join the General Meeting/Election on April 21 at 1:30 p.m. to meet the nominees and vote to elect the new officers and trustees of the Board of Trustees (Board).

In accordance with OLLI Bylaw BL-9, the Board appointed the following OLLI members to this year's Nomination and Election Committee (Committee): Patrick Flynn and Alice Gresto (representing the general membership); Renee Cabrera and Chris Shaw (representing the Board); Joyce Ono (Immediate Past President); Phil Barnhard (Parliamentarian) and Mike Stover (Chair). The Committee was tasked with nominating a single slate of candidates for election to replace the members of the Board who are completing their terms of office in May 2022.

In October and November of 2021, all OLLI members were invited via emails, OLLI Announcements & Events newsletters and the ChroniCLE to submit an application if they were interested in being a candidate for the election. Those applicants and other OLLI members were considered by the Committee for the Board positions up for election. Their deliberations were confidential and independent of the Board.

The Committee nominated **Ellie Monroe** for President (second one-year term); **Bill Sampson** for Vice President Administration; **Michele Frankel** for Vice President Communications; **Robert Kovacev** for Vice President External Relations; **Jim Monroe** for Vice President Technology; **Vickie Hite** for Secretary and **Kent Morris, Susan Mullaly, Jill Patterson, and Shirley A. Smith** for the four Trustees at Large. Thanks to the

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President. . . . . Ellie Monroe  
 Vice President Administration . . . . . Mike Stover  
 Vice President Programs . . . . . Renee Cabrera  
 Vice President Communication . . . . . Ginger Barnhart  
 Vice President Membership . . . . . Bill Sampson  
 Vice President External Relations . . . . . Susan Mullaly  
 Vice President Facilities. . . . . Tony Package  
 Vice President Hospitality . . . . . Lisa Sewell  
 Vice President Technology. . . . . Bob Newcomb  
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 Secretary . . . . . Vickie Hite  
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and often performs for the OLLI Socials. She has coordinated the Sock Hop, the Cinco de Mayo Celebration and many other courses and socials. She is the instructor and/or coordinator for the “CSUF Faculty/Student Performances,” the “Learn

to Play Guitar,” “Strings and Things Music Jam,” “Transitions in Retirement Essentials,” “Line Dancing—Beginner’s Level,” “The American Presidency,” “Money News,” “Happy Hour,” “New Member Orientation,” “OLLI Socials,” “Volunteer Recognition” and “In Memoriam” programs. Ellie also assembles pictures of OLLI members who served in the military during previous wars, and shows them, accompanied by patriotic music, during the Fourth of July and Veterans Recognition event each year.

Ellie has a great deal of experience on the Board of Trustees, serving as Trustee at Large, Treasurer, Vice President Membership and Vice President Programs. She is currently serving as President, and this will be her second one-year term as President.

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Committee members for recruiting and vetting a fine slate of nominees.

Bylaw BL-10 provides that any member who submitted an application, but was not nominated by the Committee, may submit a petition to be placed on the ballot. No petitions were received.

Short biographies and pictures of all the nominees are shown in this ChroniCLE.

## **Ellie Monroe, Nominee President**

*By Chris Shaw, Editor*

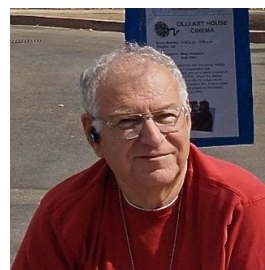
A California native, Ellie Monroe graduated from CSUF with a degree in Finance and Marketing and was employed in that field for over 30 years. She followed in her mother’s footsteps as her mother was the first in her generation to graduate from college and she graduated from CSUF when she was 65 years old in 1985.

Ellie is best known at OLLI for her music classes, such as the “History of Broadway,” “Great American Songbook: The History of American Music,” and “History of Rock ‘n’ Roll,” “Musical Performances” and “Noontime Student Piano Performances” courses. She works closely with the CSUF School of Music as an OLLI Collaborator

## **Bill Sampson, Nominee**

### **Vice President Administration**

*By Bill Sampson*



Bill was born in Chicago and moved with his family to California in 1960. Graduating from UCLA, Bill began his career as a manufacturer’s representative for various home décor companies for the next 38 years, ending

with his retirement from Hunter Douglas Window Fashions in 2012. Bill then spent several years doing consulting work for various companies, finally retiring again in 2019, which is when he joined OLLI.

Bill has volunteered as a member of the Trips

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Committee where he has coordinated trips to LAX airport, the Rose Parade and The Hollywood Bowl, among other trips, and he has also served on the Board of Trustees as a Trustee at Large. Bill is currently serving as Vice President Membership, where he works with the group that manages how people become new members or renew their current memberships in OLLI.

Bill is currently nominated to be the Vice President Administration. In this position he will be working not only with other members of the OLLI Board of Trustees, but also with the CSUF administration to assure that OLLI remains a vibrant part of CSUF.

**Michele Frankel, Nominee  
Vice President Communications**

*By Mary Sampson, Staff Writer*



Michele Frankel looked for the one person that she knew at the time, but she did not see her. A woman jumped up and invited her to join her table. Michele said she would continue looking, and the woman said that if she could not find her friend, she could come back

and join her. The woman who gave her such a friendly invitation was Jean Bryant.

After retiring from Experian, where she was always seeking self-improvement by taking classes and working her way up, she brought her excellent technical skills to OLLI.

When she joined OLLI about three years ago, she was looking for an opportunity for socialization.

She is reserved, but is always willing to learn new skills and meet new people. The Hospitality Committee gave her a chance to make friends and help to organize events. She most recently contributed heavily to the Hospitality Holiday Photo Book and the Oktoberfest event.

Michele was elected Trustee at Large in 2021 and is currently serving on the Board of Trustees.

**Robert Kovacev, Nominee  
Vice President External Relations**

*By Susan McNamara, Staff Writer*



Robert was born in New York City and grew up in Los Angeles. He graduated from CSULA with degrees in engineering and physics and an M.B.A. Robert earned a doctorate in business administration with an

emphasis in entrepreneurship from the University of Phoenix School of Advanced Studies.

It was Ellie Monroe's beginning piano course that brought Robert to OLLI. He subsequently attended a broad range of other courses and particularly appreciates the physical, mental and creative challenges of the dance, creative writing and drama courses. Robert is a co-coordinator for the course, "Write Now!"

Robert has a wealth of experiences to bring to the Board position of Vice President External Relations. He was a CSUF faculty member of the School of Business and Economics for 38 years. As a member of OLLI's Collaboration Committee he continued the work that he did as a faculty member at CSUF, teaching and guiding teams as they consulted with their business-owner clients through the CSUF Entrepreneurship Program. Robert is a member of the Service Corps of Retired Executives.

Robert's career and volunteer experiences make him an excellent candidate for Vice President External Relations.

**Jim Monroe, Nominee  
Vice President Technology**

*By Jim Monroe*

Jim Monroe is continuing his support of OLLI classroom technology and distance learning by running for the position of VP Technology. In the past, he has held numerous OLLI board and committee positions, including OLLI President.

His educational background began in Michigan. He graduated from Michigan Technological University with a degree in physics in 1969.

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Subsequently, he moved to California, working at North American Rockwell (now Boeing), first as an engineer and later as a program manager. While working, he attended CSUF, receiving his M.B.A. in 1984.

Jim initially joined the OLLI Board as a Trustee at Large, and from there moved on to the position of Vice President Programs. For a time, Jim also acted as the Board Parliamentarian, a non-elective but necessary position. Jim's next challenge was serving as the Treasurer of OLLI. As if all those jobs and committees weren't enough, in 2017 Jim was elected President of OLLI for a two-year term.

Jim supports the Technology Education Committee, occasionally assisting OLLI members with computer issues, and helping instructors with Zoom and streaming technology. He has supported Bob Newcomb in the development of OLLI's in-class Zoom and streaming capability.

**Vickie Hite, Nominee  
Secretary**

*By Mary Sampson, Staff Writer*

Vickie is a second generation Californian currently living in Placentia. She is married and has three children in a blended family, plus four grandchildren.



Before there was Costco, there was Price Club, and Vickie worked there. After it became Costco, Vickie was a founding member of the Journeys Program to help develop women

in leadership positions. At the time, there were very few women in management at Costco. She worked at the eleventh Price Club in the country, which was in Fountain Valley. She spent thirty years in management at Costco, and had a lot of opportunities to do team building and problem solving.

She is justifiably proud of her more than 75 blood donations to the Red Cross.

At OLLI, Vickie is a coordinator for "Ukulele: Symposium" and "Tap-ercise" for the past year. She is also a member of the Snappy Tappers. She especially enjoys being able to perform with the group at various venues around the area.

Vickie was elected Trustee at Large in 2020. In 2021 she was appointed Secretary to fill a vacancy, so she is well-suited to continue in that role.

**Kent Morris, Nominee  
Trustee at Large**

*By Denny Bean, Staff Writer*

Kent Morris was born in Manhasset, Long Island



where he lived for more than eight years. His father worked for an audio company that installed speakers in Johnson's White House. The company moved to California and Kent grew up in Sunny Hills. He then took off for Washington where he studied at the Archeology Field School. He

camped in Bidwell Park which was the location of the Errol Flynn movie, "Robinhood." In 1992 he received his masters in Anthropology at CSUF. He taught here at CSUF and Fullerton College.

He authored, "Japanese Tea Ritual in Orange County" and a nine e-book series about his father's service in the Merchant Marines during the 1920s called "Letters From the Sea."

At OLLI he enjoys "What's Behind the News," "Wisdom Exchange," social science classes, "The New Yorker Magazine Discussion Group," "Death Café" and "TED Talks." Next he wants to attend "Meditation for Everyday Life" and "Boundaries of Science."

His desire in running for this office is "To learn as much as I can about OLLI, to grow as a person through my interactions with other OLLI members, to contribute as much as I can to OLLI and its members."

## **Sue Mullaly, Nominee**

### **Trustee at Large**

*By Alice Gresto, Staff Writer*

Sue Mullaly was born and raised in Los Angeles



County. She earned a B.A. from CSU Los Angeles and a Master's in Organizational Management from Azusa Pacific College. She worked in direct sales, marketing,

budgeting, project management, facility and event management, distributor relations and as Executive Assistant to the CE. Her philosophy was to learn all facets of entrepreneurial and corporate business with a goal of facilitating improved business processes and developing continuous communication improvement strategies throughout her career.

Sue has been a member of the American Society for Training and Development, facilitator for networking groups and Small Faith Community groups. She has also been a literacy tutor and chairperson for the Chino Hills Literacy Coalition. In her spare time, she enjoys walking, audio books, travel, yoga and the diversity of programs offered at OLLI.

Sue joined OLLI in 2017. She served as a mentor for the CSUF students on the OLLI-CSUF Collaboration team. She was elected Vice President External Relations in 2020 and is completing her term of office this year. She looks forward to continuing her responsibilities as Collaborations Chair and serving on the Board as Trustee at Large.

## **Jill Patterson, Nominee**

### **Trustee at Large**

*By Alice Gresto, Staff Writer*

Jill was born in Roslyn Heights, Long Island, New York. The family moved to Pomona, California when she was 4 1/2 years old. She studied at Mt. San Antonio College and took a B.A. in linguistics at UC Riverside. She received her Masters in Library Science at UC Berkeley.

She has over 40 years of experience in the

library field, including manager of the La Habra Branch of OC Public Libraries. She was in charge



of all public programs, managing the staff, serving the public, creating and following the branch budget with the Friends of the Library and community outreach. She brought in

bilingual and Spanish language programs teaching people with limited English to use computers and internet programs. She held leadership positions in the California Library Association and continues to be an active volunteer with the Girl Scouts of Orange County.

Jill joined OLLI in August 2018, two weeks before she retired. She currently teaches "Beginning Ukulele," "The Crafty Social," and "Cooking Potpourri" and assists with the "Ceramics" course.

With Jill's skills, she will bring energy and enthusiasm to the OLLI Board as a valued trustee.

## **Shirley A. Smith, Nominee**

### **Trustee at Large**

*By Elaine Mitchell, Staff Writer*

Shirley is a perfect choice as a Trustee at Large because she is dedicated to involvement



and support for worthy causes and organizations and brings many personal qualities that will make her successful at any job she tackles.

After birth in Bakersfield and arrival in Los Angeles at three, she only waited

until junior high to present herself as a class president candidate with a speech before the entire student body—she won. She admits to the speaking-before-an-audience fear, but knew that must be set aside to successfully share important information with others. Through being mentored, rising through the ranks of Toastmaster International, and practice, practice, practice, she

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became a respected and sought after speaker in support of, among others, the American Cancer Society, their African American Women's Health Study and especially as chair of their "Tell a Friend" Program.

Shirley became a motivational speaker and a Comcast Cable host of a TV interview program.

Shirley is also a published writer. Her book "You Can Live a Rich Life Without Being Rich" is available on Amazon.

Shirley's dedication and communication skills will make her a great asset, leader and trustee.

## **Virtual Spring Preview Staged**

*By Chris Shaw, Editor*

On Saturday, January 15, OLLI's virtual Spring Preview included a discussion of OLLI's programs and their current status and noted current COVID-19 protocols. Very warm and personal expressions of appreciation were extended to OLLI's members over 90 years of age. Members were invited to ask questions and offer personal comments in a virtual environment. Attendance at the Zoom webinar totaled 140.

OLLI President Ellie Monroe welcomed the attendees and introduced Carolyn Thomas, CSUF Provost and Vice President Academic Affairs. She described OLLI's educational experience as being transformative, especially within the isolation of the pandemic. CSUF plans to allow students to return to in-person classes on campus February 7.

Ellie discussed COVID-19 protocols on campus and, following CSUF's lead, closing the Ruby Gerontology Center to in-person class meetings, although the campus and OLLI office are still open to members. All members must be fully vaccinated to come on campus, which includes the booster shot. Members must report their vaccination status. Instructions for reporting booster shots is coming. Masks are required indoors through at least February 28, and anyone coming on campus must follow all CSUF COVID protocols.

Renee Cabrera, Vice President Programs, reported we are starting the spring semester with 75 courses offered via Zoom. Watch the newsletters for updates of class schedules for transitioning to online classes and announcements about when in-

person classes will return on campus. Many classes are recorded and made available on the OLLI website.

Ellie spent the majority of the program honoring all 44 of the 90+ Club members and describing the connections each have had to OLLI over the years. Since we couldn't have the Spring Preview on campus this year, OLLI volunteers personally delivered the traditional, personalized cakes to each of the 90+ Club members' homes.

Mike Stover, Vice President Administration, discussed OLLI's continuing commitment to its members in providing a safe learning and social environment. Members will be updated on what's happening at OLLI, including the latest COVID protocols. OLLI is following the University's guidance and directives on COVID-19. Mike emphasized OLLI's commitment to providing a diverse curriculum through online classes until we are able to offer in-person classes again. He saluted all the wonderful volunteers that make that happen and observed that OLLI is vibrant and resilient organization, changing to meet challenges and continuing to thrive.

Ellie invited participants to go to breakout rooms for technical help, registration help and additional questions.

At the end of the program, attendees' microphones and video were opened for discussion, comments and personal interaction among the attendees, who enjoyed the chance to visit with their friends. Pat Duffie thanked all those who keep OLLI going, saying she and her husband consider OLLI their second career, and "I'm not sure I would still be here if it wasn't for OLLI."

Videos of the Spring Preview and art gallery exhibitions are available to view on the OLLI website. Click on [Learn About OLLI's Spring Preview Event](#) under Welcome to OLLI on the home page of the OLLI website at <http://olli.fullerton.edu>.

## **What's Happening at the Board**

*By Chris Shaw, Editor*

OLLI's Board of Trustees met on January 13. Following are highlights from this meeting:

- Due to Omicron spike, all on-campus classes
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were temporarily delayed. In the interim, the OLLI office is open to members for transactions and instructors may use the facilities to stream online programs only.

- Of the 99 courses originally scheduled for spring semester, 75 were continued online, 23 were deferred until campus is reopened and one was cancelled.

- New Member Orientation and Coordinators and Instructors Training Workshop will both be rescheduled.

- Work on the summer schedule of courses and the summer Blue Book has begun.

1,054 members enrolled for fall 2021, spring 2022 and summer 2022, including 106 new members.

- Developing a strategic plan to regain members is in progress.

- Membership dues levels will remain unchanged. Reserves are available for any contingency.

- HomeShare OC of HIS-OC program is being discontinued.

- Installation for hybrid Zoom, livestreaming and recording on-campus programs is complete.

- OLLI's president and all VPs are working on the 2022-23 fiscal year budget and three-year capital plan.

- Spring Preview changed to virtual, emphasizing recognition of members over age 90, with Zoom breakout rooms for questions and information. Traditional cakes were delivered to all 90+ Club members by volunteers.

- New trolley is in our possession, and a new maintenance agreement signed with CSUF.

- Nomination & Election Committee will report the slate of nominees for the Board election at the February Board meeting.

### **Ask the Board**

*By Chris Shaw, Trustee at Large and Blue Book Editor*

Stalky asked, since the Blue Book no longer has the Index by Date, if we can produce a chronological index of classes online, so members can get periodic downloads or print it.

As the Blue Book editor, I answered that the entire semester's class schedule is available on

## **It Takes a Titan to Make a Difference** **Join us for Cal State Fullerton's** **#TitansGive Day of Giving**

When: Wednesday, March 9.

Where: Online at <https://titansgive.fullerton.edu/OLLI> which takes you directly to OLLI donations.

What: Twenty-four hours dedicated to changing Titan lives at CSUF. Two special challenges will help OLLI earn an additional \$4,000 when 40 or more donors make a gift to OLLI's Today and Tomorrow Fund!

How: Make a donation. Then encourage other OLLI members to give.

Why: Together we can be the difference.

*Special thanks to matching gift donors—Dan Jewett, Ellie & Jim Monroe, MacKenzie Scott and Mike Stover.*

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the OLLI website in chronological order. On the homepage under "Calendars," click on "Today at OLLI," which shows the daily class schedule similar to the Shapiro electronic bulletin board on campus. In the upper right corner are several options for viewing and downloading/printing the schedules in calendar or list form. To download or print 7 or 10 days of the calendar, click on "Agenda" and select your preference under "Print Range." To get a calendar view, click on "Month." **Warning:** The system will produce about one page for an average, full day of classes, so a month's calendar could be 20 pages long.

If you want a condensed version of the current month's calendar, Celia Reynolds in the OLLI office produces a one-page calendar that includes changes announced by course instructors and coordinators on an ongoing basis, as do the website calendars. Drop by the OLLI office for a hard copy or call (657-278-2446) or email ([olli-info@fullerton.edu](mailto:olli-info@fullerton.edu)) for a digital copy.

If you have a question, send an email to Chris at [tashawc01@gmail.com](mailto:tashawc01@gmail.com) with your question. I will find the right person to get the right answer for you. 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.



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