



## **President’s Message**

*By Ellie Monroe, President, OLLI-CSUF*



The Board of Trustees has been working diligently over the past year or more to provide a safe environment on campus with such additions as air purifiers with high-level HEPA filters in all of OLLI’s

class and meeting rooms, and we are gratified to see so many members now coming on campus for classes and events with confidence. We are dedicated to keeping our campus open safe for our members as they return to campus.

Just as important as providing opportunities for mental stimulation through learning, OLLI’s mission includes providing opportunities for socialization, which is vital to the health of our members. Thanks to the Hospitality Committee for providing luncheons and dinners and to the Socials Committee for providing more informal get-togethers throughout the year. In this *ChroniCLE* you will find photo spreads of Hospitality’s “OLLI State Fair” and the “OLLI Holiday Social.”

When you return to OLLI in January our Shapiro Lobby will have a new look. We have replaced the old material cushioned chairs with new black armchairs for your comfort. We have also removed the old heavy tables in order to allow more room and a safer environment for the members while they are visiting. The new flooring in Shapiro ABCD will have been installed and the walls will have been repaired and freshly painted, along with new baseboards.

I hope to see many of you at our OLLI events this spring semester, which starts January 17. Take care and stay safe!! Cheers!!

## **Spring Preview (Open to the Public)**

**Saturday, January 14 • 1-3 p.m.**

**Mackey Auditorium and Shapiro Wing**

All OLLI members and their guests are invited to come and celebrate in our first general meeting of the year, the OLLI Spring Preview. You and your guests will learn about the latest happenings at OLLI and the many opportunities that are available to its members and friends who are considering joining. This is the ideal time to ask questions about campus activities, OLLI programs and the many benefits of an OLLI membership. Our friendly volunteers will be there to answer those questions and offer assistance with membership registration.

As a special addition to this event, we will be honoring those OLLI members in our 90+ Club— OLLI members who have reached the age of 90. After the presentation in Mackey Auditorium, we will all join the 90+ Club members for free light refreshments served in the Shapiro Wing.

Free on-campus parking will be provided in the State College Parking Structure (enter on Gym Drive, off of State College Boulevard), and we will provide shuttle service to and from OLLI’s Ruby Gerontology Center.



Registration is required. The deadline for registering is Wednesday, January 11, 2023. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/2023OLLIPreview> or email [olli.membership@gmail.com](mailto:olli.membership@gmail.com) or call 657-278-4012.

For more information relating to OLLI, our programs and membership, please call 657-278-2446, email [olli-info@fullerton.edu](mailto:olli-info@fullerton.edu) or visit our website at <http://olli.fullerton.edu>.

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## Jim Monroe Vice President Technology

*By Chris Shaw, Editor*



Jim Monroe was elected to serve on the Board of Trustees as Vice President Technology in 2022 for a two-year term, ending in May 2024.

Jim’s educational background began

in Michigan. He graduated from Michigan Technological University with a degree in physics in 1969. 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 OLLI’s Treasurer. As if all those jobs

and work on various committees weren’t enough, in 2017 Jim was elected President of OLLI for a two-year term.

The Vice President Technology is responsible for managing the audiovisual (AV) systems in classrooms and meeting rooms, supporting the Distance Learning team and technology, and serves as the liaison to the campus technology entities.

Jim leads a team of volunteers in supporting instructors and coordinators in the use of the classroom AV resources. This support includes demonstrating how to operate the AV gear ahead of a class or troubleshooting why the presentation isn’t showing on the projection screen. This is a challenging task since the operational details vary for each classroom. Instructions for using the AV equipment are also available on the OLLI website under [Coordinator’s Information](#). The team also helps Jim identify needs for updates and additions to the classroom AV equipment to better serve OLLI’s needs.

Since the pandemic and the advent of Zoom and streaming classes, technical volunteers have become even more essential and the number of those providing technical help has grown to meet the need. Most hybrid Zoom or streaming classes are supported by technical coordinators who make the technology magic happen. OLLI is very thankful for all this support, and Jim continues to look for additional technical coordinators to help make these classes work. If you are interested in assisting with a class, please contact Jim directly.

Jim Monroe assisted Bob Newcomb in the development of OLLI’s in-class Zoom and livestreaming capabilities through the installation of specialized classroom hardware. Jim and Bob have worked with OLLI’s more tech-savvy members to train instructors and tech coordinators to host Zoom classes, as well as help OLLI members learn how to use the Zoom teleconferencing app and livestream through the Vimeo website. This enables all members to join and participate in OLLI’s many programs offered online.

Thanks to all those members who have volunteered to help make OLLI better through technology.

## New Programs Offered in Spring Semester

### The People's Houses: Lawmaking, Policy and Politics by the U.S. Congress and the California Legislature



Mike Stover quotes Otto von Bismarck, that “Laws are like sausages—it is best not to see them being made.”

On three Thursdays (February 2, March 2 and April 6) from 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in Mackey

Auditorium and on Zoom, Mike will present “The People’s Houses: Lawmaking, Policy and Politics by the U.S. Congress and the California Legislature.”

This course spotlights the legislative process and the critical issues facing the U.S. Congress and California Legislature. These “people’s houses” are similar bicameral (upper and lower house) legislative houses but couldn’t be more different in their political contexts, relationships with their chief executives, public approval ratings and many procedures. With America and California at critical crossroads regarding government direction, ranging from environmental and immigration policy to education and taxation policy, this “ripped from the headlines” course provides timely information to inform, educate and entertain.

A website with supplementary materials and class notes is posted at <https://sites.google.com/view/peoples-houses/>.

### Tennis

Every Friday, except when there’s inclement weather or CSUF tournaments, from 4 p.m. until dark at the Cal State Fullerton tennis courts (northwest gate), Ishwar Chander will coordinate OLLI’s



revived “Tennis” activity. Play will continue during semester breaks and through the intersession.

Come and join your fellow OLLI members in

truly enjoyable hours of fun, exercise and non-competitive tennis. You do not have to be an expert, but some tennis skills are important (no formal lessons are offered). Just show up on Friday afternoons and bring a can of balls, a water bottle, appropriate tennis shoes and your racket. Park in Lot G.

This program is not in the spring Blue Book. See the full schedule of meeting dates on the OLLI website under Calendars/Healthy Living Calendar at <https://olli.fullerton.edu/calendars/>.

### Motion Picture Academy Museum Trip Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Visit this magnificent new museum on the Miracle Mile, and celebrate the art and science of moviemaking, featuring such memorabilia as Dorothy’s Ruby Slippers, costumes of magnificent artistry, historic collections of scripts, Oscar winners’ exhibits and huge screens to rekindle movie memories. You can even have your very own Oscar experience, a video with you accepting an authentic Oscar (book separately for \$15). Visit the 4th floor for information on making cartoons, creating special effects and editing. Then stroll onto the rooftop plaza for a terrific view of Hollywood and downtown Los Angeles.

After the museum, we will go by bus to Canter’s Deli, the famous and historic hang-out of Hollywood stars, sports stars, rock bands and other celebrities. You may choose your own meal from their extensive and excellent menu. <http://www.canterdeli.com/restaurant-menu>.

The cost is \$55 for admission to the museum, snacks and water and the bus and tip for bus driver but does not include lunch at Canter’s. **Signups begin January 3, 2023** and are limited to 51 people. Get the [flyer and registration form](#) on the OLLI website on the Trips webpage under Classes/Activities.



**OLLI State Fair—October 22, 2022**  
*Photos by Jim DiTota, Donna Spradlin and Warren Wilson*



**OLLI HAPPY MEMORIES  
CAMARADERIE AND FRIENDSHIP**



# OLLI Holiday Social—November 17, 2022

*Photos by Jim DiTota*



## Fifteen Authors, Thirty Books

By Alice Gresto, Staff Writer

On Thursday morning, November 10, the lobby of the CSUF Pollak Library was as busy as a hive of bees as OLLI members and the library support team set up tables with royal blue linen preparing for the arrival of the OLLI authors, 15 strong, for their long-awaited book signing event with over 30 new books. Soon the writers were arranging their books, support materials, background information sheets and tempting candy displays, eager to greet their visitors. They were not disappointed.

Even before 11:00 a.m., CSUF students were strolling around the tables along with OLLI members coming in early to check out the scene, or to bring in a book to be signed by a writer they had been following, or to see what there was in the way of new OLLI writer publications. There were plenty of choices to be made among the books of poetry, children's books, science books, novels, mysteries, self help and even how to books.

It was a chatty event as writers and event attendees made new friends as they reviewed books, new and old. People who have been on Zoom for OLLI classes were delighted to meet in person the classmates they only knew on Zoom, while others were delighted to reconnect with classmates they used to see in Spanish class or sing within the pre-COVID chorale. The books, the writers and the classes brought people together for a wonderful Thursday afternoon.

Many thanks to the CSUF staff including Dean Emily Bonney, who approved the event, and Jie Tian, CSUF Librarian, the primary contact who set everything in motion.

The OLLI writers who presented their work were Ann Casas, Keni Cox, Alice Gresto, Patricia Cline Higgins, Jennie Lance, Stephanie Leon, Larry Macklin, Veronica Michalowski, Florine Miller, Betty Redman, Jeanette Reese, Stephen Sixta, Barbara Unsworth and Fritz von Coelln. They are all members of one or more of the six writing classes offered at OLLI: "Authors' Central OLLI-CSUF," "Kick Starting Your Writing," "Poetry for Pleasure," "Women Writers' Workshop," "Write Now!" and "Writing with Feedback."

## Poetry for Pleasure

By Alice Gresto, Staff Writer

The "Poetry for Pleasure" classes meet Thursday afternoons from noon to 2 p.m. throughout OLLI's full academic year. Poetry written by the class poets are published in "Poetry for Pleasure" anthologies and available on Amazon. Royalties are donated to OLLI. Selected poems from these anthologies will appear in the ChroniCLE periodically.

### Trick or Treaters

Goblins and ghosties and ghouls  
Go bump in the night  
Scream in the night.  
Then they knock on my door for their treat.  
Will they perform for me?  
Show off their screams  
And frightful sounds for me?  
Some do, reluctantly, but do.  
Most don't because candy  
In all of its forms  
Is their only goal this night.

So into their pillowcases and tubs,  
Their sacks and plastic pumpkins  
Go the candy I've picked for them.  
Then off they go with Big Sister  
Or Mom and Dad to cadge  
More candy from next door.

And I'm left to wonder why  
Creatures dressed to scare me  
Are more scared by me.

By Juanita Driskell

Published in "Spend Time With a Poem" and sold at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

Juanita taught elementary grades 4th, 5th or 6th for 31 years; 4th grade was her favorite. She entered CLE, (Continued Learning Experience) when she retired in 1998. CLE later became OLLI. Juanita coordinates OLLI courses "Poetry for Pleasure" and "Kitty's Book Club" and looks forward to being back on campus once again. A recent widow, she enjoys celebrating the holidays with relatives, meeting friends for lunch, reading and playing with her cat, Molly O'Driskell.



## What's Happening at the Board

By Chris Shaw, Editor

Following are highlights from OLLI's Board of Trustees meetings on October 13 and November 10, 2022.

- OLLI membership is now 944. Membership registration for the spring semester will begin December 12.
- OLLI had a net operating loss for fiscal year 2021, but endowment and investment earnings were well above that.
- The Long Term Plan Committee has contracted students from CSUF's College of Business and Economics to research and propose actions to improve OLLI's recruitment of new members. Their focus is OLLI's social media and website. They are currently conducting surveys and interviews of OLLI members and obtaining photos and videos of members for publicity.
- The following members of the Nomination and Election Committee were appointed to solicit applications and nominate candidates for Board positions up for election in April 2023: Bob Kovacev (Chair), Renee Cabrera, Jim Monroe, Jim Ertle, Rayleen Williams, Joyce Ono (Past President) and Phil Barnhard (Parliamentarian).
- The spring semester Blue Book is in production with distribution to members expected the first week of December.
- Planning has begun for the January 14 Spring Preview Meeting.
- New Shapiro Wing flooring is scheduled for December during the intersession. Some classes may need to be moved or cancelled.
- Shapiro moveable wall repair is scheduled for January during the intersession.
- Funds were approved to replace 10 guest chairs in the Shapiro Wing foyer.
- OLLI's VP Technology and Administrative Manager were authorized to discuss, negotiate and plan with CSUF the various upgrades needed in Mackey Auditorium. Upgrade work is now planned for summer 2023.
- Some audio-visual equipment was stolen from Mackey Auditorium.
- Purchase of a new color laser printer was authorized for the OLLI office.

- Budget planning for the 2023-24 fiscal year has begun.
- The Policies and Procedures Committee is reviewing allowing OLLI members' friends and family to attend events that are not sold out.
- OLLI policy was amended to reflect the current responsibilities of the VP Programs and Curriculum Committee.
- OLLI's governing documents (Charter, Constitution and Bylaws) were authorized to be posted on the OLLI website in addition to the existing Policies for the information of members and the public.
- Participation in the Toys for Tots drive was authorized in conjunction with the Hospitality Committee's Mingle and Jungle Holiday Luncheon this year. CSUF encourages support of these kinds of organizations. The Policies and Procedures Committee will review the need for a new or revised policy. Receptacles are in the Ruby Gerontology Center for donating toys prior to the luncheon.

## Sunning and Socializing in the Courtyard

Photo by Michelle Sanford



Returning and new OLLI members (from left) Barbara Talento, Bonnie Harrington, Tracy Jayasinghe, Sandra Talento and Barbara Rosen enjoy socializing with new tables, chairs and umbrellas in the Ruby Gerontology Center courtyard during the fall semester. It's great to be back on the Cal State Fullerton campus with our friends at OLLI.



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