



## **President's Message**

*By Ellie Monroe, President, OLLI-CSUF*



The Board has been very busy preparing a great year filled with new experiences for OLLI members. We are still working towards finding out what the "new norm" will be for OLLI. Although we are

experiencing more in-person attendance over the past few months, many members still prefer to attend Zoom or livestream classes.

It is great to see more and more members enjoying events and socials on campus and the chance to visit with each other after many months of staying off campus. Our recent 4th of July Celebration and Veterans Recognition brought in almost 100 attendees, who enjoyed the music, veterans presentation and refreshments.

We have continued to enjoy plentiful parking on campus, even in OLLI's Lot J. We are working with campus parking services to ensure ample parking for us, as the new student housing opens in the fall.

Blue Books should be mailed out by the end of this month, which will contain five brand new class offerings. We are continuing to seek out new class opportunities for our members.

Invite your friends and family members to try out a single class (free) during the summer session. Send a note to your instructors that you wish to bring in a friend to try out a class they may be interested in.

Another reminder: be sure you are receiving your newsletters. Please contact the office if you are not receiving your copies. Cheers!!

## **It's Time to Renew Your Membership**

*By Bob Kovacev, Vice President External Relations, and Chris Shaw, Editor*

Yes, it's time to jump on the OLLI membership bandwagon for the new 2022-23 academic year that begins right around the corner on September 12. The OLLI office staff has been preparing and is already processing online renewals. Do yours today.

This year is the most exciting in years. There are over 110 programs planned for the fall semester, of which five are brand new offerings, including "Popes, Politics, Schisms and Controversies," "America in the 21st Century: The New Cold War" and "Women Writers' Workshop: Short Stories." Plus, exciting trips are proposed for this year, including day trips to the new Motion Picture Academy Museum, the Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens and an LA Mystery Tour. Overnight trips include a cruise to Alaska and touring the Galapagos Islands.

And don't forget your friends and relatives who are nearly or already retired. They, too, can enjoy all of the benefits of an OLLI membership ... the chance to enjoy the same mental, physical, and social opportunities that you have. And, even if they can't come to campus due to mobility limitations, living out of the area, or simply not wanting to hassle with driving to and parking on campus, they can still take part in the many classes that are offered on Zoom or livestream and recorded so they can be viewed online in real time or later on OLLI's website.

You and all of your interested friends and relatives are cordially invited to our festive Fall Open House on campus Saturday, August 6, at the Ruby Gerontology Center from 9 a.m. to noon. Check the announcement in this issue of the

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## **Vice President Programs** **Renee Cabrera**

*By Chris Shaw, Editor*



Music is Renee Cabrera's first passion. She left college to join the United States Air Force Band in 1974. After leaving the Air Force she was employed by the University of California, Irvine for 28 years at UCI Medical Center in Orange,

where she had administrative, financial and audit responsibilities. Renee joined OLLI in 2015. She sings in the Voce D'Oro Chorale, plays the French horn in the Curtain Call Band and plays a mean trumpet in the OLLI Jazz Band.

In 2021, after serving as Trustee at Large on the OLLI Board of Trustees, Renee was elected Vice President Programs. Her principal responsibility is generating and delivering OLLI's curriculum of courses, events and activities—or programs. This includes oversight of the Curriculum Committee, chaired by Judy Alter, the Musical Performance

Committee, chaired by Renee and Rayleen Williams, the Technology Education Committee (TEC), chaired by Tom La Casa and Michael Shellman; the Transitions in Retirement (TiR) Committee, chaired by Russ MacKeand; and the Trips Committee, chaired by Ken Luke. All of these committees contribute new programs to be offered to OLLI members.

OLLI members who wish to start a new program must first apply for approval from the Curriculum Committee (see the instructions in the Blue Book under Committee Meetings).

The VP Programs's most time-consuming responsibility is probably as the Blue Book Development Lead. The development of each Blue Book starts with a month-long process by Renee's dedicated Section Editors: Sue Batie, Vickie Fears, Joanne Hardy, Patty McCollom, Ellie Monroe, Beverly Risse, Ann Sparks and Carol Thurk; Technical Assistants: Jim Monroe and Bill Reilly; and Scheduling Team: Ellie Monroe and Carol Thurk. They work directly with instructors and coordinators to update write-ups and scheduling for each program. Renee then turns the curriculum over to the Blue Book Editor, Chris Shaw, for copyediting by his team and printing by the University. This activity is performed three times per year and takes hundreds of work hours to accomplish.

Classroom space is the Scheduling Team's number one constraint, finding which days and times the instructor is available and locating the appropriate-sized classroom without intruding on the needs of the already established "legacy" courses. OLLI shares some classrooms in the Ruby Gerontology Center with CSUF, including Mackey Auditorium. Some OLLI courses must be scheduled in venues outside the RGC, like meeting rooms in the student housing area, the Kinesiology Building and Langsford Hall.

The VP Programs works with instructors to resolve issues that impact their courses. Renee may need to find a solution for problems like attendance growth beyond the capacity of the assigned classroom or meeting time conflicts with other programs and relocate the course to other facilities.

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Finally, the VP Programs coordinates the training of instructors and coordinators. This year Renee will coordinate the Coordinators and Instructors Training Workshop on September 8 (see the Blue Book under OLLI Events), which is taught by Patsy Burns, OLLI's Administrative and Office Manager. Now that the pandemic has made Zoom and livestream routine venues for many of OLLI's courses, Renee helps to coordinate the training of instructors and coordinators by OLLI's tech team on how to host their class meetings on these computer platforms, and she assists with other training, as needed.

### **Meet Dr. Debra Leahy** **New Head of EIP**



Dr. Debra Leahy has been appointed the new Dean of Extension and Associate Vice President for International Programs at Cal State Fullerton. OLLI-CSUF is supported by the University as a self-funded organization within EIP.

Dr. Leahy brings over 25 years of experience with workforce, online and adult education, regional and global partnership cultivation, and global programming and international recruitment. She has served as Founding Dean of the School of International Engagement at Southern New Hampshire University, Provost at Cambridge College Global and Associate Dean of Graduate and Professional Programs at Emmanuel College. She created, with her teams, academic and non-credit programs for adult learners where they live and work. She earned her doctorate in International Higher Education from Northeastern University, received an MA in English from Simmons University, and both a Master of Public Management and MS from Suffolk University.

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ChroniCLE.

We are all looking forward to seeing you here to enjoy this new year at OLLI and to benefit from all of the wonderful things that OLLI offers to each and every member!

You can renew your OLLI membership online on your home computer or mobile device by going to the OLLI website at <http://olli.fullerton.edu/> and clicking on JOIN/RENEW, listed on the far right of the homepage.

When you log into the CSUF student portal with your OLLI/CSUF student ID and password, you will get the message "Duo Mobile Activation Required." Simply click on "Call Me." You will instantly receive a phone call. Enter "1" on your phone and the registration page will open. Follow the registration instructions on the webpage for completing the online form.

All up-to-date course information and class schedules are on the OLLI website, as well as the fall Blue Book, and Zoom access numbers can be obtained from the weekly Class Information & Updates Newsletter or from the OLLI website.

If you need help with the online registration process, email [OLLImembership@gmail.com](mailto:OLLImembership@gmail.com) or call 657-278-4012 for assistance. Help will also be available from our tech team at the Fall Open House for new and renewing members.

### **Fall Open House** **Saturday, August 6**

**9:00 a.m.-Noon**

### **At the Ruby Gerontology Center**

That's right—we're back on campus for the fall semester and for the Fall Open House. This is an opportunity to celebrate OLLI's successful return to campus after the COVID-19 shutdown and introduce OLLI to your friends and relatives who are retired or contemplating retirement. Invite them to join you at our Fall Open House, visit with our program instructors/coordinators, meet our many volunteers and learn about the 2022-2023 new and continuing programs. The Fall Open House presentation will stress the value of being *Fall Open House ...Continued on page 6*

## Appointments to the OLLI Board

Phil Barnhard was appointed for another year as Parliamentarian at the May 12 meeting of the Board of Trustees. Phil has been Parliamentarian for many years, and this appointment was to officially confirm his continuing position on the Board.

Shirley Smith was appointed Vice President Membership. She will serve the remaining year of Bill Sampson's term. Bill resigned his position to accept his nomination and election as Vice President Administration.

Mike Stover was appointed Trustee at Large. He will serve the remaining year of Michele Frankel's term. Michele resigned her position to accept her nomination and election as Vice President Communication.

Lois Monroe was appointed Trustee at Large. She will serve Shirley Smith's two-year term. Shirley resigned her position to accept her appointment as Vice President Membership.



**Phil Barnhard**  
**Parliamentarian**



**Shirley Smith**  
**VP Membership**



**Mike Stover**  
**Trustee at Large**



**Lois Monroe**  
**Trustee at Large**

## Award-Winning Member of OLLI's Phocus Photography Club



*By Chris Shaw, Editor*

Mary Crouch took the above photograph, which she titled "Changing Pastures," in 2019 near Lake Titicaca in Peru. She said, "I took this



image from the front seat of our tour van, shooting through the front windshield. Our van had to pull over and stop to let the herd go by us, since they had the right of way."

Mary joined OLLI in 2011. She joined the Phocus Photography Club

to share her photos and experiences with other OLLI members. Club meetings usually start with a guest speaker, who is often a professional photographer or a highly skilled amateur. Then members share images they've taken on a recent Club outing or their own exotic photo trip.

The Club also enables members to enter photo contests. The Club holds its own annual photo competitions and members may enter local and international competitions. The above photo won Mary a bronze medal at the 2020-21 annual Southern California Council of Camera Clubs competition, won a gold medal at an Australian international competition and a certificate of merit at the US international competition.

The Phocus Photography Club meets once a month. See more details in the Blue Book.

# Cinco de Mayo Social—May 5, 2022

Photographs provided by Jim DiTota



## OLLI Masters in Gerontology Award

### Winner: Melina Wulin Ulloa

By Alice Gresto, Staff Writer



Every year OLLI selects one outstanding Masters in Gerontology graduate student to be recognized for his or her exceptional contributions to the field of gerontology. This year the Masters in Gerontology Outstanding

Graduate Award was presented to recipient Melina Wulin Ulloa by OLLI-CSUF Collaboration Chair Susan Mullaly and Robert Kovacev, newly elected OLLI Vice President External Relations at the Honors and Awards Ceremony at Titan Center on May 13. The award is supported by a check from OLLI for \$1,000.

A Mexican immigrant, born in Puerto Vallarta, Melina arrived in the U.S. at the age of 30 with determination to realize the American Dream, a dream to earn a college degree. In order to do this, she learned that she needed to start with a general education diploma (GED), which she earned within few months. That was followed by taking ESL classes (English as a second language) to polish up her speaking, reading and writing skills. She received an A.A. degree with honors in psychology from Fullerton Community College, then transferred to CSUF where she earned her Bachelor of Psychology with a Magna Cum Laude for her honor thesis.

Melania has worked to pay her tuition as a grad student assistant for the Graduate Studies office, where she provided resources for under-represented master's students. She decided to stay at CSUF for her master's degree because she felt safe and supported by the Cal State Fullerton University community which, she said, "allowed me to be at ease while learning." In her last year

she completed several internships concentrating on older adults. Melina graduated in May with a 4.0 GPA.

Not content with her studies she also became president of two student organizations, joined professional resource groups and became the student representative for the California Council in Gerontology and Geriatrics and the Alumni Association. She became involved in groups outside of CSUF through Toastmasters International (T.I.), where she became a director of programs. She will continue her work with T.I. to "continue my personal development as a speaker and community leader." She has been a research assistant at the Fibromyalgia Lab and was named the new Lab manager for the next data intake wave. Somehow, she found time to author and present her research findings at professional conferences.

When asked how she has managed to take on so many academic and external activities, Melina laughed. She keeps a time management Outlook Planner to track study time, time to walk from the parking lot or bus stop to her classes, time for meetings etc. She credits her very supportive husband, Luis Salcedo, for often getting her to where she needs to be. She is grateful for the OLLI financial support and will purchase a new computer to ease her workload as she continues toward her goals as gerontologist, researcher and professor.

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an OLLI member. We will provide information about new parking rules, class attendance options (in-person, online or hybrid) and COVID-19 protocols on campus. Following the presentation, light refreshments will be served.

RSVP is **preferred**. Please use one of these methods to RSVP:

- 1) Complete the form provided online at: <https://tinyurl.com/yuukynan>,
- 2) Email us at: [olli.membership@gmail.com](mailto:olli.membership@gmail.com), or
- 3) Leave a message at: 657-278-4012.

Park in the State College Parking Structure on Gymnasium Drive. The OLLI Trolley will pick you up. And please wear your OLLI name tag on campus. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

## What's Happening at the Board

*By Chris Shaw, Editor*

Following are highlights from OLLI's Board of Trustees meetings on May 12 and June 9:

- The newly elected members of the Board were officially installed.
- Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the outgoing Board members.
- Special thanks certificates were presented to Phillip Barnhard, Parliamentarian; Ellie Monore, President and Jim Monroe, super volunteer.
- Beginning in June, Board meetings returned to in-person on campus.
- Board meetings during the summer session will start at 10 a.m. but will switch to 8:30 a.m. during the fall semester. Meetings will continue every second Thursday of the month.
- A cash flow shortfall was offset by a portion of earnings from the Osher endowment.
- Appointments to the Board of Trustees: Phil Barnhard—Parliamentarian; Shirley Smith—VP Membership; Mike Stover—Trustee at Large and Lois Monroe—Trustee at Large.
- Fall operational planning was begun and program scheduling for the fall semester was near completion.
- Some of the Shapiro Wing's audiovisual equipment was repaired and some will be upgraded. OLLI is working with CSUF to decide what new equipment will be installed in Mackey Auditorium. There will be training on some new equipment.
- 20 new members enrolled for the summer session, bringing the total membership to 1,050.
- The vice presidents updated the following appointed positions: Blue Book—Chris Shaw, Editor; ChroniCLE—Chris Shaw, Editor; Digital Image Archive—Chris Shaw & Melinda Wiltsie, Leads; Newsletters—Ginger Barnhart, Lead; OLLI-CSUF Website—Dan Coby, Lead; Shapiro Electronic Bulletin Board—Melinda Wiltsie, Lead; Digital Document Archive—Joanne Hardy, Lead; Technology Education Committee—Tom La Casa & Michael Shellman, Co-Leads; OLLI Personnel and Support Committee—Harriette Millman, Chair; Mailing Committee—Harriette Millman, Chair; Development/Philanthropy Committee—Mike Stover, Chair; and Musical Performance

Committee—Renee Cabrera & Rayleen Williams, Co-Chairs.

- New Shapiro flooring is expected to be completed before the fall semester.
- Budget for promotion of the Fall Open House, including newspaper advertising and the creation, printing and distribution of a new membership recruiting brochure was approved. The new brochure will cost less than distributing Blue Books to the community, and it will target prospective members more effectively.
- Replacement of old computers and acquisition of peripherals and accessories was approved for the computer lab.
- EIP change: Jack Hobson is leaving CSUF.
- The Collaboration Steering Committee meeting was planned for June 13 to discuss last year's accomplishments and plans for next year with CSUF associate deans.
- Coming Events: 1) The June Hospitality event was postponed until October 22. The theme will be OLLI State Fair; 2) OLLI Coffee Hour—June 20; 3) Summer Stroll Through the Arboretum—June 21; 3) Free Hearing Scanning—June 24; Fourth of July Celebration and Veterans Recognition—June 30.

The Board of Trustees meets the second Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. (during summer) in Shapiro CD and Zoom. All OLLI members are welcome to attend these meetings as guests. If you have a question to raise at the Board meeting, submit it in advance to President Ellie Monroe at [ellie.monroe@mindspring.com](mailto:ellie.monroe@mindspring.com).

## Scholarship Applications

*By Fred Shecter, Chair, Scholarship Committee*

Scholarships for OLLI 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](mailto:olli-info@fullerton.edu). Applications must be received no later than Monday, August 8, 2022 for the fall 2022 semester. Each applicant will be contacted to set up an interview with the committee shortly after the application due date.



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