



## **President's Message**

*By Ellie Monroe, President, OLLI-CSUF*



Summer session will be starting very soon. We hope you will attend the summer events in person. Our members have been returning to in-person activities over the past month or two, and it is wonderful seeing all the faces that we have missed over these past two years. Remember, parking will continue to be plentiful during the summer.

We are encouraged by the recent activities on campus which have brought students and OLLI members back to campus. It is great to see the campus coming to life once again.

Our Bingo Social provided a good time for the 65 members who came together to enjoy food, socializing and gaming. Don't forget to come to our Veterans Recognition event in late June.

We are working currently on our Blue Book for fall 2022, which will contain several new class offerings and plan to bring even more new programs.

We encourage you to invite your friends and family members to try out a single day's class (free) during the summer session. Send a note to the instructor that you wish to bring in a friend to try out a class they may be interested in, then check the friend in as a guest at the OLLI office that day.

I cannot emphasize enough to you how important it is to read OLLI's newsletters sent to you by email. They provide important information needed to keep you informed with the constant changes on campus. Please contact the OLLI office if you are not receiving them.

Come join us in person. Take care and stay safe. Cheers!!

## **Facilities Improvements at RGC**

### **By Vice President Facilities**

*By Chris Shaw, Editor*



OLLI's Vice President Facilities Tony Package has been busy assessing the facilities at the Ruby Gerontology Center (RGC) for needed replacements and upgrades, obtaining approval from the Board for the necessary expenditures and working with the University and numerous vendors to make the RGC safe and comfortable for OLLI members and better facilitate OLLI's programs. Here are those improvements.

- OLLI purchased a new OLLI Trolley vehicle, so we now have two serviceable, electric vehicles to help members get to and from parking lots G and A, etc.
- The worn out tables in the courtyard have been replaced with 10 new sturdier, metal tables, complete with new umbrellas and bases.
- The air filters in the Shapiro Wing and other classrooms have been upgraded to medical-grade HEPA air purifiers, and classroom fans were added to maximize clean and fresh air flow. HEPA filters may help people with COPD, allergies and breathing issues, and they are the gold standard for COVID mitigation.
- Shapiro will also get new laminated vinyl flooring throughout ABCD in August to replace the worn carpeting, and bids are being evaluated to repair the wall dividers for ABCD.
- The patio adjacent to the kitchen in the Shapiro Wing has new outdoor carpeting, a new canopy roof and 12 new chairs for the patio tables, and the kitchen has a new refrigerator. These

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## General Meeting/Election Held April 21

*By Chris Shaw, Editor*

The annual General Meeting and Election was held April 21 on campus in Mackey Auditorium with an option to view it livestreamed online.

OLLI's President Ellie Monroe introduced all members of the Board of Trustees, thanking each outgoing member particularly and highlighting their contributions, and introduced the OLLI office staff. She gave a brief presentation on the state of affairs at OLLI.

Ellie reported on OLLI's financial health, membership level and very successful recent fundraising, and she went over a number of facilities' upgrades.

In addition, she reported on OLLI's plans for summer programs, what will be available on campus and continuing options for Zoom and livestream.

Vice President Administration Mike Stover explained the nomination process for electing new Board members, thanked the other Nomination and Election Committee members and presented each of the nominees for election. Parliamentarian Phil Barnhard conducted the election, and the slate of nominees was approved via in-person acclamation.

The newly elected Board members were officially installed at the Board meeting on May 12.

Ellie closed the meeting program taking questions from the audience.

After the program, Vice President Hospitality Lisa Sewell and her Hospitality team hosted OLLI's Ice Cream Social, returning to this popular pre-pandemic tradition.

To view the program recording [CLICK HERE](#) or go to Livestream/Recordings on the OLLI website and click on Special OLLI Events.

## Come Learn about Japan's History During the Samurai Era

*By Chris Shaw, Editor*

I, like most Americans, know little about Japan's history, but I was fascinated by the proud traditions and culture depicted by Richard Chamberlain in "Shogun" and more recently by Tom Cruise in "The Last Samurai."

Instructor Leland Akasaki's course, "Brief History of Japan in the Samurai Era," is based in part on "Understanding Japan, A Cultural History," presented by Professor Mark Ravina of Emory University. Each lecture will be followed by a short presentation on a historical figure from the period discussed, focused mainly on information from "The Nobility of Failure: Tragic Heroes in the History of Japan" by Ivan Morris. The periods covered will be the Kamakura Period, the Muromachi Period, the Sengoku Period and the Edo Period. The last lecture will be on Bushido, the "warriors' code."

Don't miss the first class meeting on June 2 at 10 a.m. in Room 21, when Leland will explain his interest and background in the subject of this course. Classes will meet every other Thursday.

## Mackey Auditorium Closed for Summer

Mackey Auditorium will receive a comprehensive upgrade of its audiovisual systems and equipment this summer. The nature of the job requires that the auditorium be closed throughout the summer; therefore, no OLLI or University classes can be held in Mackey until fall semester.

## 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.

### Finding Myself

When I was younger,  
I spent a lot of time trying to “find myself.”  
In the process, I found several selves.  
There was the student self.  
The teacher self.  
The drama coach self.  
The footloose single woman  
Who gradually got tired of being single  
And longed to become the wife self  
And the mother self.

I found those selves  
and became the mature self.

So here I am, still mature (not old),  
And now I’m trying to recapture the self that I  
was  
Before I tried to find myself.

By Mary Sampson

Published in “Poetry for Pleasure: An Anthology”  
and sold at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

Mary Sampson taught high school theater and English for 35 years. She joined OLLI in 2005. She Attends “What’s Behind the News?,” “Wisdom Exchange,” “The American Presidency,” “Shakespeare Aloud,” “Poetry for Pleasure” and “Watercolor Workshop.” She teaches the “Storytelling & Drama & Improv” course, as well as “Art House Cinema.” She loves to see movies and plays, and she can’t wait to get back to traveling, grateful that she married a man who loves those three things.



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improvements are designed to make the patio more suitable for covered outdoor dining.

- Three new lecterns were installed for class sign-in sheets, and the visitor parking signs in Lot J have been repaired.

Some of these improvements, like the trolley, were initiated by Tony’s predecessor, Pete Saputo, who served as Vice President Facilities from 2019 to 2021. Tony Package was elected VP Facilities in April 2021 to serve a two-year term of office, but he is no newcomer to this job. Tony previously served as VP Facilities from 2013 to 2015.

As VP Facilities, Tony is responsible for the maintenance and any needed replacement of most of the furniture and equipment, other than computer and audiovisual equipment, OLLI members utilize at the Ruby Gerontology Center. As things age, they must be evaluated for needed repair, replacement and disposal. Tony must anticipate and budget for these expenses, because he is responsible for facilities maintenance and replacement costs. These costs are budgeted under OLLI’s operating funds, which is approved by OLLI’s Board of Trustees. Additionally, he must submit any projects that will cost over \$750 to the Board of Trustees for approval. Although the RGC building itself was built with donations raised by OLLI’s founding members, OLLI shares the RGC with CSUF and the University provides janitorial services and grounds maintenance. In addition to the furnishings and equipment, the cost of any non-routine cleaning of carpets, etc. for events, like OLLI’s annual Open House, is paid by OLLI.

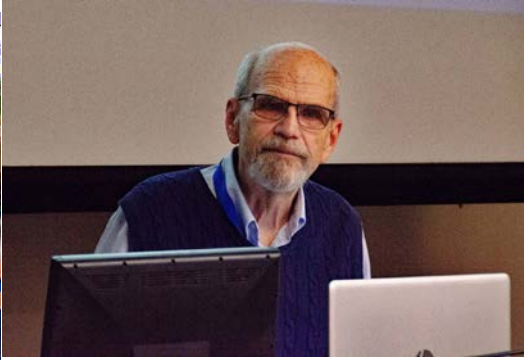
For the Open House and other OLLI events, Tony is responsible for moving furniture and equipment, setting up pop-up tents and signage, setting up tables and chairs and seeing that they are returned to their regular places or storage after the event. Of course, he doesn’t do all this heavy lifting himself. He routinely gets help from University Facilities, and he often gets help from other OLLI volunteers, such as Dennis Wilson’s poker class members.

Thanks, Tony, for all you and other dedicated volunteers do for OLLI.



## General Meeting/Election and Ice Cream Social: April 21, 2022

*Photographs provided by Jim DiTota, Donna Spradlin and Warren Wilson*





## OLLI Volunteer Recognition Reception and Entertainment: April 3, 2022

*Photographs provided by Rosalind Charles*

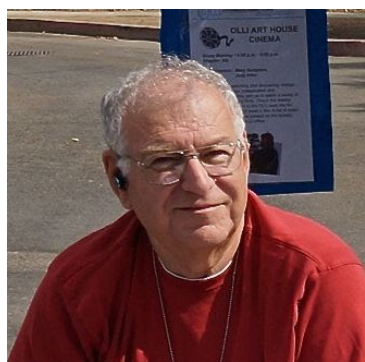




## Newly Elected Members of the Board of Trustees



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## What's Happening at the Board

*By Chris Shaw, Editor*

OLLI's Board of Trustees met on April 14. Following are highlights from that meeting:

- The summer Blue Book was distributed to members.
- President Ellie Monroe plans to meet with all newly elected Board officers to discuss their position duties and back-ups.
- A subcommittee will begin planning the fall Open House.
- Estimates are being obtained to repair the movable wall partitions in Shapiro.
- Options are being considered for a Judge Cardenas recognition gift.
- The University is replacing defibrillators on campus, including the RGC, and CPR training classes for OLLI members is being planned.
- Karen McKinley and/or Jack Hobson will represent EIP's new AVP & Dean Leahy at OLLI's Board meetings.
- OLLI Coffee Hours will continue, planned for every third Monday of the month at noon.
- Mackey Auditorium will close starting in May for audiovisual system upgrades. It is planned to reopen for the fall semester.
- A committee was formed to work on a membership recovery plan.
- New member recruitment plans include advertising on CSUF's electronic billboard, sending Blue Books to retiring teachers' groups and retiring CSUF instructors.
- More emphasis will be given to encouraging member photographers to take pictures of OLLI events and retain them for promotional purposes.
- More intersession classes will be made available for free to non-members to promote membership.
- Additional training will be given to instructors and tech supporters on handling Zoom-bombers, and access will be limited for people using Open to the Public links.
- Problems continue with the Zoom/livestreaming systems in Shapiro, and work continues with the vendor to fix it and provide any additional training needed.

## Next ChroniCLE: August

The next issue of the ChroniCLE will be a combined July/August issue, and it will be distributed around July 20.

## Calling All OLLI Veterans 4th of July Celebration

**Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 1-3 p.m.  
Shapiro ABCD**

We will be honoring our OLLI veterans once again at our July 4th celebration. All branches of service will be honored. We are asking those veterans who would like to be part of the presentation to send us either a photo in your uniforms or a photo from your past.

If you were not able to submit a picture for the previous year's events or you are a new OLLI member, please come forward and get your picture into our Honor Roll.

Take action from now till Friday, June 24 to have your photo included in our presentation.

**How To Submit Your Picture:** Please provide either a scanned jpeg file (at least 350 dpi) or an original picture (to be returned via mail) to be scanned. **A photocopy cannot be used** (they do not show up well). Include: 1) Your name and rank; 2) Branch of service and 3) Dates of service (19XX to 20XX).

You may email your photo to Ellie Monroe at: [jim.ellie@mindspring.com](mailto:jim.ellie@mindspring.com) or bring it to the OLLI office.

## In Memoriam Observed

The silent In Memoriam presentation on April 8, 2022 honoring OLLI members who passed in the last year is available to view on the OLLI website under the [OLLI Events](#) section of Classes/Activities on the home page.

Those who have passed: Tom Barry, Marilyn Bates, Carl Brick, Margaret "Peg" Campagna, Dick Cole, Claude Coppel, Louie De Arman, Harold Frey, Charles Geitner, Sharon Graham, John Harman III, Linda Hut, Byron Jones, Sallie Kerpan, Bob Knepper, Nancy Lord, Marion McClatchy, Earl Oudejans, Sheila Searing, Ruth Shapin, Glenn Sorensen, Jane Steckler, Mort Tandy and John Van Wey.



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