



## THANK YOU TO OLLI MEMBERS

The following members of Olli did volunteer work for this program for the August 08 to June 09 year: *Dick Duran, Clarence Fosler, Marie Fosler, Carol Bley, Judy Cash, Geri Gretan, Fred Gretan, Gail Cunningham, Eleanor Arbeene, CynnTimer Troup, Judy Berke, Michael Rockenstein, Paul Rockenstein, Pat Wagner, Joy Hart, Mort Glasgal, Elaine Sweet, Lydia Kaplan, Diane Mortensen, Arlene Miro Barbara Oliver, Mary Ann Homan, Tom Appleford, Jay Balter, Anita Goldfarb, Judy Garthwaite, Steve Garthwaite, June Hopkins, Gail Jacobs, Jerry Kamm, Nancy Kochevar, Eunice Koch, Ann Lewin, Saul Lessler, Margery Leffingwell, Norma Maidel, Carole Martin, Mary Morgan, Tom McKiernan, Linda Person, Floyd Richards, Jim Robnett, Mary Ann Robnett, Lynn Santamaria, Bill Snively, Ronald Slifka, Larry Hatch, Phil Bardos, Marianne Slaughter, Millie Rathbun.*

Many of these members did multiple tasks. These included committee memberships, distributing brochures, and making connections to other organizations that we could visit. Each task makes the program. Each member volunteer makes the CSUCI Osher Institute stronger. There are other people who, though not on this list, helped by telling others about the program and bringing them on board for classes. They have helped OLLI as well and we thank you.

When classes resume in August, OLLI staff will be asking for members to be class representatives. If you take a class on campus and another off campus class, please try to be the “wheels” to get information to those classes by becoming a class representative. We have so many classes all over Ventura County. If you want to encourage others to join OLLI, put a request in the classroom mailbox and the staff will make sure you receive a catalogue to pass along. Be sure to put your full name and class that you attend. Catalogues for Winter/Spring will be ready in November and we always need people to take the catalogues to different venues. Put a note in the mail box if you can deliver catalogues. Off campus class members can help too, by administering class evaluations and future course surveys and making announcements. Email [olli.membermail@yahoo.com](mailto:olli.membermail@yahoo.com).

We have no classes April through the beginning of August. It has been suggested that members might construct a member-run program consisting of events, lectures, travel, and more for the summertime. We need a committee of five to accomplish this by summer of 2010. If you are interested please email [olli.membermail@yahoo.com](mailto:olli.membermail@yahoo.com) to join this planning committee.

Once again, thank you for your continuing help with Osher.

## COMING SOON TO A CITY NEAR YOU, FALL OLLI CLASSES

This fall, we will offer courses on Tuesdays at the Oxnard Main Library, 251 So. “A” St. This is the first time back in Oxnard in a long time, thanks to our partner, the Oxnard Public Library. Be sure to thank them when you’re there. In fact, be sure to be there. Handy location, lots of free parking, wonderful room, and great courses. OK, I’m teaching one of them – Film and Society - so take the last remark with a grain of salt.

In addition to the 10 courses on campus, we also conduct classes in Simi Valley (Tuesday evenings), Ojai (Fridays), Ventura (Mondays) and Thousand Oaks (Saturday mornings). The

T.O. class is on Terrorism, so enroll this fall or we'll hunt you down. Except for Oxnard, all off-campus classes run for 8 weeks, whereas on-campus and Oxnard courses run for 6 weeks. So, if you don't like to navigate the Conejo Grade, cross the raging Santa Clara River, or swerve on the curvy 33, you have no excuse to miss an OLLI class.

**Another class opportunity.** We now partner with University Village in Thousand Oaks to offer on-site courses. The courses are **FREE** to all members enrolled in the current session, \$75.00 otherwise. If you are not a UV resident, you must enroll in person (at the OLLI office) or by phone (437-2748) before the course begins to permit entrance to the gated complex. The fall course and dates will be posted on the bulletin board in campus classes, via email, and in the Fall ISLANDER if we have that information by August. .

**Reminder about fees.** Fees remain at last year's level, with one money-saving difference. The annual fee is \$360, which entitles you to courses in all three yearly sessions. The fall session begins on August 22 (Saturday); the winter session will begin on January 11, 2010. The member fee for a single session is \$150. For both fee levels, enrollment is unlimited with one condition. *For on-campus classes only, there is a four class enrollment limit. That is, you can enroll in no more than four on-campus classes when initially registering. But, this limitation is lifted on August 21, after which you can enroll in any campus courses in which seats remain.* This temporary restriction on enrollment is to insure that seats remain in classes until the beginning of the semester. The third tier of membership is enrollment in a single class in that semester. In the past, this one-course membership applied only to off-campus classes. Commencing fall 2009, membership at the single-course level applies to *all* classes, a savings to some members. If single-course members decide to take more courses, they would move into the \$150 fee category. This pricing should appeal to prospective members who did not want to invest \$150 to see if they liked OLLI – now they can take one “tester” course for a reduced rate. **It is up to you, the continuing member, to bring this opportunity to the attention of prospective members!**

Members at all three levels may participate in all non-class OLLI activities. Please remember that fees can remain low only with recruitment of new members, so please act as ambassadors to enlarge membership. With the Instructor's permission, you may bring potential members to one class session to sample OLLI. Please also bring prospective members to the annual meeting.

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL OLLI MEETING**

**Our annual members meeting will be held on Monday, August 17, 2-4 pm, at the Science Auditorium in Aliso Hall. New members will learn how OLLI “works”. Continuing members will profit by discussion of important issues. This is a chance for all members to question policies and practices and learn the reasons behind existing practices. At the meeting members will be informed of the seats available in campus classes so they can enroll in classes beyond the four-class limit. You are encouraged to bring potential members to learn more about us and to enroll.**

## **CAMPUS PARKING**

Full details are in the course catalog, but some members are unaware of the situation. Parking costs \$6 per day, 24/7. Stickers are purchased at machines in most lots, or at the security building opposite Sage Hall, where stickers for multiple days are also available. Members may avoid the cost by parking at the Metro station on Lewis Road and Daily, then taking the shuttle (50 cents)

which runs every half hour on the half-hour. The shuttle stops near the Library. Another solution is to form car-pools for particular days and classes. Many handicapped spots are available relatively near the Library for eligible drivers and their car-pools.

*The following is reprinted from the March, 2009 edition in case you didn't open, read, or remember the content.....by implication, this is important stuff.*

## **OLLI-CSUCI AND THE FINANCIAL SITUATION**

Please be clear on this: OLLI-CSUCI is relatively immune from the current financial crisis in California. We are not dependant on California State funding. We are supported by three sources: member fees, donations, and proceeds from the Osher Foundation Endowment awarded last May. Fees will not be changed, except for a *reduction* in fees for those taking one course in a particular session (see the next article). The only source potentially affected by the nation's financial condition is the income from the endowment, customarily budgeted at \$50,000 per year. It is an understatement to say that our endowment did not earn \$50,000 the past year. .But we have been given permission to draw whatever we need from the endowment fund for our ongoing budget up to the budgeted \$50,000. Thus, we are in stable financial condition in the long-term. We will survive!

You can be sure that OLLI will be here a long time. However, there are, and always have been, funding opportunities that, while not necessary for our long term well-being, would greatly enhance the program. Your donations are welcome for these special enhancements. These include:

- Lap top computer and projector for use in off-campus venues. All venues collaborate with OLLI in providing rent-free class rooms, but in some cases, they do not have the equipment needed for modern course delivery.     **\$1800.00**
- Undergraduate student assistant to help with enrollment, confirmation, and other tasks now undertaken by an overwhelmed office staff.     **\$7000 per year.**
- Travel Fund for OLLI staff to attend national and regional OLLI Director's meetings. Till now, the Osher Foundation paid for all travel expenses to the National meeting. Commencing this fall, the local OLLI's must pay for travel expenses. *Send a Director and Coordinator to Summer Camp!*     **\$2000 per year.**
- Fund for parking fees for outside guests (e.g., speakers)     **\$500.00**
- Scholarships for OLLI members with budget constraints     **\$360 per Scholarship**
- Anything else you can think of.     **priceless**

## **OLLI HAS A STIMULUS PACKAGE TOO**

Beginning this fall, the member fee for those taking one course will be reduced to \$75.00, *regardless of where that course is offered*. This reduced fee for taking one class in any session formerly applied only to off-campus classes. Now it is extended to any location, including the CSUCI campus. This is a response to current times, and importantly, a means of drawing new members who may be reticent to join at the standard fee of \$150 per session. Prospective members may thus sample a single course at \$75.00, and hopefully decide to take multiple courses in the future. Current members taking only one course may also benefit from this pricing. All things equal, this may result in a loss of revenue for OLLI, but the loss may be

avoided if members take the responsibility to enlist new members to sample one course at the now-reduced rate. Bringing new members will not only offset the reduction in single-course rates, but will benefit OLLI-CSUCI in the long-run.

### **OLLI MAILING LIST GETS PURGED – THIS COULD AFFECT YOU**

Our catalog mailing list has grown out of control. Naturally, so have our printing and mailing costs. Likely, many of the mail recipients are no longer interested. Beginning with the winter 2010 catalog mailing, the OLLI snail-mail list will be purged so that only people who were members at any time since Fall 2007 will continue to receive catalogs through the mail. If you were not a member at any time between Fall '07 and Spring '09 but want to continue receiving the catalog, please write [osher.institute@csuci.edu](mailto:osher.institute@csuci.edu), or call 437-2748 to request continuance on the mailing list. Catalogs will still be distributed at key locations in the community.

### **UPDATE ON THE FINANCIAL SITUATION**

We have been given permission to withdraw \$47,000 from our endowment fund for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. This is only \$3,000 less than the \$50,000 we have budgeted. However, our latest revenue figures for the 2008-2009 year show that our member fee income fell short of this past year's budget expectations. This may be due to two unavoidable factors: the overall economy, and the shift from 8 to 6 week on-campus courses. If fee revenue does not increase in the coming year, we will have to economize by decreasing the number of classes and canceling those with small and therefore uneconomical enrollments. But the main way to bring the coming year's revenue back to the levels needed for maintaining a full and diverse selection of courses is for you to recruit new members. Our advertising budget has been vastly reduced, so word-of-mouth is our prime recruiting tool.

**Expansion of OLLI venues.** In the fall, we will have classes in Oxnard (Wednesdays) for the first time in years. This may be a source of new members and revenue, but *only if current members spread the word to Oxnard residents.* We are also working toward having classes at University Village in Thousand Oaks, and in Carpentaria. These locations may also bring new members and revenue. But expansion to three new locations has a price: faculty must be paid for these courses. So, the new venues will increase revenues only if a sufficient number of new students are recruited, with the help of current members.

### **OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND YOUR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

We partner with the CSUCI **Alumni and Friends Association (A&FA)** to bring members benefits provided by the A&FA. It may be safe to say that no present OLLI member is a CSUCI Alumnus, but through our partnership members can partake of A&FA benefits. A&FA annual membership for non-alumni is presently \$25. OLLI members joining the AFA would get a \$5 discount, thus paying \$20 for A&FA membership, the same fee as CSUCI alumni. Conversely, A&FA members not previously enrolled in OLLI would receive a one-time \$20 discount on an *annual* OLLI membership. See the joint membership program benefits attached. To join the A&FA, contact Tania Garcia at 437-8952.

**Added Joint Benefit for OLLI and A&FA Members.** A special benefit particularly relevant to OLLI members in joining the A&FA is the opportunity to receive a substantial discount for a New West Symphony Concert. In addition to the discount, members will be given block seating,

a post-performance reception, and an opportunity to attend one of our own Charles McDermott's famous "Informances" before concerts. This is a major "value added" membership benefit.

### **ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS TO AFFILIATE WITH THE UNIVERSITY**

Be the first Architectural Docents for California State University Channel Islands' landmark library. The John Spoor Broome Library designed by world-renowned architect Sir Norman Foster will be initiating an Architectural Docent Program.

*You're formally invited to be a part of history...*

*If you're interested in becoming a docent, contact:*

Melissa VandeBurgt

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### **A SAD GOODBYE**

Effective Friday, June 12, our very special Administrative Support Assistant, Christian Ann Cash, is leaving for another position. Christian has been the voice and face of OLLI, your source of communication by phone, email, and in person. Her devotion to OLLI (many were the lunch hours skipped and the unpaid overtime hours, incredible has been her multitasking in serving members) and her even-tempered disposition in the face of too-much-work-for-one-person will be genuinely missed. Christian has been truly fond of OLLI members, and the affection has been returned. Let's all wish her the best. We hope to hire a replacement soon, but in the meantime her duties will be capably handled by Jennifer Ormond, whom many of you know from the office and the Thousand Oaks location..

### **IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

**OLLI-CSUCI web site** [www.csuci.edu/exed/osher.htm](http://www.csuci.edu/exed/osher.htm)  
**National OLLI Site:** [http://usm.maine.edu/olli\\_national/](http://usm.maine.edu/olli_national/) (take a look – it's informative)  
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