



- 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.

Fees for multiple course enrollments remain the same - \$150 for a single OLLI session, and \$360 for an entire year of three sessions.

## **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.

## **IN YOUR MAILBOX (MAYBE – SEE THE PRECEDING ANNOUNCEMENT): THE FALL 2009 COURSE CATALOG**

We hope to mail the Fall catalog to those on our revised mailing list (see the foregoing announcement to know if you are on the list) by early May. As is customary, OLLI members get *priority enrollment* by going to the web site for the schedule ([www.csuci.edu/exed/Osher.htm](http://www.csuci.edu/exed/Osher.htm)) and enrolling by phone or in person. The fall schedule will be posted on the website about the second week in April.

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

We are again expanding our locations. This fall, we will offer courses on Tuesdays at the Oxnard Main Library, 251 So. "A" St. 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 having 10 courses on campus, we also conduct classes in Simi Valley (Wednesday evenings), Ojai (Fridays), Ventura (Mondays) and Thousand Oaks (Saturday

mornings). The T.O. class is on Terrorism, so be sure to 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.

**Another first:** From April 4 through May 16 (8 weeks, less April 25), we partner with University Village in Thousand Oaks to offer a Saturday (10-12) course: *Art Across Time and Civilizations*. It is taught by Antoniette Guglielmo, the education Director at LACMA, who many of you know from her art history courses taught via interactive TV. Come benefit from her in-person instruction. The course is **FREE** to all members enrolled in the Spring 09 session, \$75.00 otherwise. You must enroll in person or by phone before the course begins to permit entrance to the gated complex.

## CHOOSE YOUR LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT IN OLLI-CSUCI

OLLI membership takes a number of forms. In one, members pay to take courses, treating classes as commodities. For them, OLLI is here to provide their classes and nothing more. This is the *student-as-client* model, and there is nothing wrong with that; after all, OLLI is in the business of providing classes for stimulation. The second model is that of *member/stakeholder*; in which people see themselves as part of the organization, dedicated to maintaining its quality and ability to offer superior services. No organization can prosper without stakeholders. We invite our clients to take the next step and become stakeholders. By taking an active, caring role in OLLI, by considering OLLI to be *your* organization, and by learning more about how it works, the very act of taking classes can become more meaningful. The difference is between being part of an organization versus being served by it as a customer. There are many ways in which to claim pride of ownership in OLLI. One can make the effort to keep informed of OLLI matters, as for example regularly reading class notices, emails, the text of catalogs, and Islanders. Those who want closer involvement can access “inside information” about how OLLI works and why certain policies are in force via reading the Islander. I’ve been forthcoming about all OLLI matters in the Islander. The OLLI experience is enhanced by knowing “how things work”. One can donate funds for special purposes that enhance the OLLI experience (see elsewhere in this issue). One can volunteer for the many activities and services that are necessary for our operation (contact Kathy Swor at [olli.membermail@yahoo.com](mailto:olli.membermail@yahoo.com) for opportunities). For example one can apply to join one of the standing committees that impact the OLLI experience, most notably the **Member Service Committee**, which will plan and execute activities aside from courses, and the **Member Recruitment Committee**, which seeks ways to increase membership and “get the word out”. For some, it can be “ask not what OLLI can do for you, ask what you can do for OLLI”. Is OLLI “of the people, by the people, and for the people” or “for the people” alone?

## WHY DO WE HAVE 6 WEEK CLASS SESSIONS, AND WHY BACK TO BACK?

In the 2008-2009 year, coinciding with our move to the Merkin-OLLI room in the Broome Library, we went to a 6 week, 2.5 hours per class meeting schedule for all three sessions. To satisfy member preferences for shorter classes, we continue our 8 week, 2 hours per class schedule in off-campus classes. The mixed schedule creates staff nightmares for enrollment, class management, and more, but members do prefer two hour classes, so we try to accommodate this where we can.

*Why do we have these six week classes on campus?* This question has been addressed previously in the ISLANDER, direct emails, and at last August's general membership meeting. But it continues to trouble some members, so let us review the situation and the options once more. Prior to Fall 2008, OLLI did not have a permanent class room, but was shifted frequently to various rooms. This is because the University is very short on instructional space. For some semesters we were fortunate to have access to a room in the Bell Tower, controlled by the Library, for three 8-week sessions. But when the new Broome Library was built, we had to vacate that room. The Broome library offered a room which would be dedicated for our use, but for three 6-week sessions. Due to crowded campus conditions, the room was needed for other educational activities at other times. To accommodate the other activities, spring use was limited to a 12 week period, starting in early January. Hence the six-week sessions, and the adjoining winter and spring sessions during that 12 week window in the spring. To have the room solely dedicated to OLLI for the three six week sessions, we raised the funds to furnish and equip the room. Note that the funds raised are but a small fraction of the cost of building a new room. Note also that the campus remains short of class rooms and uses Library rooms extensively.

There are two alternatives to six week sessions with 2.5 hour class meetings. One is to shorten courses from 15 to 12 hours by returning to two hour class meetings. This is untenable. First it would require a restructuring of our member fee schedule and compensation to instructors. Many instructors would not teach for a 20% reduction in compensation. Second, reducing class time by 20% would water down course quality, a major no-no for OLLI. A second alternative is to revert to eight week, 2 hours per week courses. But because it would be incompatible with the 12 week spring window, we would have one session each in the fall and spring, holding the third session in the summer. This past January we put the six week (three sessions) vs. eight week (two sessions plus summer) alternatives to a vote by general membership, and found that 81% of responding membership preferred or found acceptable the current six week format, whereas 71% preferred or found acceptable an eight week format with one session in the summer.

To summarize – the six week session is dictated by class room shortages at the University, we are fortunate under these conditions to have priority use of a classroom for this period, reducing classes from 2.5 to 2 hours is both impractical and unacceptable, and more members are satisfied with the present schedule than with an alternative of eight week sessions that require a summer session. To please those who prefer eight week, two hour sessions, most off-campus courses, which pose less of an availability problem, are of eight weeks duration.

#### **OPPORTUNITY TO HOST INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

CSU Channel Island's Extended Education is planning to host a group of Japanese college age students from August 24 to September 18. We are looking for 15 to 20 families who would like to provide accommodation to these students. The students need a furnished room with two meals per day for breakfast and dinner. They also need a ride to CSU Channel Islands or The Lewis Road bus station to come to the University on weekdays to take English lessons or depart for field trips to Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Disneyland and Magic Mountain. The stipend for a family is \$650 per student. Please contact Mayumi Kowta, 437-3107 if you are interested in hosting a student from Japan. The home stay family application will be available soon.

#### **OPPORTUNITY TO MENTOR UNDERGRADS ON CAREERS**

We have much to tell undergrads about careers, things that can not be learned in classes. Working with the CSUCI Career office, we have arranged for mentoring sessions, group or individual, with students requesting your expertise. Please contact me, [marty.kaplan@csuci.edu](mailto:marty.kaplan@csuci.edu), to be connected with the Career office, telling me what career whose inner workings you can share. Right now, there are students seeking mentoring in the **entertainment industry, parole and probation** any connection between the first two?), **federal law enforcement, teaching, organizational leadership, politics and law, and general business**. Come share your accumulated career wisdom with a needy undergrad!

## COMING TOGETHER – YES WE DID!

The excitement and emotion was palpable on the morning of January 20, as Osher students joined with CSUCI undergraduates, faculty and staff in our own intergenerational inaugural event in the Millennium News Center of the Broome Library. The event was jointly organized by OLLI and the Broome Library. We gathered very early, eagerly anticipating the passing of the mantle from one administration to another, watching with quiet awe at the pomp and circumstance of the moment....or perhaps we were just stunned with Aretha's glamorous hat! There was something for everyone.....ex-Presidents, classical musicians, and a poetess who spoke in prose.

Everyone listened intently as our 44<sup>th</sup> President, Barack Obama, put his hand on the same Bible that Abraham Lincoln swore his oath on. After the oath, President Obama turned, and looked out upon an endless sea of citizens young and old, seemingly stretching forever, down the Mall. An unprecedented 1.8 million people, bundled in layers to combat the freezing cold, waited patiently, undaunted by all the security hoops .....quite an amazing scene.

Instead of the soaring rhetoric to which people have become accustomed, the new President gave a sober rundown of our historical foundation followed by the enormity of the task at hand. He continually referred to the collective "we" and exhorted us to answer a call for an "era of responsibility." While this unique moment in history inspired those of us in attendance, the complexity of the problems our nation faces shaded the discussion between the Osher and undergrad students afterwards. Discourse quickly turned from the deep feelings experienced to discussion of how President Obama will overcome the myriad of obstacles he faces, how he will solve the financial crisis, and how he will restore America's standing in the world. We, as a community of adult learners, shared a significant moment with other generations.

Michou Yenokida



*Photo: OLLI members and CSUCI faculty, staff and students celebrate the Inauguration inter-generationally at the Broome Library.*

## OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS TO EXPAND 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 would receive a \$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 very special benefit particularly relevant to OLLI members is that by joining the A&FA, OLLI members can receive a substantial discount on tickets to a New West Symphony Concert. In addition to the discount, members will be given block seating, special recognition, and an opportunity for one of Charles McDermott's famous "Informances" before the concert. This is a major "value added" member 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:*

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## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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**CSUCI Disability Accommodation Services** (for transportation/accommodation on campus): 437-8528  
**ADA** (rides for those with mobility problems) 983-0691  
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**National OLLI Site:** [http://usm.maine.edu/olli\\_national/](http://usm.maine.edu/olli_national/) (take a look – it's informative)

## The Osher and Alumni and Friends Association Program

\$20 – Annual A&FA Membership (\$5 discount)

\$60 – Annual Membership with Library privileges (\$5 discount)

### Benefits of membership include:

- **10% discount at The Cove Bookstore.** All members of the Osher and Friends of the Alumni Program receive a 10% discount on items such as apparel, gifts, general reading materials, and supplies from the bookstore located in the Village area. This discount does not apply to textbooks, software, food, or other miscellaneous items.
- **Recreation Connection Discounts.** Provides members with a comprehensive variety of discounted programs. Some of the special discounts include special theatrical performances such as *Wicked*, Disneyland Two-for-Ones, movie ticket discounts, major sporting event specials and so much more (see monthly e-benefits update for full details). Discounts vary per month.
- **Guaranteed Current News Magazine Subscription.** CSUCI's quarterly university magazine highlighting students, alumni, community supporters and showcasing events and activities.
- **Guaranteed Wave E-newsletter Subscription.** The Alumni & Friends quarterly online newsletter highlighting special alumni and friends activities.
- **Special Attendance to Alumni and University Events.** Includes free entry to the Alumni Networking Skills Reception, discounted tickets for Alumni Dodger Night (free transportation provided) and entry to the Annual Friends Mixer. Special invitations offered for other University events.
- **Dolphin Discount Program.** Offers more than 30 different discounts to local vendors such as Bandits' Grill & Bar, Camarillo Premium Outlets, Farmer's Insurance, and Napa Auto Parts (see monthly e-benefits update for full details). Discounts vary per month.
- **Connection.** The Association is your link back to CSUCI, allowing you to connect with faculty, staff, students and alumni.
- **Volunteerism.** Opportunities to volunteer on campus for Commencement, orientations and many more exciting events.
- **Web Site.** Visit our Web site at [www.csuci.edu/alumni/index.htm](http://www.csuci.edu/alumni/index.htm).
- **Access to CSUCI Library (with additional fee).** Use of any item while in the library building. Use of computers and multimedia equipment while in the library. Use of any electronic resource (catalogs, e-books, e-journals, and databases) while in the library. Request books from the storage facility. Place a hold on a book that is currently checked out. Check up to 10 books. Books may be checked out for three weeks and renewed up to three times. All loaned books are subject to recall. Overdue books are subject to standard fines and replacement charges.
- **Discounted Tickets to a Performance of the New West Symphony in Oxnard**

THE CENTERS FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND MULTICULTURAL ENGAGEMENT AND THE CHICANO STUDIES AND HISTORY PROGRAM will host a series of two-day events to celebrate *Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning*. All events will be free and open to the campus community and the community at large. Parking will be by permit only.

**1. Seeds of Change: Wednesday, April 1, 2009 from 10:00 AM-11:30 AM in Broome Library, Room 1360**

**“Seeds of Change”:** Interdisciplinary Panel on Sustainable Agriculture – Come hear a diverse panel of experts as they explore the status and future of ecologically sound and sustainable agriculture methods. Panelists will take an interdisciplinary examination on the right to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods. They will address topics such as family farming, organic farming, food security, food co-ops, farmer markets, “food justice” and “food “sovereignty” movement and alternative methods at creating self-sustaining and socially just food systems.

**2. Screening of The Garden: Wednesday, April 1, 2009 from 12:00-2:00 in Broome Library, Room 1756**

Come join us for the movie screening of the Oscar nominated film *The Garden*. The fourteen-acre community garden at 41st and Alameda in South Central Los Angeles is the largest of its kind in the United States. Started as a form of healing after the devastating L.A. riots in 1992, the South Central Farmers have since created a miracle in one of the country’s most blighted neighborhoods.

The Garden follows the plight of farmers, from the tilled soil of this urban farm to the polished marble of City Hall. Mostly immigrants from Latin America, we watch them organize, fight back, and demand answers: Why was the land sold to a wealthy developer for millions less than fair-market value? Why was the transaction done in a closed-door session of the LA City Council? Why has it never been made public?

**3. The Peregrinación: Walking Into History: Wednesday, April 1, 2009 from 5:30 - 7:00PM in Broome Library, Room 1420**

CSUCI unveils the César Chávez Foundation traveling exhibit - *The Peregrinación: Walking Into History*. The Peregrinación documents through photos the historic five-year strike by Latino and Filipino vineyard workers and the 350-mile *peregrinación*, or pilgrimage, from Delano to Sacramento that thrust *La Causa*, the cause, of striking farm workers, squarely before the nation’s conscience. Join us for appetizers and social justice poetry readings. Runs from 3/20 – 4/18.

**4. Cesar and Me: Past and Present: Thursday, April 2, 2009 from 9:00AM-4:00PM in Broome Library 1320**

Come and view art works by Chicano artist Daniel DeSiga. DeSiga will show 12 original pieces of his past modern and current art series. DeSiga received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Washington and has received wide recognition for his art work which has been exhibited in major museums across the country. His most recognized art depicts the plight of Mexican farm workers including El Campesino and La Cosecha. He is also known for his large murals include Seagull Fly in the Sky. **NOTE: From 1:00PM-2:00PM in Broome 1320 - Daniel Desiga will be giving a presentation on his past and present works. This is event is open to all.**

**5. Open Art Studio: Daniel DeSiga: Thursday, April 2, 2009 from 3:00-5:00PM in the Hub Lobby**

Come and learn from Chicano artist Daniel DeSiga as he conducts an art workshop open to all CSUCI students and community members. Bring only your artist spirit as art materials will be provided.

**6. Roberto Vargas: Family Activism: Thursday, April 2, 2009 from 7:00PM-8:30PM in Broome Library, Room 1360**

CSUCI will host nationally recognized facilitator and planning consultant, and author **Dr. Roberto Vargas**. **Dr. Vargas is author of *Family Activism*** which provides family and community leaders essential tools to encourage healthier, more successful and powerful families, organizations and communities. It is his belief that families and communities require even greater caring and communication skills to survive and succeed.