

THE OUTLOOK

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to Fall Term 2021!

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Scott Greenspan has been appointed to the Board of Directors as the Director of Special Projects. Scott has been a member for two years and has thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Now that he is retired full-time, he wants to contribute to the continuation of OLLI. Welcome Scott!

On August 11 we did a live test of a Format B class. I was

at the podium in the classroom with 2 audience members. All other members were watching via the Remote Learning Center. The classroom computer, the projector, and the screen were being controlled by the Tech Team at UCI. I plugged in my thumb drive and when I turned around my presentation was on the screen, ready to go. Pure magic!

We all know that OLLI at UCI is an entirely volunteer run organization. There is a genuine need for OLLI members to step up and offer to be considered for OLLI Board positions. We now have a need for three Board members which means there is currently a thin number of volunteers responsible for OLLI's success.

OLLI at UCI has always enjoyed the participation of numerous members who have volunteered their expertise and joy for the survival of this organization. Many of us have been introduced to new ideas and new friendships. Let us keep it going!

Lonnie Horn President, OLLI at UCI

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)

"There is So Much in a Name"

There is a little known but important fact lurking in the name Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). I wonder if anyone knows what this is. There are OLLI programs at colleges and universities throughout the United States.

OLLIs were established by the Bernard Osher Foundation. Bernard Osher was an American businessman who was a generous patron of education and the arts. He was especially committed to lifelong education as a means of keeping people engaged and connected to learning and as a means of supporting the healthy and humane integration of learning and living throughout our lifetimes. More to the point, Osher is also a Hebrew word that means "lifelong, embedded happiness that endures throughout life."

How fitting it is that Osher is part of our name. The OLLI program reinforces existential happiness, a positive attitude toward life, and the embrace of lifelong learning because it is the right and healthy thing to do. As a member of OLLI, you can take your place as a very special person in this club of lifelong learners who feel—and live—*Osher*.

Mel Roth, guest lecturer and committee chair Social Science Committee Developer of: Happiness 101

To find all the OLLI information, scroll through the seven orange headers, from President's Message to Legacy Giving. If you are a <u>Mac</u> user, you may need to click "view entire message" to view this entire newsletter. The message will be found at the bottom left corner of this page. If you see this message, then you know there is more to read

BOARD'S CORNER



OFFICIAL INFORMATION

OLLI Donations

How your donations are used.

Our online classes require more resources than ever, including technical support staff, programmers, and trainers. Your contribution or planned gift helps to offset these costs.

Thank you to our donors!

Your donations are making a difference! Click <u>here</u> to view the donations made from **July 1, 2020** through **August 26, 2021**.

***Note**: Donations can take up to 2-3 months to process. If your donation does not appear on the current list, check for next month's newsletter.

We recognize all our donors!

Donor names are listed in our Fall and Spring catalogs and also on our<u>OLLI</u> at <u>UCI</u> website - unless you choose to be anonymous. **Butterfly Level Pledge Donors** are also recognized with either a Gold, Silver, or Bronze butterfly plaque in your name on our *Butterfly Wall of Recognition*.

Donate to match your financial needs.

Include OLLI at UCI in your estate planning or transfer stock on behalf of OLLI

to the UCI Foundation.

Become a Butterfly Level Pledge Donor:

- Gold Pledge Level (\$2,500+)/year for 3 years
- Silver Pledge Level (\$1,000 \$2,499)/year for 3 years
- Bronze Pledge Level (\$500 \$999)/year for 3 years

Make a One-Time Annual Gift:

- Angel Donor Level (\$300+)
- Friend Donor Level (\$15 \$299)

DONATE ONLINE Click Here

Methods to Donate

Online: Donate online with your credit card using the secure UCI website. Click to open and complete this form on-line. By Mail: Print and complete this form.

Board Meeting Minutes

The **Minutes** of the August, 2021 Board Meeting, to be approved at the September Board Meeting, will be posted on the <u>OLLI Blog</u> along with past Board Meeting minutes.

OLLI INFO



Please Note:

Face Coverings are required to participate in all OLLI Fall 2021 classes and Special Events Bus Trips.

If you are unable to wear a face covering, please attend class online through the <u>**Remote**</u> <u>**Learning Center**</u>. No one will be permitted in the OLLI classroom without a face covering per UCI guidelines.

Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to seeing you in the OLLI classroom or online!

Welcome back to the OLLI classroom!

Come and Celebrate! OLLI is returning to the classroom! Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 4:00pm.

Come join us as we return to the classroom! We will also celebrate the



retirements of: Barbara Barone, Karen McKenzie, and Kirwan Rockefeller. RSVP to: **OLLI@UCI.EDU**



OLLI Open House for Prospective Members Monday, September 13, 2021 10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

The OLLI Open House is an opportunity to register for classes, learn more about the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UCI, join or renew membership, and much more. It is a

place to make connections with people who share the love of learning. The open house provides a showcase for classes and special interest groups coming in the Fall term. RSVP to: **OLLI@UCI.EDU**

OLLI New Member Orientation Thursday, September 23, 2021 10:30 - 12:00 Noon



Welcome to OLLI! Our New Member Orientation is a time to get acquainted with the OLLI classroom, facilitators, and other OLLI members. We look forward to meeting you! RSVP to: OLLI@UCI.EDU



WELCOME FALL SEMESTER 2021! Click <u>here</u> to view our Fall Session Catalog.

Important information regarding Fall enrollment:

Registration for Fall enrollment is open! Click here to enroll online.

Please, ONLY ENROLL IN COURSES YOU PLAN TO ATTEND IN PERSON. Our in-person class size at the Irvine Transportation Center is limited to 50 members. Enroll in a course ONLY if you will physically be in the classroom. DO NOT ENROLL if you plan to attend online Only members who have enrolled will be admitted to the classroom. We look forward to the launch of our hybrid learning offering this Fall. Each course has a format:

- A: Classroom only (presenter & audience attend in person)
- B: Presenter attends in person; audience attends either in person or via Zoom
- C: Presenter attends via Zoom; audience attends either in person or via Zoom
- D: Presenter and audience attend via Zoom

All Current members (members who have paid their Annual or Fall membership fee) will continue to have access to the real-time, live feed from

the classroom via the OLLI Remote Learning Center (Zoom) for B, C, and D categorized courses. Most of our courses are B, C & D. In addition, all Current members will continue to have access to our extensive library of over 500 recordings.

Register early, and invite your friends to join us! OLLI at UCI's One Enroll One \$25 Gift Certificate program provides each OLLI member an incentive to encourage their family, friends, and neighbors to become members. Our program provides a \$25 Visa/Mastercard to you for every "new" member who joins based on your referral (a new member is someone who hasn't been a member for at least 2 semesters). You will be requested to complete a One Enroll One Voucher, with the name of the new member. That's all there is to it! We look forward to seeing you in September!

Best,

Board of Directors OLLI at UCI

Special Events OLLI Bus Trips Are Back! RSVP Now

Hoorah! These trips are carefully orchestrated by UCI Covid requirements. Come Join Us!!



SOFI Stadium Tour Thursday, October 21, 2021 Departs from ITC at 9:00am Returning to ITC at 2:30pm

We are going on a private tour of the \$ 2 Billion + SOFI Stadium, the newest NFL stadium, in Inglewood! An incredible architectural addition to LA for football, graduations, concerts, etc. See how it's all put together. There's a one hour private tour, plus locker rooms, on the field, NFL shop, etc. Lunch is on our own at the stadium concessions.

Price: Price is still being determined.(expected to be <\$80); Lunch on your own at the stadium; NFL merchandise shop.

Registration: Not yet available. Please contact facilitator to RSVP and to gauge interest.

Facilitator: Joan Lutz; **joanl@earthlink.net**, 714-928-6610 **Minimum:** 30 (Please note: We must have a minimum of 30 or the event will be cancelled.)



Immersive Van Gogh Wednesday, November 3, 2021 Departs from ITC at 8:30am Returning to ITC at 3:30pm

Imagine being surrounded by the glory of Van Gogh's paintings as you experience this world famous multimedia event. The walls, ceilings and floor of the huge venue are covered with Van Gogh's art accompanied by classical music. As you stroll thorough the space, you will feel as if you have stepped inside the paintings.

Price: \$90.00 (admission and bus) Lunch is on your own at the Farmer's Market
Facilitator: Joan Lutz; joanl@earthlink.net, 714-928-6610
Registration: Begins August 11th on the OLLI UCI site.
Maximum: 55

Volunteers Needed

Enrich your member experience by developing and strengthening social ties!

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Join our community of volunteers and connect with like-minded individuals who love to learn. We

offer a range of volunteer opportunities; one of these might just be a perfect fit for you! Interested or just want to learn more about our volunteer opportunities? Click <u>here</u> or call 949-451-1403 or email us at<u>olli@uci.edu</u>.

Looking to be an even bigger part of OLLI at UCI?

Join the OLLI Board and get<u>one semester</u> <u>membership for FREE</u> when you commit to two years service.

Vacant Position:

- Director/Volunteer Coordination
- Secretary
- VP/Member Services

Please email: **olli@uci.edu** if you feel your gifts and talents could benefit our OLLI community!

Curriculum Committee Meeting Schedule



You're invited to meet our curriculum chairs and course developers to audit how OLLI members like yourselves develop the courses you love. *Email the appropriate committee person to join the Zoom meeting.*

September 2021 Committee Meeting Schedule:

Arts & Humanities Committee Email Beth Mersch at <u>beth.mersch@gmail.com</u>. Special Events Committee Email Linda Vine at vines1219@gmail.com. Monday, September 6 (1:30 PM)

Finance Committee

Email Sherri Nussbaum at sherrilynn@audiblerush.com Monday, September 27 (12 PM) Click <u>here</u> to join Zoom meeting. Meeting ID: 936 3476 7503 Password: finance Social Science Committee Email Mel Roth at <u>melroth721@gmail.com</u> Thursday, September 9 (12:15PM)

STEM Committee

Email Marj Besemer at mlbesemer@cox.net.



UPCOMING FACILITATOR TRAINING

Final Facilitator Training September 2 from 10-12pm

Facilitators, If you were unable to make the facilitator training on August 25, please come and be trained on September 2 from 10:00-12:00. Please RSVP with Carolyn Brothers at - **<u>cbdancer@aol.com</u>**.

Remember, due to Covid-19, some changes are occurring and it has been a year+ since we were in the classroom. Looking forward to seeing everyone. Carolyn

OLLI COURSES

Fall Semester Courses

Fall Semester enrollment began August 11th. We're looking forward to seeing

you in person or online!

NOTE: OLLI Membership Numbers will be emailed to new members on September 2nd.

OLLI Remote Learning Center Access

Classes are being **livestreamed and recorded** for all current OLLI members. Due to COVID-19 no classes are meeting in person. Live streamed and over 470 pre-recorded classes are available through the <u>OLLI Remote Learning</u> <u>Center</u>.

OLLI Remote Learning Center Class Etiquette Guidelines

Click here to view our guidelines.

Important Class Notices / Changes

There are no class notices/changes at this time.

OLLI EXTRAS

(Open to members and non members)

Bridge with OLLI (starting soon!)

- Always wanted to learn?
- Curious?
- Played decades ago?
- Want to relearn?
- Now is your chance!

Challenge your brain, meet great fun-

loving people!

Enjoy the **BEST HOBBY EVER!** Location:South Orange County Bridge Center

31251 Rancho Viejo Road, Suite 205

San Juan Capistrano

For more details, and to be notified of fall class start date, please contact: Janie Matlaf at **jmatlaf@gmail.com** or (949) 233-2140

Mah Jongg

Mah Jongg is a popular Chinese game played with sets of tiles, similar to the Western card game Rummy Cube. For more information, contact Carolyn Brothers at: <u>cbdancer@aol.com</u>

Photography – Book Lovers – Clever Cooks

What's your thing? Let us know by emailing Jessie Tromberg at jessietromberg@icloud.com. Let's create a new OLLI Extra!

Spanish Club

For more information and/or requests to join the group, contact Kristien Evans at <u>kristien5@gmail.com</u>.



INQUIRING MINDS

MOVIE TALK: Critical Eye

By: Jessie Tromberg jessietromberg@icloud.com





ANNETTE

This movie with Adam Driver and Marion Cotillard really wants to be a modern opera. It's original music and lyrics are sung (mostly) by the characters advancing the story in a wrenchingly slow pace of 2 hours and 20 minutes. Driver's stand-up comic character is dark and

forbidding, definitely psychopathic. Cotillard has a lovely voice, and this, director Leo Carax' first venture in all English, was roundly applauded and praised at the Cannes film festival. The film is not quite as wacky as Caras' earlier film, Holy Motors, but is definitely off beat with strong whiffs of Phantom of the Opera.



REMINISCENCE

Hugh Jackson headlines in this sci-fi labeled film. Lisa Joy (Westworld) has written and directed a Hitchcockian flavored film but seems to have forgotten to test the oncamera attraction of Jackson and his femme fatale. No spark, in spite of the artfully framed love scenes. Set in

a tomorrow world, it definitely could take place in our climate eroded planet of today.



Library News

The shelves will be waiting for you when we return!

Also, remember, we will be happy to accept your book donations to share with other OLLI members.

Thank you.

Steve Weinstein OLLI Librarian thescbaguy@msn.com

Road Scholar 2021 Videos

For those who have canceled travel plans or just want to see new sights,**Road Scholar** has multiple videos online that are free to all. Click<u>Road Scholar</u> <u>2021 - Video Results</u> and travel from home.

UCI CAMPUS EVENTS



UCI TODAY

Click <u>here</u> to view ALL upcoming UCI events.

The **Illuminations** Series is **ALSO** open **online to OLLI** members! Click <u>here</u> for more information about fascinating activities and events at UCI even during our "social distancing."

Claire Trevor Society

You are invited to join the Claire Trevor Society, which offers **exclusive** behind-the-scenes arts experiences and networking with fellow art-enthusiasts.



To learn more about the Claire Trevor

Society, please visit: <u>Claire Trevor Society | Claire Trevor School of the</u> Arts | UC Irvine

Claire Trevor School of the Arts

We recommended that you register in advance for the virtual event you wish to attend. Click <u>here</u> to view all events.

Drama Events - Click <u>here</u> to view and register for upcoming events.

Art Events - Click <u>here</u> to view and register for upcoming events.

Dance Events - Click <u>here</u> to view and register for upcoming events.

Music Events - Click <u>here</u> to view and register for upcoming events.

Please consider joining or making a contribution to the**UCI Theatre Guild**. Click <u>here</u> for information.

Bobi Keenan OLLI Liaison to the UCI Drama Department

LEGACY GIVING - OLLI at UCI



Spread the joy!

Individuals 70 1/2 or older can now fulfill their required distributions through charitable rollovers.

For more information on how to reduce your taxable income while supporting OLLI at UCI click <u>here</u>.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors, Curriculum Chairs, and Program Committees

Click <u>here</u> to view the complete list.

CONTACT INFORMATION

OLLI Staff will be back in the office September 7th! Office hours will resume back to 9:00am - 4:00pm.

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