



THE OUTLOOK

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am pleased to announce that Linda Robinson has been appointed to the Board of Directors as the Secretary. Linda first joined OLLI in 2013. Demands for her time and talent caused her to miss a few semesters but now she is enthusiastically back! Welcome aboard Linda!

We have completed three weeks of the Fall semester and our pivot to hybrid learning is a reality. As with any new endeavor there is a learning curve and we are rising to meet it. The team, OLLI and UCI-DCE, have been working diligently to solve issues and create easy to use procedures that require the fewest number of people to touch the computers. Simple is always better.

- Two of nine classes had technical issues:
 - One class started 30 minutes late because the speaker had saved the presentation in a format not compatible with our system.
 - The second could not play an embedded video remotely. This had been tested during the summer and it worked. Problem resolved but we will continue monitor it.
- One class started 15 minutes late because the speaker was late.
- Another class Moderator had trouble logging into the laptop for Chat monitoring. Log in no longer required. Problem resolved.
- Two classes changed their formats. One was changed because they wanted it to be recorded. The other was changed at the request of the presenter.
- Other classes had no issues, including, *Journey to the Beyond*, where the speaker was physically in Egypt!

Our curriculum committees are in the final days of planning our Spring semester and it looks like it will be very robust and interesting. The best news is that we will once again be hitting the road for our Special Events adventures. And don't miss our October 21st trip to SoFi Stadium and the November 3^d trip for the Immersive Van Gogh Experience. (Registration links are below.)

Lonnie Horn

BOARD'S CORNER

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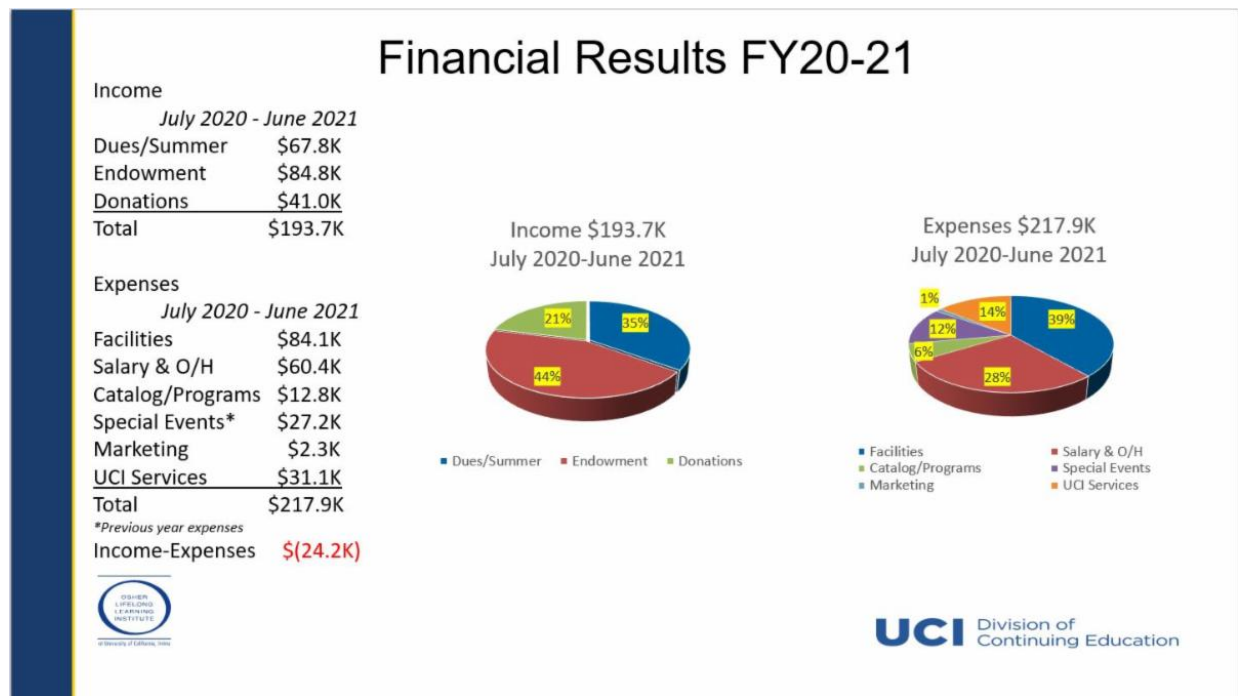


Board Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the September 2021 Board Meeting will be approved at the October Board Meeting and will be posted on the [OLLI Blog](#) along with past Board Meeting minutes.

Financial Results FY2020-2021

Click [here](#) for PowerPoint file.



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 [here](#) to view the donations made from **July 1, 2021** 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 [OLLI at UCI](#) 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)



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](#).

OLLI at UCI INFORMATION



**WELCOME
FALL
SEMESTER
2021!**

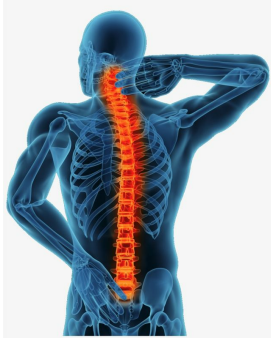
Click [here](#) to view our Fall Session Catalog.

Pop-Up Classes

Recently added classes that are not in the Fall 2021 catalog. These classes are **INCLUDED** in your OLLI Membership and available to enroll in through your OLLI at UCI account by clicking here.

**SC 216
LIFE STYLE MEDICINE STRATEGIES
FOR MANAGING LOW BACK**

Class Format C



Our presenter, Ziya Altug, is a Board-Certified Doctor of Physical Therapy with 30 years of clinical experience treating musculoskeletal conditions. He will discuss the impact of lifestyle factors on low back pain,

including exercise, nutrition, sleep, and stress. This class will not be recorded.

Presenter: Ziya Altug, PT, DPT, MS, OCS.

Developer: Marj Besemer

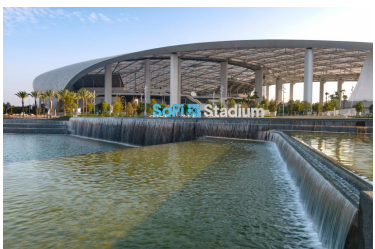
Date: Thursday, October 14

Time: 10:00 AM -12:00 Noon

Facilitator: Marj Besemer 949-246-4435, mlbesemer@cox.net
To register click [here](#).

Special Events

Enroll Now



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: \$80.00 (admission and bus) Lunch on your own at the stadium; NFL merchandise shop.

Registration: To register click [here](#).

Facilitator: Joan Lutz; joanl@earthlink.net, 714-928-6610

Minimum: 40 (11 remaining tickets left.)

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 multi-media 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: To register click [here](#).

Maximum: 55 (18 remaining tickets left.)

Volunteers Needed

Enrich your member experience by developing and strengthening social ties!



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?

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

Join the OLLI Board and get **one semester membership for FREE** when you commit to two years service.



Vacant Position:

- Director/Volunteer Coordination
- VP/Member Services

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



Enjoy OLLI Classes and want to volunteer as a Facilitator?

Join us for our upcoming October Facilitator Trainings at the OLLI Classroom:

Wednesday, October 6 (1:00PM)

Tuesday, October 26 (1:30PM)

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.*

October 2021 Committee Meeting Schedule:

Arts & Humanities Committee

Email Beth Mersch at
beth.mersch@gmail.com

Special Events Committee

Email Linda Vine at
vines1219@gmail.com
No October meeting. SE Committee meetings will resume in January 2022.

Finance Committee

Email Sherri Nussbaum at
sherrilynn@audiblerush.com
Monday, October 25 (12 PM)
Click [here](#) to join Zoom meeting.
Meeting ID: 936 3476 7503
Password: finance

Social Science Committee

Email Mel Roth at
melroth721@gmail.com
Thursday, October 14 (12:15PM)

STEM Committee

Email Marj Besemer at
mlbesemer@cox.net



OLLI REMOTE LEARNING CENTER (ORLC)

Our hybrid format has been extended to enable all of our members to access classes in-person and online!

Thank you all for your understanding as we work to improve your OLLI experience through our hybrid class offerings!

To access Live Zoom classes or to view class recordings, please go to your [OLLI Remote Learning Center](#) account. Class recordings will be uploaded to the ORLC within one week.

OLLI Remote Learning Center Class Etiquette Guidelines

Click [here](#) to view our guidelines.

OLLI Library News



Did you know that OLLI has a library? Next time you're in the classroom, take a look! Also, we are more than happy to accept your book donations to share with other OLLI members.

Library Volunteer Needed: Do you have a love of books and library science? OLLI is looking for a volunteer librarian. Could this be you?

Email Steve Weinstein for more information at: thescbaguy@msn.com

OLLI EXTRAS



OLLI Bridge

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

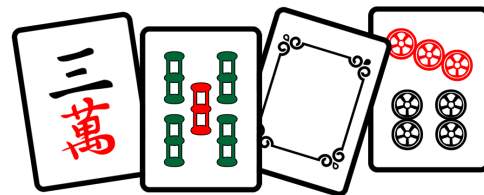
Challenge your brain, meet great fun-loving people!
Enjoy the **BEST HOBBY EVER!**

Location:

South Orange County Bridge Center
31251 Rancho Viejo Road, Ste. 205
San Juan Capistrano

For more details, contact:

Janie Matlaf at:
jmatlaf@gmail.com
or (949)233-2140



Mah Jongg

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Mah Jongg is a popular Chinese game played, usually by four people, with 136 or 144 rectangular pieces called tiles. The object is to collect winning sets of these tiles, as in card games such as gin rummy.

Mah Jongg is currently cancelled until further notice.

For more information, contact:

Carolyn Brothers at:
cbdancer@aol.com



Spanish Club

¿Habras español? Join us for conversational Spanish in-person with other OLLI Members!

For more information, contact:
Kristien Evans at
kristien5@gmail.com



What's your thing? Let us know and we can start a new OLLI Extra!

For more information, contact:
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A BIT OF HUMOR

From: Leah Jordan

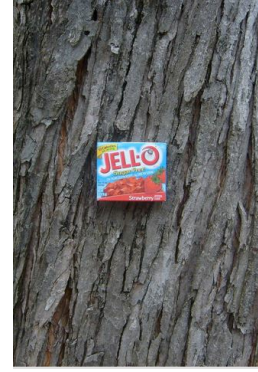
The Many Roads of Life and A Few Words of Wisdom



At age 4, success is not piddling in your pants.
At age 12, success is having friends.
At age 17, success is having a driver's license.
At age 35, success is having money.
At age 50, success is having money.
At age 70, success is having a driver's license.
At age 75, success is having friends.
At age 80, success is not piddling in your pants.

GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:

- 1.) Raising teenagers is like nailing Jello to a tree.
- 2.) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3.) Families are like fudge - mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4.) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5.) Laughing is good exercise, it's like jogging on the inside.
- 6.) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.



INQUIRING MINDS

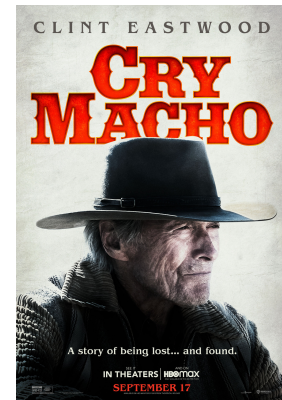


MOVIE TALK: Critical Eye

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CRY MACHO

He moves slowly, the camera moves slowly, closeups reveal skin pulled so tight his beautiful facial bones seem to want to pop through the picture. Yet here he is, together with old pal producer, Al Ruddy, reminding us of his screen ability to direct and star in his own film. Ruddy is 91 years old, Eastwood is 91 years old, CRY MACHO though is more of a coming of age Young Adult tale.



We, however, definitely owe it to Eastwood to view this, his 6th film, no matter what your age. Delayed for so long it almost never happened, the original author of the book it is based on died, but is still given a writer credit. That's what iconic heroes do!



KIDNAP AND RANSOM

A six part TV series, originally made in 2011/12, that has just surfaced on Prime Video PBS Masterpiece. It is outstandingly engrossing. All about hostage negotiation with surprising twists and turns that the

Brits do so well on thriller dramas. Set in parts of India and London, the series stars Trevor Eve as the hostage negotiator, he may be familiar to you from other British offerings. Pacing, dialogue, characters are "spot on". See it, it's worth a binge!

ROAD SCHOLAR

Adventures in Lifelong Learning

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 [Road Scholar](#) to visit their homepage or click [Road Scholar's Online Lecture Library](#) to view the free recordings and travel from home!

UCI CAMPUS EVENTS



UCI TODAY

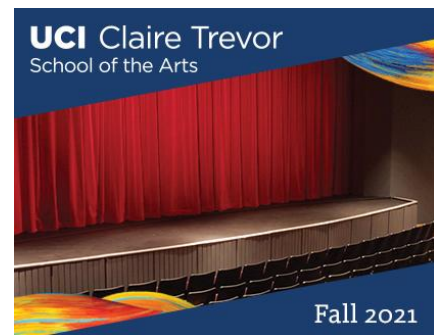
Click [here](#) to view ALL upcoming UCI events.

UCI-DCE (Division of Continuing Education)

Free upcoming events (and on demand past events) through UCI-DCE. Click [here](#) to view current and prerecorded webinar's on a variety of subjects for the lifelong learner!

UCI Claire Trevor School of the Arts

We recommended that you register in advance for the event(s) you wish to attend. Click [here](#) to view all events.



Drama Events - Click [here](#) to view and register for upcoming events.

Dance Events - Click [here](#) to view and register for upcoming events.

Art Events - Click [here](#) to view and register for upcoming events.

Music Events - Click [here](#) to view and register for upcoming events.



The **ILLUMINATIONS** Series is **ALSO** open to **OLLI** members! Click [here](#) for more information about fascinating activities and events at UCI!

UCI Drama Opens With:

HUMAN ERROR

Enter the world of Virtual Theatre: A comedy about two couples - one

liberal, one conservative - thrown together because of a mix-up at a fertility clinic.

Written by Eric Pfeffinger
Produced by Don Hill
Directed by Jane Page
Assistant Directed by Audrey Napoli



OLLI Members can access a free Preview of this Comedy, which can be seen via ZOOM on Friday, October 1.

**Pre-Show Webinar by Director Jane Page: 7:00 PM
Performance from 8:00 - 9:30 PM
Post show "Talk Back" with Jane Page, cast, and crew.**

To see the Preview, use this [link](#).

OCT. 2 thru OCT 31: HUMAN COMEDY is available to General Public by ON-DEMAND Streaming.

Tickets are \$10/household...Watch when and as often as you wish.
For tickets click [here](#). OR Contact the Box Office: 949-824-2787 Wed.-Fri. Noon to 4 PM.

Please feel free to contact me with questions:
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Please consider joining or making a contribution to the **UCI Theatre Guild**. Click [here](#) for information.



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: [Claire Trevor Society | Claire Trevor School of the Arts | UC Irvine](#)

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 [here](#).

In Memoriam

We are saddened to announce that Toni Dwyer, member and valued friend of OLLI passed away last month. A message from her family:

It is with a heavy heart that we share the sudden and unexpected passing of Toni Dwyer, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, friend and activist. She ran across her finish line with great passion, just as she had lived her life.

We hope to hold a memorial to celebrate her life when it is safer for everyone to travel and gather. If you would like to be notified of details as they develop, please share your information in [this Google form](#). In the meantime, let's gather photographic memories for us all to share in [this album](#). If you have trouble adding photos to the album or accessing the Google Form, let us know.

If you are looking for a way to honor Toni's life, please consider donating to [OLLI](#) (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) at UCI, which provides outstanding educational programs for adults and was an integral part of Toni's life for the past many years, or [Home for Refugees](#), which helps Afghan refugees regain independent and self-sufficient living as they create their new home in the United States. As you may know, Toni was enthusiastically helping build a team at Regent's Point to assist in their local efforts to support refugees.

We thank you for many years of your friendship. Please know that every single one of you occupied a very special place in her heart.

Sincerely,

Cara Sherrard Blesch and Gregg, Ethan and Drew Blesch (Toni's daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren)

Sona Euster and Alan Osterweil (Toni's sister and brother-in-law)

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