



# THE OUTLOOK

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



On our first road trip since February of 2020, we had an eye-popping behind the scenes tour of the new SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Home to the Rams and Chargers, it is the largest and most high tech stadium in the NFL. Most participants agreed they would never attend a football game but they were very glad to have had a chance to visit. An added bonus was seeing people we hadn't seen in 20 months!

**On November 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be visiting the Immersive Van Gogh Experience. At the time of my writing there a few places still available.**

Our OLLI facilitators, developers, and tech team have been working closely with UCE-DCE to smooth out procedures to support the hybrid learning format. As with anything tech, the more we use it and do it the better we get. Our library of recorded classes is now over 500.

As an all volunteer organization we are always looking for new people who can make OLLI the best it can be. We are still looking for a Director of Member Services for the Board. Ideas for classes, trips, and activities are greatly appreciated.

I hope to see you in the classroom or on the bus!

Lonnie Horn  
President, OLLI at UCI

## BOARD'S CORNER

### OFFICIAL INFORMATION



## Board Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the October 2021 Board Meeting will be approved at the November 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 **September 29, 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 digital Fall Session Catalog.



## Jolly OLLI Holiday Party!

December 2, 2021  
5:00pm

## OLLI Special Events

ALL Special Events are open to Non-Members, too!

To register non-members, call UCI-DCE Student Services at: 949-824-5414. Press 1 to speak to a staff member.



- "Loved it! Stadium is amazing. Tour was excellent! Tour bus one of the best! Overall, a great day-trip!"
  - OLLI Member in response to: SoFi Stadium Tour

## SoFi STADIUM TOUR - Adventure at SoFi

Our adventure began as the bus rounded the transition from the 405 to SoFi Stadium. There was this beautiful new structure glistening in the sun. When we arrived, we walked past the Hollywood Park Pond from the racetrack, which the builders kept and expanded. Absolutely beautiful and the birds love it, too! The stadium is open to the air, massive in size and an architectural phenomenon, which will be known around the world!

To read more of Carolyn Brother's OLLI Special Events experience at SoFi Stadium, click [here](#).

To learn more about SoFi Stadium and see the roof as Carolyn describes, click [here](#).



## **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 through the space, you will feel as if you have stepped inside the paintings.

**Price:** \$90.00 (admission & bus) Lunch is on your own at the Farmer's Market

**Facilitator:** Linda Vine, email: [vines1219@gmail.com](mailto:vines1219@gmail.com)

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

**Maximum:** 55 (9 remaining tickets left.)



## **OLLI at UCI is a Cooperative Venture**

We have courses in two terms each year to pursue the topics that we choose. We rely on the contributions and participation of our members to develop classes, coordinate lecture series, lead small-group discussions, organize activities, and serve on committees and on the Board of Directors. Members also act as course facilitators, help with administration, and volunteer for all the tasks that make us a vital organization. Please consider volunteering!

Volunteer on the  
**OLLI Board**  
and you will get **one semester of OLLI membership for FREE!**



OLLI at UCI members have many opportunities to volunteer their gifts and talents to our OLLI community!

### **Vacant Positions:**

- **Director of Volunteer Coordinator**
- **VP Marketing**
- **VP Member Services**

### **Current volunteer needs:**

- **STEM Committee Editor**
- **Gastronomers Chair**

Email: [olli@uci.edu](mailto:olli@uci.edu) to learn more!

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**Library Volunteer Needed:** Do you have a love of books and library science? OLLI is looking for a volunteer librarian. Could this be you? For more information, email Steve Weinstein at: [thescbaguy@msn.com](mailto:thescbaguy@msn.com).

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**Volunteer as a Class Facilitator!** Do you enjoy attending OLLI classes and want to help with class set-up, greet and check in members, or other classroom needs? Train to become a Class Facilitator!

Email Carolyn Brothers for more information at: [cbdancer@aol.com](mailto:cbdancer@aol.com)

## 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.*

### November 2021 Committee Meeting Schedule:

#### Arts & Humanities Committee

Email Beth Mersch at  
[beth.mersch@gmail.com](mailto:beth.mersch@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, November 17 (2:00PM)**

#### Special Events Committee

Email Linda Vine at  
[vines1219@gmail.com](mailto:vines1219@gmail.com)

*No November meeting. SE Committee meetings will resume in January 2022.*

#### Finance Committee

Email Sherri Nussbaum at  
[sherrilynn@audiblerush.com](mailto:sherrilynn@audiblerush.com)

**Monday, November 22 (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](mailto:melroth721@gmail.com)

#### STEM Committee

Email Marj Besemer at  
[mlbesemer@cox.net](mailto:mlbesemer@cox.net)



## OLLI REMOTE LEARNING CENTER (ORLC)

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.



**We're looking to build up our library!** Do you have books that other OLLI members might enjoy? We are more than happy to accept your book donations! Email Steve Weinstein for more information at:

[thescbaguy@msn.com](mailto: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:**

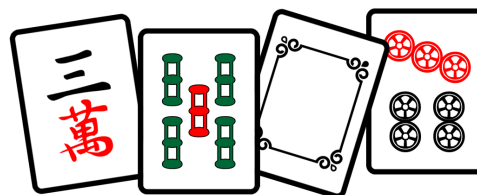
South Orange County Bridge Center  
31251 Rancho Viejo Road, Ste. 205  
San Juan Capistrano

#### **For more details, contact:**

Janie Matlaf at:

[jmatlaf@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:cbdancer@aol.com)



## Spanish Club

¿Habras español? Join other OLLI members for conversational Spanish!

**For more information, contact:**  
Kristien Evans at  
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**What's your thing? Let us know and we can start a new OLLI Extra!**

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## A BIT OF HUMOR

From: Leah Jordan

### A Few Words of Wisdom

#### GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED

- 1.) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 2.) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 3.) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 4.) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 5.) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 6.) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.



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#### GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

- 1.) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2.) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3.) When you fall down, you wonder



what else you can do while you're down there.

4.) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.

5.) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.

6.) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.

7.) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

## INQUIRING MINDS

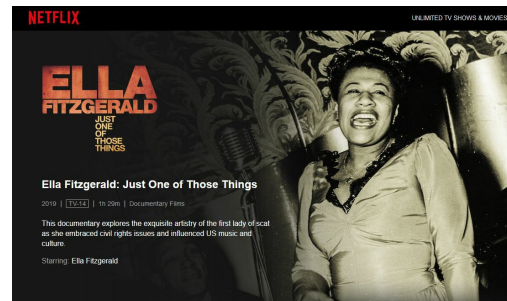


### MOVIE TALK: Critical Eye

By: Jessie Tromberg

## Ella Fitzgerald: Just One of Those Things

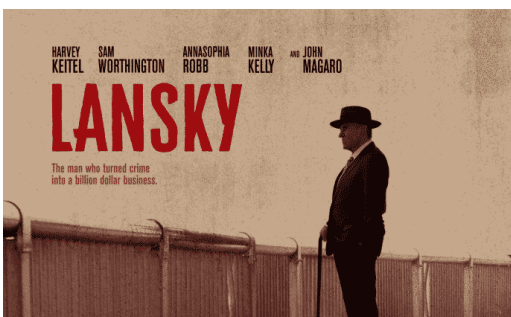
There's a documentary on Netflix, released in 2018, about the American genius jazz singer, Ella Fitzgerald.



The documentary includes scenes of civil rights actions and generous selections of Ella singing, scatting and performing classics from the Great American Songbook, Cole Porter, Jerome Kern, Harold Arlen, Rodgers and Hart, George Gershwin, yes, those guys.

Did you know that Marilyn Monroe was a huge fan? She helped black performers, because of Ella, to be booked in then, off-limits, big white establishments?

This is a nicely textured, poignant look at the life of the very modest Ella, genius musician.



## LANSKY

Complicated good/bad guy, Meyer Lansky, is beautifully played by Harvey Keitel, so well that we truly believe the FBI never found his 300 million dollar stash.



Lansky has been introduced to us before. Coppola called him Hyman Roth in the GODFATHER, played by Lee Strasberg, and in David Mamet's made for TV 1999 version he was memorably played by Richard Dreyfuss. We are fascinated by these old mob guys. This new version is more interestingly presented, however disjointed the story line.

There is a fine duet enacted by Keitel and Sam Worthington, a slow-on-the-uptake, writer-for-the money, penning Lansky's biography. They play well off each other advancing the clumsy story framework.

Watch the film for the duet, it's good acting.

## 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

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.

# ILLUMINATIONS

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



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

It's with deep sadness that we share the recent passing of OLLI member Joan Lutz on October 16, 2021. Joan was a dedicated OLLI volunteer and served as the Social Science Assistant Team Leader, Curriculum Developer, Class Facilitator, and Special Events Coordinator. Her memorial service will be held on November 12. Friend and OLLI member, Carolyn Brothers' has shared some words about Joan that can be read [here](#).

## OLLI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Board of Directors, Curriculum Chairs,  
and Program Committees**

Click [here](#) to view the complete list.

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