

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# The Spring 2023 Semester has launched!

We have been entertained by 10 very smart and well-trained rats, been amazed by the first images from the Joseph Webb Space Telescope, learned 9 vital practices for resilience and well-being, and learned how we can thrive in the new reality of the changing future!

Looking at the class enrollments I have been pleased to see that our class sizes are increasing. There are already 3 classes with over 100



enrolled. There are several more with large numbers in the 70's and 80's. Classroom attendance is also increasing as many have expressed, "they are Zoomed out!" I have said all along that Zoom has been a double-edged sword. The good side is that we were able to continue classes and reach out to members with mobility issues. The bad side is the disruption to in-person class attendance and the socialization that brings. The opportunity for socialization always ranks high on member surveys.

Below I have reiterated a few challenges for the year ahead:

- More smiling faces and curious minds in the classroom
- Fulfilling our commitment of 500 members to the Osher Foundation in order to retain our funding endowment
- A high level of donor response
- A full Board of Directors
- A full complement of Committee Chairs and all the other various positions that make our OLLI run

Remember to schedule the 25th Anniversary Gala for April 22. The committee has been hard at work planning an evening of food, fun, and wine.

Let us all make an effort to enroll a friend or two for the Spring Semester. As an added bonus the Summer Session will be included.

Respectfully, Lonnie Horn President, OLLI at UCI

## 25th Anniversary Gala

Celebrate OLLI'S 25th year of bringing together mature minds in a vibrant learning experience. We're marking the milestone with a festive buffet dinner, wine, entertainment, and silent auction in UCI-DCE's Banquet Hall. The pandemic could not shut us down. We continued throughout by inventing ways to keep members engaged and participating in their own homes. What was a hindrance quickly became only a challenge to overcome.

Come to the party and be proud that you are part of OLLI's success. Thank you for your support in moving us forward to even greater growth and excitement in our mission.



**DONATIONS NEEDED:** The Silent Auction as part of the evening's activities are shaping up to be terrific and your help could put it over-the-top. Ask a restaurant to donate a gift card. Do you belong to a gym or golf club? Would they give free sessions or introductory membership? Gift cards are good for a business so don't hesitate to ask. Be creative: pet stores, florists, bakeries, coffee shops, museum membership, hair-cut from your favorite stylist, and game tickets are great silent auction items. The options are almost unlimited. Put on your thinking caps and think big. This is a very special part of the event and we appreciate anything that you can do to make it fun for the winners and rewarding for OLLI.

Please contact Tommie Kozlov for any suggestions or questions at 949-348-1134 (home) or tommiek@cox.net.

For more information or to register, clickhere.

This event will require an additional <u>Gala Registration Form</u> to be filled out with your event fees after registering.

Please download that form here, or come into the OLLI office to pick one up!



# **Board Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the February 2023 Board Meeting will be approved at the March Board Meeting and will be posted on the <a href="OLLI Blog">OLLI Blog</a> along with past Board Meeting minutes.



# OLLI at UCI members have many opportunities to volunteer within our OLLI community!

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our OLLI and a primary reason we are so successful. Please consider volunteering. You will benefit by developing lasting bonds with other members and know that your time and talent are appreciated and making a positive impact on your OLLI.

If you are interested in learning more, email: olli@uci.edu



Volunteer on the **OLLI Board** to keep OLLI Curious!

Board of Director Open Positions:

- VP, Operations
- VP, Member Services
- VP, Marketing

# Current OLLI member volunteer needs:

- Social Science Chair
- Social Science Co-Chair
- STEM Co-Chair
- STEM Co-Editor
- Committee Members
- Class Facilitators



OLLI members are invited to attend any meeting and share your ideas for making our OLLI the best it can be! Email your RSVP to the Team Chairperson of the meeting you are interested in attending.

Have an idea for a new class or Special Event/Experience Trip? Email olli@uci.edu

#### **Finance Committee**

Email Sherri Nussbaum at:

sherrilynn@audiblerush.com

Monday, March 20 (12:00 PM) Location: OLLI Classroom

**Marketing Committee** 

#### **Arts & Humanities Team**

Email Yasmin Vali at:

yivali@uci.edu

Wednesday, March 15 (4:00 PM)

#### **Social Science Team**

Email OLLI at:

Email OLLI at:

olli@uci.edu

No March meeting scheduled.

**Special Events Team** 

Email Linda Vine at:

vines1219@gmail.com

Monday, March 20 (1:00 PM) Wednesday, March 29 (10:00 AM) olli@uci.edu

Thursday, March 23 (1:30 PM)

**STEM Team** 

Email Marj Besemer at:

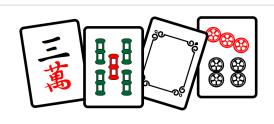
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#### OLLI Extras are for the mind and for the fun!

Members and Non-Members are welcome to join OLLI Extras!!! For more information, contact the corresponding team lead below.



## Mah Jongg mä'(d)ZHôNG mä'(d)ZHäNG

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.

For more information, contact:
Carolyn Brothers at:
cbdancer@aol.com



# Bridge Lessons for new and returning players!

Always wanted to learn?
Played decades ago?
Want to relearn?
Curious?

#### Now is your chance!

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

#### Location:

S. Orange County Bridge Center 31451 Rancho Viejo Rd., #205
San Juan Capistrano

For more information, contact:



# ¿Hablas español?

Join other OLLI members for conversational Spanish!

For more information, contact: Deborah Silverstein

sisdns7@gmail.com



#### OLLI Gastronomers Club

Calling all Gastronomers! Chef Franco Barone is a highly lauded chef of immense talents. For those of us that have been longtime fans of II Barone at both of its OC locations, it is a delight and relief to find him starting yet another chapter in his exceptional career at his newest restaurant:BAR ONE.

#### Join the Gastronomers:

Wednesday, March 29th 5:00 PM Bar One, Newport Beach

For more information, please visit OLLI Gastronomers at: olligastronomers.com

Janie Matlaf jmatlaf@gmail.com



# Travel Talk

With OLLI President, Lonnie Horn.

For more information, contact: Lonnie Horn

mail4lonnie@aol.com



#### MOVIE TALK: Academy Awards Post Mortems

Let's do "Movie Talk" on Sunday, March 19th at 11:00 AM in the OLLI classroom!

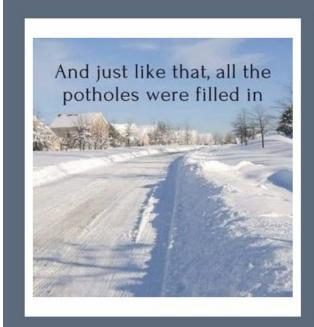
- Are the academy awards out of date?
- Did you agree with the awards?
- Are you watching at home?
   In a theater?

Share your views. Bring your own bagel. We'll supply the coffee!

RSVP with Jessie Tromberg at:

jessietromberg@icloud.com

# A BIT OF HUMOR From: Leah Jordan













# **UCI TODAY**

Click **here** to view ALL upcoming UCI events

# **UCI-DCE** (Division of Continuing Education)

OLLI Members can view FREE upcoming events as well as on demand past events, through UCI-DCE. Click <a href="here">here</a> to view current and prerecorded webinar's on a variety of subjects for the lifelong learner!

#### **UCI-DCE Magazine**

Issue 25: Winter 2023 To view click here.

To view past magazine issues clickhere.



# **UCI LIBRARIES: CURRENT EXHIBITS**

# **Anteater Spirit: Student Activism That (Re)shaped UCI, 1965 to Now**

Anteater Spirit: Student Activism That (Re)shaped UCI, 1965 to Now is an exploration of six decades of campus activism at UC Irvine. Ranging from anti-war protests in the 1960s to the COVID-19 pandemic, the exhibit illustrates student-led efforts that helped shape campus spaces, curriculum, and culture.



Exhibit curated by Elvia Arroyo-Ramirez, Digital Archivist for University Archives; Carolyn Downey, Education & Outreach Library Assistant; Jenna Dufour, Research Librarian for Visual Arts; and Faith Lam (BA in History and Film and Media Studies '22), Special Collections & Archives Student Curator.

#### **Visitor Information:**

Anteater Spirit: Student Activism that (Re)shaped UCI, 1965 to Now will be on display in the Langson Library from November 2022 through April 2023 during regular library hours.



# Exhibit | Inside Reading Minds: Grunigen Medical Library RxEAD Posters, 2006–2020

The American Library Association's Celebrity READ Campaign helps promote reading by featuring high-

profile celebrities with their favorite books. Since 1980, more than 150 celebrities including actors, musicians, athletes, and innovators have participated in the campaign to spread the joy of reading.

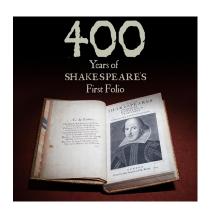
Curated by Anna Arrieta, GML Library Assistant, Interlibrary Loan; Cynthia Johnson, Head, Reference and GML; and Sakhile Sithole, GML Library Assistant, IT Liaison; Edited by Christina Acevedo and Cheryl Baltes; Designed by Allan Helmick, Sylvia Irving, and Luisa Lee

#### **Visitor Information:**

Inside Reading Minds: Grunigen Medical Library RxEAD Posters, 2006–2020 will be on display on the 2nd floor of the Science Library beginning March 2023 during regular <u>library hours</u>.

# **UPCOMING Exhibit | 400 Years of Shakespeare's First Folio**

Published in 1623, Shakespeare's First Folio was a landmark of printing at the time and, as of 2020, is the most expensive piece of literature ever auctioned. Printed seven years after Shakespeare's death, the First Folio was the first compilation of his plays, 18 of which had never been published before.



Curated by Derek Quezada, Rare Books Librarian at USC Edited by Christina Acevedo and Cheryl Baltes Designed by Allan Helmick, Sylvia Irving, and Luisa Lee

#### **Visitor Information:**

400 Years of Shakespeare's First Folio will be on display in the Langson Library May through December 2023 during regular library hours.

## **UCI SCHOOL OF SOCIAL ECOLOGY**

OLLI at UCI has been formally invited to attend the the UCI School of Social Ecology's monthly events!

For more information visit: <a href="https://www.socialecology.uci.edu/events">www.socialecology.uci.edu/events</a>

## **CLAIRE TREVOR SCHOOL OF THE ARTS**



**UCI** Claire Trevor School of the Arts

**Emerging Brighter!** 

We recommended that you register in advance for the event(s) you wish to attend. Click <a href="here">here</a> to view all events.

**Drama 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.

**Art 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.



#### The Illuminations Series is open to OLLI members!

Community members can sign up for events that Illuminations offers throughout the year. Click <a href="here">here</a> for more information about fascinating activities and events at UCI.



## THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!



Your donations are making a difference! Click <a href="here">here</a> to view the donations made from July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

#### We recognize all our donors!

Donor names are listed in our Fall and Spring catalogs and also on our <u>OLLI at 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)

#### **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 <u>form</u>.

#### **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 <a href="https://example.com/here/">here</a>.





#### **OLLI at UCI**

Office hours: 9:00am - 4:00pm

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Click <u>here</u> if you would like to send a free OLLI catalog to a friend.



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