

# THE OUTLOOK

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# **Help Us Reach Our Fundraising Goal!**





It is only because of your support that we can continue to cultivate minds and enhance lives through our educational program - now and into the future. This year, we made a commitment to the Osher Foundation to raise a minimum of \$50k in charitable gifts, and to have 100% of our members participate in fundraising. We are very excited to report that to date we've raised \$39k and only need \$11k to meet our goal. A donation of \$25 from every member would achieve both of these goals. If you would like to participate, click HERE to pledge your charitable gift.

# **SPOTLIGHT**



Join us Saturday, May 20, at a special concert video, lunch (offering Russian dressing), and a foreign affairs discussion.

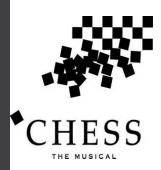
11:00 AM to 2:30 PM

# The concert video of the musical CHESS

with Josh Grobin, Idina Menzel, and Adam Pascal See details on flyers in the Onken classroom!

This video depicts the politically driven Cold War chess tournament fashioned after the famous American grandmaster Bobby Fischer and Russian grandmaster Anatoly Karpov. Join a discussion on how it mirrors today's tensions.

SE 71, \$55. Register at <a href="https://ce.uci.edu/OLLI">https://ce.uci.edu/OLLI</a> orphone 949-824-5414, extension 0



Non-members welcome-bring your friends for a special Saturday treat!

# THE BOARD'S CORNER



The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the nominees for 2017-2018 who will be elected at the Annual Meeting on June 9, to be held in the Onken classroom at 10 AM. While many names may be familiar to you, Robert Smith, presidential nominee, is a relatively new member who came to us through past-president Julie Hume who has known him through many sessions of the Forum.

Robert Smith is now retired, but for 20+ years was Chairman and CEO of The Futures Group International, working on health policy and implementation in developing countries. He holds a BA in International Relations from American University and a PhD in Political Science from Temple University. He is currently a member of the UCI Chancellor's Club and has been CEO of both profit and non-profit organizations. We certainly appreciate his willingness to join our Board of Directors.

We also want to emphasize how important all volunteers are to OLLI's survival and success. From course development to technical skills to office assistance, we could not offer our exciting and varied curriculum without the help of so many members.

Finally, Summer Lite is around the corner and after that our third semester at our new site. Thanks to all for making this happen.

Pat Linehan, President, OLLI at UCI

### **Nominations**

The Nominating Committee recommends that the following persons serve as the BOARD OF DIRECTORS for the 2017-2019 term of office. Officers:

President Robert Smith

VP/Administration Carolyn Brothers\*

VP/ Programs Linda Saperstein\*

VP/Member Services Al Glasky

Secretary Sara Schoenfelder\*\*

Treasurer Sherri Nussbaum

Directors Organizational Mike McGovern

Development

Special Projects Leslie Barnebey

Volunteer Development Leah Jordan

Member-at-Large Pat Linehan

#### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the April 26, 2017 Board of Directors' meeting, to be approved at the May 24, 2017 meeting, are posted in the Irvine Station classroom and on the OLLI blog.

#### **Donors**

The donors list through January 2017 is posted on the OLLI bulletin board at the entrance of the Irvine Station-Onken classroom and on our blog. Click <a href="here">here</a> to go to the blog and then click on *Thank you for giving*. Thanks to all who participate in helping OLLI at UCI retain the ability to offer the programs we enjoy.

# **OLLI INFO**

# **Summer Lite Coming Soon!**

Look for the Summer Lite schedule in your inbox in mid-May. Here's a sneak peek at some of our Summer courses:

- Creating a Contingency Notebook
- Chocolate Factory Tasting and Tour
- Hike to Buck Gully
- Summer Wines for Fun
- Book Exchange Extravaganza with refreshments!



And more! Bring your friends and join us for some Summer fun!



**Facilitators Are Needed for the Fall Catalog!** 

Now is the time for you to volunteer to facilitate and be automatically enrolled in a course of your choice.

Contact Leah Jordan at jordanLR@cox.net.

<sup>\*</sup> two-year term will end in June 2018, \*\*June 2019.

#### Attention Music Lovers! Our Piano Needs YOU!

Is anyone interested in playing at the break during a class or before or after a class? Members would love the music, and the piano would really appreciate being played.

We have a Yamaha baby grand piano in our OLLI classroom which really needs some "exercise." If you have any ideas about how to use it, please email Meredith Cheston at meredith359@gmail.com



#### More for Music Lovers . . .

Members and their guests are invited to the next session of Casual Classical Concerts (AH 108) at 1 PM on June 6 in the Irvine Station classroom. Roger Kalia, assistant conductor of the Pacific Symphony, will be discussing Mahler's Second Symphony. See page 10 in your Spring catalog for information about purchasing specially-priced tickets to the June 11 concert at Segerstrom Concert Hall. You will enjoy the class even if you don't attend the concert! Questions? Contact facilitator Meredith Cheston at <a href="mailto:meredith359@gmail.com">meredith359@gmail.com</a>

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### Will You Join OLLI's Fans of Shakespeare?

Interested in joining OLLI members in a Shakespeare Reading Group in the Fall? If so, contact Meredith Cheston at meredith359@gmail.com.

### Avenue Q (SE 65) June 4

Director's Voice Sunday at 1 PM in the Contemporary Arts Center, 3rd floor.

Performance is at 2 PM in Claire Trevor Theater



You can register on the OLLI website. Go to <a href="https://ce.uci.edu/olli">https://ce.uci.edu/olli</a> and click on Enroll Online Now, or call 949-824-5414. Guests are welcome, but they must register by phone.

The UCI Box Office may still have a limited number of tickets. Call 949-824-2787 to check for availability. Seniors get a discount!

Bobi Keenan
OLLI Liaison to UCI Drama Department

# TRIPPING WITH OLLI

See the full descriptions of the following trips in the Special

Events section of the 2017 Spring Catalog.

### Guests are welcome!

\*Southern California's Aquarium is ranked fourth in the nation and is featured in April's Osher National Institutes Newsletter as an outstanding OLLI trip.

### The following still have space:

SE 58	"New" Nixon Library and Museum	May 10	\$69
SE 59	Lyon Air Museum Tour	May 22	\$20
SE 60	Aquarium of the Pacific, Harbor Cruise*	May 24	\$75
SE 61	Eclipse Filter-Making Workshop	May 26	\$21

### **Travel With OLLI**

Check out the 2017 trips on page 29 of the Spring Catalog.

For information, contact Leslie Barnebey at <a href="mailto:dr.barnebey@att.net">dr.barnebey@att.net</a>.

### Possible Trips for 2017:

- -Philadelphia and the Poconos in the fall
- -America's Musical Cities in December



# **OLLI EXTRAS**

### **Movie Talk**

Please extend an invitation to anyone who may be interested. The next meeting is **May 6 at 10:30 AM**, at the Irvine Station. No reservation required. Contact: Jessie Tromberg at <a href="mailto:jet1@cox.net">jet1@cox.net</a>.



### **Spanish Conversation Moves About!**

Spanish Club will meet on **Friday mornings from 9:45 to 11:30 AM**. New members are always welcome. For information on locations, contact Sue Mendizza at <a href="mailto:mendizza@cox.net">mendizza@cox.net</a>.

### Mah Jongg

Mah Jongg drop-ln every **Tuesday 1:15 - 4:30 PM** at the Irvine Rancho Senior Center, 3 Ethel Coplan Way, Irvine. For information contact Flo Zysman at flozysman@icloud.com.

### Travel Talk

For more information, contact Lonnie Horn at <a href="mail4lonnie@aol.com">mail4lonnie@aol.com</a> or Jessie Tromberg at <a href="mail21@cox.net">jzt1@cox.net</a>.

### **OLLI's Gastronomer's Group**

2017 promises delicious food experiences planned and executed by members. Want to join? Let us know! Contact Toni Dwyer at <a href="mailto:radatoni@cox.net">radatoni@cox.net</a>.



### **Productive Discussion**

The third meeting of **Productive Discussion** to talk about the current state of the union, will meet **Saturday**, **May 13**, **10 AM** at the Irvine Station. We will share effective ways to be good citizens. Everyone is welcome to this informal gettogether, and <u>all</u> opinions are important, so we can contribute to healing the divide in this country. If you have questions, please contact Suzanne Goldman at <a href="mrsg2u@gmail.com">mrsg2u@gmail.com</a>, but you are encouraged just to show up with your ideas or to listen.

OLLI Extras is also seeking Backgammon players. In addition, several new members wish to get together and discuss Life After Work. For further information on these ideas or to come up with a new one, contact Jessie Tromberg at <a href="mailto:izt1@cox.net">izt1@cox.net</a>.

# **INQUIRING MINDS**

**Critical Eye: Movie Reviews** 



THEIR FINEST

This is one of the best, most beautifully crafted films to fly in under the radar in a long time. Billed as a comedy, it has the very droll Bill Nighy delivering his aging actor lines smartly; but the film, based on a book called *Their Finest Hour and a Half*, is a richly drawn portrait of Britain in the blitz while making a film

about Britain in the blitz. It is a human comedy, bringing heartfelt tears, but not from laughter.

Most of the creators of this finely tuned production are women, and they seem to have brought to it all the subtleties and situations women have experienced using the movie business as dramatic device (nothing changes). The dialog crackles, the music is gorgeous, and the cast is perfect. This is one of those short-lived April releases brought to us by a new independent distributor. Go out of your way to see it wherever it turns up!

#### GOING IN STYLE

Clearly aimed for an audience of our age, it stars Alan Arkin, Morgan Freeman and Michael Caine. The concept is not new (it's a heist movie), previously done in 1979 with George Burns, Art Carney and Lee Strasberg. Well, in a way it's nostalgic. It also requires no deep thought and presents an occasional laugh. See it if you want a break from the worries of the world

Jessie Tromberg, jzt1@cox.net.

OLLI Outlook welcomes member reviews--film, book, theater, exhibits--and will publish when space permits. See contact information for submission directions.

# **Library News**

Recent donations to the OLLI Library are literature Great Courses lectures:

How was the universe created? Why is society organized the way it is? It is through myths that we can answer these and other fundamental questions. Myth in Human History features stories that are the keys to grasping the ways that principles, rituals, codes, and taboos are woven into the fabric of a particular society or civilization.

Great American Bestsellers looks at key bestselling books and their places within American cultural history.

Samuel Clemens, the man known as Mark Twain, was America's first true celebrity. Life and Work of Mark Twain explores his presence in America's cultural life and by highlighting seven of his major works shows the issues that concerned him throughout his lifetime and appear repeatedly in his books.

Thank you so much for donating to the OLLI library. Without you, the library wouldn't be as great as it is. Unfortunately, we cannot accept magazines or other periodicals for our collection.

Lynne Pendleton
OLLI Librarian
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# **UCI CAMPUS EVENTS**

#### **UCI TODAY**

Click <u>here</u> to view current information on events and activities at any of the UCI schools.

On opening this site, you will find events for the current date, but just scroll down below the calendar on the right to a box where you can choose to see events for the month or by category.



### **OLLI Volunteers STILL Needed!**

A two-hour study in UCl's Department of Psychology and Social Behavior needs 40 senior volunteers who will receive \$40 compensation. If interested, please email emotion@uci.edu or call 949-824-3991 to leave your phone number. This study will be conducted at UCl's main campus. For more information, look on the Social Science bulletin board.

**Illuminations Series** 

Click <u>here</u> for more information about UCl's <u>llluminations</u> Series.

### **UCI's Coup de Comedy Festival**

May 10-13, 2017

4-Days of FREE Events UCl's Claire Trevor Theatre, 4000 Mesa Road, Irvine -

click here to find ALL the details!





## Musical Moments @ UCI

May 5, 8 pm. Darryl Taylor & Jory Vinikour in Recital \$15 WSH

May 6, 8 pm. UCI Music Showcase Concert \$16 Barclay Theater

May 19, 8 pm. Lukas Ligeti: Between Many Worlds \$15 WSH

May 20, 8 pm. Hossein Omoumi and Friends \$20 Barclay Theater

WSH indicates Winifred Smith Hall. For further information go to www.arts.uci.edu.

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