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THE OUTLOOK

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SPOTLIGHT

Spring Registration begins online Jan. 3, 2019 - 7 AM and by phone - 8 AM.

Spring Catalogs will be mailed in mid-December 2018. If you are a current member, you will automatically receive the Spring catalog.

Remember: Our JOLLY OLLI Party to "Welcome 2019"



Friday, Jan. 11, 5 - 7 PM in the Onken Classroom.

Wine and refreshments. No Charge.

New Members, please pick up your letter welcoming you to OLLI along with your special gift in the office. We are delighted that you are with us, so let us show you our appreciation.

BOARD'S CORNER

President's Message

I wish to thank all of you who made gifts to OLLI during the past year. Unfortunately, even with your generosity, we



are behind our budget for the calendar year, so if you have not already made a charitable gift to OLLI, we will be most grateful if you could do so before the end of the year.

During 2018, we took a number of steps to improve your OLLI experience. For example, we installed an AED device in our classroom and trained a number of people in its use, as well as in other appropriate procedures in case of an emergency. We also completed in initial installation of a new technology-based class evaluation system, as well as a new smart-phone based class registration system.

In addition new classes were offered which I hope you took advantage of, along with our Special Events program. We are fond of saying that "next year looks even better;" so even though I may be redundant, we are in fact working diligently to make 2019 a very stimulating and enjoyable year to be an OLLI member.

Finally, be sure to put on your 2019 calendar the JOLLY OLLI HOLIDAY PARTY which will be held on Friday, January 11 at 5 PM in the OLLI classroom. Please help us start off the New Year enjoying good camaraderie with fellow OLLI members. We shall, of course, have a variety of delicious food as well as a wine tasting. There is no charge for this event - it is being sponsored by the Board of Directors as a "thank you" to all of you for being OLLI members.

Robert Smith
President, OLLI at UCI

PS Come watch me do the one job people think I can do without embarrassing myself - serving the wine. I am practicing diligently so that I will be prepared by then.

Official Information

The current **Donors' List** can be found on the OLLI bulletin board in the lobby and on the OLLI Blog. Click [HERE](#) to view the donations given **July 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018**

The **Minutes** of the November 28, 2018 Board Meeting, to be approved at the January 23, 2019 meeting, are posted on the OLLI bulletin board by the Conference Room.

In Memoriam - One of OLLI's original members, Ann Stern passed November 15, 2018. She was an active participant for over 20 years and good friends with OLLI at UCI's four founders.

OLLI INFO

ALERT: OLLI's Spring 2019 catalog needs Volunteers to distribute copies. We anticipate distributing to libraries, senior centers, and retirement facilities in Orange County between December 12 and 21. To volunteer, contact Al Glasky at alglasky@cox.net. We need your help to increase OLLI's membership.

OLLI Has Opportunities for Volunteers - "We are a volunteer organization."
Contact Leah - jordanLR@cox.net Read the following needs:

1. Inquire about available Board positions for the 2019-21 term of office!
2. Are you a "seasoned" facilitator? Then . . . become a Trainer!
3. Attend a curriculum committee meeting; offer your ideas for the Fall 2019-20 semester. Meeting dates/times posted on classroom bulletin boards.
4. Offer your assistance with the OLLI LIBRARY!
5. Become a Course Facilitator for the Fall 2019. You will be trained and given a chance to practice during Spring 2019.
6. Like Money? Join the Finance Committee that meets the 4th Monday from noon to 1 PM before the Wednesday Board meeting.
7. Would you like to become part of our official "welcoming" committee to meet and greet our members at the start of class and at break?



Spark of Love Toy Drive's Boxes in the OLLI Lobby from November 28 through December 14.

OLLI at UCI is participating in our 4th Annual Spectrum Unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the OLLI office. The toy bins will be conveniently placed in the front lobby on the way into the OLLI classroom.

Orange County Needs Grand Jury Participants

The Orange County Superior Court has launched its annual Grand Jury recruitment drive. The Recruitment Committee requests that you and your organization assist in efforts to recruit qualified applicants for the one-year Grand Jury term that begins June 28, 2019. **Completed applications must be received by January 18, 2019. See links below for information and details or call Grand Jury Hotline: 657-622-6747 or contact www.ocgrandjury.org**

Click on: [Information](#) and [Application](#) for more information.

Petunia our piano is still waiting to be played. We would love to have members play before/after class or at break. For more information: e-mail: jordanLR@cox.net.



COURSES AND EVENTS

New Offerings and Space Available in the Following:

L.A. Art Show:

SE 27 : Jan. 24, 9:30 AM - 4 PM

This show at the LA Convention Center will host more than 200 galleries from 18 countries. \$90 Register online

Drama:

The Survival Project - Written and Directed by Mihai Maniutiu

Evenings: Jan. 25, 26 - 8 PM - Jan. 27- 7:30 PM

Matinees: Jan. 26, 27* - 2 PM

\$18/\$15/\$11 at the Robert Cohen Theatre

*post-performance TalkBalk

Ticket information: UCI Arts Box Office 949-824-2787 *Ask for Senior Discount*

Brush Up Your Shakespeare -

December 6 & 20 - 2 to 4 PM. Free. Limited to 20 - We will read *Merchant of Venice* and *Two Gentlemen of Verona* and then discuss and analyze the themes, plot, and language with the help of Julia Lupton, Co-Director of UCI's Shakespeare Center, or her Ph.D. candidates. These plays are scheduled for the New Swan Festival this summer. Contact Meredith Cheston at meredith359@gmail.com if you wish to join.

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>>](#).

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OLLI EXTRAS

OLLI Extras develops a social aspect by joining together those with special interests. Guests are welcome - just contact the host!

Backgammon

Please join us in OLLI's Backgammon Club to stimulate your mind, meet new people and enjoy the camaraderie of playing this 5,000 year old board game. We meet at Irvine Station conference room at 4 PM on **the 2nd Tuesday in December**. New members welcome. For more information, please contact Yves Newmen at 949-280-2624 or newmen@earthlink.net.

Movie Talk

One Saturday a month, movie lovers talk about their latest screen encounters, and we welcome our new members to participate in our lively group.

We will meet at the Irvine Station classroom **Saturday, Dec. 15 at 10 AM**. Contact

Jessie Tromberg for more information at jzt1@cox.net.

OLLI's Gastronomer's Group



We have been very busy exploring local ethnic cuisines in restaurants and in our homes. Some include chef's commentary, thumbnail sketches of national cuisines, etc. If you are curious, please see our webpage for more information: www.olligastronomers.com.

Spanish Conversation

Spanish Club meets most **Friday mornings at 10 AM** at the Irvine Station conference room. For the month of December only, Spanish Club will meet on the 7th and the 14th. New members are always welcome. For information, contact Kristien Evans at kristien5@hotmail.com.

Travel Talk

Are you interested in sharing your trip and photos? We have had many fascinating presentations from our members so let us know what you did this summer and we will put you on the calendar; just contact Lonnie Horn at mail4lonnie@aol.com or Jessie Tromberg at jzt1@cox.net.

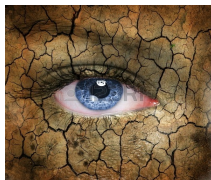
Mah Jongg

Do you want to learn to play Siamese Mah Jongg (2-person) or learn to play regular Mah Jongg? If you are already a Maj player, would you like to play Maj with some of your friends at OLLI? For the month of December, meetings will occur at 4 PM on December 6, 13 and 20. Meetings occur in the Irvine Station Conference room. Contact: Rita Wakeman at ritawake@aol.com or Carolyn Brothers at cbdancer@aol.com



Have a suggestion for an OLLI Extra? Contact: jzt1@cox.net

INQUIRING MINDS



Critical Eye: Movie Review

WIDOWS

Like a master weaver, Steve McQueen creates a picture on screen, a tapestry, that intricately reveals and hides the society it represents. No, it's not another heist movie, it's a film of deeper sociological significance. Powered by actors such as: Viola Davis, Liam Neeson, Daniel Kaluuya, Brian Tyree Henry, Colin Farrell, we are propelled by bursts of violence that advance the story and plays with the audience's emotions. The music matches the mood, McQueen breaks new ground, he is a terrific talent.

THE BALLAD OF BUSTER SCRUGGS

A western, brand new from the Coen Brothers! It unfolds like a dime story tale of the west but proceeds in a dreary pace story after story. Yes, they're always sly and innovative, but why put the audience in such a despondent mood. If you see this one, please write and tell us what you thought.

Jessie Tromberg

The **Critical Eye** is open to films of note - films you may overlook, films that deserve watching. Your input is welcome. What have you seen lately? Share it. Contact Jessie Tromberg at jzt1@cox.net.

Library News

Our library shelves have books available to take home over the holidays. Take a look, see what's there, and sign up to take one home.

Lynne Pendleton

OLLI Librarian

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UCI CAMPUS EVENTS

UCI TODAY

Click [here](#) to view current information on important events and activities at the UCI schools. On opening this site, you will find events for the current date, but just scroll down to the calendar on the right, where you can choose to see events by month or by category. Arrows at the top of the calendar change the month.



The Illuminations Series

Amazing events. OLLI members welcome!

Click [here](#) for more information about fascinating activities at UCI!

Special Offer for January Still Open for OLLI Members!

Tickets for the **National Geographic Live!** series at the Barclay Theatre are only \$10 for a balcony seat with your OLLI membership ID card. (Regular tickets are \$32-\$90 without the OLLI discount). Click [here](#) for more information on the series.



MIREYA MAYORA

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You must buy the tickets in person at the Barclay Theatre Box Office and show your OLLI ID card. **The National Geographic series begins in January and tickets are on sale now.** For more information, contact the Barclay at 949-854-4646.

UCI's Memory Study Appreciates OLLI Members' Help As the Study Continues Through 2019.

The UCI Working Memory and Plasticity Lab appreciates those who have already volunteered and is still looking for more participants. The study consists of 7 sessions and a 3-month follow-up. Participants will receive \$100 for the training sessions and \$25 for the follow-up. Parking costs will be covered.

Please contact the lab manager, Austin Moon, by e-mail at uciwmlab+tdcs@gmail.com or by phone at 949-824-2439 to enroll.

For more information on the project: See the STEM bulletin board in the Onken classroom or go to <http://wmp.education.uci.edu>.

Board of Directors, Curriculum Chairs and Program Committees

Click [here](#) to view a list.

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[View Map of Our Location](#)

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