



THE OUTLOOK

The Monthly Newsletter of OLLI at UCI

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SPOTLIGHT

WATCH FOR IT . . . **6 WEEKS of SUMMER**

OLLI's Summer Session 2019 - more information coming in mid-May.



BOARD'S CORNER



All members are invited to attend **OLLI's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 10 AM in the Onken Classroom**. We hope for a significant turnout as we celebrate the completion of OLLI's third year at the Irvine Train Station and make plans for 2019-20 .

There will be a reminder in the June Newsletter explaining how members can RSVP. We look forward to seeing you.

Robert Smith
President, OLLI at UCI

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 posted **July 1, 2018 through March 20, 2019**.

The **Minutes** of the April 24, 2019 Board Meeting, to be approved at the May 23, 2019 meeting, are posted on the OLLI bulletin board by the Conference Room.

OLLI INFO



What Members Love about OLLI Trips. . .

SE 59 Go Ahead, Bake My Day, March 28

This tour was filled with wonderful tastings, stories and shopping. Our guide answered questions and provided us with delicious treats and suggestions for other purchases, with everything set for us when we arrived at each bakery. A great day!

AND about Sharing Ideas in OLLI Classes !

SC 210 Artificial Intelligence: After the Singularity, April 8

Interesting conversations and provocative ideas emerged from the multiple groups that met after the lecture.



OLLI COURSES AND EVENTS

Cancelled Classes

Exploring Mars: NASA's InSight Lander Mission (SC 215) originally scheduled for Wednesday, May 29 (1:30-3:30 PM) is being rescheduled to the Fall semester due to a conflict with the presenter's schedule.

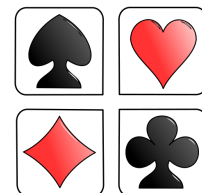
Walking the Desert (AH 114), scheduled for May 31, has been cancelled because of the presenter's illness.

New OLLI Event, not in the Spring Catalog!

LEARN BRIDGE IN A DAY - SE 71 \$35

Wednesday, June 5 10 AM to 4 PM AND

Two-hour sessions; June 12, 19, 26 July 10, 17 at 10 AM



Nail the basics of bridge in this interactive class that has both instruction and coached play. If you're just starting, returning to the game, or wanting to "test the waters," this course is for you. In just four to five hours, you will become confident with basic bidding, scoring, and the mechanics of play. Playing bridge is like mental exercise. With each hand you are strengthening your memory and strategy power. Lunch, snacks, instruction booklet included. Friends welcome.

Instructor: Marjorie Michelin is a Grand Life Master, the highest national ranking in bridge, and an accredited American Contract Bridge League teacher.

Sign up online <https://ce.uci.edu/olli> or by phone 949-824-5414 and press 0. Guests are welcome but must register by phone.

Self-drive to Costa Mesa Bridge Club - 2845 Mesa Verde Drive East

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>>](#).

UCI University of California, Irvine

Click [here](#) for more details on giving.

OLLI EXTRAS

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

Movie Talk

Movie Talk will not meet in May, but will reconvene Saturday, June 22 at 10 AM. About once a month, movie lovers talk about their latest screen encounters; we welcome new members to our lively group. We meet at the Irvine Station classroom on Saturday mornings and guests are invited! 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, and more. 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 conversation, friendship, and laughs. New members are always welcome. For more 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 have done this year, and we will put you on the calendar. Contact Lonnie Horn at mail4lonnie@aol.com or Jessie Tromberg at jzt1@cox.net.

Mah Jongg

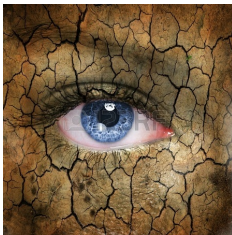
Do you want to learn to play Siamese Mah Jongg (2-person) or regular Mah Jongg? If you are already a Maj player, would you like to play with some friends at OLLI? **Our meetings occur at 4 PM every Thursday** in the Irvine Station Conference Room. Contact Rita Wakeman at ritawake@aol.com or Carolyn Brothers at cbdancer@aol.com.



Have a suggestion for an OLLI Extra? Contact: Lonnie Horn at mail4lonnie@aol.com or Jessie Tromberg at jzt1@cox.net.

INQUIRING MINDS

CRITICAL EYE: MOVIE REVIEW



DUMBO - It's New !

Acrobats, animals, aerialists, marching bands, a flying elephant and the Brooklyn Bridge! All are orchestrated by the unique Tim Burton. It's a Disney spectacle. Sure it's a re-make of their 1941 animated original film but this time around only Dumbo is animated. Shot in the technicolor patina of the post WW I era it's still a heartstring tugger. Colin Farrell and Danny DeVito are dependable performers with the likes of a mumbling villainous Michael Keaton, refreshingly sarcastic Alan Arkin and a large cast of circus freak-type performers.

Will kids like it? Will it be too scary for them? Well, it's a heck of a lot better than all those fuzzy creature characters in the endless trailers they show before the main event. Did you see the original? Tell us.

AMAZING GRACE

Aretha Franklin was *Amazing Grace*. The recorded Gospel music album, *Amazing Grace*, the most popular of all time was filmed as a documentary in 1972 as it was performed in a two-day session with a live audience that included Mick Jagger.

Director Sidney Pollack, no novice, for some reason neglected to have all the necessary technical equipment to record and film at the same time. As a result, the film never was properly launched by Warner Brothers. It languished for years until it was recently rescued by Spike Lee.

This is the result - a fascinating mix of blurred shots and perspiring faces. Above the fray is Aretha's superb voice. A music genius, she could sing *Nessum Dorma* in place of Pavarotti or any piece of Gospel music ever written. RESPECT was hers and all the awards she properly received. It is a fascinating study.

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



- A new donation to the OLLI library gives the definitive account of the forgotten war that shaped the modern age. Can you guess which war? “The Charge of the Light Brigade” and Florence Nightingale are its enduring icons. *The Crimean War* reconstructs the first full conflagration of modernity, a global industrialized struggle fought with unusual ferocity and incompetence. It set in motion the conflicts that dominated the century to come.
- The year 1947 marks a turning point in the twentieth century. Peace with Germany becomes a tool to fortify the West against the threats of the Cold War, the CIA is created, Israel is about to be born, Simone de Beauvoir experiences the love of her life, etc. *1947* captures a year that defined the modern world, intertwining global, historical events with key moments from that year.
- In the book *Out of My Later Years* Albert Einstein discusses the urgent problems of modern society: social, religious, educational and racial relationships. He explains his theory of relativity in such terms as to make it comprehensible to any educated person.

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UCI CAMPUS EVENTS

OLLI MEMBERS, VISIT "UCI TODAY" - ALL EVENTS ON CAMPUS ARE LISTED:

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.

For more information on future events, 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.



Also, See The Illuminations Series
Amazing special events listed for the year. OLLI members are welcome!

UCI's Memory Studies

New Memory Training Available to OLLI Members!

- UC Irvine's Working Memory and Plasticity Lab, under the direction of neuroscientist Dr. Susanne Jaeggi, is offering a month-long, memory training and successful aging program.
- Participants will attend three, small-group seminars at our lab in UC Irvine. We'll be discussing strategies for optimizing your cognitive health and well-being!
- Participants will also complete short, daily sessions of a memory training game at home. The game is designed to sharpen your memory functions that help you process information more easily and efficiently.
- As a token of appreciation, participants will be compensated with \$200 cash at the end of the study.
- Participants must be between the ages 65-85 years old, and have no diagnosis of cognitive impairment.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the project coordinator, Alexandria at anweaver@uci.edu. She would be happy to answer any questions and discuss the program in more detail.

Original Study Still Looking for Participants

The UCI Working Memory and Plasticity Lab appreciates those who have already volunteered for their original study and is still looking for more participants. The study consists of seven 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>.

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(Corner of Ada and next to the Station Cafe.)**

MAP

[View Map of Our Location](#)

PARKING

OLLI members who display a valid handicapped placard may park in the 90-minute parking spaces on the first floor of the garage as well as in the handicapped spots. For members without a valid handicapped placard, anyone parking in those spots over the 90 minutes will be ticketed. There is always plenty of free parking on the upper levels, with elevator access to the first floor.

OLLI depends on the generous donations from our members to help support our programs.



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