



THE OUTLOOK

The Monthly Newsletter of OLLI at UCI

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



During October we completed the ground work for implementing an OLLI strategic plan. Approximately 35 of your fellow members participated, and I wish to thank each of you who contributed to this effort. We hope to publish the final results when we have completed this effort.

The Fall season is well underway with many interesting offerings, as well as excursions to varied and intriguing venues, so I trust you are all enjoying this semester. As always, we welcome new ideas about topics and destinations to include, as well as welcoming new volunteers to our OLLI activities. So if you have not already done so, please attend one of our volunteer opportunities explained below in OLLI INFO and learn how you can help OLLI continue to prosper - and have fun in the process.

Robert Smith
President, OLLI at UCI

SPOTLIGHT

Mark this date on your calendar!

Member Appreciation

JOLLY OLLI HOLIDAY PARTY

Friday, December 6

5 to 7 PM

OLLI at UCI classroom

Evite for RSVPs will be sent soon.



Give the Gift of Lifelong Learning!

As the holidays near, is there someone you know who would enjoy an OLLI



membership? Gift certificates can now be purchased for the Spring term. To order a gift certificate, contact UCI Student Services at 949-824-5414.

BOARD'S CORNER

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, 2019 through October 10, 2019.**



The **Minutes** of the Oct. 23, 2019 Board Meeting, to be approved at the next scheduled Board Meeting, are posted on the OLLI bulletin board by the Conference Room.

OLLI INFO

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:

WANT TO MEET MORE PEOPLE? HAVE MORE FUN WITH OLLI?



One good way is to get involved beyond the classes you take. These include a **variety of possibilities:**

- 1) becoming a facilitator who welcomes members to classes,
- 2) joining or just attending a committee to help plan curriculum,
- 3) helping in the office,
- 4) having input with the Finance Committee,
- 5) helping to plan and implement Special Events.

Anyone who wants to get involved, give me a "holler" at foursue2@aol.com and jump in.

Sue Liberman, Director Volunteer Services

And Here's a Special *Social Interaction Opportunity*

In October, OLLI members in three different morning classes had coffee from the Station Café set out at 9:30, providing a time to get to know one another and chat before the class. Feedback was very positive, so we are looking for 4-5 volunteers to form a new **Social Interaction Committee**. Anyone interested in being a part of a *Morning Mingle* planning session, please contact Sue Lieberman, Director of Volunteer Services, at foursue2@aol.com.

Special Events Alert for December

The Special Event trips provided by Good Times Travel must have a minimum enrollment of 30 at least two weeks prior to each trip date. With an enrollment of less than 30, a trip may be cancelled, **so please invite your friends. Non-OLLI members are welcome!** Below are the **enrollment deadlines** for the Fall trips. Enroll by phone at 949-824-5414 OR online at ce.uci.edu/olli.

SE 29 **Take a Bite Out of LA – Dec. 11**

*Enrollment Deadline, Friday, Nov. 22

SE 30 **Mission Inn Festival of Lights – Dec. 17**

*Enrollment Deadline, Tuesday, Nov. 26

Don't miss out on these outstanding trips by missing the enrollment deadline!

OLLI COURSES AND EVENTS

There's Still Room - Enroll Now!

MOONLIGHT FOREST - November 9 - 4:30 to 10:00 - \$75

Experience a fantasy of magnificent and enormous lantern art sculptures at the LA Arboretum. Wander along the paths and marvel at the creativity of the whimsical silk lanterns illuminated from inside. There are live acrobats and dancer to entertain you. Price includes bus, entry and gratuities. This **not a repeat** of last year's sellout show. Dinner is on your own at one of the many food trucks located within the Arboretum.

WALK ON THE WILD SIDE - November 12 - 8:00 TO 5:00 - \$89

Travel to the high desert to visit and explore the Wild Exotic Animal Sanctuary, a refuge for neglected and mistreated exotic animals. Learn how these exotic animals are cared for at the sanctuary and watch a feeding demonstration. lea Follow your visit with lunch at the only Cracker Barrel in California and end the day with a stop at an old- fashioned ice cream parlor. Price includes bus and gratuities. Lunch is on your own.

Fall Term Class Changes and Additions

Date change for **Japanese American Internment (SS 309)**. The class will meet on **Monday, November 4** at 10 AM, not October 28 as listed in the catalog.

Cancelled: Stories for the Eight Nights of Chanukah (AH 113) on December 3.

New Event: Apollo 11 – Rerun

Saturday, November 16, 1-4 PM (SE 37). \$10 includes class and snacks. Enroll by calling 949-824-5414.



OLLI EXTRAS

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



NEW - Bridge with OLLI

Two programs in Orange County for OLLI bridge enthusiasts:

1 - Special Introductory Session at South Orange Co. Bridge Center
31461 Rancho Viejo, Road, Suite 208, San Juan Capistrano (949) 248-1268
Wednesday Jan. 8 from 9 to 11:30 AM for \$10.

Contact OLLI member jmatlaf@gmail.com to register and reserve your spot

2 - On-going Bridge at Costa Mesa Bridge Club - 2845 Mesa Verde Dr. East
See: www.bridgewebs.com/costamesa for more information.

Contact Margie 310-422 9330 or OR Linda at 714-968-5870 or
michellinonbridge@aol.com for more information and reservations. OLLI members welcome.

Movie Talk

Movie Talk will meet on **Saturday, November 16 at 10 AM**. About once a month, movie lovers talk about their latest screen encounters; we welcome guests and new members to our lively group, so bring a friend. We meet at the OLLI Irvine Station classroom. Contact Jessie Tromberg for more information at jessietromberg@icloud.com.

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 jessietromberg@icloud.com

Mah Jongg

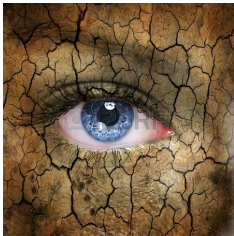
Do you want to learn to play Siamese Mah Jongg (2-person) or regular Mah Jongg? If you are already a Maj player, would you like to play with some friends at OLLI? **Our meetings occur at 4 PM every Thursday** in the Irvine Station Conference Room. **Please RSVP** to May Fong at mayfong4@gmail.com or Carolyn Brothers at cbdancer@aol.com if you plan to attend a meeting.



Have a suggestion for an OLLI Extra? Contact:
Lonnie Horn at mail4lonnie@aol.com

INQUIRING MINDS

Critical Eye: Movie Reviews



JOKER

Whatever you've heard about this film – ignore it. See it and rate it yourself. Todd Phillips has brilliantly presented a portrait of a complex, tortured character. That the film functions as a prequel to the Batman story almost doesn't matter. What matters is Joaquin Phoenix and his total immersion into the character, a performance nuanced and operatic and understandable. Academy Award material? Absolutely!

PAIN and GLORY

Pedro Almodovar has teamed with his favorite actors, Antonio Banderas and Penelope Cruz. Together, they've created a memoir filled with fragmented pain and glory presented as if painted on the film. Banderas and Cruz are pitch perfect, but maybe Almodovar should unwind from himself a bit. A big chunk of this looking-backwards, looking-inwards tale gets boring and begins to sag. A cautionary tale to all memoirists – even the best of the best needs an editor.

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 jessietromberg@icloud.com

Library News

Many of OLLI Library's donations are produced by The Teaching Company with lectures by professors from well-known universities. Two are described below.



History is explained in *The Vikings*, with 18 CDs and 36 lectures by Professor Kenneth W. Harl, Professor of Classical and Byzantine History at Tulane University. He explores the Vikings who were not only warriors, but also merchants, artists, kings, raiders, seafarers, shipbuilders, and creators of a remarkable literature of myths and sagas.

Literature is the topic in *The History of the English Language*, 2nd Edition. Professor Seth Lerer, Professor in Humanities, English, and Comparative Literature at Stanford University, explains that centuries ago a wave of settlers from Northern Europe came to the British Isles speaking a mix of Germanic dialects thick with consonants and complex grammatical forms. Today we call that dialect Old English, the ancestor of the language nearly one in five people in the world speaks daily.

Lynne Pendleton
OLLI Librarian
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UCI CAMPUS EVENTS

OLLI Members, Visit UCI TODAY All Fall 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:

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

OLLI members are welcome! Click [here](#) for more information about fascinating activities and events at UCI!

UCI's Memory Study

UCI Memory Study Looking for OLLI Participants

The UCI Working Memory and Plasticity Lab appreciates those who have already volunteered for their original study, and they are still looking for more participants. The study consists of seven sessions and a three-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 by e-mail at uciwmlab+tdcs@gmail.com or by phone at 949-824-2439 to enroll.

For more Information on the project: Go to <http://wmp.education.uci.edu>.

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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors, Curriculum Chairs and Program Committees

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

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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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