



at University of California, Irvine

KIT (Keep in Touch) Mail from OLLI at UCI

**Monday,
September 14, 2020**

Karen McKenzie is retiring. Let's wish her farewell and good luck.



**Karen McKenzie, OLLI
Office Manager**

"I had the privilege of working side-by-side with Karen for 13 years. We shared an office and the position of Office Manager including all the responsibilities and workload. Most of you probably saw a UCI employee sitting at her desk busily working, but allow me to tell you what I saw. I saw a dedicated and caring employee who above all else strived to support OLLI and its members, who never did a haphazard job, never left a

After 14 years of successfully managing the day-to-day office operations, Karen will pursue a 'life after OLLI'. We can't say enough about Karen's enthusiasm, her warm and welcoming personality, her positivity and kindness, her professionalism and diplomacy, and her dedication to OLLI. There is no question that OLLI, and any of us who had the pleasure of interacting with Karen, are all better off because of knowing her.

Karen has worked in media and public relations for several different organizations and worked at a think tank in Washington, D.C. She also worked as a freelance editor and indexer and has a degree in Journalism. Karen applied all of her work experience and skills to her job at OLLI as demonstrated in her

project uncompleted, and never left me holding the bag. I saw a welcoming and compassionate person who greeted and embraced our members and volunteers as if they were a part of her own family. I saw a coworker who was diplomatic, collaborative, noncompetitive, supportive, and encouraging - someone highly respected for her work performance and work ethics and for her personal character. And sometime over these 13 years, I saw this coworker become my friend.

Thank you Karen for being my mentor and teaching me everything I needed to know about OLLI. I can't think of one day in these 13 years that we didn't laugh together. At the end of the day, we accomplished what needed to get done and always enjoyed the process. I'm going to miss our daily collaboration but most especially, I will miss YOU!!!"

Barbara Barone
OLLI Office Manager

exemplary work performance.

Now it's time for her to change course and dedicate her full time and energy to her daughter, three grandchildren, her husband, her extended circle of family and friends, and to her favorite hobbies of traveling, cooking, and reading.

Good luck and best wishes Karen as you embark on the next chapter of your life.

Please help us in wishing Karen the best in her retirement. If you have some well wishes or memories of Karen, please send them to olli@uci.edu or reply to this email and we'll be sure to share these with Karen.

Fall Classes Begin Next Week!

Welcome to our new and returning members! Classes are starting soon and will be live streamed and recorded in our new Remote Learning Center. New members, you will need to create an account using your unique **Membership ID** number. **Sometime this week we will be sending your number to you in a separate e-mail, along with instructions for setting up your account, viewing live streamed classes, and accessing the library of recorded classes.** Returning members, you can use the same log in and password as you used in the Spring and Summer terms. Questions? E-mail us at olli@uci.edu or call us at 949-451-1403.

Haven't enrolled yet? It's not too late!

**One-Enroll-One
Membership Referral Program
Earn a \$25 gift card!
Click [here](#) for more details.**

Only \$99 for **unlimited** online Fall courses
Click [here](#) to view the Fall courses.

Enrollment Options

1. Online enrollment is open 24/7. Go to ce.uci.edu/olli to enroll. **A web user account is required for online enrollment. If you haven't yet created a web user account, click [here](#) to get started. If you need help setting up your account, call Student Services at 949-824-5414, Monday - Thursday, 9 AM-4 PM.**
2. Phone-in enrollment is open Monday-Thursday, 9 AM-4 PM by calling 949-824-5414. **Note: Phone support is limited; we recommend that you use the online method to enroll.**

Fall Class Notices

New Classes Added:

- **Educate Your Ear** (AH 110); Monday, September 21; 1:30-3:00 PM.
- **Independence Corrupted: How America's Judges Really Make Their Decisions** (SS 312); Tuesday, October 6; 9:30 -11:30 AM.
- **Current Issues Forum: Pandemic Positivity** (SS 313); Thursday, October 8; 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

Class Date Change:

- **Exploring Mars: NASA's InSight Lander Mission** (SC 202) from Monday, September 28 (10 AM -12 Noon) to Thursday, October 1 (10 AM -12 Noon).

Cancelled Class:

- **Separation of Powers Doctrine** (SS 304) originally scheduled for Tuesday October 6, 9:30 - 11:30 AM.

Space available in a Writing Life Stories

- **Would you like to write about your memories?** A few spaces remain in **Writing Life Stories (AH 103)**. Triggers for writing a two-page memoir segment will be provided by the host. Stories will be shared among members in this small, confidential group. **The class will not be recorded** and meets twice a month beginning October 7.

Let's Talk Wine

Join us via Zoom on **Thursday, September 24 at 4:00 PM** to discuss *Wines of Oregon and Washington*. Please bring a bottle and be prepared to say something about the region, winery, wine and to show the bottle. Check *Wine Enthusiast* for a rating and also Yelp for comments on the winery. Grab a glass and come join us! **Reply to this e-mail if you are interested in joining us.** Free to all members and guests!

Joan K. Lutz, Moderator

Virtual Morning Mingle Wednesday, Sep. 16 at 10 AM

We're looking forward to reconnecting and catching up with you at this week's Morning Mingle!

Topic: Virtual Morning Coffee Mingle
Date: Wednesday, Sep 16, 2020
Time: 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
[https://ucidce.zoom.us/j/97785929541?
pwd=NGdMWGJUdFpmME56TEQ5QmpWR1hHQOT09](https://ucidce.zoom.us/j/97785929541?pwd=NGdMWGJUdFpmME56TEQ5QmpWR1hHQOT09)

Meeting ID: 977 8592 9541
Passcode: 712273

Brain Teasers

Can you answer these brain teasers? The answers will be posted in next Monday's KIT Mail.

"Who makes it has no need for it. Who buys it has no use for it. Who uses it can neither see it nor feel it. What is it?"

"What has to be broken before you can use it?"

"Forward I'm heavy; backwards I'm not"

Have fun and good luck!

Pre-recorded Class Lectures

Missed a Summer class? No problem!

Our classes are recorded and available for viewing from the OLLI

Remote Learning Center. Any current OLLI member has access to these videos. Click [here](#) to go to the Remote Learning Center, log into your account, and watch over 400 recorded class lectures from this semester and from previous semesters. **You must be a current OLLI member in order to view class lectures.**

Summer Semester Recorded Class Lectures

- SE10 Armchair Hike: South America
- SE09 Celebrating American Women
- SE08 Forensic Psychology: Media and the Courts
- SE06 Movie Talk: B/W Era Double Indemnity
- SE05 Armchair Hike: Italy, the Dolomites, Lonnie Horn
- SE04 Improving Your Life Through Improv, Joel Veenstra
- SE03 Perception and Memory, Dr. Michael Yassa
- SE02 Overcoming Adversity, Eileen Lenson
- SE01 Movie Talk - Wizard of Oz, Jessie Tromberg

Connect with Your OLLI Friends Through Our Facebook Group!

Join our members-only Facebook group where we can virtually connect to talk about books, movies, recipes, hobbies and more! **Simply reply to this e-mail to let us know if you want to join, and we will send you an invitation!**

Send a free OLLI catalog to a friend.

Click [here](#) if you would like to mail a free Fall catalog to a friend.

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Map

[Click here to view a map of our location](#)

Office and Classroom Address

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We are located at the corner of Ada and Barranca, next to the Station Café and facing Ada. We are on the ground level of the multi-level parking garage.

At the direction of UCI administration, OLLI staff will be working remotely until further notice. You can still reach us at olli@uci.edu or 949-451-1403, Monday-Friday, 9 AM-2 PM. Please do not come in to the OLLI office; it will be closed.

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