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**MEMBER NEWSLETTER FOR OLLI at UNLV**

**A PROGRAM FOR LEARNING IN RETIREMENT**

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## **President's Message, by John Hurley**

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### **OLLI AT UNLV IS AN ENLIGHTENMENT ORGANIZATION**

*"Great minds discuss ideas.  
Average minds discuss events.  
Small minds discuss people."*

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

Once again we have reached the end of a very successful Spring term. Classes at the five OLLI @ UNLV campuses provide enlightenment for members during our retirement years.

A number of new members joined us this term. The OLLI Board would like to thank our very special superstar volunteers for organizing the important activities that continue to make us a dynamic and fast-growing organization. The New Member Reception, hosted by Donna Newsom in the Paradise Auditorium, was a fabulous success. The new sound system helped to get clear information out to new members. Your OLLI Board members truly enjoyed the reception and the opportunity to meet new members. Good food, drink, and socializing always lead to a good time for all.

If there is one constant in the world of our OLLI organization, it is this: enthusiasm, change, and participation. When our organization adds new folks to our Board and membership we begin a new era of community participation. We shift just slightly on our axis each term as we speed ahead on our mission.

A record number of nominations were received for the 2010-2012 OLLI Board. Candidate selection is always a tough job when picking from a list of well-qualified members. The election results will be announced at the April

18th Spring Luncheon (and are listed on page 7 in this issue). Sincere thanks to the departing Board members who have ably served OLLI during the past two to four years: Don Silverman, Hughie Mills, Bea Levinson, and Connie Pearlstein.

New Board members bring a wealth of new ideas and methods which lead to doing things just a little better each term. Anyone who wants a chance to be a Board member, please get involved as a volunteer; we need you. Make yourself visible among your peers. When working on any OLLI project, we certainly couldn't do it without the dedicated help from our superb team of volunteers. Whether it is an Open House, luncheon, photos for our Member Directory, fund-raising, or any other OLLI project, volunteers are critical to the project's success.

We have met the membership requirements that qualify us for Osher Endowment consideration. We are anticipating a favorable outcome. The generous Osher Grants received up to now have helped us to get better organized, upgrade classrooms, and generally improve our organization. We can now fund better means of communications in order to heighten OLLI visibility among the public.

Thanks to Debbie Smatresk for her tireless efforts working on the endowment qualifications and other awards and grants. Debbie is a valued asset when pulling in needed UNLV support for many OLLI projects.

We lost one of our great UNLV supporters, Genee Boldt. Thanks Genee, for your tenacious pursuit and follow up regarding a number of critical OLLI business issues. Genee will be missed but not forgotten.

The past few months have been a tough one for all of us. Several cherished members passed away: Marvin Feldman, Bernard Greenblatt, Mark Klein, Bill Personen, and George Vish. They all leave a void in our hearts and classrooms, since many of these folks shored up our early EXCELL/OLLI foundations with their "can do" approach. We will always remember their humorous remarks, challenging insights, historical facts, hot news, and class presentations. Many of these folks were active as class presenters, coordinators, and participants. They will remain forever in our memories.

Curriculum Chair Mary Pace has managed to put together a remarkable schedule for the Summer session (twelve courses at three locations). It is turning out to be one of the best Summer course schedules yet. What a team! Thank you, Mary.

John Wooding again chaired the Nomination Committee this year. It was a tough job, because of the high number of candidates. They determined who got placed on the Ballot by counting the number of nominations each candidate received. Thanks, John.

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## Volunteers Needed

1. Events Committee - call **Mary Ann Molinaro.** (547-3798)
2. Fund-raising Committee - call **Fay Chan** to help raise money for OLLI. (281 300-1057)
3. Tutoring Club for ESL (English as a Second Language) - Only 1-2 hours per week needed to tutor an international student. Call **Donna Newsom** to volunteer (458-3332).
4. Good Software Skills needed to assist **Bert Kulic** (837-6467):
  - \* Publications layout and editing
  - \* Database maintenance - used for Attendance Sheets and Mass e-mails to OLLI members
5. Photographer - to take photos at various OLLI events. Call **Debbie Smatresk** (895-2872) to volunteer.

## OLLI 2010 Journal

The 2010 edition of the OLLI @ UNLV Journal is being printed. If you contributed writing to Roz Braverman, you will get two free Journal copies.

For members who did not contribute writing, you will be able to purchase a copy of the 2010 Journal for \$5.00. See Trude in room 502, or call her at 895-0453, to get your copy of the 2010 OLLI @ UNLV Journal.

*Roz Braverman*

## My Experiences as a Tutor for ESL

The old adage 'to give is to receive' has never been proven more true than when being a part of the tutoring program set up by **Donna Newsom** through OLLI in cooperation with UNLV. Tutoring a foreign student who needs to perfect his English skills so that he may matriculate into a full university program is unbelievably rewarding. The students, who are enrolled in the ESL program at UNLV, are diverse, talented and intelligent. They are eager to better their language skills so that they can get on with their plans to fulfill their dreams for themselves and their families in their chosen fields of endeavor. I have tutored an aspiring artist, two young men who wish to return to their birth countries and run hotels, a young woman who wishes to give her family as many advantages as possible in this country, and a young man whose dream it is to have his own architectural company. The one thing above all that they have in common is their eagerness to work hard and succeed. Tutoring such students is exhilarating, heady stuff. The sense of reward and accomplishment is not theirs alone. As a tutor, you share in their successes.

There are no specific teaching skills necessary for being a tutor. The requirements are a desire to help others achieve their dreams, a willingness to share insights into the American culture and a dedication to weekly tutoring sessions during which you help students with whatever language problems they are experiencing. As an example, a tutor might help a student understand correct sentence order. A student might say, "That person is he your friend?" rather than "Is that man your friend?" A tutor would then give his student lots of examples of putting the words in the correct order. As a tutor you hear the language errors, note them, and work on correcting them in an informal, stress-free manner that encourages confidence in speaking and writing English. Your reward? A tremendous sense of accomplishment, a wealth of gratitude from a new friend which, in turn, broadens your understanding of other peoples and countries and allows you to see firsthand and truly appreciate the great riches of this country. I have never tutored a foreign student that I have not come away richer, more knowledgeable and more satisfied with myself than I was before. Don't deny yourself this unique pleasure.

*Roseanne Minikel*

**To volunteer as an ESL Tutor,  
call Donna Newsom at 458-3332**

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## Friendship Drive A Tremendous Success

Thank you so much for your generosity in donating gifts to our partnership program at Paradise School. Because of your donations, we were able to fill more than 135 gift bags from the "Friendly Leprechaun" at OLLI, for the deserving children at the Paradise School. Our heartfelt thanks to everyone from OLLI and the Paradise School who helped sort items for the gift bags. The Friendship Drive was a huge success, way beyond our initial expectations. Bravo to you all!

Since October, 18 OLLI members have assisted "At Risk" students either in reading or math skills, as well as helping the kids build their self-esteem. During Nevada Reading Week, 24 OLLI members went over and read to students in various classrooms.

The school personnel and our OLLI members are totally excited about the unexpected results of OLLI's Partnership with Paradise School. What a wonderfully successful year! Everything evolved way beyond our initial expectations. Thanks again to everyone involved.

*Joy O'Neill and Jan Butler*

"Being a mentor has been a most enjoyable experience for me. My student is always happy to see me. I have found the staff to be very friendly and helpful. Paradise Professional Development School is a happy place to be and I would encourage anyone who enjoys interacting with children to apply to become a tutor or mentor. It's a great way to spend your time."

*Shirley Kouffman, OLLI Mentor*

"On behalf of the staff at Paradise we would like to extend our appreciation for your generosity in providing our students with the necessary items to help them achieve in math and literacy. The support through the Friendship Drive and working with our students in a mentoring and tutoring role is making a difference! We are thankful for our OLLI partners and hope we can continue to sustain and expand this incredible partnership!"

*Michelle Adams, Assistant Principal*

## Curriculum Report

Thanks to our many volunteer coordinators, we have a busy schedule for our summer session. The Summer Schedule was e-mailed to all current and past members and prospects, and printed brochures were available in OLLI classrooms by the end of March.

For the small sum of \$35.00, you will have a full week of classes, plus one study group each at Sun City Summerlin and MacDonald Ranch.

We will be starting to plan the Fall semester shortly. If you are interested in leading a group or just want to bounce an idea around, please call me at 658-3395 or e-mail me at [WMANDMARYLV@COX.NET](mailto:WMANDMARYLV@COX.NET). We can meet and explore your idea. Debbie Smatresk also will be glad to talk with you.

Pursuant to Osher guidelines, we are especially looking for academic type study groups. The Osher Foundation discourages anything that can be found at senior or community centers. We work hard to stay within the guidelines.

**Thank You** to all our wonderful coordinators who made the Spring semester so successful.

*Mary Pace, Curriculum Chair*

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## Lifetime Member Awards

In Dec. 2009, six deserving members received OLLI @ UNLV **Lifetime Member Awards**:

1. Arlene Cohen
2. Al Esbin
3. Elise Hanseman
4. John Hurley
5. Mary Pace
6. Don Silverman

On April 18th, five more members received **Lifetime Member Awards**:

7. Roz Braverman
8. George Cohan
9. Dave Dameron
10. Ed Devore
11. John Wooding

**Congratulations to all recipients of this Lifetime Member Award!**

## Publicity Report

### Bring A Friend to OLLI

The “**Bring a Friend to OLLI**” program was successful at introducing many new people to OLLI, some of whom will become future members in the Summer or Fall terms.

The raffle winner was David Berkovitz, who will get free tuition for the Fall 2010 term. David brought two friends to OLLI during the March 15th to 26th “**Bring A Friend**” promotion.

Telling your friends about our program and bringing them to class is the best way to promote OLLI memberships. Please continue bringing your friends to “try out” an OLLI @ UNLV course for one day.

### GUEST POLICY

1. Guests can “try out” up to two OLLI classes on the same day.
2. They must obtain a Guest Pass from Trude or Debbie in 502, and a Parking Pass if needed.
3. After they have been a Guest for one day, they must register as an OLLI member if they wish to attend more OLLI classes.

*Elise Hanseman, Publicity Chair*

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## Sunshine Report

Cards were sent to these members:

- Fay Chan
- Arlene Cohen
- Jimmy Dratt
- Al Esbin
- Family of Marvin Feldman
- Family of Bernard Greenblatt
- Family of Mark Klein
- Betty Personen
- Bill Sehested
- Barbara Shulman
- Howie Sussman
- Venette Tivey
- Marge Tusinski
- Linda Vish

Please call 914-7520 if you know somebody who would appreciate a card from their friends at OLLI.

*Perry Pearlstein, Chair - 914-7520*

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## EXCELLERATE

Bert Kulic, Editor.....837-6467

### Editorial Assistants:

Connie Pearlstein .....914-7520

John Wooding.....228-6504

### OLLI ADMINISTRATION

Director Debbie Smatresk ..895-2872

Asst., Trude Thomson .....895-0453

### OLLI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Officers will be elected by the new Board at the May Board Meeting.**

John Hurley .....641-2364

Jeff Kaiser..... (262) 510-8347

Bert Kulic .....837-6467

Judy Silverman .....242-6843

Elise Hanseman .....221-9121

Lidia Mauer.....869-6527

Bruce McLeod .....243-6232

Mary Pace .....658-3395

Perry Pearlstein .....914-7520

### OLLI COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Curriculum**, Mary Pace .....658-3395

### Publications & Communications

Bert Kulic .....837-6467

### Publicity & Long Range Planning

Elise Hanseman .....221-9121

### Nominations.....VACANT

**Elections**, Linda Vish.....451-3672

**Events**, Mary Ann Molinaro 547-3798

**Historian**, Martha Wood ....454-5643

### New Members & Phone Calling

Donna Newsom .....458-3332

**Sunshine**, Perry Pearlstein..... 914-7520

**Fund-Raising**, Fay Chan (281) 300-1057

**By-Laws**..... VACANT

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## WiFi New Procedures on Paradise Campus

We now have WiFi (wireless access to the internet and your e-mail) in all OLLI Paradise classrooms (511, 400, 401, and 403). To access WiFi, first “connect” to the UNLV-GUEST wireless network, then open your browser:

1. Click “I ACCEPT” at bottom. Click CONNECT.
2. You now have wireless access to the Internet & your e-mail.

See Bert Kulic or John Hurley if you need any help using WiFi at Paradise.

# Summer 2010 Term - Course Descriptions

## 1. Healthy Aging and Self-Discovery

Come participate in a 10-week interactive exploration of healthy aging. Growing old significantly differs from “getting old” and is unique for each of us. Coursework and discussion include the myths of aging, finding self-coherence, rediscovering the uses of the past, the subtle complexities of social relations, sexuality, and the enhancement of many dimensions that naturally occur at this stage of life. Emphasized throughout this curriculum are the specific strengths and capacities that come into being after adulthood. Readings are minimal and will be provided as handouts in class.

## 2. Health Is Wealth

Discover how to get and stay healthy! Improve your health by using a combination of relaxation, body, mind and spirit exercises, along with proper foods and supplements. Topics will include obesity, diabetes, dementia, arthritis, osteoporosis and depression.

## 3. What's Happ'nin'?

Join in each Tuesday for a quick review of the past week's happenings including international, national and local news, tempered with some good humor to keep it all in perspective.

## 4. FOLK MUSIC: Sharing Folk Music as History and Culture

Folk music is one of the easiest and fun musical styles to enjoy and share. Folk songs range in subject matter from love, work, war, civil rights, as well as nonsense and satire. Through folk songs, we can express our own feelings and uplift the emotions of others by sharing through information and optional performance. Bring your own voice as well as a guitar, ukulele, auto harp, harmonica, recorder, lap drum, or whatever you might want to share with the class.

## 5. How the Earth Works

The combination of continents, oceans and atmosphere makes our earth unique among all the planets in the solar system. Earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis are products of our planet's ceaseless activity.

This DVD series from the Teaching Company helps us focus on why and when they occur. What effect does the sun have on the earth? Are humans the dominant agent of geologic change on earth? What do we need to know to be able to control the future life on our planet?

## 6. Making Sense of Grief

This 6-week class (ends June 16th) is an experience that explores up-to-date knowledge and research on grief. It is NOT a support group. Class participants will gain a better understanding of the process and the journey. Content includes: comparisons of recognized grief theories; conditions which alter the grief experience; challenges or tasks of grief; effects of personality type upon grieving style; changes in one's assumptive views of the world; search for meaning and lessons learned through loss; identification of one's personal strengths; stages of hope, and the reach toward resiliency. Although the class is not a support group, support resources will be addressed.

## 7. Why Some People Succeed and Others Do Not

What contributes to a person's success? We will look at contributing factors affecting each person: their cultural background, their family life, and the idiosyncratic differences in their upbringing, and NOT where they went to school or what social groups they belong to. Malcom Gladwell's book “**The Outliers**” provides examples and will serve as the basis for discussion, as class members share their own personal success stories.

## 8. The Morality of “Fraternalism”

Man's brain function, in terms of linguistics, has been an enigma throughout recorded history. Today's concerns have become even more intense, given the new technologies for brain investigation. Words are a common thread through all man's experiences. They are both the tools and currency of all philosophy. Members will be encouraged to share their own “fraternal” philosophies. Come join us as we delve into how a linguistic philosophy enables us to live a balanced life.

## 9. BRIDGE: Supervised Play and Bidding Review (for Intermediate Players)

Each week, there will be a short lesson (mostly on bidding fundamentals), followed by playing approximately 6-8 bridge hands. Students may ask questions during the bidding and the play of the hand.

Completion of recent OLLI Advanced Beginner **Bridge** courses (2009 to 2010) or equivalent playing experience is recommended. We will refer to the text but it is not required (*Bidding in the 21st Century*, ISBN-13: 978-0939460939, available for \$13.57 at Amazon.com, or from the instructor.)

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## Sun City MacDonald Ranch (Desert Willow Clubhouse) offers:

## 10. What's Happ'nin'?

Join in each Thursday morning (at MacDonald Ranch) for a quick review of the past week's happenings including international, national and local news, tempered with some good humor to keep it all in perspective.

## Sun City Summerlin (Sun Shadows Community Center) offers:

### 11. BUDDHISM: Be Here and Now; Search for Happiness and Contentment

Through Buddhism, we can become calm, serene and sincere; at the same time, we can learn the principles of Buddhism that can relate to our personal everyday living. Buddhism appeals to many people through the basic teaching of Impermanence, Wisdom, and Compassion.

At the beginning of each class, we will explore Buddhism through a 30-minute DVD by Dr. Malcolm David Eckel from Boston University. Dr. Eckel has found the Buddhist Philosophy to be a Way of Life, and it will be a fascinating subject for continued study.

We will also deepen our thinking by hearing many thought-provoking stories and extraordinary examples of how we can bring ourselves out of hardship and suffering, into happiness, contentment and fulfillment. The last 30 minutes of the two hour class, we will go into meditation with breathing method and listening to Sutra chanting.

Coordinator Paul Imahara has studied Buddhism throughout his life. He was ordained in 2000 as a Buddhist priest of the Mahayana Jodo-Shinshu Sect. He values the thoughts and beliefs of everyone. He hopes that we enhance, enrich and deepen our thoughts within our own beliefs, and learn from each other.

**12. THE SAME BUDDHISM CLASS WILL BE OFFERED AT PARADISE (ROOM 511) ON FRIDAY MORNINGS, FROM 10 AM TO NOON.**

<h2 style="margin: 0;">OLLI @ UNLV SUMMER 2010 CLASS SCHEDULE</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Summer Term is May 10th to July 16th – Version # 5 (4/7/2010)</h3>					
Morning Classes	MONDAY 10 AM to Noon	TUESDAY 10 AM to Noon	WEDNESDAY 10 AM to Noon	THURSDAY 10 AM to Noon	FRIDAY 10 AM to Noon
Paradise Campus	<b>Healthy Aging and Self-Discovery</b> <i>Cam Ashby</i> Room 511	<b>What's Happ'nin?</b> <i>Dave Dameron</i> <i>Howie Sussman</i> Room 511	<b>How the Earth Works</b> <i>Dennis Evans</i> <i>Martha Wood</i> Room 511	<b>Why Do People Succeed?</b> <i>Fred Ehrlich</i> Room 401	<b>Buddhism</b> <i>Paul Imahara</i> Room 511
Afternoon Classes	MONDAY 1 PM to 3 PM	TUESDAY 1 PM to 3 PM	WEDNESDAY 1 PM to 3 PM	THURSDAY 1 PM to 3 PM	FRIDAY 1 PM to 3 PM
Paradise Campus	<b>Health Is Wealth</b> <i>Fred Greenberg</i> Room 400	<b>Folk Music</b> <i>Marge Gately</i> Room 511	<b>Making Sense of Grief</b> <i>Lynn Sommer</i> Room 511  <i>6 weeks, ending on June 16th</i>	<b>Morality of "Fraternalism"</b> <i>John Henry Hoffmann</i> Room 401	<b>BRIDGE</b> Bidding Review & Supervised Bridge Play (Intermediate) <i>Judy &amp; Bert Kulic</i> Room 401
Satellites	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sun City MacDonald Ranch Desert Willow Recreation Center				<b>What's Happ'nin?</b> <i>Dave Dameron</i> <i>Howie Sussman</i> 10 AM to Noon	
Sun City Summerlin Sun Shadows Center				<b>Buddhism</b> <i>Paul Imahara</i> 10 AM to Noon	

# Brief Obituaries

## Marvin Feldman

Marvin passed away in January 2010. He was a long time OLLI coordinator, who taught history about various Great Battles, for the past 16 years. An OLLI memorial was held for Marvin on Feb. 8th, attended by 40 of Marvin's friends and former students.

## Bernard Greenblatt

Dr. Greenblatt passed away in March 2010. He was a long time OLLI coordinator, who taught various courses about Psychology. This term, he was teaching "Psychology of Everyday Life: the Power of Connection."

Bernard was one of the original members of the EXCELL Board of Directors, in the early 1990's. The family held a memorial service on April 4th, which was attended by many of Bernard's friends, as well as his current and former students.

## Mark Klein

Mark passed away in February 2010. Mark was a former co-coordinator of the Great Decisions class, and he was also a frequent presenter in recent years. A family memorial service was held on Feb. 15th, attended by a group of OLLI members.

## Bill Personen

Bill passed away in March 2010. He and his wife Betty were frequent attendees in many OLLI classes, including Soap Box, Great Music, and Religion. A family memorial service was held on March 23rd, attended by many of Bill's friends from OLLI.

## George Vish

George passed away in March 2010. He was a frequent attendee of Great Decisions and Soap Box, and he asked incisive questions to clarify important points about the topic under discussion. Many OLLI members attended the visitation and services held on March 24th and 25th.

# Remembering OLLI @ UNLV

Starting a new life in a new city and state is a challenge. I began by looking for interesting people, settings and endeavors. They are all here, different but available.

Remembering my wonderful time in OLLI, I feel the familiar smile beam right out of my being. For me OLLI membership meant friendship and stimulating classes with like-minded people. It made life a motivating adventure. So many classes – too difficult to choose. I loved them all, coordinators, classmates and super, wonderful friends and I do miss you all.

Cannot forget the special people in the Ed Outreach office, especially Debbie and Trude! Miss the student card advantages, the theaters, ballet, concerts from all over the world and all the goodies that go with being a member of OLLI @ UNLV. Hopefully I will see you soon.

*Roz Braverman*

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## Trude Thomson Wins Staff of Month Award

Trude Thomson, OLLI Administrative Assistant, was recognized as the UNLV classified employee of the the month in the administrative category for Dec. 2009

All OLLI at UNLV members will recognize Trude as a valued staff member who ensures the smooth running of the classrooms, and takes care of the coordinators.

Trude provides the primary administrative and reception support for the OLLI at UNLV program. She has worked at UNLV since 2004. We are proud of you, Trude!

*Debbie Smatresk*

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## Thank You from Linda Vish

I would like to thank all of the OLLI members for their friendship when my husband George recently passed away.

I will be forever grateful for all of the love, support, cards, etc. that I received from my friends at OLLI. My association with OLLI has proven to be a source of strength during this trying time.

With sincere and heartfelt thanks,

*Linda Vish*

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# Put the FUN in Fund-raising!

Heartfelt thanks to President John Hurley for naming me to head this committee and to Bert, Debbie, Genene, Trude, and others who encouraged my thoughts and ideas!

## "Wrap Stars"

Our first fund-raiser was "Wrap Stars" where our wonderful OLLI volunteers gift-wrapped books for tips at Borders Books at Town Square. We didn't make much money but we had such fun meeting great, enthusiastic, like-minded people within our ranks. "Wrap Stars" (you know who you are!), thanks so-o-o-o much for your help...you are AWESOME!!!

## Polo Shirts and Book Bags

Show your OLLI spirit with our red polo-style shirts and canvas book bags! The red shirts cost \$12 each and are available in sizes S, M, L, XL, 2X, & 3X; the book bags are \$7 each and are available in red with black logo imprint or in black with red logo imprint. (To order, RUSH to pay Debbie or Trude with cash, check, or credit card.) Watch out, Las Vegas . . .we OLLI members plan to "paint this town red!"

## Root Beer Floats

The Root Beer Floats we served on March 29th were so popular that we offered them again on Tuesday, March 30th. Thanks to our fabulous "float" team of Debbie Smatresk, Trude Thomson, Ruth Theile, Ve Nette Tivey, and Alma Jean Cook, everything ran smoothly, and we raised some money for OLLI @ UNLV. The membership was pleased that we offered the floats for only \$1.00 each, with a choice of regular or sugar-free ingredients.

*Fay Chan, Fund Raising Chair*

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## NO LEFT TURNS

Please drive safely. **Left turns are NOT allowed** onto Tropicana Ave., from the Paradise Campus parking lot.

**DON'T BECOME AN ACCIDENT STATISTIC.**

# President's Message (cont'd from page 1)

Linda Vish, our new Election Committee Chairman, put together an improved ballot distribution system this year, to save OLLI significant postage costs. Thank you for stepping up to the plate, Linda! You have our sincere sympathy regarding the loss of your beloved husband, George.

Roz Braverman volunteered to edit and format the 2010 OLLI Journal from California. We are delighted to have your unique talents go towards a very successful project, that grew under your leadership. Thanks again for your long and gracious service to OLLI publications.

Our super-star Trude continues to provide our critical link to UNLV office and consistent classroom support. Member convenience facilities are still available to our OLLI members this term. You will find them in the Bldg. 500 Offices & Social area. You can always find water, a fresh cup of coffee, maybe a cookie or two; the fresh brownies are only for me! Small donations for the coffee supplies are always appreciated.

Two laptop computers are available for your use in the OLLI office area (room 508). You can check your e-mail and browse the internet. Please log off your e-mail account when you are finished. We also offer a comfortable reading and book exchange room (504).

Need to warm up or chill down a meal? Store the homemade brownies? You can do so in our mini-kitchen break room (509).

Don't forget to check our bulletin boards for announcements, special events, and general information about membership, parking, Rebel cards, etc.

Your Board members are all very approachable and like to hear inputs or recommendations from our membership. You may also find that approaching our volunteers helps to build relationships with your Board members, returning members, and new members.

Now we can all look forward to our Summer term (10 weeks) beginning on May 10th, 2010. Your friends in OLLI look forward to seeing all of you again. Stay healthy, wealthy, and wise. Particularly wise with the support of OLLI's dedicated assistance.

*Appreciatively submitted by  
John M. Hurley, OLLI President  
(hurleyjm@yahoo.com)*

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## Election Results

Elections Chair **Linda Vish** reports that the following members have been elected to two year terms on the OLLI Board, from May 2010 to April 2012:

1. Elise Hanseman
2. Lidia Mauer
3. Bruce McLeod
4. Mary Pace
5. Perry Pearlstein

Congratulations to the new Board members! Please give them your ideas about how OLLI can be improved.

Linda would like to express her gratitude to her committee members, Gene Geller and Lois Kline, as well as to Debbie Smatresk and Trude Thomson. All four people helped Linda to achieve a smooth Board election.

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## Board Member Terms Ending

OLLI owes thanks to the following Board members whose terms end in 2010, after years of valuable service:

1. Don Silverman, Vice Pres.
2. Hughie Mills, Finance Officer
3. Bea Levinson (former Pres.)
4. Connie Pearlstein (former Secy)

Please be sure to thank each of these folks for their Board service, when you see them in OLLI classes.

## OLLI Great Courses

Here are my impressions of the "distance learning" program offered to OLLI members via the internet:

1. Once you get used to the process of initiating UNLV's Web Campus program, it is very easy.
2. There are so many courses to choose from, that I feel honored to be part of this learning experience.
3. Hearing these professors give their lectures is so intellectually rewarding. I wonder why more OLLI members have not taken advantage of this opportunity to improve their base of knowledge.
4. It is very exciting to learn about Art, Music, Science, and the many other course titles available online from The Teaching Company.
5. These programs enrich my leisure time and I look forward to those precious half hours of joy.

With Gratitude for the opportunity to learn . . .

*Respectfully, Rich Bale*

**Ed. Note - Rich is the most prolific user of the Great Courses online. Rich logged on more than 50 times in 2010, to watch Great Course lectures.**

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## Do YOU Want Access to the Great Courses?

We now have 53 "Great Courses" (from The Teaching Company) online, available on the internet using UNLV's "Web Campus" distance learning.

The "Great Courses" are available in the following subject areas: Art, Books & Language, Economics, Emotions & Reasoning, plus History, Math, Music, Philosophy, Politics, Religion, and Science.

If you are interested in viewing "Great Course" lectures at home, please call Bert Kulic at 837-6467, or e-mail him at [BERTKULIC@COX.NET](mailto:BERTKULIC@COX.NET), to get a log-on ID and a Password.



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We are no longer mailing The Excellerate to current OLLI members. You may view The Excellerate online at the OLLI web site:

[HTTP://SENIORPROGRAMS.UNLV.EDU/OSHER.HTML](http://seniorprograms.unlv.edu/osher.html)

The Excellerate will be e-mailed to all members who have given us their current e-mail address.

Printed copies will be available in OLLI classrooms at all locations:

- Paradise Campus (511, 401, 400, 403, and OLLI Office in room 502)
- Classrooms at OLLI satellite locations.

**Eyeglasses Needed**

If you have used eyeglasses you no longer need, please donate them in room 504, in the box labeled **DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS**.

# Help OLLI at UNLV Grow !

***PLEASE BRING 1 OR 2 NON-MEMBER FRIENDS TO ANY OLLI CLASS AS A GUEST. OBTAIN A GUEST PASS AND A ONE-DAY PARKING PASS FROM TRUDE OR DEBBIE IN ROOM 502/503. PERSONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FRIENDS ARE THE BEST WAY TO GET NEW OLLI MEMBERS.***

## Calendar of Events - May 2010 to September 2010

- May 10th .....First day of classes for Summer Session (registration is only \$35.00)
- May 31st.....OLLI @ UNLV is closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 31st.
- July 5th.....OLLI @ UNLV is closed for July 4th celebration on Monday, July 5th
- July 16th.....Last day of classes for Summer Session is Friday, July 16th
- July 19th to Sept. 10th - No OLLI classes during 8-week Summer Intercession
- Sept. 8th .....Coordinators' Meeting (tentative date only) - 10 AM to Noon
- Sept. 11th.....Open House - 10 AM to Noon at Paradise Campus Auditorium (Room 133)  
 Fall Catalogs will be available for current members to pick up.
- Sept. 13th .....Fall Term begins a 13-week course schedule (ending on Friday, Dec. 10th)

### Vija Hamilton Art Show at Whitney Library

Vija Hamilton, one of OLLI's bevy of talented artists, is having a display of her most recent artwork at Clark County's Whitney Library, located at 5175 East Tropicana Ave.

Vija's work will be on exhibit at the Whitney Library from April 20th until July 10th. The show is a palette of black and white drawings and pulled prints. Time enough for OLLI members to visit the Whitney Library and enjoy the show.

*Mike Sperber*