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MEMBER NEWSLETTER FOR OLLI at UNLV

A PROGRAM FOR LEARNING IN RETIREMENT

President's Message, by John Hurley

Thank you all for selecting me as your new OLLI @ UNLV Board President. I am stepping into an arena enhanced by some very remarkable folks who picked up the gavel before me. I know I sit on top of a high pyramid containing a large cross section of incredible people who unselfishly serve the best interests of our programs.

Our very capable OLLI Board President, Don Silverman reached the end of his tenure this year so we very reluctantly had to let him go. Don brought first class leadership, mentoring, and wise counsel to our Board and membership during his term of service. Don maintained a very close friendship and liaison with our Educational Outreach sponsor, Dr. Richard Lee. We unfortunately lost Dr. Lee to a very untimely death this Spring. Dr. Lee will be greatly missed, leaving behind some very big shoes to fill.

Don Smallwood, Jeff Kaiser, and Bert Kulic will bring a wealth of experience to our Board. These new folks, and our active membership will serve to keep me on the right path into OLLI's future. We have one Board opening.

I am concerned about the loss of Arlene Cohen on our Board. She found that she has a very full plate of activities this coming year. Therefore in recognition that there are only so many productive hours in a day, she realized a need to cut back. Her interest and wise counsel will always be there for us. We need more women on (or associated with) our Board in order to keep us male rascals in line. We don't want any scandals such as OLLI money

being used for secret trips to Buenos Aires. OLLI @ UNLV has always relied on its superstar women to fill the many gaps requiring closure.

Our Educational Outreach staff members Debbie Smatresk and Genee Boldt continue their "can do" approach to OLLI needs. They have been the energy behind our drive to reach tough enrollment goals so that we become eligible for the million dollar Osher endowment. They have been behind us all the way in support of numerous class room and infrastructure improvements (class room acquisitions, office space, HDTV screens, audio systems, Internet access, luncheons, etc.).

Genee and Debbie have been very instrumental in getting Gertrude ("Trude") Thomson the help she needs to support us in her superb way. All of this for OLLI'S benefit and they remain very enthusiastic and energetic carrying out their efforts for us. They continue to work in concert with the Board on just about every aspect of OLLI business. EG Phillips left us for Missouri. His support on procurements has been nothing short of outstanding and his moving on will be another challenge.

Elise Hanseman is our Publicity Chairman and also our very capable roving Ambassador for OLLI's growing satellite outreach programs. She remains an exceptional member of the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC). She has become well known working with the people at Sun City Aliante, Sun City MacDonald Ranch, and Las Ventanas in our efforts to establish these satellite sites.

Roz Braverman, Publications Editor Emeritus, continues to be one of our most active workers for OLLI along with Mary Pace, Curriculum Chairman, and Iris Bernikow and Donna Newsom, Doctors Without Borders Leaders.

We welcome Ed Devore as our Long Range Planning Chairman. We also welcome Bert Kulic as our new Publications Chairman. With his extensive computer expertise and newsletter experience, he showed up on our scene burning rubber to get involved. Space does not allow me to delineate all of the aforementioned folks worthwhile accomplishments this year. They attend almost every Board meeting and volunteer for almost any task, event, or function. These members serve to enhance the OLLI @ UNLV program.

Hughie Mills continues to serve as our Budget Officer. He is a man of vast experience and a fascinating gentleman. Get to know him better. Bea Levinson continues to serve us well. She has been in close contact with her doctors recently and we hope that is a good thing! Connie Pearlstein has also moved closer to her doctors these days and we know that was a good thing for her! We lost our good friend Tom Lyon in the voting this year. Thank you for your service Tom, and stay close by.

John Hurley

Welcome Peg Rees

Peg has been appointed Interim Vice Provost for the Educational Outreach Division, replacing Dr. Richard Lee.

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Technology Upgrades

The audio and video equipment in classrooms 400 and 403, is under continuous improvement. The wall-mounted audio storage cabinets needed for equipment storage were installed.

The Electrical Design for the Paradise Buildings is generally OK. The big event was solving the irritating hum problems that have been plaguing room 401 for years. This also solved the intermittent lights on and lights off problems in room 403.

Several "Internet Access" jacks have been added to all our OLLI class rooms. For the present time you will need to direct connect your Laptops with an Ethernet cable compatible with the RJ-45 jacks. Wireless (WiFi) is coming to our classrooms in the near future.

We have received new Laptop computers with up-to-date operating systems and Office software. See Trude, our superstar classroom technical support lady extraordinaire. She continually strives to improve our support as funds become available.

John Hurley, OLLI President & Technology Planner

Osher Foundation Awards Grant

UNLV's request for a \$100,000 grant for continued support of its Osher Lifelong Learning Institute has been approved by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Foundation, on May 20, 2009. Subsequently, OLLI @ UNLV was invited to submit a request for consideration for a \$1 million endowment and a \$50,000 bridge grant to support the future of our program. We are now expected to secure in-kind contributions to support our program going forward. With the support of UNLV, the grant and membership fees, we need your support!

While endowment status will bring rewards, it carries a responsibility for OLLI @ UNLV to become fiscally sustainable. Grants provide monies to be used annually; endowment status mandates that only interest from the endowment be used. We need to continue to explore outside funding opportunities to ensure lifelong learning in southern Nevada.

What you can do to help:

- Recruit new members who are interested in learning.
- Make charitable contributions to the OLLI @ UNLV Fund via the UNLV Foundation (100% of your donations will support OLLI @UNLV).
- Include OLLI @ UNLV in your estate plans by including us in your Will or Charitable Trust.
- Identify and help secure satellite locations that will support OLLI @ UNLV in their communities.

Debbie Smatresk

The Osher approval letter outlines the factors in approving the grant, which includes: "We take special note of the upgraded course catalogs and the inspiring work included in the OLLI Journal, the Institute's collection of member created prose, poems, and photos." Congratulations to Roz Braverman. You da man! (Wait: I mean You da woman!).

Don Silverman

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Fall Open House

Saturday Sept. 12th

10 AM to Noon

Paradise Auditorium

If you want to find out details about all 38 OLLI classes (17 are *new*) being offered in the Fall term, mark your calendar for Saturday, September 12th.

We are having an OPEN HOUSE where many of the instructors will be available to explain what each course will cover, and to answer any questions you may have.

You can select which courses you plan to attend for the Fall, and you can sign up (only \$55 for unlimited classes). Fall classes will begin on Monday, Sept. 14th, so don't miss this opportunity to learn about the many classes offered.

If you need directions, please call 895-3394 Mon-Fri from 9 am to 5 PM.

Refreshments Will Be Served

Mary Pace, Debbie S. & Genene B.

Great Courses Online

Your Board of Directors is exploring if we can offer selected Great Courses (from The Teaching Company) online, using the internet.

If you are interested in viewing Great Course lectures in your home, please drop a line to Bert Kulic at BertKulic@cox.net, or call Bert at 837-6467. We're trying to gauge how much interest OLLI members have in viewing professional lectures on their home computers, using the internet.

Bert Kulic

Tutoring Club Needs Volunteers

The Tutoring Club for ESL (English as a Second Language) needs volunteers to help international students with casual American English. No experience is required. Only 1-2 hours per week are needed. To volunteer as a tutor, please call Donna Newsom at 458-3332.

Making a Difference For Kids

As you are well aware, the Clark County School District will be losing a lot of funding and staffing for the upcoming school year. The enormity of these cuts will surely adversely affect our students. So, I would like to propose that we as OLLI members might be of service by helping students with reading and math skills.

I talked with the Clark County School District Partnership Leader, Beverly Mason. She suggested that we adopt the Paradise Elementary School on the UNLV campus (near Ham Hall). It is considered an "At Risk" school because 100% of its students qualify for either free or reduced cost lunches. The school has full day kindergarten through fifth grade.

Jan Butler and I met with Principal Maureen Stout, the Assistant Principal, and the Literacy Specialist. We discovered there are two ways of assisting the students at Paradise Elementary:

1. **Volunteering:** Volunteers work within the classroom tutoring a small group of students. No background check or fingerprinting are required.

2. **Mentoring:** Mentors have one student for one-on-one tutoring. You will need a background check, fingerprinting and 1 ½ hours training which will all be done at the school.

The following information may be helpful in deciding your interest:

1. **Time Obligation:** You would only need to volunteer in either math or reading skills for one hour, one day a week for either a semester or an entire year – if you are having fun.

2. **Insurance:** The Clark County School District does not extend insurance to volunteers. Joy has been a 3rd grade teacher in Clark County for 13 years. Each year, she had at least five volunteers in her classroom, helping her students. There were never any insurance problems with any of her volunteers.

3. **Orientation:** All those who want to volunteer or mentor will have a meeting on Wednesday, September 9 at 10 AM, in room 123 of the main 100 building on the UNLV Paradise Campus.

4. **Location:** Paradise School is located on Cottage Grove Avenue. As you pass Ham Hall, continue up the road and you will arrive at Paradise Elementary School.

Presently, we already have twenty-three OLLI members who have chosen to "Make a Difference for Kids," which is totally exciting for our partnership program.

You can express interest in becoming a part of the Paradise School experience by e-mailing me at joyoneil2@aol.com

- Let me know if you want to **mentor** or be a **volunteer**.
- Please send along your name, telephone number, and e-mail.

Joy O'Neill and Jan Butler

Sunshine Report

Warm "Get Well" wishes were sent to OLLI members who were ill, underwent surgery, or had accidents:

1. Dennis Evans
2. Barbara Shulman
3. Art Cohen
4. Mary Ellen Cardenas
5. Jimmy Dratt

Condolences were sent to:

1. Cameron Ashby (wife)
2. Roz Braverman (brother)

For those who may not be familiar with OLLI's Sunshine Committee, we send cards to people who are ill, or who have lost a close relative.

Perry Pearlstein, Chair - 914-7520

Eyeglasses Needed

If you have used eyeglasses you no longer need, please donate them in room 509, in the box labeled **DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS**. Thank you.

Donna Newsom

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Long Range Planning

Growth during the past year has been a team effort spearheaded by Elise Hanseman and Don Silverman's excellent leadership. The constant assistance of both Gene Boldt and Debbie Smatresk is invaluable to all of us. The coming semester will present new opportunities for OLLI growth in Sun City-Summerlin, Mesquite, and Laughlin.

We expect greater participation at the Paradise campus by investigating the availability of bus or van transportation for residents of the many senior communities, such as is already being supplied by Montara Meadows. Ideas for the continuing growth of OLLI will be most welcome by this committee.

Ed Devore, Committee Chair

OLLI @ UNLV FALL CLASS SCHEDULE - Sept. 14 to Dec. 4, 2009

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
Room 511	Great Decisions <i>Bob Lafleur & Charles Vinnik</i>	Soap Box <i>Devore, Cohan, Wooding</i>		Religion <i>Al Esbin</i>	Shakespeare: 4 Comedies <i>Urago & Pace</i>
401	World at War <i>Marvin Feldman</i>	Technology Since WW II <i>John Hurley</i>	The World Today <i>Dennis Evans</i>	Citizen Kane <i>Bob Mirisch</i>	Writing Your Memoir <i>Martine Patton</i>
400	Health Is Wealth <i>Fred Greenberg</i>	French Made Easy <i>Martine Patton</i>		Financial Secur. & Retirement <i>Jerry Smith</i>	Carpet Wars - Kabul to Baghdad <i>Fred Ehrlich</i>
403			History of Nevada Test Site <i>Bob Knipes</i>		
103-C		Tai Chi Chih 11 AM to Noon <i>Jack Stankard</i>			

FALL CLASS GRID REVISION #8 (July 22, 2009)

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
Room 511	Professor's Choice <i>Brian Clayton</i>	Great Music <i>Ken Hanlon & Tom Lyon</i>	JAZZ Preserv. & Appreciation <i>Echt & Carter</i>	China: from Yao to Mao <i>Don Silverman</i>	Reasoning through Logic <i>Alex Miczo</i>
401	Modern Economic Issues <i>Howie Sussman</i>	The Globalized World <i>Dave Dameron</i>	Mystery Movies & Short Stories <i>Wooding & Kouffman</i>	Philosophy of the Mind <i>Len Grossman</i>	
400	Psychotherapy: A Study of Self <i>Bernard Greenblatt</i>	Writer's Workshop <i>Roz Braverman</i>	Unblock Your Creative Voice <i>Sharon Gainsburg</i>	Human Origin <i>Charles Recker</i>	
403	Successful Living in a HOA Oct. 5 to Nov. 9 <i>Sara Barry</i>		Spanish Made Easy <i>Lidia Mauer</i>	Diabetes and Your Body <i>Eileen Augente</i>	Mark Twain's Stories <i>Ruth Elliott</i>
103-C	Basic Drawing & Painting <i>Al Boccia</i>			Room 103-B → → → → → No Bridge Class Oct.30 – Nov.27	Supervised Bridge for Adv. Beginners <i>Judy & Bert Kulic</i>

3 SATELLITE LOCATIONS ARE BELOW

Las Ventanas	Film Censorship <i>Bob Mirisch</i> 10 AM Monday				Best of Old Tyme Radio & TV <i>John Wooding</i> 10 AM Friday
MacDonald Ranch Rec. Center				The Globalized World <i>Dave Dameron</i> 10 AM Thurs.	
Sun City Aliante Community Center				Soap Box <i>Devore/Wooding</i> 1 PM Thursday	

Brief Descriptions for 17 NEW Courses Offered in the Fall Term

Modern Economic Issues

This is not your typical economics course; it is guaranteed not to put you to sleep. The stimulating discussions and DVDs will keep you engaged. Join us as we examine and grapple with important issues facing U.S. economic policymakers now and in the future. Each week we will focus on a particular economic issue and consider various policy options to solve problems facing our nation.

Successful Living in a Homeowners Association (HOA) - (Oct. 5 - Nov. 9)

Living and happily surviving in an HOA can be challenging at times. While each association is unique, there are core principles and characteristics we will share. Get an overview of HOA's history along with tips to maximize your membership.

Professors' Choice

Enjoy variety? Then this course is for you! Each week a professor from a different UNLV department will discuss his or her specialty. It may be a research program, a book or another topic, but it will always be interesting. Discover the best at our campus.

Basic Drawing & Painting for Novices

Discover the hidden artist within yourself. This new course will cover the basics of design and color theory. Students will be able to choose from different media and different painting styles will be explored.

Tai Chi Chih

Tai Chi Chih is a moving meditation which consists of fifteen simple, repetitive, non-strenuous movements which involves no physical contact, but rather emphasizes a soft, flowing continuity of motion. The benefits from daily practice vary with each person, but many people have reported better balance and circulation, greater concentration and more restful sleep. This form of Tai Chi is easy to learn and most people can do it regardless of physical conditions. Join us and learn to relax and energize your whole being.

History of Nevada Test Site

Long considered a barren desert when chosen by President Truman to be the continental test range (part of the Nellis Bombing Range), the Nevada Test Site is important to the history of Nevada. The history of the area from the mid 1800's to the end of nuclear testing in the early 1990's will be studied. Share stories of the inhabitants of that era, both human and animal, including the people who conducted nuclear tests, and the problems they encountered.

The Globalized World in a "Recessionary Era" - Impact of the "BRIC" Countries - Brazil/Russia/India/China

Explore the impact of the current recession on the economies of the U.S. and the major European economies. We will study the "BRIC" countries as well as other countries to try to understand how oil is impacting them and how they are dealing with the recession. We will look at developing countries' efforts to "change" the world's trading environment/rules etc. in the upcoming "post recessionary globalized world" where it may be likely that the U.S. and the old Colonial Powers will lose at least some of their economic clout.

Unblocking Your Creative Voice

Discover and recover your creative self. Whether you have just started embarking upon your creative journey or you are trying to restart your artistic engines, find the resources you need by attending this study group. The Artist's Way, by Julia Cameron, will assist you in unblocking and tapping into your own profound and spiritual creativity.

Philosophy of the Mind - Brains, Consciousness, and Thinking Machines

What is the relationship between the brain organ and the mind? Is free will an illusion? Could a machine ever be creative? What is consciousness? The goal of this course is to develop a deeper philosophical understanding of our minds and of ourselves. The course will be a combination of videotaped lectures that will be followed by class discussion, guaranteed to be stimulating and informative.

Seminar on "Citizen Kane"

Take an in-depth look at the process of developing and producing a motion picture utilizing the film most critics and academicians consider the best American motion picture ever produced, **Citizen Kane**. The film will be used to succinctly demonstrate the creation and development of a concept for a feature film; the role of the director; the impact made on a film by the contributions of major members of the film's crew (e.g. cinematographer; art director; special effects coordinator); the interaction between this film's creators and the financier and touch upon issues relating to the distribution and exhibition of the film. **Citizen Kane** was not without its critics and detractors; we will consider their respective positions and discuss among ourselves the viewer's perspective, how a first time viewer of the film might see it and again how we see it, after we have studied the film. You will come to know intimately movie land's most respected film.

Human Origin

"The Proper Study of Mankind is Man"

Study the comparison of the traditional sources of Hebrew and Greek traditions and what has been learned from archeological and genetic (DNA) studies. A genealogical review of the descents from antiquity and royal ancestry of American presidents will also be explored.

Bridge - Supervised Play for Advanced Beginners (no classes Oct. 30 to Nov. 27)

This course will consist of playing eight to ten bridge hands, where the students can ask for help during the bidding and/or the play of the hand. Hands will be played "duplicate bridge" style, so that students can compare results when two to three "tables" play the same hands.

Writing Your Memoir

Remember the significant moments of your life through exercises that will open the door to forgotten memories. We will encourage you to find your unique voice so that you can tell your story and preserve it as your lasting legacy.

Carpet Wars - A Ten Year Journey from Kabul to Baghdad

Mr. Taquir Ahmed Bids You Welcome - Assalaam Aleikum (Peace Be With You).

An Australian journalist and avid carpet collector chronicles current daily life and ongoing warfare along ancient trade routes through Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, India, Pakistan and the former Soviet Republics of Central Asia.

Shakespeare - Four Comedies

Delve into four comedies by William Shakespeare: **The Taming of the Shrew, Twelfth Night, The Merchant of Venice, and Measure for Measure**. Focus will be on the emotions of the characters and the impact these emotions may have on us today. DVDs from the Teaching Company, videos, lectures and class discussions will guide us as we explore each play in its time and our time today.

Mark Twain's Short Stories

Mark Twain is as important today as he was in his own time. We will read and analyze his short stories, concentrating on his unique writing style.

Best of Olde Tyme Radio and TV

Enjoy this entertaining look at how pioneering radio and TV programs and their stars created the world of entertainment that we all enjoy so much today. Each week we will study one or more of the early radio and TV programs by hearing, viewing and discussing these great shows.

Fall 2009

Caregiver Education Series

THE UNLV COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS GERONTOLOGY PROGRAM,
DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH AND
THE CLEVELAND CLINIC LOU RUVO CENTER FOR BRAIN HEALTH
PRESENT:

The Family Caregiver

Beginning, Friday October 2, 2009
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

UNLV Paradise Campus, Room 133
851 E. Tropicana Avenue

This six-week series will run each Friday
(Oct. 2 to Nov. 13, skipping Oct. 30) and will
assist the family caregiver on these topics:

- ❖ Role of the Caregiver
- ❖ Legal & Financial Considerations
- ❖ Meaningful Activities
- ❖ Behaviors & Communication Strategies
- ❖ Safety
- ❖ Taking Care of the Caregiver
- ❖ Cultural & Diversity Issues in Aging

All are welcome, but please call to register,
as seating is limited.

FOR INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:
702-895-5871 or jacqueline.ragin@unlv.edu

Dr. Richard Lee

When I shockingly heard of the passing of Dr. Richard Lee, I was reading a book entitled "The Ginseng Hunter," by Jeff Talarigo. There is a passage where-in a mother tells a story to her daughter about a fabled place called Utopia:

/"When the Great Leader dies, a sky of cranes swoop from the heavens to carry His body back with them.

As they near the land, the thousands of cranes see all of the people wailing and crying lakes upon lakes of tears.

The cranes also begin to cry and a fine rain falls on the mourning nation.

The cranes pound the air with their wings, and strong winds blow all over the country.

Witnessing this deepest of love for the Great Leader, the cranes cannot bring themselves to take Him away.

They pick Him up, ever so gently, and fly Him to a heavenly palace built here on Earth, in order that He will always be near His people and forever be their Eternal Leader."/

OLLI has lost its Great Leader, and after crying our own lakes of tears, may our own "mourning nation" be comforted by the thought that with the help of the power of our collective love, he has been flown to a heavenly place, and will always be near us, his people.

Don Silverman

Adios Carrol

It began in 1991, when Dr. Carrol Steedman, the Director of Academic Programs in the Dept. of Continuing Education, Learning in Retirement at UNLV, gave the authorization for the start of a program that was to be named Excell. In the first semester, there were four classes, all on the UNLV campus. Now after 18 years, it has grown into the wonderful OLLI program of today. Dr. Steedman recently retired from UNLV. Gracias Carrol and Buen Suerte.

Mike Sperber

POEM Composed for Spring End of Term

Read Aloud on April 18, 2009, at the OLLI Spring Luncheon

The man that's most responsible for OLLI's growth ain't me,
It's the guy who raises money, that's our Doctor Richard Lee,
The grants he got from OLLI were the thing that paved the way,
To the expansion of our program, and to where we are today.

What can a poet say about fantastic Debbie Smatresk?
Rhyiming her last name is tough, but I had to take on that risk,
You shouldn't underestimate her because her name is funny,
'Cause when she works for OLLI, she's the energizer bunny.

Genene Boldt is Debbie's partner, and that team is so amazing,
If we're passing out the kudos, it's those two we should be praising,
You can depend on them, they're there for you, just like your loving mama,
And they make a perfect team, just like Joe Biden and Obama.

Let's recognize your Board members, I'd say it's not too early,
Connie Pearlstein, Elise Hanseman, Dennis Evans, and John Hurley,
Bea Levinson, Tom Lyon, Hughie Mills, and Arlene Cohen,
That's the team I work with, and they know just where we're goin'.

The Chairmen of Committees form a most important group,
The current crop that serves you is a quintessential troop,
What makes them so successful? Brains, hard work, and common sense,
Mary Pace, Curriculum, and Arlene Cohen, Events.

Elise Hanseman does Publicity; Town Hall, Dennis Evans,
Publications, that's Bert Kulic; he gets help from Roz, thank heavens,
Iris Bernikow, Elections, and John Wooding, Nominations,
Sunshine, Perry Pearlstein, these folks never take vacations.

Long Range Planning: Devore, Hurley, Hanseman, and Wooding,
Ed and John, Elise and John; brought everything they could bring,
Donna Newsom chairs Telephone and also chairs New Member,
That woman is a dynamo, and her work I'll long remember.

To our Coordinators we all owe a debt of gratitude,
There are no finer educators, you can trust me, dude,
Hanlon, Miczo, Braverman, Grossman, Ehrlich, Cohan,
Esbin, Feldman, Hurley, Echt, the list just keeps on goin'.

The Damerons, both Liz and Dave, Greenberg and Lafleur,
The Katz's, Frank and Lori, both deserve our praise for sure,
Greenblatt, Lyon, Evans, Mauer, Kulic, Carter, Wooding,
We all enjoy their classes, just like eating chocolate pudding.

There's Kouffman, Smith, and Mirisch; there's Augente and Devore,
These volunteers all work so hard, we couldn't ask for more,
Did I forget myself? Oh, yeah; and also Martha Wood,
We should pay Coordinators, and we'd do that if we could.

We have many other volunteers, too numerous to mention,
But I want to bring each of these fine folks to your attention,
So if you're mentioned in my poem, stand up now, don't be shy,
We can't thank you all enough, but right now, let us try.

Don Silverman

OLLI Journal Goes National

OLLI at UNLV takes special pride in announcing that the OLLI 2008 and 2009 Journals, and all future Journals, will have a home in the OLLI National Resource Center Library. All our Journals will now be posted nationwide on the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute national web site www.osher.net.

We wish to express our appreciation and thank all OLLI member/authors who contribute their creative writings that make it possible to assemble our amazing Journals.

Writers be proud!

*Roz Braverman,
Writers Workshop Coordinator*

OLLI Artists in Charleston Heights

This year the Charleston Heights Art Center had a spring competition called "Celebrating Life" for artists 50+ years old. This prestigious show attracted works of painting and sculpture from hundreds of entrants. Only 100 artists were selected to have their work accepted into the show. Of those chosen, three are OLLI members: Janet Butler, Vija Hamilton, and Phyllis Sperber. Vija was also honored with a prize for her still life painting. Congratulations Vija. Congratulations to all.

Mike Sperber

Free Coffee & Water Available in Room 501

We now have cold water and free coffee available in room 501, one door to the left of large classroom 511.

Thanks to Trude Thomson for making coffee most of the time when there are OLLI classes being held at the Paradise campus.



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Fall Open House - Saturday Sept. 12th (10 AM to Noon)

Come to the Paradise Auditorium to meet many of your instructors, and to find out details about the 38 courses offered, including 17 brand new classes this term.

Calendar of Events - August to December 2009

- August 10OLLI Fall Course Catalog Mailed to 2008-2009 OLLI Members
- August 14Summer Term ends (may run longer, if agreed by Coordinator & members)
- Sept. 9New Coordinators Meeting, 10 - 11:30 AM in Room 401 (light lunch at 11:30)
- Sept. 9Making A Difference for Kids - Orientation in Room 123 (10 AM to Noon)
- Sept. 12Open House for Fall 2009 Term - at Paradise Campus Auditorium (Room 133)
- Sept. 14Fall Term begins a 12 week course schedule, ending on Friday, Dec. 4th
- Oct. 2Family Caregiver Series - 6 Fridays (ends Nov. 13th, no class on Oct. 30th)
- Oct. 30Nevada Day - No Classes on Friday, Oct. 30th
- Nov. 11Veterans Day - No Classes on Wednesday, Nov. 11th
- Nov. 26-27.....Thanksgiving Recess - No Classes on Thurs. Nov. 26th and Fri. Nov. 27th
Some instructors may cancel classes earlier in Thanksgiving week
- Dec. 4Fall Term ends (may run longer, if agreed by Coordinator & members)
- Dec. 5Winter Luncheon - at Stan Fulton Building, details to be announced later