FALL 2015 CLASS SCHEDULE NOW ONLINE!

116 classes, outings, and campus partnerships

Kudos to Mary Brashears and the entire Curriculum Committee for creating another robust schedule. And, of course we are grateful to all 88 fall peer leaders and co-leaders who make lifelong learning fun, varied, and accessible to more than 1,100 adults in Butte County. Click here to view the 2015 Fall Class Schedule. Also, see 2015 Fall Calendar (below) for details on upcoming class previews, bus trip, and other key dates.

In addition to browsing our online schedule, you can also download all of the schedule and membership information here:

- Class Schedule “At A Glance”
- Membership & Class Registration Information

Class registration opens August 20 @ 9am. Classes begin September 8.

5-CLASS LIMIT FOR FIRST TWO WEEKS OF FALL REGISTRATION

Reinstitution of class-limit policy well received by summer members

To provide more fair opportunities for members to enroll in their favorite classes, we will continue the class-limit policy through the first 2 weeks of fall registration. The limited classes are notated by a checkmark (✓).

Fewer than half of the fall classes are limited so you may enroll in as many classes as you’d like, as long as five or fewer of the classes selected are notated with a checkmark. After two weeks we will turn off the class limit and you may add additional classes to your schedule where space is available.

FEE INCREASE TO REFLECT COST OF DOING BUSINESS

Policies of Osher Foundation and Regional & Continuing Education underlie need for fee increase

Membership fees will increase for the first time in two years to help OLLI assume the lion’s share of responsibility for its operational costs. The Advisory Council voted unanimously in favor of the increase to be applied to all categories of membership effective this fall registration period.

- Annual Membership (fall, spring, summer): $150
- Traditional Membership (fall and spring only): $120
- Spring (only) Membership: $90
- Summer (only) Membership: $60

We’ve come a long way. Until two years ago, more than half of OLLI’s cost of doing business was paid for by Regional & Continuing Education (RCE). It has been a long-standing policy of the Osher Foundation and
expectation of RCE that OLLI cover its own direct costs. Increased revenue from new memberships, donations, and grants have helped close the gap. RCE will continue to provide some in-kind support for the website and registration system, plus partially subsidize employee time and OLLI office rental fees.

**OLLI fees—then and now.** The existing fee structure was created for a time when a significant portion of OLLI expenses was paid for by RCE. This arrangement is no longer in place. As of the new fiscal year (July 1), OLLI now covers most of those costs. Annual donations and the 2007 endowment income cannot make up the gap in expenses.

**What about the second $1 million endowment?** Both Osher Endowments were designed to provide modest support in perpetuity. In a healthy economy, each endowment produces annual income from which OLLI can withdraw 5% of the market value of the invested principle (approximately $50k). This year, earnings from the 2007 endowment are available for the first time since the downturn in the financial market. **Earnings from the second endowment will not be available until 2016-17.**

**What about annual donations?** Until recently, OLLI relied almost entirely on membership fees. A key criterion in awarding the second endowment was the demonstration of income growth from other sources. Donations and grants are both examples of areas where OLLI demonstrated success. For the past two years, this has allowed us to cover additional costs without passing all of them on to members in the form of substantial fee increases.

**Closing the GAP.** The fundraising committee is expanding two new programs—business sponsorships and planned giving. Both of these new programs have substantially helped other OLLIs in the national network get a needed boost, and both programs allow members to participate at will.

**Fee Assistance Program.** A portion of OLLI Annual Fund contributions are used to help members who cannot afford full annual fees to participate in classes. If you would like to be considered for our fee assistance program, please send a personal letter to: OLLI at CSU, Chico, 400 W. First Street, Chico, CA 95929-0792. In the letter explain your situation and list in priority order up to three courses you’d like to take. You will be notified before classes begin and there will be a $25 processing fee due. Instructions are also included at [http://rce.csuchico.edu/osher/membership](http://rce.csuchico.edu/osher/membership).

**SUMMER ’16 FEE WAIVER FOR CRAIG HALL SURVIVORS**

*Failed air conditioning unit at Craig Hall Complex created hardship for month of June*

While management at Craig Student Living responded swiftly to complaints of no air at the start of summer term, the problem was not resolved until after classes ended. At OLLI’s request, Craig Student Living will deduct rental fees for the month of June. For members who attended classes at Craig Hall (Gordon 1, Gordon 2, and Bradley) in June, tuition for next summer will be waived. **We are sending notices this week to those enrolled (at Craig Hall) in June classes with specific instructions on how to claim this waiver.**

**BUS TOUR “J.M.W. TURNER: PAINTING SET FREE”**

*September 1 bus-trip lecture and September 8 bus tour*

The “OLLI Trolley” will be heading to The de Young Museum again this fall (September 8) to see an exhibition of works by 19th century British painter J.M.W. Turner. The exhibit includes 65 oil paintings and watercolors. **See the Fall 2015 Class Schedule (Tuesday listings) for details about the tour and pre-trip lecture** by local art historian Dolores Mitchell. The pre-trip lecture is Tuesday, September 1 (see Class Schedule). Price of $65 includes round trip bus plus museum admission. Please note we are contracting with a new charter company for state-of-the-art buses, including window shades! Make checks payable to CSU,
FALL 2015 CALENDAR

Mark your calendars!

Aug 12: ..........Fall Class Preview & Open House—Chico, 10am-12pm, Chico Masonic Center
Aug 19: ..........Fall Class Preview & Open House—Oroville, 10am-12pm, Butte County Library, Oroville
Aug 19:..........Peer Leader Orientation (Oroville)
Aug 20:..........Fall 2015 Registration Opens (9am)
Aug 26:..........Peer Leader Orientation (Chico)
Sept 7: ...........Labor Day (observed)
Sept 8: ..........Fall Classes Start
Sept 23:.........Peer Leader Recruitment Workshop, 10-11:30am, AJH 118
Oct 1:..........Spring 2016 Course Proposals Due
Oct 14..........OLLI General Meeting, 11:30am-1pm, Chico Masonic Family Center
Nov 11: ..........Veterans’ Day (No OLLI Classes)
Nov 23-27 ......Thanksgiving Break (No OLLI Classes)
Dec. 9: ..........Holiday Luncheon
Dec. 11:.........Fall Classes End

HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

If you have something to say, a photo to share, or a question to pose to the editor, you can submit information using our new “OLLI Newsletter Submission” form.

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