RECORD-BREAKING ATTENDANCE DEFIES WEATHER SERVICE WARNING

More than 400 people attend OLLI’s 2017 Spring Class Preview

Like the U.S. Postal Service claims, “neither snow nor rain nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.” The same can be said for the numerous volunteers who generated heat at the Chico Masonic Center despite severe winter storm warnings.

Members socialized and visited with volunteer instructors (“peer leaders”) who’ll be leading more than 130 classes this spring. And some stayed longer than intended, with a dozen cars, parked in the grassy overflow lot, stuck in the mud to the tops of their hubcaps.

SPRING ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS THURSDAY, JAN. 19 AT 9AM

A few helpful tips for a smooth(er) registration experience

While OLLI’s move four years ago to an electronic registration option reduced overall registration processing from more than a week of manual labor to less than a day, the early morning “bottle neck” caused by several hundred members attempting to register at once can cause some frustration. Here are some tips to reduce stress on Opening Day (January 19, 9am).

Helpful Tips for Easy Online Registration:

1. **Have Your Member ID Ready.** You can find your ID by logging onto the OLLI website and selecting “Log In To Register & Renew” in the green menu box. Click the “ID Lookup” button at bottom of page.

2. **Pay Your Membership Fee Early,** online, by mail, or by phone. This will help you get your classes faster and easier on registration day. Remember to **click informed consent box** at bottom of screen before clicking “submit.”

3. **Review Class Descriptions & Special Notes** when planning your schedule. You can access this feature by clicking on title of class on the online schedule. It is linked to a pop-up box that contains special details, as well as reading lists and other information that peer leaders may have added. Not all classes start at the beginning of the semester. Some classes are one day only!
4. **Five-Class Limit.** To provide more fair opportunities for members to enroll in their favorite classes, we will continue the class-limit policy through the first two 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.

**The Spring ’17 Class Schedule is available online:**
- [Online Schedule](#)
- [Class Descriptions & Peer Leader Bios](#)

**LONG-TIME OLLI MEMBER AND PEER LEADER TURNS 96!**

*Celebrating life with friends and loved ones*

Persis Sturgis, long-time leader of the popular Armchair Traveler class, recently celebrated her birthday in style. A member of OLLI since the early Prime Timers’ days, Sturgis, also Professor of Psychology at CSU, Chico from 1964 to 1983, reminds us all to live for the moment and pursue adventure at every turn. She certainly does!

**ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE HEALING ARTS**

*Join the Enloe Cancer Center for a celebration of expressive arts in health care*

Featuring exhibits and a meet-and-greet with 2016 Healing Art Gallery artists, including OLLI members Joan Goodreau and Susan Caron Proctor. Refreshments also provided, along with live music by Jazz Rescue and a poetry performance by cancer survivors Goodreau and Patricia Wellingham-Jones. The event is free and open to the public on Thursday, Jan. 26. Reception starts at 4:30 pm; performance from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Enloe Regional Cancer Center located at 265 Cohasset Road in Chico.

**OLLI FESTIVAL ACTORS SPREAD THEIR WINGS**

*Community theaters feature OLLI members this winter*

OLLI members and two-time veterans of the OLLI Summer Play Festival won roles recently in plays outside the OLLI “campus.” John Los will appear as Colonel Pickering in the Chico Theater Company’s production of *My Fair Lady*. The show runs January 20-February 12 at CTC on Eaton Road. Tickets are $20 for adults 65+. And there’s more! Our own Advisory Council Chair Mike McCluskey plays the monsignor in *Sister Act* at California Regional Theater in Chico from January 20-February 5.
LAST MINUTE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR KINKY BOOTS BUS TRIP

Come join us to see this award-winning musical on February 5th!

Each trip will feature bus transportation, no-host lunch, time to explore Old Town Sacramento, and a theater ticket. The price is $125 per trip and we hope to see you there! If you are interested in attending please call the OLLI office at (530) 898-6679.

For those that have already purchased their tickets for the bus trip information will be going out to you soon about tickets and meeting locations.

REMEMBERING HERBERT ELEFANT

Long-time OLLI member, Herbert Elefant, passed away on December 12. The oldest of five children, Herb outlived them all at 99. After getting his degree in optometry from UC Berkeley, he and his wife Florence, opened a practice in San Francisco. Originally from Brooklyn, NY, Herb quickly adopted California’s passion for the outdoors, including fishing, bicycling, hunting, swimming, hiking, snow skiing, waterskiing and traveling.

He was fortunate to retire in his 50s and never stopped being active. To many friends and family, he is more identified with his love of cycling. He wore out many tires biking all over Northern California, and around the world. In 2006, Herb and his wife moved to Chico to be closer to family. He thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Cracker Barrel class and brought a spirit unlike anything else. Herbert taught all those that knew him to live life to the fullest and that “every day was a good day.” A complete obituary is in the January 11 Chico Enterprise Record.

SPRING 2017 CALENDAR

Mark your calendars!

January 16 ..................... Martin Luther King Day (Office Closed)
January 19 ........................ Registration Opens at 9am
January 30 ..................... OLLI Classes Begin!
March 8 ............................. General Meeting
March 13-17 ..................... Spring Break (No Classes/Office Closed)
March 31 .............................. Cesar Chavez Day (No Classes/Office Closed)
May 12 .............................. Last Day of OLLI Classes

HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

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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