CLASSES START JANUARY 29!

SUMMER COURSE PROPOSALS DUE FEBRUARY 1

SPRING CLASS PREVIEW
380 people fill Elk’s Lodge to hear what’s happening at OLLI’s this spring!

Astrophysics, art, local history, nature, and music dominated the 90-minute program at Manzanita Place (Elk’s Lodge) earlier this month. More than 20 OLLI volunteers were on hand to greet guests and orchestrate a packed schedule of guest speakers, including a dozen new peer leaders who offered teasers on what to expect this spring. A six-member hospitality crew prepared and served healthy snacks and beverages to add to the welcoming spirit of the New Year event. (Photo, right: Peer Leader Tom Lampkin enlightens us about astrophysics!)

Missed the preview? Here are two new classes to consider:

Recreational Math. New Peer Leader and CSU, Chico Professor LaDawn Haws acknowledges that her class title might sound like an oxymoron, but for someone who showed up at the preview in a shirt with logo that reads: Eat, Sleep, Love, Math, “recreational math” is LaDawn’s world view. In her preview presentation, she reminded us that we all start out loving math. “Numbers are some of the first words we learn,” she explained. “But the fun is often homework-ed out of us.” This class will have very little computation. Instead, drawing on her 30 years of teaching, members enrolled in this class will explore many of the creative aspects of math using scissors, paper, bubbles, nuts and bolts—even lasers! Discover the inner-mathematician in you! This class meets on Thursdays from 9 to 10am.

Geospatial Info Systems, Maps, and Aerial Photographs. Dean of Meriam Library Patrick Newell talked about the evolution of mapping from paper to digital format in his preview presentation. In this four-week class, OLLI members will learn about the history of maps, and how maps have changed with the growth of the Internet. The final meeting will be a hands-on workshop, employing some of the information gleaned in the first three meetings.

AUDITIONS NEXT MONTH FOR 2018 PLAY FESTIVAL
Read for your favorite part in one of six short OLLI original comedies

On Wednesday, February 7, from 1-4pm, you’ll have the chance to audition for a role (or two) in six original, laugh-out-loud comedies selected for the Spring 2018 OLLI Play Festival. Auditions will take place in our Gordon 1 classroom at the Craig Student Living complex. On Feb. 7, OLLI members can audition for a variety of roles, including stage readings (using scripts on-stage), characters with few—or even no—lines, and more demanding roles for experienced actors. Please complete the Actors’ Information Form in advance of the
auditions. By completing the [online form](#), a copy will automatically be emailed to you and to the OLLI office. Please also save Friday, Feb. 8 (3-5pm) and Feb. 9 (3-5pm) for call backs, as needed—also in Gordon 1. **Scripts are now available in the OLLI office (print or email).** Eight weeks of rehearsals begin February 19, through four performances April 12-15 at the Blue Room Theater.

## OLLI Community Partner in the Spotlight

**Financial & educational partners enriching the OLLI experience**

Last year, OLLI business sponsors donated $10k, helping us avoid a major fee increase this year and offsetting other programmatic costs. But our sponsors do more than ease financial burden. By building partnerships with local businesses, OLLI is also gaining partners in the classroom, where expertise and experience are informing our members. Do you know a local business that may consider becoming an OLLI sponsor? We’d welcome your assistance in recruiting them. A complete listing of our sponsors can be found on the OLLI website, under [Thank You to Our Sponsors](#)!

### Meet the People Behind Altum Wealth Advisors

More than 300 OLLI members have enrolled in classes over the years led by Steve and Miste Cliadakis. The duo have been active in OLLI since 2014, participating on several volunteer committees and offering a number of classes as peer leaders. In 2016 they became proud sponsors because they believe in lifelong learning and giving back to this community.

### Spring 2018 Classes

In her class **Women & Money**, Miste Cliadakis will teach women how to take control of their finances and pursue their financial goals. While women share some similar financial objectives as men, such as retiring comfortably, maintaining their currently lifestyle, and covering personal and family healthcare costs, studies show their investment priorities and approaches to finances often differ. The class will cover the principles of investing and financial planning, including retirement income, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, and financial scams. **(Women Only)** Tuesdays, 10:30am to 12pm, Feb. 6-20, Craig Hall: Bradley 1.

Steve will be leading two classes this spring. His first, **Behavioral Finance, Part III** will focus on the psychology of decision-making. The class will highlight theories of Ariely (Predictably Irrational), Duhigg (The Power of Habit), Shiller (Irrational Exuberance), Taleb (The Black Swan), and Cialdini (Influence: The Power of Persuasion). The class will explore what influences the decisions we make and how we adopt biases in our reasoning. The goal is to understand how to become more aware of our cognitive and emotional selves and our surrounding influences to help us make better decisions. **Mondays, 8:30-10am, Feb. 26 through Mar. 12, Craig Hall: Bradley 1.**

**Financial Planning & Investment** is a second class Steve will lead, with an emphasis on trends and best practices. The class will cover key principles of financial planning and investments, with a focus on recent trends and best practices. Topics will include: financial planning fundamentals, goal-based investing, asset-class investing, impact/socially responsible investing, and other topics. **Monday, 8:30-10am, Feb. 26 through Mar. 12, Craig Hall: Bradley 1.**

### Remembering

Longtime OLLI member and former peer leader George Davis passed away on January 11. George was recently featured in an e-bulletin story about his involvement in one of OLLI’s longest running classes, **Poetry for Pleasure.** George also took part in numerous other OLLI classes, including guitar, dance, and other active options. A celebration of life will be scheduled for Sunday, February 18, beginning at 1pm at the Chico Women’s Club.
SPRING 2018 CALENDAR

Mark your calendars!

January 29 ........................Spring Classes Begin
February 1 ........................Summer 2018 Course Proposals Due
February 7 ........................Play Festival Auditions, 1-4pm, Gordon 1 (Craig Student Living)
March 7 ..............................Fall 2018 Course Proposals Due
March 7 ..............................General Meeting at Chico Masonic Family Center
March 19-23 .......................Spring Break (Office Closed/No Classes)
March 30 ...........................Cesar Chaves Holiday (Office Closed/No Classes)
April 12-15 ........................Play Festival at the Blue Room Theatre
April 18 .............................Annual Business Meeting
May 9 .................................Spring Luncheon
May 11 ..............................Spring 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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