Unless a peer leader has made special arrangements with the OLLI Office to conduct a class during Spring Break, there will be no classes March 16-20. The OLLI Office will be open during normal operating hours, Mon.-Thurs., 9 to 1 p.m., if you have questions about classes or other matters. Enjoy your week off!

**OLLI PLAY FESTIVAL GATHERS STEAM FOR JUNE PERFORMANCES**

*Guidelines for submitting comic plays for upcoming performances at Blue Room Theater*

If you missed the short comic play performed by OLLI members Pam Loyd and Bill Douglas at the start of the March 11 General Meeting, then you really missed, um, something. With a title like “Saturday Sex,” you’ll have to make a note not to miss the next meeting! Pam’s four-person committee has grown to more than 50 volunteers and recently confirmed booking of Chico’s Blue Room Theater for performances June 25, 26, 27, and 28. Special thanks to OLLI member and Blue Room Board President Nancy Leverette for her support and enthusiasm about the project.

The Play Festival Committee is currently soliciting short comic plays. **Play submissions are open to all OLLI members, the deadline for which is April 16.** If interested, please request criteria and guidelines directly from committee chair Pam Loyd at pamloyd@icloud.com. She will email criteria, guidelines, plus instructions for formatting, as well as an informational sheet on how to write a short comic play.

**NEW CLASS THIS SPRING, “REHEARSING OUR LAST PASSAGE”**

*A life review and study of dying as a “last career”*

“Life review is much more than letting your mind wander when you get old,” Professor Donald Heinz shared with audience members at the General Meeting. “To construct a ‘good death,’ you must first unpack the meaning of your life.” Professor Heinz will lead a special six-week class called “Rehearsing Our Last Passage,” starting April 8 from 10:30 a.m. to Noon, at the Chico New Thought Center. This class is not currently listed in the OLLI schedule.

Donald Heinz, PhD, is professor of Religious Studies at Chico State. Formerly he was for 16 years dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts there. In 1980 he created the University's first course in death and dying, which continues to be offered every semester. Out of that course, Dying, Death, and Afterlife, came Heinz’s book with Oxford University Press, *The Last Passage: Recovering a Death of Our Own*. He also assisted in founding the Hospital Bioethics Committee and served on it as an ethicist for 15 years.

**To register for the class, please call the OLLI Office at (530) 898-6679.** We will also be mailing information to members with U.S. Mail preference so that they are aware of this and other upcoming events.
BUS TRIP TO VIEW MASTERPIECES AT SAN FRANCISCO DE YOUNG MUSEUM

Pre-trip lecture and bus trip kick-off summer program

Art historian and local artist Dolores Mitchell will lead a pre-trip lecture on Monday, May 18, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Chico New Thought Center. Her lecture will help prepare members who also register for the bus trip to see these masterpieces on Wednesday, May 20. See Summer Bus Trip Flyer for more details.

To register for the pre-trip lecture and the bus trip, please reply to this email or contact the OLLI Office at (530) 898-5858 and include your full name, contact information, and number of people in your party. The price is $72 (OLLI member) or $97 (Friends of OLLI). The Friends of OLLI rate includes a discounted membership rate good for the pre-trip lecture and bus trip only. Registration and payment due May 4.

Make checks payable to: CSU, Chico Research Foundation; c/o Osher Lifelong Learning Institute 400 W. 1st Street, Room 118B; Chico, CA 95929-0792

“CHICO BREAKS THE RECORD”

OLLI’s own Tuesday Tunes supports Chico’s bid for Guinness record

Support Chico’s bid to break the Guinness World Record for longest continuing live music performance. A minimum of 10 audience members are required to be in attendance, including two “witnesses.” OLLI’s favorite songbirds, Tuesday Tunes, are scheduled for two separate appearances and needs your support. Please contact Peer Leader Bitz Haley to reserve your spot at this fun, and potentially historical, event!

When? April 7 from (10-Noon) and/or April 21 (10-Noon); Where? The Tackle Box Bar & Grill, 379 E. Park Avenue; Contact: Bitz at bitzhaley@hotmail.com or (530) 519-6254.

LAST CALL FOR FREE DANCE PERFORMANCE ON MARCH 25 @ 6:30 P.M.

No tickets required; however RSVP by phone needed for entry

Joe Goode Performance Group returns to Chico to begin rehearsals for Resilient, the modern dance performance created from one-on-one interviews with OLLI members last month. It is festival seating for this performance in CSU, Chico’s Harlan Adams Theater, so come early and secure your seats. Click here RSVP online today to reserve seats or call the OLLI Office at (530) 898-6679.

NOTE TO MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED GENERAL MEETING

A reference was made during the keynote address about Brain State Technologies. The content was shared in the context of the speaker’s personal experience and was not intended as a promotion of the technology itself. As an affiliate of CSU, Chico and part of a broad network of Osher Institutes, OLLI Chico adheres to the policy that lectures and/or classes shall not be used to endorse commercial products or services.

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.