OLLI Cafeteria Privileges in Jeopardy!

OLLI Chico is fortunate to have the use of the Craig Hall campus and cafeteria. Craig has installed pull bars in bathrooms, designated special parking places for our members, and invited them to use their student’s cafeteria at reduced prices. Their goal was to create an intergenerational experience to the benefit of all. Unfortunately, some of our members have been behaving rudely and have placed our cafeteria privileges in jeopardy. After all, Craig’s first obligation is to serve the students who pay a premium price to live there. The reputation of a positive or negative experience for their residents will affect their occupancy and therefore, their bottom line.

Here are some ways you can help:

1. Remember we are guests at a discounted price at the cafeteria and wait your turn in line. Do not go around students to “toss” your $5 bill on the counter. No one wants money thrown at them. Young students also have classes they need to get to.

2. When choosing a place to sit, try not to occupy a whole table by yourself. If you are the first at the table, invite other OLLI members to sit with you, which is a great way to meet people.

3. If you have a complaint, please pass it along to the OLLI office, unless it is an immediate safety issue.

All of these things, plus a courteous “thank you” to the cafeteria staff, will help demonstrate your appreciation for this opportunity and convenience. Thank you, from the OLLI office, for doing your part.

2018-19 BUDGET & PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE

Many of the OLLI members who attended the Annual Business Meeting last month said they wished more members had attended. They said that seeing and hearing the information was helpful—especially where numbers are involved! That feedback inspired us to try something different. Instead of a written summary, we’ve turned to modern web technology to bring you a video summary of the OLLI financials. My hope is that this audio-visual summary is more compelling than paper, and that the video will help get the word out more broadly about OLLI’s financial details. (Click the highlighted text to start the video.)

Please take a few minutes to watch and listen, and don’t hesitate to follow up directly with questions about the message and/or the effectiveness of this new approach! For those of you looking at a printed version of this bulletin, the video can also be found on the OLLI website, under the tab “About OLLI” in the green menu bar.
SUMMER CLASS PREVIEW

Wednesday, May 16, 10am - 12pm, Chico Masonic Family Center

Getting out could be a theme of this summer’s offerings at OLLI Chico. Whether you peek behind the scenes at Laxson Auditorium, meet at a coffee shop for a game of cribbage, or wander across Medieval England in your mind, there are several classes in our summer line-up that will get you out and about. Four classes at the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve will introduce local wildlife and preservation efforts. Or travel to the secluded Butterfly Valley and discover carnivorous plants and other oddities that grow there. Consider stretching your vocal cords and laughing muscles by joining Tuesday Tunes, loaded with music and mirth. Some members have told us our June classes are “better than summer camp”! See the OLLI summer schedule. Classes start June 4.

Join us on Wednesday, May 16, from 10am-12pm to hear our summer leaders talk about their classes. Light snacks will be served.

Note location: Smaller meetings like this one are held at the Masonic Family Center, 1110 W. East Ave.

SUMMER INTERSESSION IN AUGUST

Brain States: Your Brain-Body Connection & How to Improve It
Led by Dr. Joni Samples

Back by popular demand, this four-part series, led by Dr. Joni Samples, runs all four Tuesdays in August. Cost is $10 per class or $35 for the full series. Register now and beat the heat in OLLI classrooms this summer!

* 4 Workshops: Tuesdays, August 7, 14, 21, & 28
* When & Where: 1:30 pm–3:00 pm | Craig Hall, Bradley 2
* Fee: $10 per session or $35 for the full series

Class 1: The Brain and How it Works
Class 2: Your Heart and Body & How They are Connected to the Brain
Class 3: Improving the Brain-Body Connection Physically
Class 4: Improving the Brain-Body Connection Mentally

Register online, by mail (pdf), or pay at the door for any workshop(s) you attend.

EAST MEETS WEST: JESUS AND KRISHNA DIALOGUE WORKSHOP

Tuesday, May 15, from 10am-12pm, in Gordon 1

Last spring, Harry Keshet, former leader of the popular Bhagavad Gita class, returned to Chico to lead a class on spirituality. This spring, Harry is back after returning from India to share with our community how to apply the teaching of the “Sermon on the Mount” and the “Bhagavad Gita” to our lives. The workshop includes teachings from the Beatitudes, Karma and Bhakti yoga to transform thinking, open hearts, change behavior and deepen spirituality. Just as Mahatma Gandhi applied these texts to transform his life, we can experience our own spiritual nature and live an active, creative, love and joy centered life.

About Harry Keshet: Harry is a learner, teacher, healer, and psychologist with more than 35 years of experience. His long-term spiritual interests span Hindu, Christian, and Buddhist traditions. He teaches with respect, joy, love and humor. He has taught spiritually-oriented classes class in OLLI and now lives and teaches in Salt Lake City, UT.
SUMMER 2018 BUS TRIP
Truth and Beauty: The Pre-Raphaelites and the Old Masters

Pre-Trip Lecture: June 27, 1-2:30pm, Craig Hall Gordon 1
Bus Trip to Museum: June 30, 7:45am to 8pm
Price: Members: $90 Non-Members: $100
Deadline to sign-up: May 30

Pre-trip lecture by Professor Emerita Dolores Mitchell, who has taught 19th Century European art and published research on the topic. Dolores shared a preview of her talk at the OLLI General Meeting on Mar. 7. She spoke of the lush, intricate works that were created, with wives and mistresses as models. Sign-ups are now available on our secure online registration form! Sign up soon!

BLOWING COLD AIR AT CRAIG HALL
Bring your wraps to class

The vigorous air conditioning system at Craig Hall is ready for summer – whether summer is here or not. Please bring wraps to keep you warm while sitting in class so that you are comfortable. The system is old and requires a bit of accommodation on our part. Just remember to take them with you when you go.

SPRING 2018 CALENDAR
Mark your calendars!

May 9..........................Spring Luncheon (11:30am-1pm)
May 11........................Spring Classes End
May 16........................Summer Class Preview (Chico Masonic Family Center)
May 17........................Summer Registration (Opens at 9am)
June 1 .........................Summer Classes Start
May 27.......................Bus Trip Lecture (1-2:30pm)
May 28.......................Memorial Day
June 1 .........................Summer Classes Start
June 30 ......................San Francisco Museum Bus Trip (All Day)

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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