INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FOR A DAY?
Partnership with CSU, Chico to enrich experiences for international students and OLLI members

On Wednesday, November 16, OLLI’s own Community Connections team will host an orientation meeting for OLLI members interested in serving as hosts-for-a-day this spring. The “Day Home Stay” program is a new partnership between OLLI and the American Language and Culture Institute (ALCI) at CSU, Chico. The hour-long meeting will start at 3pm in the Gordon 2 classroom at Craig Student Living.

OLLI member and former CSU, Chico Dean of Students Abe Baily was inspired to develop this homestay opportunity because of his own experience hosting international students. “We have an opportunity to inform the lives of these visiting students by sharing our own unique American experience,” Abe explained. “In exchange, learn what it’s like to visit Chico for the first time.”

Share a meal and share your unique American experience. Find out more about this new program by joining Abe for an initial conversation about “Day Home Stay” and how you can become involved. Questions? Call the Office at 530-898-6679.

GENERAL MEETING SPEAKER OPENS EYES
150 members learn more about “gardening within our means”

A special thanks to the Events Committee, our keynote speaker, and everyone who attended the General Meeting at the Chico Masonic Family Center on October 12. For those who missed Master Gardener Jeanette Alosi’s talk about “Understanding Our Climate: Gardening within Our Means,” the story can be viewed through this link (click here) to the Chico Enterprise-Record review.

OLLI SPOTLIGHT: ART CONVERSATIONS CLASS FEATURES LOCAL AUTHOR
Oroville Peer Leader Machelle Conn invites local artists into her classroom

Advisory member for OLLI’s Greater Butte County Chapter, Machelle Conn has helped recruit new members and classes to OLLI’s Oroville chapter for several years. Her latest class, “Art Conversations: Writers’ Edition,” highlights authors and the written word. Each week, a published author visits her classroom to talk about their history and interests, followed by a reading from one of their selected works.

Recently, Conn invited Marianne Aleck, author of The Liberty Club, to meet with the class. Born and raised in Oroville, Aleck grew up with strong European influences, which emphasized family first. After decades in the American workforce, much of which was in the construction field, Aleck’s yearning to be an author came to fruition. Having finally found the time to do extensive family research, Marianne wove these intricate details into a critically-acclaimed, historically correct, layered family memoir, The Liberty Club.

Michelle Conn’s class meets weekly on Wednesdays through Nov. 9 at the Butte County Office of Education in Oroville. For more information about upcoming authors and class location, call the OLLI Office at 898-6679.
**DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR SPRING BUS TRIPS**

*Three award-winning musicals on the Spring ’17 schedule*

Each year, the California Musical Theatre in Sacramento brings Broadway to this coast through its Broadway Sacramento Series featuring some of the most popular Broadway shows.

Choose one, two, or all three (!) of these day-trip excursions and take advantage of an OLLI discount provided through advance sales. 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 the **registration deadline for all shows is November 11**. The early registration date allows us to take advantage of the lower group-sales rates.

The three plays this are *Kinky Boots*, “*A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder*” and *The Phantom of the Opera*.

[Click here](#) for more information about the musicals. Call the OLLI office at 530-898-6679 to register.

**CSU, CHICO ADVOCACY PROGRAM SHARES MEDICARE FRAUD ALERT**

*Beware of Postcards Advertising “Free” Braces to Relieve Pain*

Several reports have been made of Medicare beneficiaries receiving urgently marked postcards with a special notice of pending eligibility to receive a Medicare-covered back brace or knee support system. We urge you NOT to respond to these mailers and advise you to talk to your doctor FIRST about any pain you are experiencing.

Medicare only covers braces and other durable medical equipment (DME) that is medically necessary with a doctor’s prescription. Scammers, however, hope you don’t know that. They just want your Medicare number to bill Medicare for equipment you never receive, or to bill Medicare for much more expensive equipment than you receive. Protect yourself and guard your Medicare card!

If you or someone you know comes across such scams, let us know. Together we can stop fraud! Call the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) at 1-800-434-0222, or the Senior Medicare Patrol at 1-855-613-7080. Visit: cahealthadvocates.org.

**FALL 2016 CALENDAR**

*Mark your calendars!*

- November 11 ................. No Classes (Veterans Day)
- November 21-25............ No Classes (Thanksgiving Break)
- December 14 ................ Holiday Luncheon (Canyon Oaks Country Club)
- December 16 ................. Fall Classes End
- December 19................. OLLI Office Closes for Winter Break
- January 2 ..................... OLLI Office Opens for Spring Semester

**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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