SPRING LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 11:30AM – 1PM

Celebrate OLLI Peer Leaders!

Join us at Canyon Oaks Country Club, 11:30am-1pm, Wednesday, May 8. Tickets are $18. Reserve and pay online or print a reservation form to mail in (or drop off) by next week’s deadline (May 1). Peer Leaders received a separate invitation, with special instructions for their complementary ticket.

Do you have some words of appreciation you’d like to direct to a particular Peer Leader(s)? Use our online submission form to let us know what you think!

Questions? Call us at (530) 898-6679.

LISTENING SESSION VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED

CARD is proposing a facilities expansion & wants OLLI input

CARD is considering a revenue measure to expand its facilities and General Manager Ann Willmann is looking for input from OLLI members on what our greatest needs and interests are in terms of future classroom space and/or activities and services desired. Sign up here to participate and join staff and members of the Advisory Council in being represented as CARD’s preliminary plans take shape.

Tuesday, April 30, 3-4:30pm, CARD Office (545 Vallombrosa Avenue, Chico)

FREE HEARING SCREENINGS IN MAY

Chico Hearing Aid Center is coming to The Social (formerly Craig Hall)

Chico Hearing Aid Center is celebrating 70 years of "changing lives through better hearing," and they are bringing their celebration to OLLI. In honor of Better Hearing Month, Chico Hearing Aid Center will set up their Hearing Check Kiosk at The Social in the Gordon and Bradley lobbies from 12 – 1:30pm:

Monday, April 29: Bradley Lobby
Tuesday, April 30: Gordon Lobby
Wednesday, May 1: Bradley Lobby

FREE Hearing Screenings
April 29, 30 and May 1
SUMMER BUS TRIP

Sign up to see OKLAHOMA! (read Playbill reviews)

“We loved the intense energy of the cast and the choreography was off the charts!” exclaimed an OLLI member upon return from a recent OLLI bus trip to see a Broadway Sacramento performance. “Don’t miss an opportunity to see an off-Broadway show!”

Here’s your chance! Join OLLI on Sunday, June 30, from 11am – 8pm

Ticket Price: $130. Purchase online, by mail, or by calling the office at (530) 898-6679.

Deadline is May 15!

FORMER PEER LEADER TO PRESENT OLLI WORKSHOP

Reminder: Free workshop on Monday next week!

Come hear clinical and organizational psychologist Harry Keshet talk about the relationship between the brain, emotional life, and how to achieve greater peace and well-being through spiritual practice. For years, Harry led the popular Bagavad Gita class, where he shared his long personal history of study, practice, and teaching Eastern and Western spiritual traditions. His 90-minute workshop is filled with lively discussions and experimental exercises. Join Harry on Monday, Apr. 29, from 3 – 4:30pm in Gordon 1.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING RECAP

Budget overview and 2019-20 annual planning objectives

Seventy members attended the OLLI Annual Business Meeting last week at the Chico Masonic Family Center. Program Director Ann Nikolai shared highlights to date from the 2018-19 fiscal year, which ends June 30, along with the proposed budget for 2019-20.

Membership fees for 2019-20 will not increase in the fall, thanks primarily to the generous support from local businesses and individual OLLI donors. “Our goal over the past three years has been to make up for the gap left by Regional & Continuing Education when they stopped covering a large portion of OLLI expenses,” Ann explained. “With help from our donors, as well as reduction in some expenses, we’ve been able to balance the budget and build a small reserve.”

OLLI’s goal over the next five years is to increase the reserve fund to 50% of the program’s annual costs. This can be done without further membership fee increases beyond periodic cost-of-living adjustments. In her presentation, Ann also shared benchmarking data from a 2018 report by the Osher National Resource Center comparing 116 Osher Institutes across the country. View Ann’s full slide presentation for more details.

Advisory Council Chairman William Tefteller followed the numbers discussion by leading a conversation on next year’s goals. The Advisory Council, in conjunction with the Program Director, has developed a draft 2019-20 Annual Plan, for which input is welcome and encouraged. William and Ann demonstrated how ideas from last year’s meeting made it into this year’s annual plan, and shared progress to date on several of those priorities,
including a Facilities Master Plan, the Faculty Lecture Series, and building a rainy day fund in the event of a market downturn, which could indefinitely suspend endowment income from the two Osher gifts.

Do you have something to add? Send an email to olli@csuchico.edu to share your thoughts and ideas about how we can improve your OLLI experience.

**BETTER THAN SUMMER CAMP!**

**Summer Class Preview on May 15, Chico Masonic Family Center**

Inspired by all the fun activities we see our kids and grandkids engaged in when we drop them off at summer camp, OLLI offers its own version of summer learning during the entire month of June. Learn more from the summer peer leaders when they speak about their classes at the **Summer Class Preview on Wednesday, May 15, from 10am to 12pm**, at the Chico Masonic Family Center (1110 W East Avenue, Chico).

Registration for Summer classes opens on May 16 at 9am. View the summer schedule online or download the printed schedule.

**TORRES COMMUNITY SHELTER IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS**

Can you share your skills with someone in transition?

By Leslie Howard, former Prime Timers Board President

Since the Camp Fire, the face of homelessness has changed in Chico. The Torres Community Shelter census is now at maximum capacity and some guests are sleeping on the dining room floor. Seventy percent of guests are not chronically homeless. Many are elderly and disabled and use wheelchairs and walkers to get around. Previously the shelter has been very successful at finding more permanent housing as soon as possible for guests, but because of this area’s housing shortages, there will not be any other housing available for quite some time.

When I asked the Director, Joy Amaro, what the shelter needs, she said “Volunteers!” She would particularly welcome those who could teach a class or lead an activity on a weekly basis. For example, some members at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints are leading a class on managing finances. She thinks that any activity that would teach a new life skill or keep people occupied in a positive way would be welcome. As an example, she suggested a Knitting Class. The shelter has some computers and a commercial kitchen that might be used to teach classes.

OLLI members have such a wealth of skills and understand the joy of sharing with others. If you can teach a class or volunteer in another way, please contact Joy Amaro at joy@torresshelter.org.
**SPRING 2019 CALENDAR**

Mark your calendars!

May 8 .......................... Spring Luncheon, 11:30am – 1pm at Canyon Oaks Country Club
May 10 ......................... Spring Classes End
May 15 .......................... Summer Class Preview
May 16 .......................... Summer Registration Day
June 3 ............................ First Day of Summer Classes
June 28 .......................... Last Day of Summer Classes

**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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