OLLI members, we have some exciting news! After much research, collaboration, and new options from our payment processors, we've just had a breakthrough and can now offer payment plans for our membership bundles!

Membership fees can be paid in four (4) or eight (8) installments beginning immediately online or by calling the OLLI office. There are still seats available in most OLLI classes, a third of which don’t start until later this term. We look forward to fully automating this process, but couldn’t wait any longer to make this helpful option available. If you haven’t joined OLLI yet this year and are interested in making payments in installments, please contact the OLLI office at (530) 898-6679 and we’ll set you up!

FALL GENERAL MEETING: FINDING COMMON GROUND IN POLITICS

CSU, Chico Professor Kate McCarthy draws on decades of research to make sense of the current political divide and offers strategies for finding common ground across the red-blue chasm.

Every semester, OLLI brings members and friends together to reconnect, stay engaged, and enjoy the wisdom and expertise of Chico’s best. This fall, we are pleased to present Loving Our Political Enemies: Notes on the Most Urgent Task of our Time. Americans are more politically polarized than at any time in recent decades, making civil discourse across lines of difference—even at the family dinner table—increasingly rare. Dr. McCarthy will share her knowledge and expertise in bringing people together at this important juncture in American politics.

Kate McCarthy is Interim Dean of Undergraduate Education at CSU, Chico, where she also served as Chair of the Department of Comparative Religion and Humanities. She is author of Interfaith Encounters in America and co-editor with Eric Maxur of God in the Details: American Religion in Popular Culture. Following the 2016 election she founded Depolarization Chico, a community group dedicated to finding the root causes of our political divisions and implementing local strategies for mutual understandings and dialogue.
We hope you’ll join us Wednesday, October 10, from 11:30am-1pm at the Chico Masonic Family Center, 1110 W. East Avenue. Social hour starts at 11:30 and program begins at noon. Refreshments will be served.

COURSE PROPOSAL FORM NOW ONLINE

Spring is in the air! Really?

Building the OLLI class schedules is a major undertaking—handled almost entirely by OLLI volunteers. Getting a head start is critical in order to build, confirm, and publish schedules in time for the next term.

Whether you’ve led a class in the past or could be convinced to lead one for the first time, we hope you’ll consider submitting a course proposal for spring. You can find our **online proposal form** on the **Peer Leader Resources page** of our website, along with a wealth of helpful information for both new and veteran Peer Leaders. **Spring ’19 course proposals are due October 1.**

**Questions?** Contact OLLI Peer Leader Mentor Sydney Wilde at 2skwilde@gmail.com. Or call the OLLI office (530) 898-6679.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS ENRICH OLLI EXPERIENCE

**Altum Wealth Advisors help ease OLLI financial burden**

The OLLI Business Sponsorship program is in its third year, generating $30k over that same period to help offset programmatic costs and contributing to the OLLI curriculum. OLLI’s eight community partners give back in a number of ways, with an annual health and wellness lecture series sponsored by Enloe Medical Center; free hearing screenings by Chico Hearing Aid Center; and estate planning seminars through Harris & Plottel.

Steve and Miste Cliadakis of Altum Wealth Advisors—the first local business to sign on as an OLLI sponsor—have together offered 20 OLLI classes in Chico, Orville, and Paradise on various topics, including financial management and the psychology behind risk-taking and investing. We asked several OLLI members who’ve taken their classes to tell us about what they learned.

“Before I took Miste’s class, I felt disconnected from the whole world of finance and investing,” explained OLLI member Debbie Vermette. “I understood intellectually that this was important stuff, but I wasn’t sure where to begin or even what questions to ask.” Roy Cook, member and peer leader since 2010, compares finding a good financial planner with finding good medical care. “For us, finding a good financial advisor is one of the most important decisions we would ever make.”

Bernice Reed, Roy’s wife, agreed. “When our previous investment advisor of 30 years passed away in 2014, we turned to OLLI for some direction,” Bernice explained. “I took one of Steve’s classes to get to know him better, and we eventually moved our portfolio to Altum.” Added Roy, “Liking and trusting
your advisor is really important, but the key is getting results. With Altum, we continue to get great results.”

Miste Cliadakis: **Women & Money: Making Smart Financial Decisions in Retirement.** *Wednesdays, 10:30am-12pm, Oct. 3 through Oct. 17,*  
    *Craig Hall: Bradley 2*

Miste Cliadakis: **Women & Money: Take Control of Your Finances.** *Mondays, 10:30-11:30am, Oct. 1 through Oct. 15, Butte County Office of Education, Oroville*

Steve Cliadakis: **Financial Planning & Investments: Trends & Best Practices.** *Mondays, 8:30-10am, Sept. 10 - Sept. 24 in Craig Hall: Bradley 1*

### OLLI MENTORING PROGRAM

**Finding meaning in giving back**

A year ago, the 121 OLLI chapters voted OLLI Chico’s Mentoring Initiative the Most Innovative volunteer program in the nation. This past year, OLLI Chico hosted 50 mentoring partnerships with CSU, Chico students. OLLI mentors use their years of experience to help traditional students develop their people skills—both in life, at school, and in the work place.

**Who needs a mentor?** Bill Campbell mentored Steve Jobs. Steve Jobs mentored Mark Zuckerberg. Warren Buffett mentored Bill Gates. If these names ring a bell, then you know **everyone can benefit** from being on either end of the mentoring relationship. **But we need your help.** The majority of student mentees have come from the CSU, Chico College of Business, and we’d like to expand our reach. Do you know a professor from another department at CSU, Chico who may wish to partner with OLLI so that his/her students have the same opportunities for mentorship? If so, **please contact me, Roy Cook,** at 123rsc@gmail.com.

### OLLI PLAY FESTIVAL GEARING UP FOR SPRING

**Calling OLLI writers!**

Once again, OLLI is proud to announce that plans are underway for the annual **Play Festival,** **April 11-14.** This is our fifth season showcasing the talent and hard work of local OLLI members, who are our playwrights, actors, directors, and backstage crew!

The festival committee is now seeking playwrights, for whom the **submission deadline is noon on Friday, December 14.** A “Guidelines for Playwrights” publication is available now upon request to Pam Loyd at pamloyd@icloud.com. Thinking of acting? **Auditions are February 6 and 7** from 1 to 4pm at Craig Student Living in the Gordon 1 classroom. **Rehearsals start February 11 through start of performances.** We hope you will keep these dates in mind when planning.

### VOLUNTEER MEET & GREET ON SEPT. 26

Sherri Faroky (pictured, right) talks with two students about their future plans.

OLLI member John Los struts his stuff on stage at last year’s Play Festival.
“The best way to connect with other members is to volunteer,” says Sydney Wilde, long-time peer leader and Advisory Council member. Find out more about our member-driven volunteer program and whether there’s a volunteer role that appeals to you. There are a wide range of tasks that vary widely in scope and commitment—from a few hours a year to something more regular—at home, or with a team!

**Volunteer Orientations** held monthly on the last Wednesday of the month. Stop by on **Wednesday, September 26, from 4 to 5pm at the Craig Student Living complex in the Gordon 2 classroom.** RSVP by emailing Gayle at gawomack@csuchico.edu. Hope to see you there!

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**PERFUMES & OTHER SCENTED LOTIONS CAN TRIGGER ALLERGIES**

*Take care of the people seated around you*

Several members have asked us to pass on the message that wearing fragrances to class has some unintended consequences. Headaches and asthma attacks can be triggered by perfumes and scented lotions—especially in close quarters. Please remember that your use of fragrances is voluntary, while another’s reaction is not. We want members to feel welcome and comfortable in every OLLI classroom, and we appreciate your cooperation in doing your part to help us meet this goal.

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**IN MEMORIUM**

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**25th ANNIVERSARY WALK TO END ALZHEIMER’S**

*OLLI members are volunteering to walk on October 13*

Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s® is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. The Chico Walk is on Saturday, Oct. 13 at Bidwell Park/Sycamore Field. Find out how to join (or start!) a team. For more information about Alzheimer’s call the 24/7 helpline at (800) 272-3900 or visit alz.org.

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**FALL 2018 CALENDAR**

*Mark your calendars!*

- October 1 ................... Spring ’19 Course Proposals Due
- October 10 ................. General Meeting (Masonic Family Center)
- November 12............. Veterans’ Day Observed. No Classes Held
- November 19-23........... Thanksgiving Break. No Classes Held
- December 12 ............... Holiday Luncheon
- December 14.............. Last Day of Fall Classes (All Locations)

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**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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