

OLLI bits & bytes!

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at CSU, Chico

VETERANS DAY OBSERVED – NO CLASSES ON MONDAY, NOV. 11

EXCLUSIVE MEDICARE WORKSHOP FOR OLLI MEMBERS

Reminder! Free workshop next week!

PASSAGES Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP) is providing information to help Medicare beneficiaries make the best choice possible for their health care needs in the coming year. **The workshop will explain changes in Medicare, plus info about drug plans.** There will be time for **Q&A on Medicare Advantage.**

November 5 from 3—4pm, Gordon 1 at The Social Chico (OLLI Members ONLY!)



VOLUNTEERISM IS CONTAGIOUS!

Volunteer Paul Coots expands member support services at “OLLI Annex”

OLLI’s vision in opening a satellite office at The Social Chico was to provide greater access to services for members. “Ideally, our main office would be located where the majority of classes are conducted,” said Operational Coordinator, Michele Desmond. For one year, OLLI staff members took turns driving to the Annex, but part-time schedules made it hard to provide regular support. Enter Paul Coots! **Since September, Paul has successfully recruited three new volunteers**, who staff the Annex M—Th. OLLI member Carol Johnson noticed the difference: “I can get my questions answered without driving to campus, and I appreciate the warm greetings before and after class!”

Interested? Send a message to the [OLLI email](#) with “OLLI Annex” in the subject line.



Paul Coots is recruiting volunteers

CSU, CHICO STUDENTS WANT YOU TO LISTEN!

FREE Hearing Screenings nurture partnership with Audiology Team

Professor Suzanne Miller and her graduate students have led hearing screenings for OLLI since 2017. These sessions provide helpful feedback about hearing health; they also give students real-world experience with older adults who suffer from hearing loss. The partnership has triggered advances in our classrooms, like better equipment and practices.

We hope you can take 45 minutes out of your evening starting at 6:30pm on either Dec. 3 or Dec. 10 to join us in the hearing lab at Aymer J. Hamilton (AJH). Sign up for the date/time that works for you on the [Hearing Workshop Sign-Up Sheet](#). **FREE parking passes for everyone, as well as hot apple cider and cookies!**



Dr. Miller and her graduate students in 2018

OLLI BUSINESS SPONSOR MAKES BIG DIFFERENCE

Donating time & experience to provide greater access to financial services

OLLI Peer Leaders Steve and Mistie Cliadakis are co-founders of Altum Wealth Advisors, an independent investment advisory firm with offices in San Francisco and Chico. Last month Steve dedicated a full day in support of the 3rd annual Financial Planning Day, open to everyone with financial questions—no strings attached. This is also the third time Steve has volunteered for the event, answering questions on a wide range of topics and sharing tips on how to create a plan. “Planning is fundamental,” he explained. “It doesn’t have to be complicated. It can be a single piece of paper.” ...Another word of advice from Steve? “If an investment sounds too good to be true, it probably is!”

Steve has also offered pro bono services to Camp Fire survivors at several drop-in events since the fire. These “Financial Planning Days for Camp Fire Survivors” focused on the unique financial situations and questions from people who lost their homes or are in transition as a result of the damage. Steve has done extensive research on the psychology of finance and how specific events can obscure our decision-making processes—especially as they relate to money!

“Giving back to the community in the deepest time of need was an automatic reflex,” said Steve about Altum’s quick response. “Working with the Center for Excellence in Finance [at CSU, Chico] has just been another way to extend our commitment here.”

For several years, OLLI members have benefitted from more than a dozen classes Steve and Mistie have offered on finances. CSU, Chico students have also benefitted from the Cliadakis’ spirit of volunteerism. Jaycob Arbogast, a graduate student when the first Financial Planning Day was launched in Chico, said Steve was instrumental in getting the event off the ground. Jaycob, now a University employee, said Steve shared his past experience and key contacts from a similar event in Marin County. “Steve’s gentle approach to serving people created a safe environment for sharing private information,” he explained. “The focus of Financial Planning Day is on our community’s underserved populations, many of whom don’t have a financial plan or know where to start. Steve helps boost people’s confidence by connecting them to resources that can put them on a better path.”

At the next class preview in January, tell Steve and Mistie how much you appreciate their work in our community and the ongoing support they both give OLLI through their generous volunteerism and annual sponsorship support. We are so fortunate to be part of a community of givers!



Steve & Mistie Cliadakis
OLLI sponsors since '17



Altum Wealth Advisors
voted #1 in 2019
Chico News & Review
public poll!



(Photo by Bill Husa, ER)
Steve Cliadakis (left)
with CSU, Chico's
Jaycob Arbogast

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: DECEMBER 11. SAVE THE DATE!

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for the **OLLI Holiday Luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 11, from 11:30am to 1pm**, at the **Canyon Oaks Country Club**. You will be able to register online directly from a link in the next e-bulletin, which will also include more details about menu choices and entertainment. (**Tickets are \$18** again this year.) We hope you'll join us in celebrating the year's end with food, friends, and merriment. See you there!



PLAY SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 13

Calling OLLI writers!

For the sixth consecutive year, OLLI members will write, direct, stage, and act in original short plays to the delight of their audiences. No prior experience in theater is required. All members are welcome to submit one or more short comedies, 10—20 minutes in length.

The firm deadline for play submission is **December 13 at Noon in the OLLI office**. Contact Pam Loyd at pamloyd@icloud.com for a copy of the official **Guidelines for Playwrights** and/or for questions about the process. Join in the fun!



OLLI members Mary McCluskey (left) and Pam Loyd ham it up in 2018

FILM FESTIVAL FINALIST FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW!

Peer Leader's screenplay a finalist for two different film festivals

On the heels of last year's successful entry at an International Film Festival, Lynn's latest screenplay, *Uncle Franco's Birthday Suit*, was selected as a finalist in two different film festivals this fall: one in Houston, TX; the other in Portland, MN. A retired professor emeritus of English at CSU, Chico, Lynn has followed his father's love of story-telling, something OLLI members enrolled in his classes can enthusiastically attest to!

Lynn's 2018 prize-winner, *Alta California*, explores the demise of California's Indian tribes through the events of a young mixed-blood protagonist. Lynn's newest screenplay follows a female lead, Magdalena, who plans to reconnect with her childhood sweetheart. There are plans afoot, however, to thwart this reunion! Lynn's own sense of humor and gift for story-telling keeps readers on the edge of their seats through the climactic conclusion set at Uncle Franco's birthday celebration.



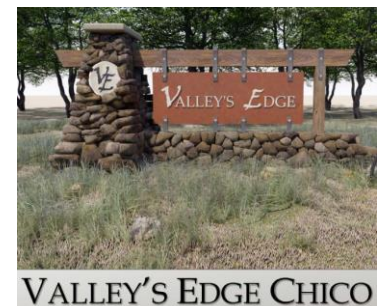
Lynn Elliott pictured last year at the 2018 Oaxaca Film Festival in Mexico

OLLI FACILITIES MEETING OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

The OLLI Five Year Strategic Plan calls for exploring new options

Last spring, developers from the Valley's Edge Project spoke to an OLLI class about a new development in which lifelong learning classrooms would be featured. OLLI has been invited to help shape this vision and staff has attended several public forums and other meetings in an effort to better understand the pros and cons of partnering with the Valley's Edge team. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for **Monday, Nov. 18, from 2:30 to 4pm, immediately following the Faculty Lecture Series in Bradley 2 at The Social Chico**. OLLI members are invited to hear a project overview, as well as how early feedback from OLLI members has influenced the Valley's Edge Plan.

"The OLLI Facilities Team has encouraged Ann [Nikolai] to pursue alternative classroom locations," explained Peer Leader and Advisory Council Chairman William Tefteller. "We currently host a majority of our classes at The Social Chico and my team frets about the 'all eggs in one basket' proverb". When Valley's Edge reached out to OLLI, William wanted a seat at the table, and has joined the Program Director and staff members at several informational gathering sessions.



FALL 2019 CALENDAR

Mark your calendars!

November 11Veterans Day (no classes)
November 25 – 29Thanksgiving Break (no classes)
December 11Holiday Luncheon
December 13Last Day of Fall Classes
January 7Wintersession 2020 Begins
January 9Spring Preview
January 16Spring Registration
January 26Gallery Reception
January 27First Day of Spring 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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