The Director’s Corner

SPRING INTO ACTION

Many OLLI members have recently approached me regarding our fundraising efforts. I want to take the time to identify some of the places your generous donations go in our program so that you will consider giving to the annual campaign.

Remember, the OLLI program is self-sustaining. Donations supplement our program operations and income from our endowment to maintain the high quality of the OLLI program.

Your donations can be designated: “Program Operations” or “Scholarship Assistance.”

The category of “Program Operations” includes equipment, supplies and “behind the scenes expenses.”

A few examples of equipment and supplies your donation money might help purchase:

- Computer Software and Maintenance contract
- General Office Supplies
- Portable lapel mic with remote speakers
- Lanyards
- Dry erase markers and pens
- Portable white board and easels

Behind-the Scenes Expenses:

- Student assistants
- Professional production of catalog and mailing costs
- Reproduction of material for instructors, lecturers and the program
- Cost of New Member, Volunteer and Fall Kick Off events and receptions
- Office Staff

Sponsor a Scholarship – Long or Short Course:

- We advertise a scholarship for the person who would like to participate in OLLI, but doesn’t have the ability to pay. We acknowledge the sponsor (if they wish).

I hope this personal appeal helps you make the decision to give to the OLLI program. We appreciate your support for whatever you can contribute.

Please go to the Osher Home page and click the “Donate Now” button. Donations are made by credit card. http://www.scu.edu/osopher/

Please feel free to call me anytime or stop by my office with any questions you may have.

Thank you and have a wonderful Spring quarter.

Andrea

NEW SUPPORTING DONOR

Ellen Donnelly
Are You Confused?

Is it OLLI or Osher?
What’s the difference?

Like many, you may be confused about the various references to OLLI.

“Osher” is the MAN

“OLLI” is the organization of which we are members.

Mr. Bernard Osher endowed a number of universities (117) across the country with funds to help provide lifelong learning opportunities to adults over 50, thus the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute or OLLI for short. Hope that helps.

Got books?

For all you OLLI members who love to read and who love to share what you’ve read, we now have a Book Exchange bookshelf where you are encouraged to give a book and take a book. When you’ve read the book, bring it back and take another.

Please take a look at your bookshelves or stacks of books and see what you can bring in to share to help “seed” our Book Exchange. The bookshelf is located just inside the small hallway leading to the OLLI office in Loyola Hall.

Curriculum Committee Seeks Volunteers

The OLLI@SCU Curriculum Committee is responsible for planning, selecting, organizing, and evaluating all of the Osher program’s short and long courses, as well as its Destination Learning opportunities.

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Up to five members, whose current terms expire on 30 June 2014, will be leaving the Committee this year; and I am seeking volunteers to fill these slots. To complement the background and skills of continuing Committee members, volunteers with backgrounds or interest in history and/or the social sciences are particularly welcome. I am also hoping to fill one slot with either an emeritus or retired SCU faculty member or a faculty member who is in the phased retirement program. If you are interested in volunteering for this important Committee, please send an email to salzbaum@sbcglobal.net no later than Monday, 5 May. Please use “Osher Curriculum Committee Volunteer” as the subject of your message and include your CV or a description of your background and interests and your reason for volunteering for this Committee. Please also be sure to include your phone number. I will contact you either by phone or email, and potential Committee members will be invited to the May meeting of the Curriculum Committee. This will provide volunteers with an option to observe a meeting; and there will also be time on the Agenda for current members to explain their work and for volunteers to ask questions about the responsibilities of Curriculum Committee membership.

New Committee members will be appointed in early June, for terms beginning on 1 July. The first meeting for new Committee members will be Thursday, 24 July.

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Liz Salzer, Chair
OLLI@SCU Curriculum Committee, 2013 – 2016

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute or OPP opportunities to adults over 50, thus the funds to help provide lifelong learning

OLLI members who love to read

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See list of 28 new members on Page 4.

Curriculum Committee membership. Question about the responsibilities of their work and for volunteers to ask Agenda for current members to explain their work and for volunteers to ask questions about the responsibilities of Curriculum Committee membership.

Ave The Date

9 June 2014
11:00AM – 2:00PM
2nd Annual Spring Picnic!
Santa Clara Central Park

Mark your calendars for this “not to be missed” event. More details to come. Vocalist Jennifer Sullivan accompanied by guitar will be our entertainment and there will be fabulously good food, prepared by you!

Volunteers are needed:

Greeters 11:00AM–12:00Noon
Set up 9:30AM - 11:30AM
Serving 11:30AM – 12:30PM
Clean up 2:00PM – 3:30PM

Please contact Bev Seligman, 408-204-7291, to sign up!

Your “fun factor” will be greatly multiplied by your participation!

Volunteer meeting 29 May, 10:30AM
Arbor Pavillion, Central Park, Santa Clara. More details to follow.

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Lifelong Learning Through Travel

IT’S NOT TOO SOON TO START THINKING ABOUT TRAVEL PLANS FOR 2015

Are you starting to think about travel plans for 2015? If not—don’t worry—that’s what OLLI@SCU’s Lifelong Learning Through Travel committee is doing on your behalf! We’re carefully examining a number of extremely attractive trips to different parts of the world. While each trip meets our basic requirement for small group, educationally focused travel with fellow OLLI@SCU members, they all offer something special that will appeal to our diverse membership. Before we make our final selection, we need your feedback! You can do that in a number of ways.

1) Be sure to complete the OLLI@SCU membership survey (insert dates) and check off the destinations you’re generally interested in visiting in 2015.

2) If you’re not a member of the Travel SIG, please join by contacting linda.c.smith@comcast.net. Members of the Travel SIG will be asked to complete a more detailed survey in late April that will help us to assess interest in the specific trips we’ve tentatively selected for 2015.

3) Send an email to olliatscutravel@gmail.com and suggest specific destinations and travel companies.

When the travel program for 2015 has been finalized you’ll be invited to a gala event where we’ll announce the trips, and give you an opportunity to be the first to sign up. Check the travel program’s website scu.edu/oshier/travel/ for the latest updates on travel plans.

Social Engagement—Key to Long, Healthy, Happy Life

By Monica David

We all know the importance of exercise, diet, sleep, and stress. But what about the role of strong social networks and activities? There has been significant research that describes ways of remaining socially engaged and quantifies the impact of different activities on longevity.

Qualitative Benefits of Socializing

Numerous studies show that social connectedness helps us increase our knowledge, have more fun, adjust our perceptions, provide ways to learn from watching others, allow for sharing and comparing perspectives, help us stay sharp, develop a more active lifestyle, and enhance our sense of well-being.

Quantitative Impact on our Bodies

We know from the 1992 Nurses’ Health Study (56,436 women age 55 to 72) that a social network significantly correlates with physical-social functioning, a significant component of health-related quality of life. This measure includes number of years of healthy living, years of independent living, freedom from pain, and time to mortality (number of years participant lived from time of initial participation in study). They found, for example, that the absence of a close confidant is associated with a 4.44 point reduction in physical functioning and 5.68 point reduction in vitality. These effects are comparable in magnitude to heavy smokers or women in the highest category of body mass index!

Data from 148 studies of more than 300,000 people over the course of an average 7.5 years found that those socially connected lived an average of 3.7 years longer (Of course, the definitions of social connectedness did vary.) The human body has different regulatory systems, e.g., blood pressure, metabolism, and we know that each system is affected by social relationships. Those with positive relationships have lower blood pressure, lower cholesterol levels, better glucose metabolism, and lower levels of stress hormones.

Statistics Canada research was the first nationally representative study on barriers to social participation. The 2008/2009 study looked at 16,369 people over 65. It analyzed the relationship between the range of social ties seniors had and their self-perceived health, loneliness, and general life dissatisfaction. The greater the frequency and quality of social activities, the higher the odds of positive self-perceived health and the lower the odds of loneliness and life dissatisfaction.

It should be pointed out that there are still unanswered questions about these studies:

a. Is there a cause and effect relationship in these findings (are those with good health more likely to be socially connected or does having good relationships foster good health)?
b. Are there unknown differences between the those who are more social and those who are not
c. What types of social relationships are effective? If physicians create artificial support systems, is that better than an organic network patients create on their own?
d. Is a social network that is more virtual-based sufficient for survivability or is it better to have face-to-face interactions?

Ways to Stay Socially Engaged

Master Class: Living Longer, Stronger, Happier was written by Peter Spiers, a senior vice president of Road Scholar, a non-profit educational travel organization. The author examines the psychology and neuroscience research and surveys thousands of baby boomers who have found ways to build an enriching lifestyle on the foundation of favorite activities. His approach centers on four measurements—moving, thinking, socializing, creating—that characterize all types of activity.

Socializing is particularly beneficial to well-being and cognitive health. Social factors like engaging in social
Social Engagement – Cont’d

interactions use brain functions like attention, working memory, and executive function.

Spiers has generated a list of 31 “master” activities favored by the survey participants. His thesis is that most activities are characterized by more than one of those dimensions. Activities blending more than one of the four key dimensions have a compounded beneficial effect. The idea is to assign points per measure to each activity: 0= little or no benefit, 1= moderate benefit, 2= substantial benefit, 3= extraordinary benefit, with the goals of having a maximum number of points when all activities are added up and achieving some balance among the four dimensions. In the book, readers are asked to conduct a self-assessment listing their activities and assigning the appropriate values. For example, playing tennis could be given 2 points for socializing, 1 point for creating, 2 points for moving, and 2 points for thinking. Volunteering as a docent would have 3 points for socializing, 2 points for moving, 1 point for creating, and 2 points for thinking.

Key activity examples:

Socializing: spending time with friends in conversation, attending religious services, scheduled socializing, reading books (obviously, reading is a thinking activity, but it also provides escape, which is an escape to something, which provides rich, virtual social experiences)

Moving: walking with friends, running with friends, hiking with friends, playing golf, gardening

Creating: learning to play an instrument, singing in a chorus, photography, playing in a musical ensemble

Thinking: participating in OLLI (!), significant research or writing project, genealogy, studying a foreign language

If we accept that scheduled socializing might have 3 points for socializing, 0 for moving, 1 for creating, and 1 for thinking, what variations might there be to this basic and enjoyable human behavior? Some possibilities listed were going to the movies with friends, going out to dinner with a group of Spanish-speaking friends, weekly games at different members’ homes, book club.

Optional Assignment

Here’s an optional assignment. Think of all the activities you have in one day. List them and assign points for each dimension. What have you learned? What might you want to change? In Master Class there are suggestions for what activities might interest and be of benefit to you.

Happy baking/gardening/playing tennis/going to the theater/painting/volunteering/writing a memoir…. 

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Welcome New Members

28 New Members February 20th through March 18th, 2014

Alviso
Susanne Moore

Fremont
Carol Quinn
Kevin Quinn

Los Altos
Ivan Fucilla

Los Gatos
Irene Upson
Thomas Upson

Menlo Park
Deborah Nelson

Monte Sereno
Julie Robson

Mountain View
Rita Larson

Newark
Nancy Graef
Tom Neff

Palo Alto
Geraldine Derby

San Jose
Francisco Alves
Gloria Ascher
Kate Brophy
Dee Danna
Debra Dobosz
Sandi Dutra

San Jose – cont’d.
Marilyn Fordham
Sue Hopkins
Jane Hubert
Diane Paradiso

Santa Clara
Leslie Kelsay
Cecil Mossotti
Kathy Wiese

Sunnyvale
Jane Gregozek
Daniel Reda
Susan Reeves

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By Becky Bell

Many of you have read the article that Laurie wrote for the “Volunteer Corner” in the February OLLI Newsletter. In it she details the half dozen or so organizations to which she gives her time. Today I had the privilege of coercing her into volunteering time and information about her colorful and interesting life as a native New Yorker. She was born and raised on Long Island and entertained me by lapsing into the regional dialect, appropriately emphasizing the “G” pronunciation of Long Island, as only natives can do.

Laurie joined OLLI two years ago when she heard from her 90-year old aunt and uncle in Pittsburg, PA about the wonderful classes they were taking through their local college. She decided there must be a counterpart in the Bay Area and lo and behold she found the SCU chapter of OLLI.

Laurie entered University of Michigan in 1960 as a legacy of her Mother’s graduation from that revered institution in 1941 as one of the first women in the country to receive an advanced degree in mathematics. At the time it was unusual for a New Yorker to attend a Michigan school and she decided to follow in her Mother’s footsteps and study mathematics. Upon graduation she joined the Peace Corps and travelled to the Philippines where she taught for over two years. At the end of her stint she reapplied to the Peace Corps, was accepted and assigned to Tanzania where she taught in a girls boarding school run by Anglican nuns. While she realized that her duty was to teach, she couldn’t help but feel that her underlying purpose was to serve as a goodwill ambassador of the United States. This she did by learning all she could about the culture and customs of her host country. Her primary job was teaching math at high school level but she always found time for extracurricular activities, like establishing a summer camp for high school and junior high aged teens. The camp was set up so that the older students tutored the younger ones in the mornings and the entire group took a field trip or performed public service together in the afternoon. The best part of her Peace Corps experience was the lifelong friendships she made.

Laurie returned to the US from Africa in 1969 and her Mother decided it was time for her to get a “real job”. Through a serendipitous elevator encounter in a Brooklyn apartment building between her mother and an IBM employee, she scored an interview with IBM in New York. The interview was successful and she went to work for IBM in the Time-Life Building at 6th Ave. and 50th St. She started out in the QA department but quickly began instructing other employees, at the same time doing some computer coding. After four years with IBM she moved on to the Goddard Institute for Space Studies where she did programming.

Laurie married and started a family and she and her husband quickly decided they could really no longer afford to live in New York. Sound familiar? Her husband saw an advertisement in the newspaper that Amdahl in Santa Clara was hiring programmers so she sent her resume. It turns out that Laurie’s was the only resume from a female and Amdahl took notice of this fact. She had an interview and was offered a job and the family seized upon the opportunity to transfer to the West Coast. After a few years with Amdahl she transferred to a position with Tandem. One of the benefits the company awarded loyal employees was an extra week of vacation every four years. Laurie was able to take advantage of three of these “sabbaticals” through her 12 years of employment and she used the time to travel around the world on the frequent flyer miles accrued in her various travels for Tandem. One trip she spent visiting Australia, skiing the Alps, theatregoing for a week in the London theatre district, and finishing up in New York.

By the time her third sabbatical rolled around Laurie was a single parent of two teen-aged children. She sent them to summer camp and she attended a teen parenting class where she noticed many other single parents of teens facing similar struggles. She took it upon herself to re-write the class from a single parent perspective, submitting it to Tandem as a public service project. The company signed off on the proposal and provided funds for materials, research, and publishing of 100 copies of “Parenting Teens for Single Parents” to be used in teaching the new and revised course at the YWCA for the next three years. I’d say that’s a pretty selfless way to spend your sabbatical!

At age 50 Laurie left her high paying job in high tech and went back to school at San Jose State to take the four courses needed to become a credentialed high school math teacher in California. She then commenced her second career teaching math and spent memorable years on staff at Milpitas, Fremont (Sunnyvale), Cupertino, and Homestead high schools.

Laurie has spent a year in Washington, DC, working in both houses of Congress crafting legislation on education. This experience came about when she applied and was accepted for the Albert Einstein Distinguished...
Spotlight – Cont’d.

Educators Fellowship. It was during this time that she affirmed her decision to become a teacher and not a politician!

In her spare time Laurie is a professional storyteller and has recorded two storytelling CDs. She found out about the Palo Alto Storytellers and Listeners while attending the Mariposa Storytelling Festival. She works with the after school program in Campbell teaching the art of storytelling to children, who then take their newly honed skills to local convalescent homes for entertainment of the residents.

Laurie’s daughter, Rebecca, lives in Campbell and works as a physical therapist. Her son, Mark, is a physician living in Boston with his wife and Laurie’s baby granddaughter.

One-Time Special SIG - Art Demonstration

Monday, 5 May, 2:00-3:30PM. OLLI member Sidney Mygatt is offering a very special, one-time Special Interest Group. It will introduce OLLI painters and potential painters to a painting technique demonstrated by artist John Wiggin. It is Sidney’s hope that seeing John share his “tricks of the trade” will inspire and expand your outlets of expression.

John, a working artist since 1969, owned and operated a gallery-studio in Los Gatos for 25 years and has painted many commissioned-paintings, portraits, and murals. His art has been sold at many galleries including The Hunter Gallery in San Francisco and the Erickson Gallery in Palo Alto.

In this presentation John will demonstrate how a technique called under painting on a canvas makes painting landscapes simple and fun. He will paint two canvases showing the effects of this technique, as well as other helpful hints that will encourage anyone to paint.

Sidney says, “I, personally, think he is gifted as an artist. When I heard about the enthusiastic response to his presentations at The Niles Canyon Artist Co-Op Gallery and the International Technical University (ITU) in San Jose, I wanted to share this with OLLI.”

Sidney looks forward to sharing this opportunity with you.

Please join her for this one-time Art SIG Monday, 5 May, 2:00-3:30PM, Loyola Room 160. Light refreshments will be served. Please note, you must be an OLLI member to attend this SIG.
SIG - Inside View – Exploring the Bay Area

By Roberta Schulte

The Exploring the Bay Area SIG recently met for lunch at the Country Inn where we had a good time just visiting and getting acquainted, prior to a tour at Casa Grande and the New Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum.

From lunch it was on to Almaden Quicksilver County Park, a jewel of a state park covering 4,157 acres located in the very southern part of San Jose, on Almaden Road.

It was a most interesting tour and our tour guide, Mr. John Slenter, Park employee, provided the group with history and stories about the big home that housed the mine superintendents and their families as well as stories about the mine and mining operation itself. Mining operations in New Almaden began in 1845, when it was discovered by Mexican Cavalry Officer, Captain Andres Castillero. The red rock in the mine was cinnabar, an ore containing mercury that was needed to extract silver from Mexican silver mines. The mercury mined from this operation was later used in gold and silver mines in the Sierras to extract the precious metals from the ore.

American companies eventually acquired ownership of the Almaden mine. Casa Grande, "The Big House," was designed and built in 1854 to be a hotel. It became the official residence and office for the mine manager. The six-acre grounds were originally landscaped by John McLaren, designer of San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

Mr. Slenter also described the lifestyles of the mining communities at New Almaden, which included a diversity of people, Cornish, Mexican and Chinese mining families, who once lived and worked together there. Many of their homes still remain.

While all mining has now ceased and most of the tunnels in the mine have been sealed, remnants of its history are scattered throughout the park. The Exploring the Bay Area Group plans to return to view some of those mining remnants.

It was a lovely excursion and a fun day.

Destination Learning

AT&T Park & Duck Boat Tour

By Max Jedda
Photos by Dick Gaskill, Judi Harrison & Max Jedda

On a bright, warm Wednesday in March, a group of OLLI members boarded a bus to San Francisco to tour AT&T Park and to play tourist in a Duck Boat. Our bus dropped us off at the edge of McCovey Cove. We walked across the Lefty O’Doul Bridge and entered the media gate near the Giants’ Dugout Store where we split into two groups of about 30 each and were taken into the park where we were shown areas that most of us don’t usually get to visit.

We started by entering the Field Level hallway, accessible during a game if you have Field Level tickets and which provides access to the Giants and visitors’ clubhouses, the two indoor batting cages and the Field Level seats. We were only allowed access to the visitors’ clubhouse which is carpeted and comfortable with a separate eating area and offices for the manager and coaches. The two most interesting features of this clubhouse are a door from Candlestick Park, covered in signatures from all the visiting teams in the last year that the Giants played at Candlestick, and the visiting clubhouse manager’s personal office with several hundred bobble head dolls covering every available horizontal surface.

We visited the playing field and were allowed in the Giants’ dugout. That was special as we sat there and took in the view that the players normally have.

We visited all the other park levels. We were shown the Giants’ Hall of Fame luxury suite down the left field line as an example of how all the suites are furnished. In the hallway, we saw mementos from the Championship years ranging from jerseys to newspapers to championship rings and, of course, the two World Series trophies from 2010 and 2012.

We went to the View deck where it’s possible to watch a game and also see what is sailing on the bay. And we went to the club level, just below the luxury suites, where we had our boxed lunch, with about half of us eating outside on such a gorgeous day.
We then went to our two reserved Duck Tour vehicles for our 1½ hour trip. These are World War II-era amphibious, windowless vehicles that operate on land through the busy San Francisco streets and drive right into San Francisco Bay. Captain John was very knowledgeable about San Francisco landmarks and history and kept us informed and laughing and making noise with the duck calls we were all issued. We traveled through the Embarcadero, Fisherman’s Wharf, Chinatown, Union Square and Mission Bay before we drove into the Bay just south of AT&T Park. Sailing past large docked vessels, we entered McCovey Cove, where we took photos of the Park and San Francisco skyline from a vantage point just above the water line.

The bus ride back to Santa Clara was very smooth allowing several of us to catch up on our nap schedules.

Many thanks to Sue Dryden and Evelyn Howard for organizing this fun event.
Volunteer Corner
Volunteer corner is welcoming contributions from OLLI members. Please email your ideas to: Jeff Englander, cell 408 499 9754

Member Survey
Please remember to go to the link for the Member Survey in the email you receive, fill it out and submit it as soon as possible. This survey will provide us with valuable information and feedback about our OLLI program and guide its future development.

The email you receive tells you the survey will close after five days, at which time the results will be analyzed.

Special Interest Groups

Current SIGs
Aging Gracefully
Appassionati Italiani
Biking
Cultural cornucopia
Current Events Discussion
Exploring the Bay Area
Genealogy
Hiking
Mystery Book Club
Olliwood – at the Movies
Photography
Travel

Click here to see the SIG Calendar

Appassionati Italiani
At our March meeting, Linda gave an excellent presentation in Italian about Liguria filled with posters, pictures, and new vocabulary. We all came away with a nice overview of its history, culture, products, food, and attractions. We hope to continue to have short presentations like this featuring Italian locales as well as personal travel and living experiences. We’ll also continue our role-playing situations to practice our Italian. Our next meeting is 25 April, 3:30 to 5:30, Santa Clara City Library Sycamore Room. For more information, contact Barbara Gasdick at bgmoxie@hotmail.com.

A special note for those Italian speakers and wannabe speakers - on Mondays, except holidays, from 9:10-10:10 AM in Benson Center (Mission Coffee, next to the piano at the coffee bar) Dr. Tonia Caterina Riviello will be hosting an Italian-speaking salon. Please come and join her. See the listing under “Campus Events” for more.

Biking
Our first Spring ride will be 7 April, at 1:00 - approx 3-3:30 pm. Let’s meet at San Tomas Expressway and Monroe. For those who wish to drive to the starting point, there is a nice little parking lot on SW corner off Monroe, parallel to San Tomas.

We’ll take the San Tomas Creek Trail North to Alviso, passing by the new 49ers’ stadium and get to the Bay Trail. For those who want a longer ride, we will continue north on the Bay Trail as far as Shoreline and then we can return via the Stevens Creek Bike trail, then on quieter city streets to the parking lot. Bring plenty of water, bike helmet, snack if you like. I will look into a place to stop for a snack as well, if people would like to do that.

If we are “lucky” enough to have a Spring rain shower, we will postpone the ride to Monday 4/14. Please RSVP if you plan to join us! Jeff Englander, Cell 408 499 9754

Current Events
Because we now have a large number of participants attending our monthly discussions, the Current Events Discussion SIG will try an experiment in April. We will be dividing into two smaller groups, meeting on two different dates. The dates of these two meetings will be: Thursday, 3 April, 10:00AM-12Noon, and Monday, 7 April, 1:00-3:00PM, Loyola 160.

Members have been assigned to attend one of these dates based on their availability. After the April meeting, we will evaluate whether to continue this “split group” format.

The discussion topic for April is: “What are the most significant social changes you have experienced in your lifetime and what brought about these changes?” In addition, we will reserve some time to talk about the most significant events occurring the past month.

For more information, and to choose one of these dates to attend, please contact Len Schreibstein, group facilitator, at Lnshrbstn@aol.com.
Exploring the Bay Area

Next event is 11 April, at Cow Girl's Creamery, located at Tomales Bay Foods, Point Reyes Station, CA.

We will first have a box lunch, either inside Tomalas Bay Foods or, weather permitting, outside in their picnic area. After lunch, we will hear a one hour presentation and tasting on their to-die-for cheeses from America and Europe. This is all located in very picturesque Point Reyes Station, CA. Event attendees also should take advantage of taking a hike at the Point Reyes National Seashore.

For more information on this outing and/or to join our Exploring the Bay Area SIG, contact Roberta Schulte, Exploring the Bay Area Coordinator. There is still space available for the Cow Girl's Creamery visit.

Genealogy

The next monthly meeting of the OLLI Genealogy SIG will be on Monday, 21 April, 10:30AM, in the genealogy section of the Santa Clara City Library. This will be a working meeting where we will help each other in our searches using this library’s online and print resources.

Please contact Max Jedda if you need information, 408-735-8697 For information or to be added to our list.

OLLIwood

The OLLIWOOD SIG goes to the movies on the 3rd Monday of the month in the early afternoon. We watch the movie at a local theater and meet for a discussion and coffee at a nearby location immediately after. If you are interested in joining us, please send an email to Evelyn Howard and she will notify you of time and place about a week before the event.

Photography

The Photography SIG will meet at Stanford Shopping Center at the entrance to Bloomingdale’s opposite El Camino Real, 10 April, 9:30AM. Our focus will be on pictures of people and flowers.

Later in the month date, TBD, we’ll meet to share and critique our photos. For more information and to join our group, contact Tom McNeal.

Travel

The Olli Travel Talks SIG shares travel experiences and knowledge on the second Monday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in Loyola Room 160.

The typical format is two presentations followed by about a ½-hour discussion. At our March meeting Barbara Gasdick presented highlights of her Kenya Safari trip, and Diane Gazzano and Susan Barkan showed slides and discussed their trip: "Exploring Death Valley with a Naturalist".

We will NOT have a meeting in April. Two very interesting talks are planned for our next meeting Monday, 12 May from 1:00-3:00 PM in Loyola 160. Evelyn Howard will present highlights from her trip to Viet Nam and Phil Kurjan will present the second half of his talk “Getting good value out of frequent flyer miles and hotel points (while minimizing hassle).” Time permitting, we will also have smaller discussion groups to share our travel experiences by destination. Everyone is welcome.

Please contact our new facilitator, Linda Smith if you want to be added to the mailing list or for any questions. Presenters are also needed for meetings after May.

A Special Thanks for the Goodies

To all the thoughtful and generous folks who provide the delicious treats that we’ve enjoyed so much with our coffee in Loyola Room 160, we give you our appreciation and thanks!

The coffee and tea are provided by your contributions to the “tip jar.” The classroom hosts are kind enough to make the coffee and clean up the beverage station. The class members put the crowning touch on the refreshments by their gifts of treats.

If you’d like to bring a treat, we encourage you to do so. If you’ve enjoyed those that have been provided, please be sure and thank the people who brought them.
Campus Events

Santa Clara
University offers a wealth of enriching opportunities that you as an OLLI member may attend. Check them out!

Current Exhibits

Mari Andrews & Ann Holsberry: New Passages
10 April – 15 June 2014
Composed of more than twenty pieces, New Passages explores the latest work of Bay Area artists Mari Andrews and Ann Holsberry. Using a range of materials and investigating themes of navigation, migration, and movement, each artist gives form to the notion of “passage.” For Andrews, the concept embodies transition, directionality, and time; while Holsberry draws inspiration from the earth’s migratory movements.

Mirang Wonne: Fire Script
10 April – 15 June 2014
The work of Bay Area artist Mirang Wonne is rarely as it seems. Rich with complexity and surprising dichotomy, her pieces weave together art and industry in unique and compelling ways. Though trained in more traditional mediums such as oil painting, Wonne has always been open to experimentation. In her most recent work, on view in Fire Script, Wonne uses a blowtorch to draw on thin wire mesh screens. The results are stunningly beautiful. The heat of the fire leaves a delicate rainbow patina behind, transforming the industrial screens into delicate works of art.

Building Forward/ Looking Back
10 April – 15 June 2014
Building Forward/Looking Back celebrates the myriad contributions of Paula Z. Kirkeby, one of the museums strongest supporters. For thirty years Kirkeby has shared her time, her thoughts, her resources, and her connections with this organization. She has been instrumental in building the museum’s permanent collection through personal gifts, financial contributions, and introductions to collectors and artists. This exhibition acknowledges her generous support through a selection of work that came into the collection with her assistance.

Member Preview and VIP Hour
Wednesday, 9 April 2014, 6-7 p.m.
Museum members are invited to join us for a sneak peek of Mirang Wonne: Fire Script and enjoy an intimate look at Building Forward/Moving Back - See more here.

Spring Exhibition Reception
Wednesday, 9 April 2014, 7:00-8:30PM, FREE

2013–14 Bannan Institute
Bannan Institutes are yearlong thematic programs that address matters of significance within the Jesuit, Catholic intellectual tradition, foster an ethic of dialogue among persons of diverse religious and philosophical commitments, and facilitate opportunities for interdisciplinary exchange across the University and broader community.

THE FRAGILITY OF FAITH: HOW CAN A THINKING PERSON STILL BELIEVE IN GOD?
15 April, 4:00 - 5:15 PM
St. Clare Room, Library and Learning Commons

Containment or Engagement? The Shifting Role of Religion in Higher Education
22 April, 4:00PM - 5:30 PM
St. Clare Room, Library and Learning Commons

OLLI@SCU Newsletter
WHAT GOOD IS GOD OUTSIDE OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES?
INTERDISCIPLINARY REFLECTIONS ON THE GOD-QUESTION

30 April, 12:00 Noon-1:15PM, Williman Room, Benson Center

Is there a role for God talk outside religious studies? What is the nature and substance of inter-disciplinary engagement around the God question at Santa Clara University? This panel is comprised of four faculty members from a range of academic disciplines; all considering the question of What Good is God? from the perspective of their own scholarship and teaching at Santa Clara, as well as the related disciplinary and interdisciplinary questions of their fields more broadly. Phyllis Brown, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Professor in the Department of English, Santa Clara University, will facilitate this panel. The panel will include Philosophy professor Brian Buckley, Theatre and Dance professor Kristen Kusanovich, Biology professor Leilani Miller, and Psychology professor Tom Plante, all of Santa Clara University.

RSVPs are encouraged and appreciated.
Lunch provided. Click here to see more.

WHAT GOOD IS GOD FOR GRIEF AND LOSS? PSYCHOLOGY MEETS PHILOSOPHY: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH STUDY

7 May, 12:00 Noon - 1:15 PM
Williman Room, Benson Center

David Feldman, Counseling and Psychology Department of Santa Clara University, and Robert Gressis, Philosophy Department of California State University Northridge

Grief and death anxiety are inextricably linked with human existence. In a real sense, loss permeates our lives. According to research in the realm of existential psychology as well as a venerable tradition in existential philosophy, constructive acknowledgement of death anxiety can be a major motivator of positive functioning whereas avoidance or denial of such anxiety can be a source of dysfunctional behavior and even psychopathology. Surprisingly, however, little empirical research has addressed the impact of religious belief on how people experience and cope with loss and death anxiety. Professor Feldman and Professor Gressis will be reporting on their recent research on the role of religious belief on experiences of loss and death anxiety in lay philosophy faculty, Jesuit priests, and undergraduate students. This research study was funded through a What Good Is God? Bannan Institute Research Grant. Faculty seminar will follow luncheon presentation.

RSVPs are encouraged and appreciated.
Lunch provided. Click here to see more. - See more at: cafe bon appétit

Ask Mickey: Bon Appétit Helps You Figure Out What to Eat

At Bon Appétit we’ve gathered a team of registered dietitians and chefs to offer you some monthly tips on “chewing the right thing.”

This Month: High Nutrition, Low Carbon — Fuel Your Body While Protecting the Earth

We’re looking forward to Bon Appétit’s Low Carbon Diet Day on Thursday, April 24, and we hope you are, too. In the years since Bon Appétit announced our Low Carbon Diet Program in 2007, food’s connection to climate change has become more common knowledge. At the same time, more and more people have become aware that cutting back on animal products through flexitarianism — whether Meatless Mondays or being “vegan before 6” — can be good for their health. Perhaps even more Americans would be happy to forgo beef and dairy once in a while if they knew they were doing something good for the environment.

Cows (like goats and sheep) are ruminant animals, which thanks to their digestive systems produce a lot of methane — a greenhouse gas that is 20 to 25 times as potent as carbon dioxide. Dishes made with beef or dairy of any kind are thus the highest carbon choices. If all Americans skipped meat and dairy just one day a week and replaced them with vegetable-based proteins, it would be the equivalent of taking 19.2 million cars off the road for one year.

That’s why for this year’s Low Carbon Diet Day on Thursday, April 24, your SCU Dining Services team will prepare a Low Carbon Makeover of a favorite dish in which the beef and dairy have been replaced by ingredients with a smaller foodprint. Visit our website for details at http://scudining.cafebonappetit.com/

Send your questions and feedback to nutrition@cafebonappetit.com or text (650) 308-9594.
SCU Catala Club Spring Fundraiser

April 14, 2014
Campo di Bocce,
565 University Ave., Los Gatos
5:30 p.m.  Doors Open
6:00 p.m. Bocce and Games

Tickets @ $90 per person

$90 per person, Includes Buffet Dinner, Wine, Silent Auction and Bocce Ball. Please send in your reservations now either online at scu.edu/catala or by mail to Dianne Bonino at 2735 Debbie Court, San Carlos, CA 94070

Some of our Silent Auction Items…… Giants Package, SF Opera and the Donatello Package, St Francis Hotel & Yacht Club Package, Jewelry, Art, Fashion and Plenty of FOOD.


Name_______________________________ Guest(s)__________________________________
Email______________________________ Phone_____________________________________

Please reserve _____________ Tickets @ $90 per person $___________

All proceeds benefit the SCU Catala Club Endowed Scholarship Fund and Student Programs

If you have any questions, please contact:
Charlene Raisch at 408-356-3064 or Charlene.raisch@gmail.com; or Debbie McBride at 408398-5714; imbrieve@comcast.net

SCU Library

A CONVERSATION WITH MARY ROACH

Wednesday, 30 April, 4:00 - 5:30PM, California Mission Room, Benson Center (Lower Level)


SPRING BOOK OF THE QUARTER:

The University Library is proud to feature Ron Hansen, Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J. Professor in the Arts and Humanities, Department of English, and well-known author of books and screenplays for television and film, at our Spring Book of the Quarter. He will be interviewed by Steven Saum, editor of Santa Clara Magazine.

Tuesday, 6 May, 4:00 - 5:30PM, Saint Clare Room, Learning Commons, Library

Sacred Ground: Pluralism, Prejudice, and the Promise of America

9 April 2014
7:30PM, Mayer Theatre
Cost: $20 OLLI Members

Join us at the next President's Speaker Series event on 9 April with author and scholar Eboo Patel. He will share his thoughts on how
America’s history of religious tolerance is at odds with current alarmist rhetoric concerning Muslim Americans. For more information and to buy tickets, click here.

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9 April: EXCERPTS FROM PORGY & BESS BY GEORGE GERSHWIN.

16 April: MUSIC & ETHICS: REFLECTIONS BY SCU MUSIC FACULTY

23 April: JAZZ COMBO FEATURING SCU FACULTY BILL STEVENS, DAVE FLORES & BILL CEFALU

30 April: RUSSELL HANCOCK AND THE ST. MICHAEL TRIO

FACULTY RECITAL SERIES

Chamber Music
Friday, 4 April, 7:30pm, Music Recital Hall, Tickets $5-$15
OSHER MEMBERS ONLY $5, CLICK HERE TO GET TICKETS TODAY

SPRING CONCERT SERIES
Santa Clara University Orchestra
Friday, 25 April, 7:30pm, Santa Clara Mission Church, Tickets $5-$15
OSHER MEMBERS ONLY $5, CLICK HERE TO GET TICKETS TODAY

SPRING DANCE FESTIVAL
Saturday, 12 April, 2:00pm, 3:30pm, 8:00pm & 9:30pm
Sunday, 13 April, 2:00pm & 3:30pm
Fess Parker Studio Theatre
Tickets $5 – CLICK HERE TO GET TICKETS TODAY

Featuring the Choreography of Lillian Kautz, Natalie Kelly and Margaret Rummel

Students explore diverse dance styles in the biannual festival featuring the choreography from senior dance majors.

VISITING ARTIST SERIES
3 Blonde Moms
Saturday, 5 April, 3:00pm & 7:00pm
Louis B. Mayer Theatre
Tickets $13-$32

THE NATIONALLY TOURING HIT COMEDY SHOW ABOUT WHAT WE ALL GO THROUGH!

STARRING JOANIE FAGAN, DONNA CHERRY AND BEAUMONT BACON. 3 Blonde Moms is the hysterical, semi-scripted PG-13 stand up comedy show starring some really Desperate Housewives! From television, stage and screen, these unlikely friends from the cul-de-sac bring you their unique, diverse and hysterical tales from the 'burbs. Each Mom holds an impressive repertoire of credits, but most the most important role they've all played to date is that of being a Mom! This show is jam-packed full of uproarious material about being a Mom, having a Mom, kids, schools, husbands, neighbors, in-laws and more. If you have a family, know a family or need a family, this show is for you.

Osher Members – CLICK HERE TO Get $10 off your entire order or visit www.scupresents.org and use PROMO CODE: OSHER10
(Must purchase a minimum of 2 seats. Based on availability. May not be available for all performances or all seating sections. May not be combined with any other offer.)

Venite a parlare italiano con noi!
I invite you to join me, during the Winter Quarter, to converse in the language of Italy--of Santa Clara and San Francesco, of Dante and Giotto, of Michelangelo and Colonna, of Raffaello and Morra, of Tasso and Bernini, of Vivaldi and Leopardi, of D’Annunzio and Pirandello, of Romano and Morante, of Fellini and Pavarotti, of Benigni and Papale.

On Mondays, except holidays, from 9:10-10:10 AM in Benson Center (Mission Coffee).

Tonia Caterina Riviello, Ph.D.
Associate Prof. of Italian
Santa Clara University
MOOC2 Is Here!

"Creating an Ethical Corporate Culture" is the title of our new MOOC, a unique way to learn online at your own pace, taught by Ethics Center Executive Director Kirk Hanson. The course is the second MOOC on business ethics offered by the Center. The first, "Business Ethics for the Real World," provides an introduction to ethical decision-making. More than 1,700 people registered for that course, open until 30 April. Register Here:

8 April, 12:00 Noon, Wiegand Room. Register Here!

An exploration of the moral responsibilities of corporations and corporate conscience, by Manuel Velasquez, Charles J. Dirksen Professor of Management, Santa Clara University.

Ethics...There's An App for That!

We're excited to launch our new app! Work through your options with a framework for making ethical decisions.

- Identify stakeholders in your decision
- Consider your options through 5 ethical perspectives
- Weigh different approaches
Download here.

Event: Big Data, Small Politics: Algorithmic Regulation and Its Pitfalls - With Evgeny Morozov
10 April, 7:00 pm, St. Clare Room. Register Here!

The advent of Big Data - enabled in part by the proliferation of cheap sensors and data-storing devices - has presented us with new forms of tackling social problems, from obesity to climate change. While some celebrate the virtues of self-tracking, others laud the benefits of automating certain parts of the political process through "algorithmic regulation." Morozov will discuss ethical implications of these new problem-solving mechanisms, situating them within a much longer history of using cybernetic technologies for self-regulation.


Co-Sponsored by The Markkula Center for Applied Ethics and The Commonwealth Club of California, Silicon Valley Chapter. Light reception to follow!

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