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Summer 2015 Taste of OLLI: An Intellectual Buffet

The Sun: Star of Our Solar System: Jerry Clifford

Risks, Threats and Perceptions: What is Really Going to Kill Us in the 21st Century: Brian Rasnow

Edible and Medicinal Plants of the Ventura River Watershed: Lanny Kaufer

The Annenberg’s: The West Coast Camp David: John Pendleton

Success Stories of Latin America: Stephen Clark

Native American History and Culture: Jeanne Miller
Several of you asked about contact information after the tour. Our tour host, Larry Hill, provided the following information. If you have any questions, please let me know.

See you on the next trip.

Jerry Clifford

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Apps:
Skyview
Skyview Satellites
Satellite Safari

Reading:
"Vandenberg" by Joe Page II
"Command and Control" by Eric Schlosser

Gretan ’15

After an early morning two-hour motor coach trip up the 101, (with a brief stop in Solvang) we arrived at what for many has always been a place of secrecy and wonder. We wondered for years what was happening up there in Lompoc when we saw contrails from the rockets sent into the skies during the ‘60s and beyond.

Not a place known for its photo-ops, there are not a lot of pictures to share, except from the Heritage Center. Security is still evident everywhere on the base. Our tour guide, Larry Hill, provided us with a fascinating snapshot of the history of Vandenberg.

An excellent description of our visit to Vandenberg can be accessed by David Loe’s article in the Ventura Star on April 4, 2015. I simply Googled “David Loe: Vandenberg visit awakens memories of early space travel.”
What a busy and rewarding session this has been. From the investigation into the historical Jesus, to the "Madmen" marketing and advertising class to another look at DNA, we found ourselves eager to attend each and every class.

Before classes had even ended, many of you were already searching the website or inquiring of ambassadors about when the Taste of OLLI schedule would appear and when the summer schedule would be complete. The Curriculum Committee works tirelessly with Nick Fuentes and all of the instructors to meet the needs of their personal schedules as well as the time frames and location availability. One small change in any of the many variables can create havoc with the rest of the schedule, demanding re-evaluation and juggling of every part of the plan. The committee is constantly working on the present schedule, the next one in line, the Taste of OLLI offerings, the summer Colloquium series, and on and on. Taste of OLLI registration begins 5/12/15 and the schedule is on the website. This is a great way to introduce prospective students to OLLI.

We are grateful that our student population is flexible and understanding of the issues which present themselves as we continue to maintain high academic standards as well as providing social and educational social activities off campus.

Gretan ‘15
Your Marketing and Outreach Committee was reaching out at the Camarillo Senior Expo this month. Su, Joanne, and Geri had a great time schmoozing with lots of maturing adults many of whom were very interested in our OLLI program. We had about 40 eager people sign up for catalogs. The other 140 mostly wanted our candy, which we were happy to share. It’s very easy to promote our program of academic classes, as well as extra-curricular activities for folks with a variety of interests. It was a fun day, and it’s always surprising to learn how many people are not aware of the wonderful opportunities which OLLI provides. Be sure you share OLLI with a friend. Most of our new members have been initiated by their persevering friends.

Early in the day

Sharing a laugh...

Joanne expounding

Much later in the day!!

Gretan ‘15
John Steinbeck, writing about California's Salinas Valley, where he grew up, in the novel "East of Eden" (1952):

I have spoken of the rich years when the rainfall was plentiful. But they were dry years too, and they put a terror on the valley. The water came in a thirty-year cycle. There would be five or six wet and wonderful years when there might be nineteen to twenty-five inches of rain, and the land would shout with grass. Then would come six or seven pretty good years of twelve to sixteen inches of rain. And then the dry years would come, and sometimes there would be only a seven or eight inches of rain. The land dried up in the grasses headed out miserably a few inches high and great bare scabby places appeared in the valley. The live oaks got a crusty look and the sagebrush was gray. The land cracked and the springs dried up and the cattle listlessly nibbled dry twigs. Then the farmers and ranchers would be filled with disgust for the Salinas Valley. The cows would grow thin and sometimes starve to death. People would have to haul water in barrels to their farms just for drinking. Some families would sell out for nearly nothing and move away. And it never failed that during the dry years the people forgot about the rich years, and during the wet years they lost all memory of the dry years. It was always that way.