There is still room in many of our classes. Now is a great time to invite that friend or neighbor to join you in your favorite course! Has it been such a relaxing summer that you’ve put off calling or sending in your form to enroll? Whatever the case, it’s time to make your intentions known. No more procrastination. Join us for the Fall and sign up now!

Thank You from all of your Behind-The-Scenes partners at OLLI.

To register, call (805) 437-2748 or come and see us at 2109 Sage Hall on the CI campus.
The summer newsletter is due and a little late. Reminds me of my first child. But I digress.
The most important date I have to remind you of is Thursday, September 17 for the Membership Council meeting for OLLI CI. Every year we urge all of our members to convene for the purpose of catching up on the past year’s progress, as well as learning what’s in store for the upcoming year. This year, as mentioned in Gary’s column, we will be introducing the candidates for positions as Members At Large to replace Carol Evans and Geri Gretan who have served for three years. Voting will be online during the following week. More details will be provided in an e-blast, but now you have the date. The time will be 3:15, right after Dr. Norris’ “The Extraordinary World of Fishes.” There will, of course, be light refreshments. So come on out and catch up on what’s going on behind the scenes and help us kick off the fall session. You may be inspired to join one of the committees. Did I mention that there will be food?
Summer 2015 – what a long strange trip it’s been…. Summer has traditionally been a quiet time for the OLLI program. Not so in 2015! Rather than be satisfied with down time, vacations, walks on the beach and road trips our membership has been literally “on fire” with learning for learning’s sake this summer. We finished our Spring classes in May and launched headlong into a Taste of OLLI. That program ran in both Thousand Oaks and Ventura and had just about every seat in every lecture spoken for. We then tried a little experiment and offered a 3 lecture Colloquium along with a 2 lecture Speaker Series. Figuring that our OLLI classroom at CI with 60 seats would not satisfy the demand, we ran the Colloquium and Speaker Series in the 120 seat auditorium in Aliso Hall. I’m certainly glad we did this as we had at least 80 people attending each lecture! To put it bluntly – summer was not quiet!

The Fall of 2015 holds much for those seeking a little mental hopscotch. We have 29 classes on offer in all the usual spots. If you or a neighbor or friend have been thinking that OLLI just isn’t offering anything that “grabs you” you NEED to check out the Fall 2015 course offerings. Art, science, literature, history, economics, political science, philosophy – it’s all there.

So – please enjoy the remaining days of summer and know that I look forward to seeing you back in class on 9/8/15!

Nick
What is the OLLI Steering Committee?

The OLLI Steering Committee is the member advisory committee which helps run the OLLI program and gives advice to the OLLI Director, Nicholas Fuentes. The committee is made up of nine members, six elected by the membership each September and three committee chairs (Curriculum, Marketing & Outreach and Finance). Two members at large are elected each year for three year terms. Every September there is an annual membership meeting to go over what has happened the last year and introduce candidates for the two membership at large positions. Although there will be a list of candidates presented, members may nominate someone from the floor during the meeting. The only stipulation is that the person nominated must be willing to serve. The next day after the meeting, members will receive an email asking them to vote for their choice. Please participate. This year the meeting will be on September 17th on campus after the 1:00-3:00 class.

Geri and Carol

Geri Gretan and Carol Evans will be finishing their members-at-large terms in September. Both Geri and Carol have been instrumental in developing the OLLI Steering Committee. Since 2012, they have spent many hours working to improve the OLLI program. The next time you see Geri and Carol, give them thanks. They deserve a pat on the back. They are eager to mentor the next Members At Large.

Geri and Carol thank you.
**Marketing and Outreach Committee**

Hope you have all seen our new Rack Cards around town. They were designed by Millie, Geri and Dennis from the multimedia subcommittee, again utilizing Dick Duran’s beautiful depiction of the Bell Tower. Diligent Dennis Jurcak, as well as other dedicated volunteers on our committee, have visited public venues all over the County like Johnny Appleseeds, spreading the word about our fabulous program and hoping to lure future OLLI members to our program.

Also hot off the press are our new OLLI Bookmarks that fold to business card size. They’re easy to carry with you and contain an amazing amount of information. How many times have we wanted to give out OLLI’s website address or phone number or share with others information about our classes and all of our extracurricular OLLI activities. These will be available to all of you very soon. Watch for them at upcoming classes. Make a commitment to share a few with friends or family.

**Curriculum Committee**

This has been another very busy summer for OLLI. The Taste of OLLI attendance was great this year, despite some issues with parking at VACE which have been resolved. The variety of presentations gave a good overview of what to expect this fall. Looking back to the August Colloquium lectures, which were held in Aliso Hall, we are proud to say that all three sessions were well attended. In addition to the classes, we feel privileged to have had two distinguished speakers for our first OLLI Speaker Series.

Nationally renowned economist, Dr. Sung Wong Sohn, spoke to a lively audience on “Are We Happier With Less?” After this week’s stockmarket performance, I certainly hope so. Otherwise, I'm not certain we came to a definite conclusion on the question. A week later Dr. Susan Biniaz, an expert on climate change, spoke on “U.N. Climate Change Negotiations.” Ms. Biniaz is the daughter of our students, Celina and Binny Biniaz. Her detailed account of the tedious and tenuous negotiations internationally, was articulate and fascinating.

Trips to NOAA, Vandenberg Base. The Rose Story Farm and the Sunnylands Estate rounded out a very active summer schedule.

Fall session begins on September 8. Members are able to select from twenty-nine classes at seven venues. Catalogs have been mailed and the classes are on the website. Make your selections and sign up early. Certain classes will be limited in size depending on the site. Questions and signups can be addressed at: (805) 437-8583.
OLLI BUS ROAD TRIP

GOLDSTONE DEEP SPACE CENTER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015

Deep Space Satellite

Host: Jerry Clifford

LUNCH AT PEGGY SUE’S DINER: Cheeseburger or Boca Burger, Coleslaw, Fries, Drink & Ice Cream

For over half a century the Goldstone Deep Space Communications Complex has provided a vital communications link for NASA/JPL manned and unmanned spacecraft. From the first planetary encounters, the first human landing on the moon, to missions that reach the farthest points in our solar system, the Deep Space Network complexes, placed 120 degree apart, provide constant communication with spacecraft as the Earth rotates.

The bus will leave at 8:00 am and return approximately 6:00 pm.
Total cost for this event is $65.00 (Lunch is included)

Registration begins Tuesday, September 1, 2015 by calling: (805) 437-8583. Clearly leave your name and telephone number and someone will call you back to confirm.

Make your check payable to CSUCI
Mail to CSUCI, OLLI Program Office, 1 University Drive, 2109 Sage Hall, Camarillo, CA 93012 or drop off the check at the OLLI Program Office

Note: Registration begins September 1
Want to know how big of an impact you're making on the environment? Use the carbon footprint calculator at [CoolClimate.berkeley.edu](http://CoolClimate.berkeley.edu).

A carbon footprint is a measure of the greenhouse gases released in the production, use, and disposal of everything you consume. This includes emissions from transportation, household energy, waste, water, food, goods, and services. Developed by researchers at the University of California, Berkeley, with financial support from the California Air Resources Board, this online tool helps you quickly compare your household carbon footprint to similar households in your zip code, city, or state, and then prioritize the things you can do to reduce your climate impact. Also see the [CoolClimate interactive map](http://CoolClimate.berkeley.edu) to compare the carbon footprint of different zip codes in the United States.

This is from the University of Calif Berkeley Wellness Letter: Aug 2015

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**What is Existentialism, and how is it relevant for the 21st Century?**

**Dr. Bill Garlington** will be offering a lecture on Saturday, September 26 from 2-4 PM at the Camarillo Library. This event is sponsored by the Library and is **free of charge**.

Below, see a description of the lecture. An e-blast will be sent as a reminder, but if you are interested, make a note on your calendar now.

Following World War II *Existentialism* became an intellectual phenomenon in both Europe and the United States, and its philosophical and literary expressions greatly impacted much of modern western thought. What is Existentialism, and how is it relevant for the 21st century? I will attempt to answer these questions by examining the life and works of the novelist and playwright Albert Camus, perhaps best known for his works, *The Stranger*, *The Plague*, and *The Myth of Sisyphus*. 

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Another fascinating OLLI Day Trip - Oxnard NOAA/NWS Station

One of the many highlights of OLLI membership includes the local day trips, and our visit to the Oxnard National Weather Service facility is right at the top or memorable visits. Our NWS station, part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, monitors and provides services for three counties: L.A., Ventura, and Santa Barbara – as well as offshore weather for maritime services.

Our tour had three parts. The first was an introduction of the NWS mission, which is to provide weather, water and climate forecasts and warnings to protect lives and property. We saw a 20-minute film of extreme weather hazards, such as earthquakes, tornados, and flash floods. Our host described his years in the NWS starting as a storm-chaser. He showed photos of local severe weather events, including flash floods along Burbank’s Country Club Drive on October 18, 2005, and in Camarillo Springs on Dec 12, 2014.

The second part of our tour was the weather forecast room. There are at least four weather service personnel on duty 24/7 for current weather, fire hazard, aviation services, marine services and hydrology. Their computer consoles showed the current status on large monitors, as the latest models churned out predicted changes. Each station interfaces with a worldwide network, and we could hear distinctive beeps (set by each forecaster) to indicate a new message had just been received. Our guide gave us an overall description of the many functions handled by each station. He also described how they watched the storm approach Camarillo Springs and issued warnings.

The third part was a walk through a fascinating outdoor display with many examples of NWS/NOAA devices used to measure and monitor all aspects of weather. There were several types of rain gauges, wind monitors, sea buoys, snowpack monitors, and remote weather stations. There were deployable weather stations used to measure local weather for fighting forest fires, which is critical across California today. Did you know that NWS sends weather balloon flights from Vandenberg AFB twice daily?

Our Oxnard National Weather Service field office "provides environmental intelligence and associated services necessary to build a weather-ready nation.” We feel also fortunate to have had the opportunity to see how it is done.

Thanks to Dr. Jerry Clifford for this report.
"Two words of caution," our docent warns us as she begins the walking tour she will be guiding for the next hour. "Always look inside the rose before you smell it, because we share with the bees. No. 2: Stay on the pathways. I'll go up into the different gardens and get you a great selection of roses." Many of the varieties are very fragrant. That scent, we learn, derives from the evaporation of oil in the petals. Best to sniff between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., when it's warm enough for the aroma to be released but not so late that most of the oils have already evaporated.

Did you know that if you smell a scent for 30 seconds you will remember it? The scent imprints on the olfactory receptors in your nose and travels to the brain.

Rose Story Farm also cultivates lemons and avocados, the latter of which are sold to Calavos.

We stroll on from a red-orange number called Fragrant Cloud to Pillow Fight which releases a cascade of feather-like petals when shaken. We pass Sunset Celebration, Memorial Day and George Burns before arriving at a bank of yellow roses named Julia Child. Child fell in love with the rose farm and became a frequent visitor as well as an advisor. We were shown a floribunda rose created for and named "Julia Child." Julia was a friend of the owner and she used to visit frequently. Ms. Child emphatically resisted having a rose named after her, but during a casual visit to the farm’s test garden she spotted a gorgeous unnamed yellow rose, and said 'That's it,' and it now bears her name. Coincidentally, we saw this same lovely rose in the Rose Garden at Sunnylands.

To see more about Rose Story Farm, visit: rosestoryfarm.com

See slide show of our visit on YouTube: https://youtu.be/t3g2ionJGr0
Cookies and lots of laughter were the order of the day on our jaunt to Palm Springs and the Annenberg Estate known as Sunnylands. Our host, Dr. Jerry Clifford, in true “Jerry” form, brought along cookies in case we had missed breakfast due to the early time of departure. Most of us seasoned travelers appeared well-fed, but accepted his generosity. Our luxury coach is so comfortable that the time just rushed by. Not having to drive means that our trip is carefree. What a great program we have here at OLLI. Thanks to Ann Lewin and the Curriculum Committee for arranging another interesting event.

During our tour, we learned about items from the Sunnylands Collection, the building's architecture and interior design, and the history of the estate as a private residence and a high-level retreat center. We spent considerable time inside the house, where we visited the kitchen, pantry, private bedrooms, living areas, and locker rooms. Treasures at Sunnylands include selections from the Gift Collection of Walter & Leonore Annenberg and gifts from prominent guests, including presidents, royalty, and diplomats. (President Obama visited there the week after we were there.)

As well as a beautiful botanical walk in the extensive cactus and rose gardens, described as “nine acres planted like an Impressionist canvas,” we enjoyed a 45-minute shuttle tour of the Sunnylands grounds and golf course--behind the pink wall. Guide, Thalia, who happens to be a CI graduate, focused on sustainability, mid-century modern architecture, and Sunnylands history, we had a chance to see most of the 200-acre estate, viewing architecture and outdoor sculpture. There are 1.25 miles of walking paths and 50 species of plants.

To see much more about Sunnylands, visit: sunnylands.org
Editor’s Notes:

To read an interesting, comprehensive article about El Niño, take a look at this website from the LA Times.


Don’t forget sign-up date 9/1/15 for Goldstone Road Trip. September is right around the corner. Don’t miss out.

Dr. Garlington’s Existentialism lecture at Camarillo Library is free on Saturday, 9/26/15. A great way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

Have you signed up for classes yet, Get On It! Some classes are filling up; others need a few more students to keep the classes on the schedule.