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February isn't over yet (at the time of this writing anyway,) but the normally dormant grape vines in our back yard are already pushing out leaves – and the climbing roses on our garage started blooming in January, two months early! Nature seems to be in a rush! Maybe it's catching. Maybe that's why most of us on your Steering Committee feel like we are continuously rushing to catch up with our vibrant OLLI–CSUCI program. This is leading up to a question I have for you, so please read on.

In a bit more than a week we will “spring ahead” into the spring school term just as we are pushing the clocks up an hour to make things seem to move even faster. And if all this rush isn't enough to make your head spin, talk to the hard–working Curriculum Committee members who are preparing to sort through the fall term proposals in April in time to get the lineup to the Steering Committee for approval in May, because the Fall catalogue has to be finalized by Nick and sent to the printer in June!

Of course, this seemingly frantic schedule is no different from what goes on every year, but we on the Steering Committee are just beginning to focus on the process. This may seem surprising – that we don't have everything organized and running smoothly already – but it just shows that our OLLI–CSUCI member–run program is still a work–in–process. In May of 2012, at the start of the “Ollie Spring,” we committed to creating the means for the membership to direct and control every aspect of the program; and while we have made great strides, we are still a long way from completing that work.

At our January meeting the Steering Committee took the first steps towards creating a master calendar of all the deadlines that must be met to keep our program running smoothly. This process, and the consideration of needed structural changes to the organization, will be what keeps us busy all through the summer. Our goal is to be ready with a new and updated organization that we can present to the General Membership Council Meeting in August.

Now, here’s the question: do you want to join us in this important work, or do you know someone who should be asked to volunteer? Here's the point. We'd like you to join us in this important work. Will you step up, or do you know someone who would or should?"

The Nominating Committee is looking for two good people, preferably, but not limited to participants who are already active on a standing committee, to be elected to the Steering Committee in August. If you want to volunteer, or if you know just the right person for this leadership position, call Nominating Committee Chair Randy Richardson at (805) 807–8146 right away.

JACK PHILLIPS, CHAIR
**OLLI Events – Calendar List**

Also Available On OLLI Website: [http://www.csuci.edu](http://www.csuci.edu)

### March, 2014

- **March 6, 2014**
  - Thursday, CSUCI, Makeup classes (last day of Winter classes)
  - Africa, Part 1, 9-11 a.m., Matt Curtis; China, 1-3 p.m., Bill Garlington

- **March 7, 2014**
  - Friday, ROAD TRIP, Griffith Observatory
  - Host: Jerry Clifford. 1 p.m. – 10 p.m.

- **March 10, 2014**

- **March 12, 2014**
  - Wednesday, VACE, 3-5 p.m. four weeks ending 4/2/2014
  - “Essential Questions—From Different Points of View”, J.Clifford & B. Garlington

- **March 30, 2014**
  - Sunday, VENTURA LIBRARY Lecture, Roz McGrath, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
  - “Women of the Vietnam Era”

### April, 2014

- **April 1, 2014**
  - Tuesday, ROAD TOUR REGISTRATION-for JPL Tour 3. Host: Jerry
  - Tour date: June 18, 2014.

- **April 5, 2014**
  - Saturday, ROAD TOUR, Silk Road Exhibit at the Natural History Museum.
  - Host: Bill Garlington. 8:30 a.m –3:30 p.m.

- **April 27, 2014**
  - Sunday, VENTURA LIBRARY Lecture, Bruce Collins, 2 - 4 p.m.

### May, 2014

- **May 5, 2014**
  - Monday, last day of Spring classes

- **May 6, 2014**
  - Tuesday, ROAD TOUR Treasures of L.A. 8:30 a.m – 6 p.m.
  - (See March 10, 2014 above.)

- **May 15, 2014**
  - Thursday, DAY TRIP, U.S. Navy Seabee Museum, Port Hueneme, CA
Great food, even better than last year; beautiful live music, much better than Pandora; brief welcoming remarks from Gary Collins, Diana Troik, and Nick Fuentes; more enthusiastic students attending: what more could anyone desire? Organized by the Marketing and Outreach Committee, with assistance from the OLLI Steering Committee and CI staff, the celebration was a rousing success.

New faces are apparent in every class and at each Road Trip, indicating additional enrollment and enthusiasm for the wonderful Osher Lifelong Living program (OLLI) here at CSUCI. Many thanks to the CI catering service, Gary Berg from Extended University, and to all of those who donated wine, as well as all of the students and faculty who attended. We are already anticipating OLLI-FEST 2015.
Treasures of Los Angeles Road Trip

Doheny Mansion - Located at historic Chester Place, on the grounds of Mount Saint Mary’s College

St. Vincent de Paul’s Church

Carroll Avenue Victorian Homes

Date: Tuesday - May 6, 2014

Bus leaves Camarillo at 8:00 AM Returns at 6:00 PM
Cost: $80.00 Includes: $20.00 2-hour tour of the Doheny Mansion and gardens, Transportation, Gratuity, Water, Lunch, St. Vincent de Paul’s Church, Coach Cruise Viewing of Carroll Avenue with all the Victorian Homes, and Ride on Angels Flight
Lunch served at the Doheny Café: Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad, soft drink/water, chocolate chip cookie.

Registration Starts Monday 3/10/14 by calling 805-437-8583
Clearly leave your name and telephone number and someone will call you back to confirm.

Hosted by our popular guide, Curt
Aimee Semple McPherson also known as Sister Aimee, was a Canadian-American Los Angeles–based evangelist and media celebrity the 1920s and 1930s. She founded the Foursquare Church. McPherson has been noted as a pioneer in the use of modern media, especially radio, and was the second woman to be granted a broadcast license. She used radio to draw on the growing appeal of popular entertainment in North America and incorporated other forms into her weekly sermons at Angelus Temple. Our visit to the Temple was interesting and impressive. A docent spoke to us in the grandiose main room of the Temple followed by a tour of the evangelist’s home.

This tour was led by our great guide, Curt, pictured below right.

Following the Angelus Temple tour, we boarded our bus and headed for the totally different Hsi Lai Temple. This beautiful temple with beautiful scenery, sits upon a beautiful mountain overlooking Hacienda Heights. The architecture and design of the building is reminiscent of many of the ancient temples in Taiwan and China. The fountains and gardens are beautiful and well-maintained, making it a gorgeous experience.

Our hosts at Hsi Lai are committed to serving as a bridge between East and West so that the Buddha’s teachings of kindness, compassion, joyfulness, and equanimity might be integrated into our lives and of those around us to the benefit of all and that we might learn the ways to cultivate the wisdom to clearly understand the true nature of all things.

BJ Fan (Pictured here at left) alternated with Bill Garlington as guides on the buses for this portion of our tour.
“Who are you wearing? “ I heard this question frequently during the Oscars, so I figured it’s important that everyone knows! This weekend I was wearing Costceaux. Yes, I was wearing Costceaux sweats and those stylish sox with the non-slip soles which one is issued in the hospital. It’s a look. Not everyone can pull it off. I think sweats and warm sox are the perfect ensemble for listening to the downpour pelting my roof and noisily splashing on the patio. What a long-awaited delicious sound it was. I have become skeptical about the weather reports, but when the prediction was for 100% precipitation, I felt fairly certain that I’d better bring in my patio cushions. From past experience I have thought that perhaps hauling those cushions in actually jinxed the arrival of the rain. Rain also accompanied our students on our carefree tour to Los Angeles and Hacienda Heights to view the two temples mentioned earlier in the newsletter, but that minor downpour did little more than whet our appetites for more rain.

On the home front, all weather aside, all of your OLLI committees are busy in the background planning more classes, organizing more tours, recruiting eager students for more involvement on our OLLI organization, adding more venues beyond the CI campus, and generally making your OLLI program even more successful than it has been thus far. Please think about joining us. Along with the various challenges, we have a lot of fun.

Our break between classes this week is short, and before we know it, we’ll all be planning summer activities. The year is rushing by like the rain water in the ravines and off our blackened hillsides. So here we are. Winter weather has really never arrived this year, and we are three weeks away from spring. Maybe we’ll catch a glimpse of it yet. As Shelley has written, “If winter comes, can Spring be far behind?”

Nick and Reneé will be married in just a couple of weeks. Our best wishes to them and their family.

Your Editor