Dr. Bill Garlington and Dr. Jerry Clifford led a thought-provoking 4-week course entitled “Essential Questions--from different points of view,” in which they sparred on issues such as “Where is our place in the Universe? Do we have Free Will? What is the basis of ethics?” and other mind-bending subjects. The bout ended in a draw with both pugilists agreeing there are no definitive answers to these essential questions.

OLLI DOLPHINS

Tra la, it's May, the lusty month of May
That lovely month when everyone goes blissfully astray
Tra la, it's here, that shocking time of year
When tons of wicked little thoughts merrily appear....

LERNER AND LOEWE
Can you believe that we are nearing the second anniversary of our “OLLI Spring uprising?” It’s a good time to look around at all that we have done as a community towards taking full responsibility for the learning experience we all treasure so. And it’s a good time to thank those whose energy and devotion over the very long haul have gotten us this far. But most important, it is time to finish laying the foundation for the program we want to see succeeding far into the future, starting with the shape of the program we will have in the fall of this year.

We have special committees at work on refining the bylaws and writing a Memo of Understanding for our partnership with the University, all of which must be completed in time for the Membership Council to review and approve at the annual meeting in August. In the next few weeks, the Bylaws revision committee will be seeking input from the standing committees that will be affected by the proposed changes. Thanks to all who are involved in this important volunteer effort!

I’m writing this at the OLLI national gathering in Carlsbad, where Nick and I are once again overwhelmed by new ideas from the 117 very different programs that make up the OLLI family. After three days immersed in the upwelling of enthusiasm and eagerness to share among that make this meeting so valuable, we hope to bring back new resources (including many new on-line resources) to stimulate our own ongoing process of growth and change.

Jack Phillips, Chair
Greetings OLLI members

I hope the month of April was kind to you! I had a very busy start to the year planning a wedding and getting married! Renee and I ”tied the knot” on March 15, 2014 and couldn’t be happier. I want to thank everyone for their kind wishes and the great cards! We now have 4 children between us – Miranda (17) and Gillian (13) came with me and Sophia (16) and Sash (11) came with Renee. Surprisingly everyone gets along splendidly! The funny thing about second marriages and blended families is that you don’t really get a “honeymoon” period, you dive in headfirst! The way we have it figured is that our honeymoon will begin in about 7 years after Sash goes away to school! The next big step for us? Sending daughter Miranda off to San Francisco State this Fall!

Now down to business! Your Steering Committee chair, Jack Phillips, and I just returned from the OLLI National Conference in Carlsbad, CA. These conferences gather Osher Institutes from all over the country to a single location to share ideas and build partnerships. One interesting connection I made was with an OLLI instructor from UCLA, a Psychiatrist specializing in classes on mental illness and police cases involving mentally ill criminals. His ideas sounded really interesting and he’d love to come teach with us. He let me know that he started practicing psychiatry in 1970 and that he sent 1000’s of patients to Camarillo State, but that he had never been here himself. He thought it was time he paid us a visit! We got lots of other ideas as well – we hope to be able to bring them to our steering committee so that the membership can ultimately get a better OLLI program.

As I write we are madly working on confirming instructors for a Spring/Summer taste of OLLI as well as the Fall schedule. Stay tuned – there are exciting things in store!
SUMMER DAY TOURS- 2014

Wonderful little museum and old school inn. Lots of neat stagecoaches, an Indian 'hut' and an old fashioned prairie home. Great little museum in the basement with information on the A 19th-century ranch that served as the inspiration for Helen Hunt Jackson's novel "Ramona,".gives insight into what life in this valley might have been like 150 years ago.

If you love beautiful cars and art deco, you don't want to miss this!! If you're into detail and automotive restoration perfection, this is your place. See Bugatti touring cars and the only Bugatti plane!

This is a Gem that surely should not be missed! Great location near restaurants, great views from the Museum and a very knowledgable and friendly staff. See ships from the 1300's, Dutch masterpieces, you'll learn things you never ever knew before, guaranteed!

JULY 16 - MARITIME MUSEUM IN OXNARD
AUGUST 13 - MULLEN AUTO MUSEUM IN OXNARD
NOVEMBER 5 - RANCHO CAMULOS NEAR PIRU
DECEMBER 10 - STAGECOACH INN HOLIDAY IN NEWBURY PARK

All will be docent led tours from about 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Registration can be made by calling (805) 437-8583. Clearly leave your name and telephone number and the name of the day trip you wish to attend. Someone will call you back to confirm.
The Amy Temple McPherson/Hsi Lai Chinese Temple trip was a study in contrasts on a rare rainy day in February. We joined others in celebrating the Chinese New Year. Curt, Bill, and BJ Fan were our hosts for the day.
Spring is finally here, but you wouldn’t know it by the weather. Winter acted like spring and summer, then when “official spring” came along, the weather turned cold again. Now, as I write this on the first day of May, it’s 90 degrees here at CI as if it were October! The searing east winds are whipping the trees and shrubs just as it did exactly one year ago when the Springs fire scorched the borders and hills around our campus.

On the other hand, driving into the canyons adjacent to the campus, one can see bright orange (not burnt) poppies, purple Lupin, and blankets of yellow mustard. The cactus and Matilija poppies in the botanical garden right by the soccer field are a spring delight. The farmers’ fields just outside the gates show promise of juicy ripe corn in just a couple of months. School has paused for us, at least for a few weeks. Enjoy each and every day. We are in a beautiful place.

If you haven't visited the OLLI website recently, take a break and visit: http://ext.csuci.edu/community-ed/osopher/index.htm
You can also easily Google OLLI CSUCI and find links to the OLLI site, a great way to inform friends about finding our program. The website is being updated frequently including calendars with important dates, course offerings/registration, OLLI locations, library lectures and current PLAying Now activities: bus tours, day trips in Ventura county and a book group.
Your OLLI website committee members are Millie Rathbun, Geri Gretan, Beckie Lubow and Vicki Engard. Bookmark the OLLI website and visit often.

Millie Muses

Gretan - May 2014
LAST, BUT NOT LEAST…

Everyone’s been asking when the next courses will begin.

Please know that sometimes we may be notifying you of adjustments to our schedule, but what we know now is as follows:

Taste of OLLI in Thousand Oaks and Ventura May 10th-June 28:

Thousand Oaks: Saturdays, 10-12 in the Marin Classroom
Ventura: Wednesdays, 1-3 at Ventura College, Guthrie Hall

We may offer a summer session on the CI campus July 7 - August 8

The fall semester starts a little later this year, so mark your calendars for September 8-October 31, 2014

Keep an eye on your email for a special eBlast giving you the latest details on registration.