PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE, BY ED DEVORE

The OLLI Board approved a New Member Referral program. Existing OLLI members can earn a $25 Tuition Credit by convincing a brand new member to sign up for the spring 2012 term. See the article from new OLLI Publicity Chair Mike Cutler on page 2, for more details. Also watch OLLI News You Can Use for e-mail updates.

As this semester starts to wind down I’m more aware than ever of what a great organization OLLI has been and remains. This semester our class schedule has grown to over fifty different offerings. The variety is so all-encompassing that you may literally see a movie one day, attend a jazz concert on another and find out about the inner workings of the political system or the Supreme Court in yet another class. Combine these entertainment and learning opportunities with the bonus of no grades, no homework, free parking and wonderful, knowledgeable, companionable classmates and you can readily see why we continue to grow. NOW, factor in the incredibly low fee of just $75 a semester ($40 during the summer) and it is undoubtedly the best investment you can make in yourself.

Your Board of Directors has continued to ensure that our classrooms are upgraded to a level that provides maximum satisfaction to all OLLI members. New projectors and adjusted sound systems will assure better learning experiences. At a recent meeting, room 512 was designated as regularly available for OLLI classes. This room has a maximum capacity of 178 seats which gives us the capability to handle the growth of our most popular classes.

The success of our most recent outings to PBS, Boulder Dam, the Neon Boneyard, the Atomic Testing Museum, and of our on-campus Brown Bag events have increased the opportunity for socialization, which is almost as integral to the value of our program as is the learning process which is our primary mandate. All in all, as your President I can say “THE STATE OF OLLI IS STRONG.”

As a result of changes in OLLI Committee structure and responsibilities, we have many new Committee Chairs (see page 14 for a list) starting in January. I would like to thank the previous Chairs for their past service: Elise Hanseman – Publicity, Donna Newsom – New Members & Telephone, Fay Chan – Events, Bea Levinson – Nominations, Mary Ellen Cardenas – Fundraising, and Dolores Kelly - Sunshine.

Ed Devore, OLLI Board President (2011 – 2012) – (EdDevoreLV@aol.com)
OLLI DIRECTOR’S NOTES

Fall 2011 was our most successful semester to-date with a total of 721 members. Our talented and knowledgeable board, committee chairs, and coordinators all shined this semester, as they have worked together to provide a dynamite schedule of course offerings, brown bag luncheon presentations, trips, and special interest groups. There truly is something for everyone in this vibrant program.

As many of you know OLLI at UNLV is a volunteer led group, so please get involved, and make your voice heard concerning how we can better the program by telling your Board what you would like to see happen in the New Year. This term a committee wrote, and the board approved job descriptions for all of the volunteer positions needed to make OLLI run smoothly and effectively. Please find a copy of these job descriptions on our website at:


Lastly, I would like to take a moment to thank Trude for her five years of service to OLLI at UNLV. Trude played an integral role in making each and every OLLI member feel welcome and appreciated. She will be dearly missed, but we wish her much happiness in the next chapter of her life.

Wishing you and your family Happy Holidays.

Heather Haslem, Assistant Director for Senior Programs Heather.haslem@unlv.edu

NEW – $150 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

OLLI tuition is currently $75 for the Spring and Fall terms, and $40 for the Summer term. The OLLI Board recently approved an Annual OLLI Membership for $150, so the Summer term is free.

$150 Annual Memberships can be purchased at any time, for 3 consecutive terms.

Annual members must pick up “colored Name Badge stickers” and “free parking passes” at the beginning of EACH of the 3 terms covered. There will be no refunds for not attending classes after you pay for your OLLI membership.

$25 TUITION CREDIT FOR EACH BRAND NEW OLLI MEMBER

Become an Ambassador for OLLI at UNLV and save $$$.

At $75 tuition, we are already a terrific value and that tuition will not change for Spring 2012.

As you know, nobody offers the variety of classes, group tours, and terrific social gatherings for less.

But now, an added incentive to spread the word about OLLI at UNLV. For every brand new member that you refer, who signs up for the 2012 Spring Term, your tuition for the summer or fall term will be reduced by $25. You are limited to earning a maximum of three $25 New Member Referral credits in a single term.

New Member Referral forms will be available in the OLLI office in 502, also at the Ed. Outreach Front Desk in building 100, where new and existing members can register during the OPEN HOUSE and the first week of spring classes. When your friend(s) sign up, ask each BRAND NEW MEMBER to submit a New Member Referral form with your name, to receive the $25 credit.

I was recently appointed as Publicity Committee Chair by President Ed Devore. Elise Hanseman set a high bar as Publicity Chair, but she wanted to step aside and devote more time to family. Of course, I will depend on Elise for her counsel and guidance as I get organized.

Elise immediately shared the fact that the key to her success has been the reliable group of volunteers who help get the OLLI catalogs and flyers distributed each term. I already contacted the Catalog distribution volunteers who helped Elise in the past. I hope that I can count on you to once again distribute catalogs in January, before the spring term. If you haven’t helped out before, please let me know (mikecutler5@aol.com) where you live, and to which satellites, libraries, houses of worship, or community centers you would like to deliver catalogs in your neighborhood. Thank you.

If you have any Las Vegas media contacts who can create favorable publicity for OLLI on radio, TV, newspapers, magazines, or local web sites, I would love to have you join the Publicity Committee. Please drop me an e-mail, or give me your contact information in an OLLI class.

Mike Cutler, OLLI Publicity Chair mikecutler5@aol.com
Curriculum Report

The Curriculum Committee would like to express sincere thanks and appreciation to all Coordinators who submitted course proposals, since a rich and varied curriculum is the crux of OLLI. Several Coordinators agreed to offer their courses at two locations, doubling their facilitating commitment to OLLI.

And on that same note – I would like to encourage each OLLI member to consider joining the ranks of Coordinators. Each of us has experiences that are potentially valuable and could contribute to an OLLI Study Group. Whether you use the DVD videos from the Great Courses series as a starting point, an interesting or provocative book or experience, or develop a class based on your passion, you may find it a wonderfully fulfilling experience that you’ll want to repeat.

We are looking for Coordinators who can communicate comfortably with a group, who welcome diverse ideas, and who can keep an interactive group on track. You need not have been an educator in your previous professional life!

The Curriculum Committee has been working diligently this fall to be sure that the spring 2012 schedule will consist of traditionally popular classes plus new ones that should be appealing and challenging to participants.

In the Spring Catalog, there will be 38 classes at the UNLV Paradise Campus, and 19 classes at 6 conveniently located satellite learning centers around the valley. Take a look at the Class Schedule for the UNLV Paradise Campus (page 4) and the Satellite Learning Centers (page 5). You will find an amazing variety of study groups to meet your lifelong learning needs.

Last summer, members of the Curriculum Committee volunteered to serve as liaisons to various satellites to see if we could increase the number of classes. That effort resulted in more classes in spring 2012 than we offered last semester. We expect that satellite offerings will continue to expand, since the outlying locations are eager to welcome OLLI courses. And we are also considering additional sites for the future. This outreach should also increase our membership, as we bring stimulating study groups to a variety of convenient locations.

Projects that the Curriculum Committee is considering include the development of a Coordinators’ Desk Guide that will provide tips and techniques from current Coordinators to share with new Coordinators. The first installment will be made available at the Coordinator Orientation (January 18th, starting at 10 AM). The Coordinators’ Desk Guide is intended to be a living document, constantly being updated and expanded to reflect new experiences and new teaching techniques that Coordinators find beneficial, fun, and effective.

Don’t forget to check out selected “Great Courses” from The Teaching Company that OLLI members can access online at no charge. If you would like a password to access these “Great Courses” in the convenience of your own home, contact Bert Kulic at BertKulic@cox.net or call him at 837-6467. See page 6 for a complete list of currently available “Great Courses.”

I would personally like to thank Heather Haslem, Bert Kulic, and Debbie Smatresk for their great work in getting the Spring Catalog together. Their help was above and beyond.

Don’t forget that Summer Proposals will be due on February 28, 2012. Paper copies of the Course Proposal form are always available in the OLLI Office.

Ann Tate, Curriculum Chair
Ann.Tate@unlv.edu

COORDINATOR ORIENTATION – JAN. 18TH
10 AM – 12:30 PM (LIGHT LUNCH AFTERWARD)

All OLLI Coordinators are invited (and encouraged) to participate in a January 18th Orientation and luncheon. Come to Paradise room 401 at 10 AM. There will be an excellent tutorial by Educational Outreach on using the Student Manager system to track your class rosters and attendance online, from the comfort of your own home.

Blank Attendance sheets (with Class Headings and Coordinator names pre-filled) will be prepared for handout by the Curriculum Committee Chair, Ann Tate.

You will also receive a Tip Sheet entitled “FOCUS,” which is designed for new Coordinators, but is worth a look by all of us. Ann will invite you to offer any additions you think would be helpful to your colleagues.

The Coordinator Orientation workshop provides a great opportunity for you to welcome new Coordinators and to renew long-time friendships.
# OLLI at UNLV Spring 2012 Class Schedule

**UNLV Paradise Campus, 851 E. Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas**

**January 23 – May 4, 2012** (Spring Break Week April 2-6)

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## OLLI at UNLV Spring 2012 Satellite Classes

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2. Las Ventanas Retirement Community, 10401 W. Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas 89135  
3. Sun City MacDonald Ranch, 2020 W. Horizon Ridge Parkway, Henderson 89012  
5. Humana Henderson Guidance Center, 1000 N. Green Valley Parkway, Henderson 89074  
6. Heritage Park Senior Facility, 300 S Racetrack Rd, Henderson 89015

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### OLLI “Great Courses” Available Online as of January 2012

For a Password and Instructions, contact Bert Kulic (BertKulic@cox.net) or 837-6467

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IN RETROSPECT

Dear Members of OLLI:

Since the fall of 2003, I have enjoyed the seat of EXCELL/OLLI Publicity Chair and have seen the membership more than double during that time.

In the very beginning many EXCELL Coordinators allowed me to put their names on my Speakers List and so willingly went out into the Las Vegas community to sing the praises of this exceptional program for learning in retirement. MY THANKS go out to those of you who worked the booths held at various locations throughout the valley: Health Fairs, Anthem’s “Bucket List,” Retiree Appreciation Days at Nellis Air Force Base, and the Aviation Nation Air Shows at Nellis, to name a few. MANY THANKS to so many of you who, through the years, have always been there to help distribute EXCELL/OLLI flyers and catalogs to libraries and community centers, doctors’ offices, stores, service organizations, and any place throughout the valley that would allow us to leave them.

The list is long and would use up all the space in the EXCELLERATE to name you all; therefore, I will name here only those who helped me during the Fall 2011 Semester:

DISTRIBUTING FLYERS AND CATALOGS:

Andy Amid, Bert Kulic, Cuong Trinh, Mary Pace, Pat Thorn, Linda Vish, Gene Geller, John Hurley, Barbara Vivera, Paul Imahara, Marge Gately, Larry Fahey, Arlene Harris, Bob Harris

RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY Sept. 24th at Nellis AFB:

Trude Thomson, Brandt Thomson, Ina Lehr, Chris Wright, Jean Tiggeman, Wayne Johnson, Marlene Rengert

As you know, I recently turned the Publicity Chair over to Mike Cutler whose vast experience will put this OLLI program on the map. I will assist his Publicity Committee in any way I can, and I will continue to offer a tour of the UNLV Lied Library each semester. I am sure that you will be there for Mike as you have been for me.

Sincerely,

Elise Hanseman

Elise Hanseman, Publicity Chair 2003-2011
Hanseman@unlv.nevada.edu

FUND RAISING REPORT

The Fund Raising Committee has OLLI red Polo Shirts and black and red Book Bags for sale. An assortment of shirt sizes is available. The Polo Shirts sell for $12 and the Book Bags for $7.

We just received our first shipment of gray OLLI T-shirts. On the front they say “For the Love of Learning.” On the back, “Ask me about OLLI at UNLV.” Wearing these great-looking OLLI T-shirts when the weather gets a little warmer is an excellent way to raise OLLI awareness among your friends, neighbors, and family. They are available in all sizes, for only $7 each, from the OLLI Administrative Assistant in Paradise room 502.

We also have OLLI Calendar/Planners, covering the Fall 2011 term to the end of the Summer 2012 term. The Calendars sell for $5. Please see me or go the OLLI Office (room 502) to buy these items.

OLLI Events and Fund Raising are always looking for new volunteers. Anyone is welcome to pitch in. This is a great way to meet other friendly OLLI members.

National “Make A Difference Day” (October 22nd) was supported by the following OLLI members:

**Elise Hanseman** – Christ Episcopalian Church - 3 hours, Bar-B-Que

**Suzanne Van Aken** – Assistance League & Junior League - 8 hours, Children’s Clothing

**Moira Norton** – Food Bank, Giving Life Ministries - 30 pounds of Food

**Laurie Stone** – The Good Buy Store - 3 hours - Cleaning

**Mary Ellen Cardenas** – The Good Buy Store - 3 hours, Cleaning

**Anonymous** – 50 pounds of Food

There were probably many other OLLI members who volunteered for “Make A Difference Day,” but we only received feedback from those members listed.

Thanks to everyone for supporting OLLI Fund Raising!

Mary Ellen Cardenas, Fund Raising 2010-11
mecardenas@embargmail.com

President Ed Devore has appointed Mary Ellen Cardenas as the Nominating Committee Chair for 2012. Look for Nominations forms and procedures in OLLI News You Can Use, during January and February.

All OLLI members are welcome to run for the OLLI Board of Directors. Self-nominations are encouraged.
**EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**FALL 2011 EVENTS**

OLLI members enjoyed four unforgettable fall 2011 tours:

1. the spectacular, man-made HOOVER DAM,
2. the memorable restored signs at the NEON BONEYARD MUSEUM,
3. the historical ATOMIC TESTING MUSEUM, and
4. the state-of-the-art NEVADA PBS.

**SPRING 2012 – UPCOMING EVENTS**

During the Spring 2012 semester, we will offer the following terrific tours:

1. **ZAPPOS INSIGHTS FREE BASIC TOUR**
   (limited to the first 20 OLLI members who sign up)
   2280 Corporate Drive, Suite 100
   Henderson, NV 89074
   Contact: Natalie Langdon (943-7879 or 877-513-7424)
   Cost: FREE (Register at Educational Outreach front desk in 100 bldg. on the UNLV campus. Only the first 20 members to register will be allowed to attend.)
   Date and Time: 11 AM on Friday, 2/17/2012
   ZAPPOS (a variation of the Spanish word for shoes “zapatos”), currently headquartered in Henderson, NV, is scheduled to move to the old city hall in downtown Las Vegas in 2013. ZAPPOS not only sells shoes, but also clothing, handbags, eye wear, watches, and children’s merchandise. Due to their emphasis on customer service, Tony Hsieh and ZAPPOS executives achieved their original goals of $1 billion in sales in 2008, and debuting at #23 on Fortune’s “Top 100 Companies to Work For” in 2009. Visit the “playhouse that Tony built” where employees enjoy free lunches, no-charge vending machines, free healthcare, a nap room, and a company library. Every department has a theme and employees are encouraged to decorate their own work spaces creatively! (Watch out for jungle vines, inflatable monkeys, cowbells, Elvis, and spontaneous office parades.)

2. **NEVADA STATE MUSEUM, LAS VEGAS (as a package tour, together with SPRINGS PRESERVE)**
   309 S. Valley View
   Las Vegas, NV 89107
   Contact: Stacey Irbain, Educational Director
   (702-486-5205 Ext. 8746)
   Cost: $10 per person includes admission to both. Register and pay at the Educational Outreach front desk in the 100 Building, Paradise campus, or call 895-3394.
   Date and Time: 10 AM on Friday, March 9, 2012
   The 1982 museum, first located at Lorenzi Park, opened on October 29, 2009 at the Las Vegas Springs Preserve. The two-story, 70,000 square foot building is twice the size of the original building, and is home to “must see” museum pieces such as a twisty facsimile of the Nevada state tree, a replica of the Nevada state fossil, the ichthyosaur, the life-sized skeletal cast of the Columbian mammoth, personal items from the Las Vegas home of Howard Hughes, a $25,000 poker chip from the old Dunes hotel, a 1911 Desert Love Buggy which once cruised downtown Las Vegas, a covered wagon, and elaborate, colorful showgirl costumes.

3. **SMITH CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**
   (The Smith Center is opening on March 10th, 2012)
   361 Symphony Park Avenue
   Las Vegas 89106
   Contact: Noel Watson
   (614-0109 or 614-0205 or 982-7805)
   Cost: To be determined
   (group discount tickets are available from $24 to $129)
   Date and Time: 2 PM on Saturday, April 7, 2012, or 2 PM on Sunday, April 8, 2012
   Centrally located in downtown’s 61-acre Symphony Park, the Smith Center could be described as “The Smith Center for all the Culture You Ever Wanted, Ever.”. OLLI will schedule a free tour of the Smith Center, and will get discounted tickets to the powerful Broadway musical “The Color Purple” (featuring jazz, gospel, and blues). It is the unforgettable story of Celie, portrayed in film by Whoopi Goldberg. Discounted group tickets are available to OLLI members for $129, $72, $54, $33, and $24. Look for more details in **OLLI News You Can Use** during February and March.
(4) TECHATTICUP MINE (Techatticup is the Paiute Indian word meaning “I’m Hungry.”)
16880 State Highway 165
Searchlight, NV 89046
Contact: Tony and Bobbie Werly (702-291-0026)

Cost: $10 per person
Register and pay at the Educational Outreach front desk in the 100 Building, Paradise campus, or call 895-3394.
Date: 11 AM on Friday, May 4, 2012
The Techatticup Mine, located near Nelson in Eldorado Canyon, was once the richest gold, silver, copper, and lead producer in Southern Nevada. After WWII, the mine was abandoned for 50 years until Tony and Bobbie Werly bought the 50 acres of mining claims, a company store, a stamp mill, a bunkhouse, and some tin miner cabins in 1994. They eventually cleared and restored a 200-foot entrance to the mine and brought the 500 foot tunnel up to regulated safety standards. Steel walkways, lights, emergency equipment, and proper ventilation were installed; original buildings were restored, and new buildings were built. The tunnels of the mine maintain a pleasant year-round temperature of 70 degrees. Movies filmed in the area include “3,000 Miles to Graceland,” “Johnny and the High Rollers,” “Eye of the Beholder,” and “Breakdown.”

Wear tennis shoes and light jackets. Bring cameras. There is uneven ground on this trip.

**OLLI INTEREST GROUPS!**

In the fall, like-minded OLLI members who were interested in pursuing recreational activities outside the traditional OLLI classroom were invited to join: (1) OLLI Bikers led by Tim O’Bryan (561-7911), (2) OLLI Photographers led by John Macdonald (513-2229), (3) OLLI Musical Ensemble led by Hector Rosario (463-8990 or 283-3699), and (4) OLLI Walkers/Hikers led by Ted Ehrlich (456-7920). We encourage you to join any and all Interest Groups that pique your curiosity. Are you interested in Travel, Stamp Collecting, Gourmet Cooking, Eating Out, or Scrapbooking?

YOU too can start an OLLI Interest Group!

**OLLI BROWN BAG TUESDAYS!**

Brown Bag Tuesdays – a mixed bag of topics and speakers, was an overwhelming success! Each Tuesday we were treated to an intriguing presentation, such as: Volunteerism at Paradise Professional Development School, an Introduction to the OLLI Board and the EXCELL/OLLI Charter members, first-hand historical accounts from Holocaust survivor Stephen Nasser and Nevada Test Site veteran Bob Knipes; “Organizing” by Liz Nitta, “Medicare” by Mary Matiya, “A Day in the Life of a Victorian Servant” by VeNette Tivey, “Senior Safety” by Pam Terry, the “OLLI Kats” musical ensemble with Hector Rosario, and the inspiring artwork of Sharon Schafer.


The first Brown Bag in the Spring will be an “OLLI Q and A” (Everything You Want To Know About OLLI) presented by Cathy Lowe and the band of mentors.

**Ask them anything, and if they don’t know, they’ll find out!* Please continue to check the bulletin boards, the OLLI web site and weekly OLLI News You Can Use emails for future dates, topics, and guest speakers.

Events Chair Fay Chan reluctantly steps aside but ecstatically welcomes her new role as a first-time Grandmother to Jason & Claire’s first-born son. Fay especially thanks Trude Thomson, VeNette Tivey, Mary Ellen Cardenas, Loretta Cavaliere, and many others for their support and encouragement! Don’t count me out...I’ll be ba-a-a-ack!

Fay Chan, Events Committee Chair 2010-11
faygorchan@yahoo.com

**NEW EVENTS CO-CHAIRS FOR 2012**

For 2012, President Ed Devore appointed co-Chairs for the EVENTS Committee:

1. Marge Gately (Gately@centurylink.net) and
2. Pat Thorn (pthorn1@cox.net).

Marge Gately  Pat Thorn

Please contact Pat (672-4942) or Marge (898-0318) to offer your help with planning and coordination of Events and Tuesday Brown Bags.
SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

MENTORING PILOT LAUNCHED AT OLLI

What’s “mentoring” and who needs it?

Mentoring is basically a personalized service directed at new OLLI members, to help them navigate the system. Its aim is to connect people with the classes, committees, interest groups and activities that meet their needs. Mentoring is also a vehicle to connect new members with others – using seasoned OLLI members to make them welcome in Board meetings, in classrooms, and in educational and social functions on and off the Paradise and satellite campuses.

Mentor Qualifications?

Mentors are generally outgoing problem-solvers who communicate comfortably, and who enjoy making others feel at home. They are intimately familiar with the academic and social environment, have a generally positive attitude, and a real desire to increase member satisfaction and retention.

Who Needs a Mentor?

The better question is: “Who wants a mentor?”, since participation is voluntary. The blitz to provide services takes place at the beginning of the semester, when new members are most likely to have questions and issues.

PILOT PROGRAM, FALL SEMESTER, 2011

During the Pilot Program (fall semester of 2011), a Mentoring Committee was formed, made contact with a small sample of new members, updated the New Member Handbook, defined the range of problem-solving services they could provide, and established a plan to publicize their availability by announcing the service at the New Member Luncheon, and by visiting classrooms and making announcements at the Paradise and Satellite campuses during the first week of the spring semester, 2012.

“GREETERS”

The six original mentors can’t do all this without the support of seasoned OLLI members, so they are looking for a 12-15 member team of “Greeters” for the first 2-3 weeks of the spring semester to meet, greet and introduce new members at the New Member Luncheon, and publicize mentoring services at each of OLLI’s 7 campuses.

Don’t make us go out and nab you! To volunteer for this short 2-3 week commitment, call or e-mail Cathy Lowe at (702) 436-7096, cslowe39@gmail.com

PILOT PROGRAM MENTORS

A list of mentors will be posted in OLLI’s administrative offices (Room 502), also in room 511 on the Paradise Campus, and will be circulated in News You Can Use during January and February, 2012.

The Pilot Mentoring Committee included: Cathy Lowe, Chair, Mary Pace, Lidia Mauer, John Macdonald, Fay Chan, and Gene Geller. President Ed Devore, Debbie Smatresk and Bert Kulic all served as ex officio members.

PILOT PROGRAM EVALUATION

The Mentoring group will present evaluations of the Pilot program to the OLLI Board during its first meeting of 2012.

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
(FROM 11:45 AM TO 1:15 PM)

OLLI welcomes all new members who joined for the first time in 2012. On Tuesday, February 7th, from 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM, the New Member Luncheon will be held in the Paradise Auditorium (room 133). When you receive an e-vite (e-mailed invitation), please RSVP by Thursday Feb. 2nd, so we know how many new members will attend. If you don’t have e-mail, brand new members will receive a telephone invitation.

New members will meet the Board of Directors, the OLLI at UNLV Administration team, and Committee Chairs and volunteers. There will be a brief orientation to OLLI and an introduction of OLLI mentors and greeters. The updated New Member Handbooks, complete with Frequently Asked Questions, and “fun facts” about OLLI will be available to all new members who attend the Feb. 7th Luncheon.

Please plan to stay after the New Member Lunch. Starting at 1:15 PM, OLLI photographer John Macdonald will be taking individual photos of all new members, for inclusion in the 2012 Member Directory.

Cathy Lowe, Membership Chair
cslowe39@gmail.com
PHOTOGRAPHER’S REPORT AND PHOTO INTEREST GROUP

We have been able to photograph most of the new members who joined OLLI last spring or this fall for the biennial Membership Directory. We will attempt to photograph all who join us for the spring semester.

Any members who haven’t been photographed or would like a different photo to include in the Directory are welcome to schedule a sitting. We will take photos immediately after the Open House on Saturday, January 21st. Photos will also be scheduled immediately after the New Members’ Luncheon on Tuesday, February 7th. Photos of members who are not available at those times will be scheduled during the first few weeks of the semester, before or after classes. We will also be photographing at the six satellite learning centers during the same time frame. Dates and times will be announced in OLLI News You Can Use e-mails and printed flyers.

Photo Interest Group

While the first Photo Interest Group was modest in size, members were able to take advantage of one-to-one opportunities to learn more about their cameras, and about taking good, interesting photos.

This group’s direction and emphasis will be based on the interests of the members. Meeting times and places will be mutually decided. We will learn some of the introductory, intermediate and advanced functions of cameras and lenses. We’ll take time to view our individual photographic endeavors and share them with the group. If time and space allow, we may be able to use a classroom with a large screen TV for display.

If the group agrees, we will have photo exercises in which we all tackle a particular subject. For example, the group could travel to Red Rock Canyon, individually or together, for great landscape photos, or visit the bird wildlife area at the Henderson water treatment plant. If members of the group have other suggestions, we can incorporate them, as well.

I will provide all the tips I can. Tips from group members will be accepted gladly. The goal is to make us all better photographers and have a good time while we’re at it!

John Macdonald, OLLI Photographer
Jgmacdonald80@gmail.com

PHOTOGRAPH’S REPORT AND PHOTO INTEREST GROUP

DONATIONS TO OLLI AT UNLV

The Fall Semester offered many fantastic courses for OLLI members. There were opportunities to visit interesting local sites, such as the Neon Boneyard and the Atomic Energy Museum.

OLLI is a great program that offers something for everyone. In the Fall term just ended, we offered more study groups and interest groups than ever before. The Spring 2012 term promises to be even better.

We hope that these programs will inspire you to donate to help OLLI grow. Every dollar you donate will go directly into the OLLI account at the UNLV Foundation.

Opportunities are also available to have OLLI be a part of your Estate Planning. See Heather Haslem, the OLLI Director, for one-time donation forms or for estate planning information, or call Heather at 895-2872.

Please consider a donation to OLLI at UNLV, a very special program indeed.

DONATIONS FROM JUNE THROUGH DECEMBER:

- In honor of the marriage of Elena Cieslak and Cliff Reay, by Friends of Elena and Cliff
- In memory of her husband Sam, long-time member Donna Newsom purchased some new equipment required to upgrade classroom 511 (2 TVs, New Projector, Electric Roll-up Screen)
- Dr. and Mrs. Neal Smatresk, who donate monthly to support OLLI at UNLV.
- In memory of Pauline Greenfield’s brother, by Arlene Cohen, and by Gene Geller
- In honor of the 70th anniversary of Abe and Tobey Rothbard, by Judy and Bert Kulic

Arlene Cohen, Past President of OLLI
ArtArl@cox.net

VeNette Tivey (MAMAJELLYBEAN@YAHOO.COM)

President Ed Devore just recently appointed co-Chairs VeNette Tivey and Arlene Cohen, to head up the recently re-defined OLLI Fundraising Committee. Please contact Arlene (435-6557) or VeNette (737-7508) with any Fundraising ideas you have.
**TECHNOLOGY AND FACILITY UPDATE FOR PARADISE CAMPUS**

The four Paradise (PAR) campus classrooms allocated primarily for OLLI use for the Spring 2012 term are: two large classrooms 511 and 512, one medium classroom 401, and one small classroom 403. In addition, OLLI gets to use room 133 (the auditorium) for several Art classes each week.

During the December/January intercession, we plan to upgrade the technology in large classroom 511. We will replace the two old TVs in the front with new flat screen High-Definition TVs; we will replace the Projector with a new model that will display images that are brighter and easier to read, with more vivid and accurate color reproduction; we will install an electric roll-up screen in the front with a 3-way light switch near the podium, and we will install two additional speakers on the side walls of 511. The equipment costs for the 511 upgrade were donated by long-time OLLI member Donna Newsom.

Please be patient as we move into PAR-512 and attempt to bring it up to the same capabilities offered in our other classrooms. This room is basically the same size as PAR-511 and offers comfortable seating without steps for 60 students (125-150 students will fit in PAR-512). We are very fortunate indeed to have these classrooms for OLLI student use.

Hopefully we are keeping up with the technical requirements desired by our coordinators and also the preferences expressed by our OLLI students. We are working with Josh Carpenter and UNLV technical staff to resolve several audio/visual problems including a “hum” in room 401 when using the projector, and choppy video displays when using WiFi internet video.

Weekly battery testing guarantees satisfactory wireless microphone use and efficient battery use.

**New Embossed Name Badges**

- All OLLI members will receive a brand new Embossed OLLI Name Badge in January, with a Spring, 2012 Sticker. The NEW Name Badge is required to attend all OLLI Study Groups.

- Parking Pass for the UNLV Paradise Campus is FREE to all OLLI members. Obtain your FREE Parking Pass in Building 100 or Room 502.

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**OLLi Kats – New Musicians Group**

**Hector Rosario, OLLi Kats Musicians**  
[hrosario@cox.net](mailto:hrosario@cox.net)

**Volunteers Needed to Tutor International Students in ESL (English as a 2nd Language)**

If YOU would like to volunteer as a tutor of ESL (English as a Second Language), please contact Donna Newsom at 458-3332 or e-mail her at [dnewsom21@cox.net](mailto:dnewsom21@cox.net). The ESL Tutoring program has been running for 8 years. International students who need help in understanding English idiomatic expressions (such as “a piece of cake”) will really appreciate your help. Your only time commitment is 1-2 hours weekly. No qualifications are necessary beyond speaking English.

Donna Newsom, ESL Tutoring Coordinator  
dnewsom21@cox.net

**Spring Luncheon**

**When: Saturday May 5th, 2012. Stan Fulton Building (12 PM)**

Menu & price will be available in March, 2012.

Lidia Mauer,  
Spring Luncheon Coordinator
LAS VEGAS PERFORMING ARTS SCENE
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN 2012?

By the time you read this, the first half of the 2011–2012 Performing Arts Season will be over. We had a number of excellent productions (“City Moves Dance concert;” “Vespers” by the Las Vegas Contemporary Dance Company; Opera Nevada’s “Tosca;” The Las Vegas Philharmonic; etc.). There were also some “less than excellent” offerings (“Streetcar Named Desire;” “Sweeney Todd;” “The Taming of the Shrew”).

The second half of the season gets under way in January. Among other productions, we will have NCT’s “The Seagull” at Judy Bayley Theater from January 27 to February 5; Noel Coward’s “Blithe Spirit” at Las Vegas Little Theater from April 6 – 22; Nevada Ballet Theatre’s Choreographer’s Showcase in April and Signature Company’s “Hairspray” in March.

The Smith Center’s Opening on March 10th, 2012, is a most anticipated event and will bring Broadway shows to our fair city. We also anticipate more events during the summer of 2012 at the Spring Mountain Ranch Super Summer Theater; The Utah Shakespeare Festival and The Neil Simon Festival (both in Cedar City, Utah) as well as The Tuacahn Amphitheater in Ivins, Utah.

Also noteworthy are the various special screenings available at our local movie houses. London’s National Theatre has begun sending selected productions to several of our movies in the same way that NYC’s Metropolitan Opera does. Also, The Bolshoi Ballet, Paris Opera, La Scala Opera, and London Opera from Covent Garden are making their productions available. See both of the London National Theatre’s web sites, www.operaincinema.com and www.balletincinema.com for listings of productions. Check Las Vegas Weekly’s section on Special Screenings for Dates and Times. The Las Vegas Weekly Magazine is available free at your local library, usually by 4:00 p.m. each Thursday afternoon.

Liz and Dave Dameron
Performing Arts – Brown Bag Mondays

SUMMERLIN AREA NOTES

Our Sun City-Summerlin Soap Box members recently heard from Dr. Neal Smatresk, the President of UNLV. His first visit with our group was marked by a far-ranging discussion and questions related to his presentation of an increasingly important role for the University in helping to broaden and diversify our local and state economy and expand our cultural, medical, and educational opportunities.

Two of our former Sun City Short Story class members, Sandy Shavinsky and Harry Ramage, will be leading a Short Story Class at the Las Ventanas Retirement Community (located less than six miles from the Sun Shadows Community Center) during the Spring 2012 term....congratulations to both of you!

A special thanks to OLLI member Stan Bjonerud. Stan publishes The Village Voice, a weekly online newsletter for residents of Sun City Summerlin, with the latest issue at: http://www.scsvillagevoice.com/
Stan provides weekly updates about OLLI at UNLV happenings to Sun City Summerlin residents.

For Spring 2012, we have expanded OLLI offerings in the Summerlin area (see page 5 for a complete class schedule at all six satellite learning centers):

Sun Shadows Community Center has 3 classes:
1. Islam Exposed: Facts & Myths
2. Comparative Religion
3. Soap Box (OLLI’s most popular study group)

Las Ventanas Retirement Community has 4 classes:
4. Ageless Wisdom
5. Joy of Bridge
6. Short Stories of the World
7. Mel Brooks & His Crazy Friends

John Wooding, Ed Devore, & George Cohan
Soap Box Study Group Leaders
“SUNSHINE” REPORT

Dolores Kelly is stepping down as the OLLI Sunshine volunteer.

From June through December, 2011, Dolores mailed out 21 Get Well cards and 1 Sympathy card.

Fay Chan will dispense “sunshine” in 2012. If you know an OLLI member who is ill, please e-mail Fay at faygorchan@yahoo.com, or give a written note to the OLLI Administrative Assistant in room 502. No verbal requests, please.

We also send condolence cards to the families of deceased members.

DOLORES KELLY, 2011 SUNSHINE VOLUNTEER
FAY CHAN, 2012 SUNSHINE VOLUNTEER

BY-LAWS

COMMITTEE REPORT

The By-Laws Committee met on December 6th, 2011, and voted to recommend 15 changes to the OLLI By-Laws. At the Dec. 20th Board meeting, all 15 changes were approved by the Board and must now be voted on by the entire OLLI membership at the January 21st, 2012, OPEN HOUSE meeting.

Whichever By-Laws changes are approved by a majority of OLLI members voting at the Spring Open House will become the revised By-Laws as of January 23rd, 2012.

During the first week in January, look for an OLLI News You Can Use e-mail listing all the proposed By-Laws changes, as well as a "sample ballot" which will be available to all paid-up OLLI members who attend the January 21st, 2012, Open House.

For those members without e-mail, you can obtain a printed copy of the proposed By-Laws changes and “sample ballot” after January 4th, 2012. Stop by the OLLI office (room 502 of the UNLV Paradise campus), or call 895-0453.

Don Silverman, By-Laws Committee Chair
don.silverman.lv@gmail.com

NEW COMMITTEE CHAIR APPOINTMENTS

In November 2011, your Board members adopted a completely rewritten OLLI Handbook. This “Handbook” contains job descriptions and volunteer opportunities. Many OLLI Standing Committees were broadened to include additional responsibilities, and a number of brand new Standing Committees were created.

As a result of the redefined Committee responsibilities, a number of new Committee Chairs were appointed by the President and approved at the December 20th, 2011 Board meeting.

Below is a complete list of Committee Chairs, approved by the OLLI Board and effective immediately. Related functions are indented under the Committee Chair position:

By-Laws .................................................. Don Silverman
Communications ............................................ Bert Kulic

✓ Telephone Calling Tree .................. Gene Geller
Curriculum.................................................. Ann Tate
Elections................................................. Linda Vish
Events.................................................. Marge Gately & Pat Thorn
Facilities & Technology .............................. John Hurley
Fundraising.......................... VeNette Tivey & Arlene Cohen
Historical Archives....... Martha Wood & John Macdonald

✓ Photographer ....................................... John Macdonald
Membership ............................................. Cathy Lowe

✓ Sunshine Volunteer ............................ Fay Chan
Nominations........................................... Mary Ellen Cardenas
Publications........................................... Bert Kulic

✓ Excellerate Editor ................................. Cathy Lowe
Publicity.................................................. Mike Cutler
Strategic and Long-Range Planning ............... Vacant
Volunteers and Community Outreach.......... Vacant

Many of the Committee Chairs will be assuming brand new responsibilities. They will need help from the former Committee Chair, to ensure a smooth transition.

Many Committees also need significant volunteer help from OLLI members. We’ve been growing OLLI membership rapidly, and we are looking to get more people actively involved in helping OLLI at UNLV to function smoothly. Please take a look at the new OLLI Handbook on the OLLI web site, which is located at:


After reviewing the new Committees’ responsibilities, please call one or more Committee Chairs and volunteer your help (telephone numbers are listed on page 15).

Ed Devore, OLLI Board President 2011-2012
EdDevoreLV@aol.com
EXCELLERATE EDITOR’S NOTES

The EXCELLERATE has a new Editor, Cathy Lowe. Starting in January, 2012, at the beginning of the Spring semester, Bert Kulic will advise and mentor Cathy in her new position.

If you would like to help out in any way (as an author, proofreader, Microsoft Word formatting expert, e-mailer, or general assistant), please contact Cathy Lowe to volunteer (cslowe39@gmail.com or 436-7096).

Bert Kulic, Excellerate Editor, 2011
Cathy Lowe, Excellerate Editor, 2012

2011-2012
OLLI BOARD MEMBERS

Ed Devore  Don Silverman  Mary Pace

Bert Kulic  Elise Hanseman  Lidia Mauer

Bruce McLeod Jr  Perry Pearlstein  Debbie Smatresk

All OLLI members are encouraged to consider running for the Board of Directors. Nomination forms will be available in late January 2012.

Self-nominations are encouraged.

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Communications, Bert Kulic 837-6467
Elections, Linda Vish 495-2885
Events, Marge Gately 898-0318
Pat Thorn, co-chair 672-4942
Fund-Raising, VeNette Tivey 737-7508
Arlene Cohen, co-chair 435-6557
Historical Archives, Martha Wood 454-5643
John Macdonald, co-chair 513-2229
Membership, Cathy Lowe 436-7096
Nominations, Mary Ellen Cardenas 260-1364
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Publicity, Mike Cutler 485-1067
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Sunshine, Fay Chan (281) 300-1057
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UNLV PARADISE CAMPUS
Home of OLLI at UNLV

THROUGH THESE DOORS PASS THE MOST
INTERESTING PEOPLE YOU’LL EVER MEET.

Hang a right to the Paradise Auditorium (133) and join us for OLLI’s Spring Open House.
10:00 to 10:45 AM – Talk individually with Coordinators.
10:45 to 12:00 PM – Each Coordinator makes a 1-minute “pitch” to the entire Open House audience, covering:
1. what you should expect to learn, and
2. who should attend his or her Study Group.

The UNLV Paradise Campus is located at 851 E. Tropicana Ave. in Las Vegas (southeast corner of Swenson St., across from the Thomas & Mack Center). If you need directions or want to register by phone, please call 895-3394 ($75 with a credit card). If you need more information about OLLI at UNLV, please call 895-0453.

PLEASE BRING A FRIEND TO OLLI (OR 2 OR 3)

PLEASE COME TO THE OPEN HOUSE ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 21ST, 2012, AND BRING 1 OR 2 FRIENDS OR RELATIVES TO LEARN ABOUT THE AMAZING RANGE OF STUDY GROUPS OLLI OFFERS.

IF YOU CAN’T ATTEND THE SATURDAY OPEN HOUSE, PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIEND(S) TO JOIN OLLI FOR ONE FREE DAY DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF THE TERM (JANUARY 23RD TO 27TH). PLEASE PICK UP A GUEST PASS AND A ONE-DAY PARKING PASS IN ROOM 502.

OLLI Spring Calendar (January to May, 2012)

- Jan. 18th Wednesday ....................Coordinator Orientation (10 AM to 12:30 PM – Room 401)
- Jan. 21st Saturday .................. Spring Open House (10 AM to 12:30 PM – Auditorium)
- Jan. 23rd Monday ..........................Spring Classes Begin (week of January 23rd – 27th)
- Feb. 7th Tuesday ..........................New Member Luncheon (12 Noon – Auditorium-133)
- Feb. 17th Friday ............................Zappo’s Trip (11 AM – FREE for first 20 members)
- Feb. 20th Monday ..........................President’s Day Holiday (NO OLLI Classes)
- March 9th Friday ......................Nevada State Museum Trip (10 AM – $10 in advance 895-3394)
- April 2nd – 6th ..............................UNLV Spring Break Week (No OLLI Classes)
- April 7th or April 8th .............“The Color Purple” at Smith Center (2 PM – ticket prices TBD)
- May 4th Friday ....................... Techatticup Mine Tour (11 AM in Searchlight NV - $10 in advance)
- May 4th Friday ..........................Spring Classes End (week of April 30th – May 4th)
- May 5th Saturday .....................Spring Luncheon at Stan Fulton (12 Noon – Pay in Advance)