



“We grow neither better or worse as we get old, but more like ourselves.”
~ May L. Becker

Deadline for the September issue is August 15.
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Type *August Newsletter* in the subject line!

UNDER THE ROTUNDA

Message from Debra Varner, OLLI Director



This summer brought many changes and quick thinking to make the adjustments necessary to accommodate the budget deficit. The OLLI Council, Robert and I have been working diligently to find creative ways to decrease expenses, including reducing the number of classes offered in the fall, soliciting volunteer faculty and trimming general expenses. This will be our focus of attention in the next year.

Our greatest loss, however, is not having Robert Martin on our team beginning September 1. Robert has been the Program Coordinator with OLLI since 2004 and has given stellar service to the community, CEL staff and faculty. We will miss his not being here to pay attention to the myriad details that go along with his position. I offer my

sincere thanks to Robert for helping me through these past two years, his warmth and caring of each of our members, his camaraderie with CEL staff and his loyalty to OLLI. Best wishes in your next phase at CEL, Robert!

I have been receiving generous donations to the Laurence Howard Creative Writing Fund from his family, friends and OLLI members. So this fall we will be able to offer scholarships to new novelists who wish to take writing classes at OLLI. Application details are on the ecom and Web site. Thank you all for remembering Laurence in this way. It is a tribute to his commitment to our writers.

Many thanks also to OLLI members who have made donations to the General Fund, have offered to volunteer to teach classes and assist with hospitality and administrative tasks. I am grateful for your commitment to keep OLLI alive and in good health. More ways on how everyone can help is on the following pages.

REGISTER EARLY FOR THE FALL SESSIONS

Registration began **July 30**.
Don't be late, so you get into the classes
of your choice.
Classes start **September 14**.

NEW FEES FOR THE FALL - OLLI RETAINS BARGAIN PRICES!

Although we must raise our fees for the fall, we will still maintain reasonable costs for quality programming at OLLI.

Annual Membership Dues - **\$390** - up to 3 classes each session - 15 classes per year = \$26/class!

New Members Only Annual Dues - **\$340** (for the first year only) - up to 3 classes each session - 15 classes per year = \$23/class!

Session Membership Dues - **\$250** - up to 3 classes each session - 3 classes per session = \$83/class (average \$135/class)

Individual Course fees are increased by \$10 beginning fall 2009. **\$80 - \$160/course**

Basic Membership Dues - **\$50**
(no courses included)

Note: All levels of membership include the lecture series, participation in monthly interest groups, student discounts at local vendors, access to SF State library and priceless friendships for the full academic year Sept. 2009 through Aug. 2010.

Save money by joining at the Annual Membership level. If you take a minimum of just three classes throughout the academic year, this is the best value for your dollars. Join us for a full year of learning, laughing, exercising your brain and building community. Think about it and bring your friends and family with you!



Mark Your August Calendar!

Check the OLLI Web site for important details or changes on all events.

August 5, 12:15 pm, Curriculum Committee

August 11, 1 pm – Caring Community Study Group

August 17, 2 pm – Drumming & Healing Circle **Note:** Day change

August 25, 12 pm – World Affairs Discussion Group

August 26, 12:15 pm – Council Meeting, DTCS



Save these September Dates!!

Sept. 2, 12:15 pm - Curriculum Committee

Sept. 3, 2 – 3 pm - Members Pot Luck Get Together

Sept. 3, 3 – 4:30 pm – Fall Session Preview & Meet the Faculty

Sept. 7, Labor Day Holiday – SF State Closed

Sept. 8, 1 pm – Caring Community Study Group

Sept. 9, 12 – 1:30 pm Special Lecture: Alvaro Fernandez, Brain Fitness Expert and Author, discusses his new book, *The SharpBrains Guide to Brain Fitness: 18 Interviews with Scientists, Practical Advice, and Product Reviews, to Keep Your Brain Sharp*. Book signing follows presentation. Bring your copy.

Sept. 14 – Fall Session 1 Classes Begin

Sept. 16, 8:30 – 4:30 pm
Institute on Aging Conference
St. Mary's Conference Center
Capacity: What Is It? How Do We Assess It?
What Happens When We Lose It?

Sept. 21, 2 pm – Drumming & Healing Circle

Sept. 22, 12 pm – World Affairs Discussion Group

Sept. 23, 12:15 pm – Council Meeting

Note: Unless otherwise noted, all events are located at the SF State College of Extended Learning Downtown Campus, 835 Market Street, 6th Floor

BUILDING OLLI, BUILDING COMMUNITY

Here are some ways you can help to continue quality programming at OLLI:

1. Teach a course. If you or someone you know is interested in teaching at OLLI as a volunteer, please let us know. We have so many talented people in our community and we want to find out more about what you can offer.

2. Be an OLLI Angel by sponsoring a course for \$1,000. We would be delighted to announce your gift on our Web site and in our newsletter. A year's membership is included in this gift. However, any donation big or small is welcome and needed. Make OLLI a priority on your charitable giving list from now on. See the next column for more details on gift-giving.

3. Volunteer your time. We have a very active corps of volunteers sitting on Council and committees, acting as class liaisons, offering their skills and expertise in a number of areas. Now we will need volunteers to commit to assisting with member communications, marketing, registration, administrative tasks, event planning and hospitality, fundraising and grant writing and paying attention to the details that make OLLI a place that cares about its members.

4. Identify potential donors. If you know an individual, foundations or corporate donors or have contacts where you work, please let us know so we may contact them. It is the most important way to reach donors.

5. Bring new members! We need more members to fill the classes and to bring in much needed revenue. More people equal lower dues for everyone. The tried and true method for recruiting new members is word of mouth. Talk it up!

Thank you very much!



MID-YEAR GIFTS TO OLLI

As you think about what OLLI has given you since you have been part of the OLLI community, please take time to remember a mid-year gift to OLLI.

OLLI is a self-sustaining organization within a University setting and relies on registrations, the return on the endowment and gifts from individuals to maintain a quality program with quality faculty at a reasonable cost. We hope you agree that it is a very good investment to ensure that OLLI lasts well into the future. Suggest to your friends and family that a great gift to you would be giving to OLLI. Or on other occasions, you may make a gift in honor of or in memory of others. We sincerely appreciate your contribution and your commitment to OLLI. **THANK YOU!!**

Please make your check payable to the University Corporation and mail your tax-deductible donations to:
Debra Varner/OLLI, 835 Market Street,
6th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103.



OLLI Members Invited to Social Sciences Lectures

BSS 275: Globalization and Its Discontents: What is Globalization? Why is It Important?

Wednesday eve. ,7:15-8:55 pm, HSS 154,
SFSU Main campus. Begins August 26.

The current global economic crisis underscores how interconnected and interdependent the world has become. Climate change and global warming challenge all of us. Multinational corporations transcend national boundaries. Labor migrates across borders. Telecommunication technologies erase time and space. BSS 275 examines the underlying issues and complexities surrounding the concept of globalization, its relevance to the current world wide economic crisis across various global regions and its economic, political, social and cultural impact on people around the globe. The course features roundtables and panel presentations by distinguished SFSU faculty experts followed by discussion. 2 units of CR/NC is available for Regular and CEL students. Community members are invited to drop in on a space available basis. Check <http://bss@sfsu.edu> for speaker, topics, and dates.

Co-Facilitators:

Joel J. Kassiola, Dean of the College of
Behavioral and Social Sciences
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for Special Projects, College of BSS



Institute on Aging presents *Capacity: What Is It? How Do We Assess It? What Happens When We Lose It?*

September 16, 2009, 8:30am to 4:30 pm
St. Mary's Cathedral Conference Center,
1111 Gough Street at Geary

For registration visit:

<http://education.ioaging.org/cornerstones/capacity.html>

This program will provide an overview of decision-making capacity in older adults. Focusing on financial, medical, cultural, legal and ethical topics, presenters from a wide range of disciplines will examine the difficulties that surround the issue of capacity. Presentations will include: How to help a client and their family plan for incapacity, advance directives, capacity screening tools, working with victims with diminished capacity, diversity, updates on legislation/laws, autonomy vs. safety, financial abuse, scams and fraud; protecting yourself and your client. This conference focuses on professionals in the aging field but those interested in or affected by this subject are most welcome.

Submissions TO OLLI GAZETTE

The Gazette is by, for and about OLLI members. The editors depend upon your contributions of news about all components and programs of OLLI. Please send your news and comments for the September issue by August 15 to olligazette@gmail.com.



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