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OLLI@Pacific NEWS

A membership newsletter from the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the
University of the Pacific
Summer 2009



OLLI@Pacific Welcomes Mayor Ann Johnston



July 8, 2009, OLLI@Pacific welcomed Stockton Mayor Ann Johnston. Armed with only a microphone, the Mayor spoke from her heart. She talked of the many challenges Stockton faces, but her enthusiasm, frankness and positive spin on complicated issues were refreshing. She spoke of her challenges working with the Police union. "But," she said, "I'm so glad the union has come to the table to try to work things out." Serving this city to the best of her ability and establishing a good working relationship with the City Council are major objectives. She invited all to do the following: become a volunteer; get involved in your neighborhoods to make them better, safer places to live; and shop locally! Mayor Johnston is clearly Stockton's biggest cheerleader!

BIG OLLI NEWS!

- **OLLI@PACIFIC 2009/2010 GRANT UPDATE:** As we start Year 4 of OLLI@Pacific, we are gratified to report that the Osher Foundation, in recognition of the quality and variety of our programming, has committed to continued financial support for 2009-2010.
- **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:** Our membership continues to grow at a phenomenal rate. OLLI@Pacific membership for Year 3 (which includes registrations for Fall 2008, Spring 2009 and Summer 2009 semesters) stands at 625 individuals. This represents a 38% growth in membership vs. Year 2. Thanks to all members who continue to participate in the program semester after semester. Thanks also to all of the new and returning members as you become ardent supporters of OLLI@Pacific. A special thanks to all of you who act as OLLI ambassadors by recruiting friends and neighbors - you are our best advertisement!
- **FALL SCHEDULE CHANGES & ADDITIONS**
 - * The OLLI@Pacific lectures at O'Connor Woods will continue to be held on Mondays, 3:30pm - 5:00pm.
 - * Pacific Library Tours will be given before Book Club, Monday, October 12, 2009, 12:45pm and 2:00pm and Monday, November 30, 2009, 12:45pm and 2:00pm. Space is limited. Please contact Anne St. George @ 946-2432 to sign up.
 - * The only class scheduled for Thanksgiving week, 11/23/09 - 11/27/09, is Parkinson's Related Sleep Disorders, O'Connor Woods, Monday, 11/23/2009, 3:30pm.
 - * Please note that the correct date for the Fall 2009 Excursion to the Gallo Center is **Saturday, December 5, 2009.**

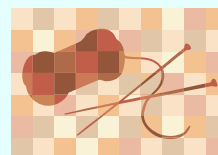
Join a Special Interest Group!

As a result of member requests, we are launching Special Interest Groups (SIGs) this semester which we envision as self-directed and primarily peer-led programs dealing with specific areas of interest.

- **The California Water Action SIG** will focus on the continuing developments in California's water management and distribution. Margit Arambaru, Director of the Natural Resources Institute at University of the Pacific will act as the group's resource advisor and will be assisting participants in discovering how their voices can be heard.



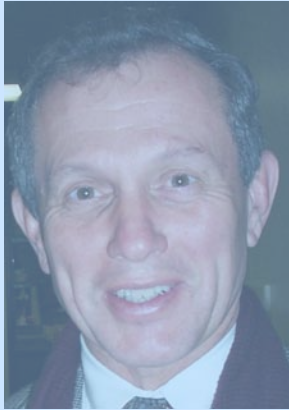
- Also new will be a **Needlecraft SIG** led by OLLI member Jane Bradford. Stuck on a project, want to learn a new needlecraft, or want to enjoy the company of other crafters? Come on by and bring your project to class.



OLLI@Pacific Instructor Profile:

Dr. Bob Benedetti

**Professor & Director, Jacoby Center
University of the Pacific**



“OLLI students challenge my assumptions and give me the most effective feedback.” When Bob Benedetti presents his Fall 2009 OLLI class, “Should We Change the California Constitution?,” he’s prepared to listen to our questions and change his mind. “The OLLI audience has great experience with local institutions and I get questions that help me move on my research. Once I made a presentation on the different proposals to make it more difficult to get initiatives on the ballot and found OLLI members very protective of the initiative process. I was surprised.”

This fall Dr. Benedetti will lead his University of the Pacific students through a process to redraft the California constitution which is seven times longer than the US Constitution. The middle of the semester he’ll present his class to us and he’s looking forward to our input.

As former Dean of COP, Professor, Executive Director of the Jacoby Center, writer, past Chairman of the California Council for the Humanities and researcher, Bob’s twenty year career at Pacific encompasses two of his passions: local politics and lifelong learning.

Written by Barbara Schwartz, OLLI@Pacific Advisory Board Member



OLLI@Pacific Volunteer of the Semester George Fairbrook



See how joyful George is? He is a pleasure to work with and we are so grateful for all the help he gave us this summer. Why is George our Volunteer of the Semester? Well, let us tell you...George took on a rather tedious project of alphabetizing and organizing old registration forms and with tremendous attention to detail he completed it. But George just wasn’t happy with just “completing it.” He made tabs for the folders and wouldn’t leave until all the stacks were in order, all the duplicate copies were stapled together (just in case) and the whole project was “really and truly” complete.

Thank you George for all your help! And George wasn’t alone—many thanks go out to Rosie Bachand, Donna Fillion, Rose Mary Hathaway and Jeri Richter. (Please forgive us if we have missed anyone!)

MORE BIG OLLI NEWS!

- **Fall 2009 Welcome Reception**

Mark your calendar! The Fall Welcome Reception will be held Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 3:30pm - 5:00pm at University of the Pacific in the DeRosa University Center Grand Ballroom. We are expecting many Fall 2009 instructors to join us, the OLLI Watercolor and Drawing students will exhibit their Spring and Summer Semester projects, and incoming University President Dr. Pamela Eibeck has been invited to participate. Please bring a guest. RSVP to the OLLI office at 946-7658.

- **We Would Like Your Input!**

Mayor Johnston has called for groups to get involved in the community! OLLI@Pacific would like your ideas on how we can mobilize our members. Is there a project in San Joaquin you would like OLLI to get involved with? Are you affiliated with a non-profit that could benefit from OLLI participation? Give us your ideas of how OLLI can adopt a great local cause!

- **Corrections to Spring 2009 Newsletter**

Forgive our omissions: the article spotlighting OLLI instructor Dr. Howie Runion was written by Susan Benedetti, OLLI@Pacific Advisory Board Member and Kay Owen, also a Board Member, wrote the article on Tasha Stadtner. Thank you again!

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This is actually kind of fun!
And Elena even let's us take breaks!



Get involved & become an OLLI@Pacific Volunteer! (Free coffee, bottled water & snacks!)



OLLI@Pacific Classifieds

Attention Military Aircraft Buffs:



For sale: A-6 Intruder Pencil Drawing. A beautifully-detailed drawing hand-signed and numbered by W.C. Hall. \$50.00. Contact Elena Marciano at 946-7658.

