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Welcome to the Second Spring Edition of OLLI on LINE

OLLI classes and activities are in full swing! Would you like to submit information about a class, an activity, or an instructor that you particularly enjoy? Please send comments, suggestions, announcements, and contributions to Linda.Calk@gmail.com. And a very warm welcome to Dr. Brian Yothers, new faculty advisor to the OLLI Board, and Guillermo Avila, new Board Secretary.

Brown Bag Luncheons

Bring a brown bag lunch and join us for informative lectures on the following dates:

- April 5, 2018: **Golden Age Fitness Center** by Deneb Acevedo
- April 18, 2018: **Rattlesnakes** by Dr. Paul Hyder of the El Paso Cactus and Rocks Club

Lectures take place from noon to 1:00 PM in Miners Hall, Room 200 or 201. Additional lectures may be added. Please check your email box and announcement posters.
Said Larbi-Cherif

OLLI Travel Opportunity

Thanks to OLLI member Sandra Gibson, OLLI members are invited to travel abroad! Come explore Winnipeg (Canada) where the world's largest multicultural festival takes place. Folkorama is a beautiful display where over 40 international cultures join to share traditional meals, performances and ethnic displays. During the festival, Winnipeg offers numerous other activities— Assiniboine Park Zoo displays, St. Boniface Cathedral tours and more! The trip is scheduled to take place August 4-10, 2018. Fees include round-trip air fare, six nights at the Delta Winnipeg, motor coach on tour, six breakfasts, five lunches, six dinners, and entrance fees to all museums, festivals and activities. The trip totals \$2845 per person (if traveling as a couple) and \$3325 for single travel. To secure your spot Sandra requires a \$500 deposit by April 30, 2018. For more information, please contact Sandra Gibson at *Around and About Tours*: 915-833-2650.
Hannah Gomez

News from Publicity Chair

Sue Sobin represented OLLI at El Paso Community College's exhibit for local vendors in mid-February. Thirty-seven participants requested information on our program. Thanks for continuing to spread the word about OLLI!

Emergency procedures

If an emergency occurs while you are attending OLLI classes or activities, please call 911 first and then UTEP police at 747-5611.

Kathy Brunk

OLLI Members – We Need Your Help!

Imagine hosting a Thanksgiving dinner where 20 people RSVP'd but only 15 showed up.....or your daughter's wedding reception where you had to pay in advance for a certain number of guests only to have fewer attend.

The OLLI Board and Curriculum Committee make decisions about staffing based on the number of people who register for a class. Our instructors prepare based on those registered for their class. Some of our students are unable to register for a class because that class is full, but often as many as five people registered will never attend or attend only sporadically.

We understand that as seniors, there are medical appointments and medical procedures, travel plans, and time with the grandchildren, but when you register for a class, you have entered a contract of sorts. You RSVP'd in the affirmative. That contract, that RSVP, impacts on others. Please honor that contract, that RSVP, by registering only for those classes that you are confident you can reasonably attend. A seat in a class is secured by registration only.

If life circumstances prevent you from attending class periodically, please notify the instructor or Ian or Hannah so that that can be noted. If, between registration and the actual beginning of class, you discover that you will be unable to attend a class, please notify the office so others who wanted that class might have a chance to register.

Your OLLI Board wants to keep OLLI alive, vibrant and affordable. Your regular attendance in all the classes for which you registered helps make that possible.

Ruth A. Bassett

Cheers to Dr. Robert Wren

On behalf of our OLLI Board we would like to thank all our members that attended the private party for Dr. Wren. A big thank you for the delicious dishes that many of you brought. Dr. Wren's favorite was the apple pie. Some party attendees had not taken a class with Dr. Wren, but we sincerely appreciate you dropping by and wishing him well.

Dr. Wren taught numerous classes of interest at OLLI. When asked how he came up with the topics for his classes, his response was "I was interested in several things but never had time to read about them. Teaching classes gave me the opportunity to learn about them and share it with others."

We have been fortunate to hear his delightful stories and always left his classes eager to attend another. His presentations captured our imagination. Dr. Wren hopes to be back to teach another class this fall or next year. DR. WREN---YOU HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE PILLARS OF OLLI SINCE 1992. THANK YOU FOR THE YEARS OF DEDICATION, COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE OLLI PROGRAM. WE BELIEVE IN OLLI!

Liz Highsmith

OUR OWN SILVER MINERS!!!

I recently sat down with Esther Spence, Sunny Ward and Vicky Carvalho. These three ladies along with Susie Edwards were among our current members who were OLLI students from its inception.

I asked each of them who stood out as an outstanding OLLI instructor. One spoke of Larry, one spoke of Lawrence, and one spoke of Johnson.....all three were speaking of Dr. Larry Johnson, one of our professors who has been with us from the beginning. Vicki and Sunny recalled walking all over the campus for his class as earlier classes were not held in Miner Hall. They had such glowing accounts of his class and how much they had gained from him over the years. After over 25 years of classes from one professor, it would seem time for Larry to award them each with their diplomas.

Esther indicated that Dr. Wren and Dr. Kruszewski were her two favorites, and both Sunny and Vicki also had taken those two professors numerous times. Esther enjoyed Dr. Wren's outrageous statements trying to engage his students in a spirited debate. She also took numerous classes from Dr. Burciaga.

Vicki remembered OLLI members gathering in the office area to prepare the newsletter. At that time, various members of the group were assigned a topic or subject on which to report. As a group they wrote out articles, then typed them, then proofread them and finally putting them together in the form of a newsletter. Once the newsletter, then called Silver Miner, came back from printing, the group hand addressed the newsletter, separated them by zip codes and then took them to be mailed. Vicki seems to recall that they published the Silver Miner once a month.

When OLLI was first organized, the members attended class all over the campus. Vicki recalls the looks they used to get from the undergraduate students.

When OLLI was first organized, members had to have a degree. Although these ladies all have degrees, none could remember when that requirement was lifted.

All of these ladies have spent more than 25 years attending OLLI classes and functions. Sunny still carries one of her first OLLI student cards. They all felt that in the early years, there was maybe more of a sense of camaraderie among OLLI members, and that OLLI was recognized as part of the university. They all remember attending the dinner theatre together as well as music and athletic events. Maybe back then OLLI was the Senior, senior class.

If others have early stories to share, please do so.

Ruth A. Bassett



OLLI SUMMER SESSION COMING!
Registration May 14-25
Classes June 4 – July 13