



# THE OLLI FORUM

Don't miss all the fabulous field trip opportunities on page 5 - including Cowgirl Up! on May 1st with Sheila Savanannah

## The Puck Stopped Here

Ron Woerner

Neither rain nor cold, nor snow nor dark, kept a 20-member OLLI group from a wild, noisy, fun-filled night at the February 20th Sundogs hockey game. We were quite a mixture: ex-hockey players, avid Sundogs fans, some first-time-ever hockey game attendees, and even an ex-Zamboni driver! Everyone in our group was provided with a Hockey 101 paper, complete with definitions and diagrams, and along with comments from the old-timers, everyone was able to keep up with every play.



As always at hockey games, there were flashing lights, throbbing music, fans dancing in the aisles, and one or two fights on the ice. It was impossible not to get caught up in the energy, and even the most staid members of the OLLI group could be seen tapping their toes and swaying in their seats. Of course, there was one OLLI person who could be seen doing YMCA, Chicken, and Macarena dances but--oh, wait a minute, that was---never mind!

The Sundogs did not play well, and they lost 6-4. Even that couldn't dampen the real purposes of the trip: fun, entertainment, friends, and for some, a new experience.

Many positive comments were heard from the group, not about the game, but about the fun of being out for a social night with OLLI people.



### NEW CLASS OPPORTUNITY FOR SPRING 2:

Walk a Mile in my Shoo's - Monday, April 14th, 10-noon, 2-206

Do you know a child who is struggling in school? Or an adult who struggles to read? You'd like to help, but you don't know exactly what to do. This workshop will help you understand what it's like to have a learning disability by creating (temporarily) a Learning Disability within you. When you have walked a mile in the shoes of a person with a Learning Disability, you will be equipped to give the right encouraging word.

This workshop is being facilitated by William Makela and Peg Boyce. Call the office to register!



## From the Chair

So, what's happening at OLLI these days, aside from so many great classes.

We are approaching our 15 year anniversary. OLLI, known as YLI back in those days of yore, got started in 1993. From a humble beginning, we have grown to over 500 members and an average session offering of more than 35 classes and field trips from which to choose.

To celebrate this mile marker, (I just love an excuse for a celebration), we are planning some special activities for our Annual Meeting. Along with our usual report to our members, we will be offering a few surprises and probably some good eats. So please mark the date, Tuesday, June 24th on your calendar and plan on attending.

On another note, I thought you might be interested in hearing a few statistics. Did I just hear someone yawn?

Based on numbers that Tricia kindly put together for us, we currently have 537 members and during spring 1, filled 858 class seats. You may wonder how can that be, are some of us using more than one seat? Well, without getting into anyone's anatomy, the answer is yes. In fact, on average our members who are taking classes (and not every member takes a class), are taking an average of 2.4 classes each. This is significantly higher than ever before.

It is this increase which led us to have to tell 3% of our members, they did not get into a class they wanted. Now, even though this is only 3%, it is 3% too many. In light of this, one of our members, Genny Ingram, graciously brought this matter before the council with the suggestion that people who facilitated classes should get priority for classes. After a fair amount of consideration and debate, it was decided that any method which gave priority to some of our members was not in keeping with our policies and procedures and for that matter, just felt unfair.

If any of you have any other ideas on how we might alleviate the problem of not enough room in some of our more popular classes, please, let us know. There is always room on our Governing Council agenda to hear new ideas.

Here's what we've been doing so far. We try to offer our most popular classes more than once. This is, of course, dependent upon the facilitator, but many are willing to do this. And sometimes, additional facilitators step forward to help out. Also, with the help of an additional facilitator, we can even offer a duplicate of the class, concurrent with the original. This has happened with our Foreign Films class and also our Women in Aging class, and has happened with other classes in the past. So please, if there are classes you aren't getting in to, consider being a facilitator or a co-facilitator. It's fun, rewarding and expands our offerings.

Leslie Parsons, Chair



### Dates to Remember:

March 17-21:

Office Closed for  
Spring Break

April 7-May 16:

Spring 2 Session

May 19:

Summer Sched-  
ule comes out

June 24:

Annual Meeting

June 9-July 17:

Summer Session

\*Please note - the college will be closed on Fridays for the summer to conserve energy, and deal with the construction of the 89/69 interchange. All summer classes will run Mondays through Thursdays.



## Benefits of Being an OLLI Member!

OLLI members are eligible to receive a Yavapai College Student ID card. You just have to bring your OLLI ID to building 1, to the registration department, and they can issue you an official student ID. (Need an OLLI ID or more information? See the office.)

### Benefits to having a student ID:

Your student ID can double as a debit card, and you get a 5% discount at the cafeteria if you use your student ID/debit card.

Movie Theater Discounts.

Use of the Yavapai College Pool during open hours.

Discounts at various stores around town, including New Frontiers, the Frame and I, Fazoli's and others.

Yavapai College Performance Hall - most performances have student discounts.

Don't Forget to listen in to the OLLI CORNER feature of the Yavapai College Radio Hour on KJZA - FM 89.5

Every third weekend of the month, 4 - 5 pm, Saturday and Sunday.

The radio station has boosted their signal - so if you had trouble tuning in before, try again!

## Curriculum Committee

You ask and we are listening through the evaluation forms that are carefully read by the curriculum committee. We have had many requests for language classes. This could include, but is not restricted to conversational, how to navigate in various situations, etc., or simply a class of your choosing that could be included in foreign travel classes. If you can facilitate or help facilitate such a class please call the OLLI office to be put in touch with a mentor or member of the curriculum committee to brainstorm some ideas. We offer facilitator training and mentoring each OLLI session.

Sally Landes

### Classroom Courtesies

Please be thoughtful of your OLLI friends, and turn off your cell phone before class. If you are going to miss a class, please let your facilitator know. Thanks!

# THANKS VOLUNTEERS!

## Office Volunteers

The OLLI office was blessed with six angels during registration for Spring One. Genny Ingram, Alice Long, Celia Lynd, Toni Mooney, Betty Royal, and Joan Woerner all donated their time and talents helping in the office. We can't thank them enough! If you would like to help in the office, please call 717-7634.





**BROWN BAG**  
**LUNCH & LEARN**

Introducing the newest innovation from OLLI/Prescott. The Curriculum Committee has launched a new series called “Lunch and Learn” starting in the Fall of 2008: you bring your lunch and listen to a short talk on a topic designed to stimulate and educate you. Or maybe it will just amuse and entertain you. In any case it is guaranteed you will enjoy the time with other OLLI members while learning in a new short format.

There will be three speakers in each of the two Fall and Spring OLLI sessions, on Wednesdays, in alternate weeks. Topics will include a variety of interesting subjects, with something for everyone. The committee promises to try hard to announce the speakers when the session catalog is published. If not, members can call the OLLI office to find out the next speaker. Attendance is open to all OLLI members free of charge. This is just one more benefit of belonging to OLLI/Prescott. Look for this new series beginning in the Fall I schedule. Paul Mauro

US and the Middle  
East - Part 1  
OFFERED AGAIN

Thanks to all the current interest in this topic, and Sue Nauman’s facilitation in Spring 1, there is more interest than ever in this class.

Peggy Jones and Barbara Kossen have generously offered to repeat the US and the Middle East, Part 1 class during Spring 2, on Thursday mornings in building 2, room 206. Please call the office and register before the deadline, March 26th.



## Don't Miss our wonderful OLLI field trips coming up!!!!

### NEW TRIP: Cowgirl Up! Desert Caballeros Museum Guided Trip

Thursday, May 1, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Sheila Savannah

We will travel to the Desert Caballeros Western Museum in Wickenburg, AZ to see the annual Cowgirl Up! Art show. This show presents work by the finest women western artists and sculptors at an annual invitational exhibition. The trip will be guided by Sheila, one of the 50 artists selected to participate in this national show. She will discuss the different approaches used by the participating artists including their use of the various media and the way the various artists approach their subjects. After viewing the art show, we will tour the western historical exhibits permanently housed in the museum.

Cost: \$30 members; \$35 non-members includes van transportation and entrance to the museum.

Lunch is on your own at the gallery, nearby restaurants or bring a brown bag.



### V Bar V Ranch Trip

Wednesday, April 2nd

Cost: \$40 for members, \$45 for non-members

### Out of Africa, Wednesday, May 21st

Cost: \$50 for members,  
\$55 for non-members.



### Arcosanti in the Evening: Sounds and Tastes of India

Saturday, May 10th

Cost: \$40 for members, \$45 for non-members

### Riordan Mansion/The Arboretum at Flagstaff

Monday, June 2nd

Phoenix Art Museum

*Masterpiece Replayed:  
Monet, Matisse & More*

Thursday,

April 24, 2008

Cost: \$40 members, \$45 for  
non-members



If you are interested in ANY of the wonderful OLLI field trips available this spring and summer, please see your schedule for more details, and call the OLLI office at 717-7634 to sign up!



## New Hands-On Computer Classes

Starting in our Spring 2 session, OLLI and the Prescott Computer Society are implementing a new cooperative program offering a series of “hands-on” computer classes for members of both organizations. We will be using the Yavapai College computer classrooms equipped with individual computers for each student. Prescott Computer Society members will teach classes on computer basics, word processing, spreadsheets, Powerpoint, digital photography, Email and the Internet and other computer topics of interest to our members. You can find a list of classes given during our Spring 2 session in the OLLI Class Schedule. Andy Reti

## Computer Tip: Passwords submitted by Paul Mauro

OK, so everyone knows you should use really good passwords to protect your computer and your on-line forays. A good password is something another person couldn't easily guess. Bad passwords: first initial and last name; or elements of your address; or your social security number.

You must be careful - passwords are sensitive to capitalization. So If Mary Smith wants to use “msmith”, try “mSmith”. Better still: “mSmith\*”. If Mary and her husband attend OLLI regularly on Fridays, she could use “OLLIfriday”. Or how about “Smith2OLLIfriday”. That one is pretty good because it has a number, capital letters, and the odd phrase OLLI. If the grand-kids names are Phillip, Jane, Joseph, and Paul, you have 2Ps2Js. It doesn't have to get really complicated when you think about variations on basic words that are easy to remember. Now, if you still don't have a log-on password on your machine, get busy!