Biggest Summer Program Ever!

By Al Herron, Newsletter Liaison

Here's some hot news for the hot weather that will soon be upon us. The upcoming summer session is going to be different from any we've had before! Different both in size and in scheduling.

OLLI will have a full session, with over 60 learning groups, workshops and field trips – our largest summer session ever! As with all summer sessions, we will be meeting only four days a week instead of the usual five day format. However, this summer we will offer classes for three sessions per day instead of just two. That's a big change. Why?

Well, Yavapai College (hence the OLLI office) is only open Monday through Thursday during the summer, so that determines the number of days that we can meet (it's better when the doors are unlocked!). Because OLLI is growing, and summer classes have become more popular, we will need three sessions per day to handle the demand. Most summer classes will be offered in the experimental time frame of 9:00-11:00am, 12-2:00pm, and 2:30-4:30pm. The added benefit to this schedule is that the cafeteria will be less crowded during the 11:00-12:00pm lunch hour. If feedback is favorable, this new schedule will become effective Spring-1, 2015.

We encourage you to register online, as our little OLLI is not so little anymore! We have over 700 active members who take an average of 2½ classes each term. While those ladies in the office are pretty amazing, at the height of registration they may not be able to answer all the calls, and unlike before, you may be put on hold, or have to leave a message. If you want to delve into learning how to register online, there is a tutorial on the OLLI website at yc.edu/prescottolli under the red Registration Information tab. You can always call the office for help.

Whether you enroll online, or by phone, look for a prompt email confirmation of classes. If you don’t get a receipt, or if you need to talk to a real live person, call the OLLI office at 717-7634.

You will get your summer catalog in the mail May 10th. Check it out and see what's available. With such a wide range of course offerings, you’re sure to find stuff in there which interests you!
About OLLI…

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is a peer-directed organization within Yavapai College that meets members’ lifelong learning and social interaction needs. The Institute recognizes the unique life experiences of Central Yavapai County area participants by self-selecting involvement and collaborative leadership. We share our talents, experience and skills in a relaxed atmosphere filled with humor, wisdom, diversity and insight that enable us to:

◊ Explore new interests
◊ Discover and develop latent abilities
◊ Engage in intellectual and cultural pursuits
◊ Socialize with people of similar interests

Do you know someone new to the Prescott area who is looking for new experiences?

OLLI offers interesting and stimulating learning opportunities in a relaxed setting where members share peer-directed activities with others who are dedicated to lifelong learning. Refer a friend who joins at the Deluxe level membership and get a $25 voucher!

Dates to Remember

Spring-2, 2014:
Spring-2 classes end .................. May 9
Candidate Rally
12-1pm, YC Cafeteria ........ May 9
OLLI Annual Picnic (new date!)
12-4pm, Willow Lake......... May 14

Summer, 2014:
Catalog online & in the mail .... May 9
Registration begins............... May 12
Drawing deadline............... May 21
Mail-in ballot deadline .......... May 28
Fall-1 class proposals due ...... June 2
OLLI Annual Meeting & Potluck
10:30am-1pm, 19-147 ...... June 2
New Member Orientations ...... June 4,30
Summer classes begin .......... June 5
Summer classes end............... July 17
Fall-2 class proposals due ..... July 21

Summer Doldrums, 2014:
Contact Marge Rubin at (928)759-0666

You may register online at
http://yc.edu/prescottolli
or call the
OLLI office
at
(928) 717-7634

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Annual Meeting June 2nd
Pot Luck, Fun and Games!

Yep! Those who know me know I would love to have the annual meeting on sandy shores with waves lapping at our toes and colorful drinks with those cute little umbrellas. Alas! OLLI doesn’t have the budget for such a frolic, but we don’t have to have a “normal” annual board meeting…. we can have some fun and games…. And, ladies and gentlemen, that is what we will be doing for most of the time (10:30am–1:00pm) that we attend.

You’ll start at your table by introducing yourself with two truths and one lie (be prepared!) and see if everyone can guess what is the whopper! The annual report will be in the puzzle format of Sudoku that your table can work together to figure out. We are even developing a special song for OLLI to be debuted at the meeting.

We’ll have tables dedicated to different committees and activities so you can get the scoop from the chair or coordinator on upcoming events while meeting new friends that you have something in common with (including a front of the lunch line pass if you get your card filled in first!).

So, make your reservations at the office….come to see old friends and make new ones….go down memory lane of OLLI’s achievements of the last year……give your input for next year’s directions…. and have fun….fun….FUN!

Barbara Mace
Master of “Ceremonies”
(aka Governing Council Chair)

The Governing Council meets on the third Monday of each month (except June of this year, and December).
If you have anything you would like to discuss with the Council, please contact the OLLI office at (928) 717-7634.
Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

**Book Club**
Ginger Carlson
ganddcarlson@cableone.net

- April’s book: *The Aviator’s Wife* by Melanie Benjamin
- May’s book: *Gift From the Sea* by Anne Morrow Lindbergh
- June’s book: *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes

**Wine Tasting**
Hal Freedman
half@cableone.net
(928) 445-5643

**Chess**
Are you interested in playing chess?
The OLLI Chess SIG meets on Thursdays at 3pm in the Yavapai College cafeteria when OLLI is in session. Anyone with an interest in chess is welcome. Exercise your brain while making new friends! For more information please contact:

- Tom Green
tagreen@owu.edu
(928) 778-1111

**Zentangle**
Kathy Dudek
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(928) 771-96643

**The Exploration of Consciousness**
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**Sight SIG**
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**Jersey Boys**
Saturday, 7/26
11am-9pm
Meet at the Yavapai College Prescott Campus Flagpoles
Facilitator: Dianne Kuzminski

Jersey Boys is a Tony Award winning "Best Musical" about Rock and Roll Hall-of-Famers **The Four Seasons**. This is a story of how four blue collar kids became one of the greatest successes in pop music history. They not only wrote their own songs, but created their own sounds before they were 30 years old. Some of their hit songs were "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," and "Oh What a Night" to mention a few. Ticket includes round-trip first class coach bus, dinner at Buca di Beppo in Scottsdale, and Grand Tier Seating. Members: $110. Non-members: $120. Cancellation policy: Cancel before June 20, trip refunded less $10. Cancel between June 20 and July 11, trip refunded less $50. No refunds after July 11. Bus departs at 11am.

**Phippen Museum Prescott Tour**
Friday, 6/13
10:15am
Facilitator: Jerry Burress

Please join us at the Phippen Museum, Friday, June 13 at 10:15 a.m., for a scheduled 10:30 a.m. tour of the galleries. Our docent will introduce us to the art and sculptures of Solon Borglum. He created the statue of Bucky O'Neil, better known as the "Rough Rider," that is standing in Prescott's Court House Square. We will also tour the latest exhibit, "Architecture in Art." The Native, Hispanic and Anglo Cultures of the American West are explored through art in this exhibition of the region's architectural wonders. We will also tour the rest of the galleries both upstairs and downstairs and have time to visit the art store before heading out to lunch. We will have lunch (on your own) at the Manzanita Grill in the Antelope Hills Golf Course just north of the museum near the airport. The Phippen Museum is on Highway 89 approximately 8 miles north of Highway 69 just beyond the Granite Dells. Admission for the tour is $5, payable at the door. Museum members are free.
What do you do with two German Shepherds who need to visit their favorite fireplug and you’re eight miles out to sea and another day from port? This is a question Russ and Donna Sherwin faced during their sea-going life aboard the New Seasons.

When Russ, a ham radio operator, retired in 2000 from his career as an electronic engineer, he and Donna sold their home in Sunnyvale, CA and began a seven-year odyssey aboard a Nordhavn trawler they christened Four Seasons; traveling the length of the North American West Coast, from Mexico to Alaska. Russ' knowledge of electronics, and his ability to communicate with shore stations and other boaters through maritime and ham radio networks was invaluable for staying current on local harbor and weather conditions, which is vital to solo cruisers.

Not willing to leave their canine friends behind, the dogs stayed on as part of the “crew” and learned to do their duty in the proper place, shielded from the intimidating ocean by a tarpaulin curtain. Russ and Donna trained their two Sheps, Cody and Gracie, to use a “Doggie Pee Drain” built into the forward-deck of their 46-foot trawler. Donna jokingly warned fellow sailors, saying “the dogs should be female - it's too hard for a male to balance on three legs while the boat is pitching and rolling!”

Donna earned a Doctorate in Chemistry with the expectation of doing research; however, her career moved towards the marketing and technical sales of analytical instruments. She eventually opened a high-tech public relations agency in Silicon Valley, CA, focusing on the semiconductor industry and government research labs. She continued running her agency via satellite, phone, and computer, and spent summers in the San Francisco Bay area until 2004, when she finally retired.

Donna and Russ said it was no problem selling and giving away all their shore stuff and moving on to the boat in 2000; nor a problem moving back ashore in 2008. They crammed all their treasured mementos and photographs in lockers and any empty corners of the boat. They likened their life aboard the Four Seasons as being about the same as living in a motorhome on land. They spread out again when they moved back into a “land house” in 2008. The Sherwin’s life experiences gave them confidence to navigate foreign and American ports-of-call. From Ixtapa, Mexico to Skagway, Alaska they enjoyed the myriad of vessels and people they met.

Russ and Donna’s return to shore set them on a new course as they headed for Prescott, where they are now anchored – at least for a while! At OLLI, Donna has been facilitating a class called The World's Greatest Geological Wonders with Marci Jones. Look for more offerings by Russ and Donna in the future.

Welcome aboard the "Good Ship OLLI." We're glad to have you!
How To...

With Friends and Family

By Cathie Martin, OLLI Staff

Have you ever heard your kids, grandkids or friends talk about “Skyping?” Skype is a free service that allows you to talk with and see friends and loved ones “real time” over the computer. There is a great deal of information online about how to Skype, and we’ve compiled a resource sheet that is available in the OLLI office. Skyping is easier than you think. Here are a few simple steps to get you started:

1. Make sure your computer or laptop has a webcam (standard in most newer computers). You can purchase an external webcam.
2. From your internet browser, go to skype.com, click on “Get Started,” and complete the short member profile.
3. Click “Get Skype” and choose your operating system (Windows, Mac). Click “Download.”
4. Open the Skype download in your “Downloads” folder; click “Run” to install Skype to your computer. Read each box carefully before clicking to move forward.
5. To open Skype to make a call, click on the Skype logo on your desktop.
6. Make a “Skype” appointment with your friend or loved one. Remember that both of you have to be on Skype at the same time to make the call.
7. Sign in with the username and password you created to set up the account.
8. When it is time for your call, face the webcam, open Skype, and turn up the volume on your computer.
9. Search for the person you are Skyping with by entering their name or email address, then choose “Video Call.”

If the idea of “Skyping” is still a little overwhelming, sign up for our free Technology Tutoring Workshop this summer!

What’s Up at OLLI?

By Matt Lukaszewski, Technology Chair

This is the first article put out by of the OLLI Technology Committee. Each term we will focus on topics and/or questions that are of interest to you, the OLLI members. Our plan is to focus on technology based events and technology itself that will benefit our membership. Please submit topics and/or questions that you would like to see featured.

Hands-on Class Approach

As some of you know, our technology classes are transitioning from “look, listen, and take notes” to a “look, listen, take notes and DO” approach. We are finding that this hands-on approach is more conducive to understanding the subject matter. We will continue to utilize this approach where it is feasible.

Special One-on-One Mentoring

As an extension of the hands-on approach, OLLI will be offering one-on-one technology mentoring for the summer session. In these free workshops, OLLI members can meet...
individually with a technical person to have their questions answered. OLLI members can bring in their personal smartphones, tablets and laptops to facilitate the meeting. Watch for the summer OLLI class schedule and sign up for one of these workshops.

**Technology Conference—Save October 17**

We are happy to announce that we are planning a one day technical conference with a variety of topics for all skill levels. Speakers from academia and industry are being considered as presenters. Volunteer committee members are needed for the following: program selection, publicity, hospitality, registration, facility usage, and budget. Please contact Roseann or Matt Lukaszewski at roseannmatt@earthlink.net for more information. Our working date for this event is **October 17**, so please mark your calendar and watch for upcoming announcements.

**Mark Your Calendars AND Your Ballot—Annual Meeting is June 2nd**

June 2nd is our Annual Meeting, and it is time to elect five new Governing Council members. Watch the mail in early May for your ballots and candidate biographies. Mark your ballot and send it in by May 28th. If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting Potluck (don’t miss it!), please call the **OLLI** office (717-7634) to register.

Join us on May 9th for a lunchtime Candidate Rally in the Yavapai College Cafeteria from Noon-1:00pm. Grab lunch in the cafeteria and get to know the candidates. We’ll see you there!

We need your help to make sure everyone at **OLLI** is in the right seat! Why is this important? First, each of our classrooms has a maximum occupancy based on fire codes; adding extra seats that block aisles in a classroom could endanger everyone in the room. Second, **OLLI** has a carefully considered system for random drawings and waitlists - attending a learning group for which you are not enrolled means you are likely cutting in line. I am 100% certain that no one at **OLLI** wants to endanger themselves or others, or cut in line!

So how do you know if you are in the right seat? First, you should receive an email confirmation for your registration requests. If you aren't receiving confirmations, please call the office to double check your email address on file. Second, if you aren't selected for a learning group in a drawing, you will receive a phone call. Please check your messages. Finally, if your name does not appear on the sign-in sheet, please confirm your registration with the office.

Thanks for doing your part to keep everyone in **OLLI** safe, and free from cutting in line!
Committee Corner

OLLI Annual Spring Picnic — May 14th

By Mary Scherer, Social Committee Chair

Ahhhh Spring. Hot dogs, baseball, apple pie...

...and the OLLI Annual Spring Picnic! The picnic this year will be held on Wednesday, May 14th from 12-4pm at the Willow Lake Hilltop Ramada in Prescott. We’ll provide both fried and baked chicken, tableware and drinks. All you need to do is bring yourself, a side dish or dessert to serve eight, sun protection, and a comfy camp chair or blanket (nice, but not necessary!). Of course, no picnic would be complete without games, and you are encouraged to bring a game or two to play with your OLLI friends. The weather should be perfect, classes will be over, and there is no charge for parking! When you receive your invitation in the mail, call the OLLI office by May 8th at (928)717-7634 to reserve a spot. Your invitation will include directions. When you call, please indicate if you prefer fried or baked chicken. We hope many of you will come and join in the fun!

Thank You to Our Technology Committee!

A big thank you goes out to our Technology Committee! OLLI members have expressed a great deal of interest in learning new technology, and our Technology Committee has been listening. From expanding the number of trained facilitators and technology assistants in the classroom, to planning one-on-one tutoring this summer and a Senior Technology Conference later in the year, they have been rising to the challenge of providing relevant classes, workshops and events to meet the growing demand. If you know any of these folks, be sure to thank them for the great work they are doing: Andy Reti, Carol Hammond, Chris Maxwell, Dave Rothgery, Doug Adams, JB Burke, Jim Muehleisen, JoAnn Burkholder, Lee Sass, Norm Samuelson, Norm Scherer, Virginia Chadwell, Ward Stanke.

Do You Have a Passion for Photography?

The Newsletter Committee is looking for a volunteer photographer with professional experience to chronicle all the wonderful events and classes offered through OLLI. From taking pictures of OLLI students and facilitators in class or around campus, to capturing special events on film, you will have no shortage of opportunities to practice a craft that took a lifetime to perfect!
Love Those Learning Groups!

Katie Lee Comes to Rivers

By Bud Bedingfield, OLLI Facilitator

The final session of Rivers in Literature and Movies on March 7th was highlighted by the opportunity to experience the humor, candor and wit of Katie Lee. Katie currently resides in Jerome and made the trek to Prescott especially to be with us and share some of her past experiences as a folk musician on the circuit in the 1950's and 60's, as well as her multiple trips on the Colorado River through its magnificent canyons and geology. Despite the fact that she is now in the middle of her 10th decade of life, Katie remains a lively entertainer and raconteur.

Born and raised in Tucson, Arizona, she left home in her early 20's to become a folk singer and a movie actress in Hollywood. After singing to and with Burl Ives, he became a mentor and helped her into the folk singing circuit where she entertained in various venues, including the Playboy Club in Chicago.

However, her heart remained in the West and she made use of every opportunity to spend weeks boating, camping and hiking in the canyons of the Colorado River, mostly in and around Glen Canyon. Through her singing, she discovered a talent for writing about her canyon trips and her one true, but now lost love, Glen Canyon. Exercising her creative skills through folksongs, books, epic poems and memoirs, she has devoted her maturity to unending support of the now drowned Glen Canyon and other wild riverine habitats.

Twenty-five OLLI members enjoyed 2 hours listening to her tales and poetry, and a little bit of her singing voice. It was a great day for all of us who could be present.

Thank you Katie Lee!

OLLI Member Wins State Poetry Contest

By Joan Enoch, OLLI Facilitator

Diana Gager came to the OLLI Learning Group Poetry and Healing, having written some poetry, but not having much confidence in herself or in her writing. She stayed for each poetry session at OLLI and has grown in her abilities and her confidence. Even so, she was not sure about entering the 2013 Arizona Poetry Society contests. After being convinced by the poetry class facilitator to send in some of her poetry, she submitted her poem, Then and Now, into the first category, My Garden Grows Like This. She won first prize! No one was as surprised as Diana. She has gained confidence and stature in her own eyes. Now, she is writing a lot of poetry and enjoying the writing life.

Read Diana’s winning poem on page 10
For Your Information...

New Lost and Found Policy

If you have lost something at Yavapai College, please check with Campus Police in Building 28—the first building on the right as you drive onto campus. (928) 776-2185

Items will be held for 90 days.

Welcome To OLLI’s New Spring-2 Facilitators!

Donna Putschoegl
Protecting Arizona Waters: A Personal Action Plan

Julia Watson
Practical PowerPoint

Karen Chronister
A Travel Addicts Tips and Tidbits

Kris Holt
Protecting Arizona Waters: A Personal Action Plan

Lucille Houston
Cultivating Iris in Prescott

Michael McClure
Morning, Noon and Night: Finding Meaning in Life’s Later Stages

Rod Williams
Creative Writing: Power, Passion and Purpose

Suzanne Exler
Foreign Films

Vanessa Deatherage
Life Care Planning

Then and Now

You were there
(I know you were)
Among the birds at play
In the meadow soft
With dew and glistening
I saw you.
Not in some visible way
But more within
A part of me that
Loved you then and
Feels you now where
Fields are green and
Rivers never end.

~Diana Gager

Diana is an OLLI Member and winner of the 2013 Arizona Poetry Society Contest

A compilation of poetry written by Diana and other Prescott OLLI poets is available for $5 in the OLLI office.

All proceeds will benefit our Scholarship Fund.
Ride Share Volunteers Needed

We're looking for additional OLLI members to help make ride matches. This commitment just takes a little computer and phone time, but it makes such a big difference to our members who are no longer driving.

Please call:
Sharon Walsh
237-9354
or
Diane McIntyre
443-8547

New Member Orientations

To provide more options to our rapidly growing membership, we have added an additional New Member Orientation session each term. Please see your catalog for dates and call the OLLI office to reserve a space.

(928) 717-7634

Correction to Spring-2 Catalog

We apologize for the misspelling of Sheila Savannah-Steinborn’s name.

Summer Doldrums

Planning is under way for the Summer “DOLDRUMS” session. If you want to facilitate an event, or have an idea for an event, please contact: Marge Rubin, 759-0666

If you have an idea for a newsletter article, or you would like to submit an article for possible publication, please contact Cathie Martin in the OLLI office at (928)717-7634
The National Resource Center for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes

The National Resource Center (NRC) for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes is headquartered at the University of Southern Maine (USM) and serves as the national center for the current network of over 120 Lifelong Learning Institutes throughout the nation.

The National Resource Center for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes plays a lead role in disseminating information on effective educational programming for older learners. In addition to providing information and connections via their web site, the Resource Center plans an annual national conference and provides a range of ways to help OLLIs to connect with one another.

The Bernard Osher Foundation designated the Osher Institute at USM as the National Resource Center for Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes in 2004. The Center is not a governance body, but is rather a center for excellence and dissemination of best practice models. Each Osher Institute reflects the culture of its own university and its learning community. The National Resource Center exists to facilitate the exchange of opinions, solutions and experiences among institutes throughout the country so that all can benefit.

For more information, visit the OLLI National Resource website at:
http://usm.maine.edu/olli/national