

DeeDee Freeman

I was introduced to OLLI 2 years ago by a good friend and fellow spiritualist minister John Kohlenberger. I loved the idea of being able to teach metaphysics in a college classroom setting, and have been facilitating OLLI classes for a year now. I truly enjoy engaging people in topics that are important to me, such as meditation and quantum theory. As a "people person", being invited to serve on the Publicity Committee was a good fit for me as well.



I have a decades long background in union leadership and serving on nonprofit boards, and am a big fan of bylaws and Robert's Rules. Much can be accomplished when we agree to follow "rules of engagement" to discuss and get consensus as the governing body that represents 800+ people. As we move into this "Brave New World" of OLLI Online, I look forward to representing OLLI members in visioning and executing our new "normal".

Michael Gunn

Prescott and OLLI have been home for the past 4 and 3 years respectfully.

Soon, after my first OLLI courses, I joined the technical committee (reward for asking too many questions). Shortly thereafter I joined the governing council. For the past two years I have served as your governing council chairperson. Prescott OLLI has an incredibly unselfish cadre of facilitators, leaders, members, and administrative team. We are a 1,000-member community.

Social distancing practices require us to adjust our delivery formats. This challenges our organization where the 'social' aspect is just as important as the 'learning' elements. Your facilitators are doing a superb job at gearing up for the online world for us, the face-to-face generation.

We've seen excellent growth in our community during these past two years and we expect challenging times ahead. I would like the opportunity to serve you for another term on the governing council going forward into these new waters.



MEET THE CANDIDATES

Mark Troester

OLLI is not a place... it's people. As long as we can gather, on-line or in person OLLI is strong.

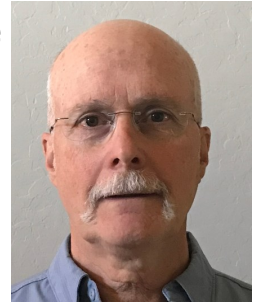
This may be the silver-lining in the passing pandemic clouds. As we adapt and adopt new ways to learn and teach, we can re-imagine OLLI as a mix of on-line and in person classes. I want to be part of the General Council to help balance the future mix of those classes.

Current involvement:

Co-facilitate: Moderate Hiking and Track Your Trek

Facilitate: Combining Graphics and Photos (GIMP/PhotoShop)

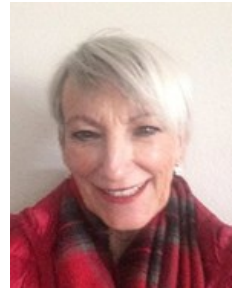
Member: Technology Committee and Social committee.



Barbara Leonard

Raised in Bloomington, Indiana and lived in the West for twenty years. Moved to Prescott from the PanHandle of Florida almost three years ago. I bid on an OLLI deluxe membership at a local fundraiser not knowing a thing about the program. It was meant to be as I was the only bidder.

I love the program, Lifelong Learning and have met so many interesting and wonderful people. I spent my career in the Hospitality/Travel/Meeting Planning and Incentive business. Currently I am involved with the Social Committee and the OLLI Prescott Social Connections Committee.



Cindy Smith

Cindy grew up in Arizona, but spent most of her adult life in Texas. She worked in industry as a geologist for 13 years and spent another 13 years as a college professor. She finally made it back to Prescott in 2016, along with her husband and dog. She enjoys the learning, laughs, discussions, and friendships that OLLI promotes. Topics she has facilitated range from Fracking, Local Geology, Pickleball, and most recently a discussion of the popular book "Factfulness". She is "semi-retired" – still teaching an occasional class at Yavapai College and sometimes Prescott College. In her spare time, she enjoys...well, everything about living in this wonderful town: hiking, exploring, traveling, book club and church activities, beginning guitar lessons, various volunteer activities (People Who Care, Prescott Chamber Players Society, etc.) and training her hyperactive dog.



Ray Lee

Eight years ago I moved to Prescott after living almost 40 years in Phoenix where I was a trial lawyer, ending my career as a Maricopa County superior court judge. After escaping the heat I soon discovered the beauty of Prescott and the joy of OLLI which rests on a foundation of learning and fellowship. I have had the privilege to participate in OLLI as a member of the Governing Council, Curriculum Committee and as a facilitator. Since being elected to the Governing Council 4 years ago I have seen the membership grow and the variety and excellence of the offerings increase. OLLI faces unprecedented challenges and exciting opportunities in the coming year. I hope to continue contributing to OLLI's success, working with wonderful people who are committed to making OLLI better than ever. I will try to be worthy of your vote.



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Mike Hickman

I am as many, a recent and lucky resident of Prescott. I arrived here a little more than a year ago with my wife of 32 years, Laurie. We have enjoyed the beauty, simplicity and friendliness of this town ever since. After arriving here, I was lucky to have been introduced to OLLI. After a couple of classes and some lively discussions, I was hooked. I loved the openness of the members and the sharing of knowledge from the facilitators. The feeling of community and seeing so many engaged neighbors was inspiring. I was lucky to have been "volunteered" to be a member representative on the long-range planning committee and found that experience inspiring as well. That left me with the idea to be more a part of helping to shape the future of OLLI and contribute to maintaining the high standards and possibly improve the experience for the members in the future. I bring 35+ years' experience in the hospitality industry where I learned a few things about improving the customer experience as well as how to manage teams of disparate people. This I hope can help me be a good representative for the members of OLLI to the governing council.

