LOOKING FORWARD TO WINTER CLASSES?

Classes begin Monday, January 11, 2016 at both the SSU and Oakmont campuses. Here's a Sneak Preview. . . .

SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS
OPEN HOUSE PREVIEW:
Monday, December 14, 9:30 am in Person Theatre, SSU

MONDAY
9:30-11:30 am
International Law and Politics
Eric Sinrod

1:00-3:00 p.m.
South America Sojourns
Tyra Benoit

TUESDAY
9:30-11:30 am
French and American Experience in Indochina, 1854-1975
Perry Ritenour

1:00-3:00 pm
American Politics: Issues and Cases
Eric Williams

WEDNESDAY
9:30-11:30 am
Art and Science of the Environment
Jonah Raskin

1:00-3:00 pm
Anti-Intellectualism in America
Bill Garrett

THURSDAY
9:30-11:30 am
Generations Side by Side: Sonoma County Agriculture
Michele Anna Jordan

1:00-3:00 pm
Statesmen and Rogues: The Founding Fathers
Mick Chantler

ED STOLMAN OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Fran Claggett was recently honored as the 2015 Ed Stolman Outstanding Volunteer.

Fran has been a student of OLLI since the program’s inception, a member of the faculty for eight years, and a member of the Curriculum Committee for eight years, with three of those served as Curriculum chair.

Poet, writer and teacher, Fran currently teaches Memoir Writing and Poetry for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Sonoma State University. She is a strong proponent of OLLI as it was first conceived and believes it is fulfilling Ed Stolman’s original mission to create a strong community among Sonoma County’s vital, active older adults.

Fran lost her partner of 54 years, Madge Holland, a year ago; together they shared the experience of OLLI, taking classes and traveling on many overseas trips with OLLI faculty and students.

Thank you Fran, for the many years of service and commitment to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

DID YOU KNOW...?

One very loyal student drives 220 miles round trip each week to attend OLLI classes @ SSU and has been doing this since Spring 2004. Who is this dedicated OLLI student? (Answer bottom of next page)
MEET OUR AMBASSADORS!

Joanne Lapinski is one happy lady and Sonoma State is her happy place. She’s the first one to shout out a warm greeting to fellow students as they enter the Cooperage for an OLLI class. Joanne is one of the original Ambassador volunteers for OLLI and loves being a part of continuing education on the SSU campus. The opportunity to relate to other students who share the same interests is a joy for her. She especially likes the energy at SSU, mingling and interacting with students young and old.

Joanne is a true lifelong learner. At the age of 54, she enrolled at Santa Rosa Junior College, and two years later had completed the required general education courses. She entered Sonoma State University in 2005 and received her BA in 2007 through the Hutchins School of Liberal Studies. Being back on campus whetted her appetite for more learning. In the Fall of 2007, Joanne took her first OLLI class and generally registers for four classes each term. Her favorite subjects are history, art history and the sciences.

Joanne loves to travel and has visited most of the United States, Europe, Japan, Mexico, and the Caribbean. Recently she spent a number of weeks in Greece, and earlier this summer she traveled to the south of France. Her absolutely favorite place is Florence, Italy.

When she’s not traveling or attending OLLI classes, Joanne loves to spend time with her family (especially those grandkids!) and her pets. She and her husband Gerry moved to a rural Sebastopol apple ranch in 1982. She stays physically active, playing tennis and walking whenever possible. Joanne likes to say that “it’s not the destination, it’s the journey.”

IN MEMORY

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SNEAK PREVIEW WINTER CLASSES:

OLLI at SSU - Oakmont Campus
Open House Preview:
Wednesday, December 16, 3:00 pm
Berger Center, Oakmont

Monday
3:00-5:00 pm
American Politics: Issues and Cases
Eric Williams

Wednesday
3:00-5:00 pm
Hearing Jazz through its Greatest Artists
Len Lyons

Thursday
3:00-5:00 pm
Life in the Universe: The Science of Astrobiology
Carl Pilcher

NATIONAL OLLI CONFERENCE

OLLI Director Carin Jacobs and Dianne Smith, OLLI faculty member and development committee member, just returned from the National OLLI Conference in Charlotte, NC. They attended sessions with delegates from all 119 OLLIs around the country, and discussed topics including curriculum planning, fundraising tips, marketing to Boomers, best practices for nonprofit management, volunteer recognition and strategic planning. They had the privilege of spending time with Bernard Osher himself, and celebrating OLLI’s 15th year milestone with Osher Foundation staff.

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