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General Meeting, Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.  
Stevenson College Event Center, UCSC

**Speaker: Bettina Aptheker**  
*Women, Revolution, and Gender Transgressions*



For the past five years Bettina has been working in archives searching for lesbian and gay folks who were in or around the Communist Left in the United States in the 20th century. They were deep underground in every imaginable way, and trying to find them is something like Dashiell Hammett's legendary detective looking for the Maltese Falcon. Bettina will share of a few of these stories, including those of some extraordinary women who transgressed gender roles and leapt into their lives with great courage, compassion, and perseverance.

Bettina Aptheker is a professor in the Feminist Studies Department at UCSC where she has taught for 35 years. Her most popular class, Introduction to Feminisms, was filmed and 17 lectures are available in a DVD set on sale at the campus' Bay Tree Book Store. She also teaches courses on Feminism &

Social Justice, African American Feminist History, and Feminist Oral History & Memoir, and graduate seminars in Feminist Pedagogies and Black Feminist Reconstruction. Bettina has been a political activist since the 1960s in the civil rights and anti-war movements, and she co-led the Free Speech Movement at the University of California, Berkeley (1964-1965). In the early 1970s she co-led the National United Committee to Free Angela Davis and all political prisoners, and is featured in the 2013 documentary film, *Free Angela! She continues her political activism today in struggles for peace, and diverse movements against racism and colonialism and for social justice. She has published six books, the most recent of which is a memoir, Intimate Politics: How I Grew Up Red, Fought for Free Speech and Became A Feminist Rebel. She lives in Santa Cruz with her life-partner Kate Miller.*

## Message from the President

As my term ends in May, I'd like to thank OLLI members for your support and encouragement, and especially your patience, during a period when we experienced some hiccups in our online registration process, continuing

difficulties finding a parking space and the frustrating search for a permanent monthly meeting home. My term also included an increase in requested donations for membership and interest

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## Message from the President

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group participation. And yet, I still see smiles on the faces of OLLI members and a continuation of the remarkable generosity of our community and its commitment to Lifelong Learning.

Special thanks must go to the OLLI Board of Directors — this is a working board who take their responsibilities seriously. In addition, I asked many members to serve on ad hoc subcommittees over the last two years to deal with website, facility, finance, parking and 30th Anniversary activi-

ties and issues. My job still wasn't easy, but without this help the task would have been impossible.

I feel honored to have been entrusted with this job and I will continue to offer my services to the board and this organization. And I look forward to having the time to more fully enjoy the benefits of the Institute.

Warm regards,

Fred



## Election of Officers

Our organization is run by volunteers. Elections for officers are held at our May general meeting.

The Nominating Committee will nominate the following members who have volunteered to run for office for the 2015–2016 academic year:

President: Dennis Morris; Vice President: Jennifer Balboni; Treasurer: Cindy Margolin; and Recording Secretary: Pegatha Hughes. Other nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting. Before nominating someone please be sure to have their consent, which should be in

writing if they are not in attendance at the meeting.

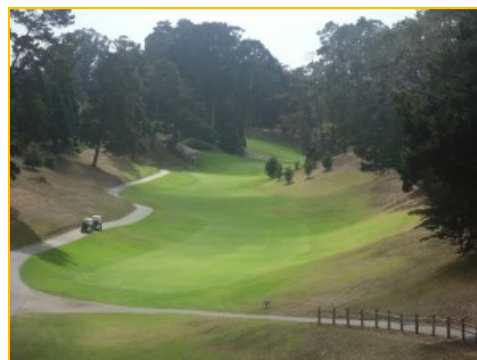
If you wish to see a description of the duties of our officers, please see our By-Laws, at <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/bylaws>.

## Summer Party: Sunday, June 7

Enjoy good company, great views, music, good food and wine, and celebrate Lifelong Learners' 30th anniversary at our 30th anniversary cele-

bration party on Sunday, June 7, 2015, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Seascape Golf Club, 610 Clubhouse Drive, Aptos. \$20/person. Registra-

tion coupon on facing page and website. Map/Directions: <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/party>. Questions: JoAnne Dlott , 227-3028, [jjdlott@gmail.com](mailto:jjdlott@gmail.com)



Registration for Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> Party

**OLLI Celebrates**

**Our Past ... Our Future**

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## Interest Group News

Each interest group has its own descriptive webpage. Go to our home page and click on “Interest Groups” at the left on that page, or go directly to <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/interest-groups>. Then click on the name of the group in which you are interested.

HEAR! HEAR! We’re always looking for more EARS! Each participant in the **Ears in Action** interest group listens to a UCSC student read-

ing an assigned essay before it is turned in for a grade. Our purpose is to be a sounding board for the student to catch incomplete thoughts, wayward paragraphs, or mushy conclusions, which by the way, the student mostly edits as she or he reads to you.

The student gets the benefit of our EARS and we get the benefit of a very pleasant diversion with a 21st century kid.

Interested? Contact Mary Carvalho: [marycarvalho@gmail.com](mailto:marycarvalho@gmail.com) or 831-332-2361.

**Visiting Not-for-Profits** interest group will visit Coastal Watershed Council on Thursday, May 14, 10–11 a.m. Please contact Gabrielle Stocker, [gstocker2@cruzio.com](mailto:gstocker2@cruzio.com), if you wish to join us. This will be our last visit until October 2015.

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## The Miriam Ellis International Playhouse

May 14, 15, 16 & 17 at 8:00 p.m. at the Stevenson Event Center

Many of our members have enjoyed and benefited from Miriam Ellis’s courses on the opera, musical theatre, or, most recently, “Sweet and Low: Opera’s Deeper Artistry,” a course devoted to the mezzo, contralto, baritone, and basso voice categories.

As you may know, Miriam has been directing and producing the International Playhouse (IP) for the last 14 years, and prior to that, she directed French theater for some 30 years at UCSC, where she also helped found the University Opera Theater and acted as its producer/director for many years.

This year, the *Miriam Ellis International Playhouse* (MEIP) turns 15! Miriam is still involved, as are the faculty and students in UCSC’s language programs.

Four public performances will be held, on May 14, 15, 16, & 17. All performances start at 8:00 p.m. in the Stevenson Event Center, UCSC.

This year’s works include short plays in French, Italian, Japanese, Russian and Spanish — all with English supertitles. With an emphasis on comedy, the plays range from medieval to modern.

The two short French pieces, directed by Miriam Ellis, are Ionesco’s *The Gap*, and a scene from Molière’s *Le Bourgeois gentilhomme* (*The Would-Be Gentleman*.) The Italian selections, directed by Giulia Centineo, include Benni’s *The ATM* and *Seren-dipity*. Sakae Fujita is directing the

traditional Japanese play *Sweet Poison*, and Natalya Samokhina is directing Dovlatov’s *The Patient*. Last but not least, in Spanish, Marta Navarro will direct *Misery*, by Güiraldes.

Although someone is bound to make an impassioned plea for donations, the performances are actually free. Nearby parking costs \$4.

For further information, please contact [lmhunter@ucsc.edu](mailto:lmhunter@ucsc.edu) or [ellisan@ucsc.edu](mailto:ellisan@ucsc.edu).



*Left: Scene from Le Malade Imaginaire (The Hypochondriac) by Molière, International Playhouse XIII, Camille Charette as Angélique, Zachary Scovel as Argan, directed by Miriam Ellis.*

*Interest Group News, continued*

**Adventuring Group** — Monday, June 8 — private visit to Castro Adobe near Watsonville. It had the first dance floor in Santa Cruz County, and one of the first indoor kitchens. It

is the only two-story hacienda ever built in Santa Cruz County. Craig Miller, [miller.craig@gmail.com](mailto:miller.craig@gmail.com), 426-0835

**The Building Community Interest Group** meets for informal conversa-

tion every Friday morning at 10 at Kelly's French Bakery on the West side, 402 Ingalls St. Everyone welcome! Contact Cecile Andrews at 206-919-2614 or [cecile@cecileandrews.com](mailto:cecile@cecileandrews.com)

## OLLI is a Community

By Mark Gordon

Lifelong Learners, more than anything else, is a community of people who enjoy each others' company. Over the years there have been many developments and programs, but at heart what has always felt great is the sharing of our intellectual and cultural interests with so many terrific people. Originally there were no interest groups. Now there are over 60. Originally we offered no courses, although members enjoyed auditing courses offered by UCSC. Now, this year, there were 18 wildly varied OLLI courses.

Five years ago, when we were approached by the Bernard Osher Foundation with an offer of an endowment, they required us to grow from 350 members to at least 500. At the time, many members worried that growth would eliminate the warm

community feeling members had long cherished.

We asked ourselves, "could we grow and maintain the same sense of community, or would so many additional members make the community feeling more difficult? Would members continue to step up and volunteer their time and skills and labor to keep Lifelong Learners flourishing?"

The good news is that OLLI has never had more leaders contributing to the vitality of the organization. Interest Group leaders, Board Members, Committee members, course supporters, and webpage managers contribute enormously to our successful operation.

But I think we could do more. With so many fascinating newer members

joining OLLI I'd like to propose a couple of things that will extend the sense of welcome and community we've always shared. First, let's take a minute at the start of OLLI meetings, courses and gatherings to introduce ourselves to some of the people around us. Just to say hello.

Second, I think knowing people's names opens conversations. We all have name badges. Once upon a time it was routine for Lifelong Learners to wear their name badge at every meeting and activity. It made it easier to get to know people and many soon became friends. I'd like to propose that we make a deliberate effort to do so now.

If we do these things, we will surely enhance the experience of all our members and keep OLLI thriving for years to come.



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