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General Meeting, Sunday, May 15, 2016, 10 a.m.
Colleges Nine and Ten Multipurpose Room, UCSC
Speaker: Miriam Ellis, Lecturer in French Emerita
The International Playhouse at UCSC

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Language faculty colleagues, and would like to invite OLLI members to attend a presentation of the Playhouse. Miriam's presentation topic will be about the Playhouse and this year's performances. See page 3 for details of this year's Playhouse program and performance schedule.

Change in Donation Asked for OLLI Membership

The OLLI Board of Directors has been discussing procedures to make the registration easier for members and to simplify how members determine if they have paid. The Board decided to combine the membership donation with the interest group donation. Presently we donate \$35 for membership and \$35 for interest-group participation. This totals \$70 for both. To simplify the procedure we felt that a \$60 donation for both would make it easier for all members. You may renew your membership now for the 2016–2017 academic year with this suggested donation. Go to our home page and click on the blue and gold OLLI Login button.

The change will allow members to check their transaction histories online to see if they have joined OLLI. It will

also simplify mail-in registration and record keeping. The reduced total donation should make it financially easier for some of our members although others, who previously did not participate in interest groups, will pay more.

OLLI uses your donations to support scholarships for UCSC re-entry students. If a \$60 donation is burdensome, contact me, Dennis Morris, to discuss an alternate arrangement. We do not want to discourage any member due to finances.

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Summer Party: Sunday, June 5

Enjoy good company, great views, music, good food and wine, and celebrate at our end-of-year party on Sunday, June 5, 2015, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Seascape Golf Club, 610 Clubhouse Drive, Aptos. \$20/person. A mail in registration coupon is on page 4 and on

our website, where you can also register online, saving time and postage. Registration/Map/Directions: <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/party>. Questions: JoAnne Dlott, 227-3028, jjdlott@gmail.com

Colleges Nine and Ten Students Enjoy an Alternative Spring Break in Watsonville

Service learning project brings university students, school children, residents, and a few OLLI members together

By Guy Lasnier and Mark Gordon

Twenty-Five students from Colleges Nine and Ten participated in the Alternative Spring Break (ASB) in March. Under the direction of Colleges Nine and Ten Provost Flora Lu and service-learning coordinator Abbey Asher, the students spent the week in Watsonville, getting to know the town, its people, and issues.

“With service learning you’re not only serving your community, you’re serving yourself,” said Jenn Figueroa, a third-year College Ten student and sociology major from southern California. This is her third alternative spring break, and she’s serving as a facilitator. “It’s important to get a different perspective.” Jenn is also one of the students who support our OLLI General Meetings in the Multipurpose Room of Colleges Nine and Ten.

This year’s program got started on March 6 with a meeting on campus with Carlos Palacios, the former Watsonville city manager and current deputy Santa Cruz County administrative officer; Consuelo Alba of Veremos Productions and founder of the Watsonville Film Festival; Maria Elena de la Garza, executive director of the Community Action Board; and Ramiro Madrano, a counselor at the Pajaro Valley Unified School District. Several OLLI members attended this very stimulating event held at the Namaste Lounge on campus.

On Monday, March 21, students volunteered at Calabasas Elementary School where Lu has been working all year as part of a community partnership she established three years ago. They just beat the rain and worked on improving an outdoor learning space for kindergartners and planted pumpkin seeds along a fence. Earlier, Lu’s students in a service-learning course on environmental justice renovated a vandalized greenhouse, repaired compost bins, installed an irrigation system, and built raised vegetable beds.

On Tuesday, students worked on a mural project with the Police Activities League.

On Wednesday, students, along with OLLI members visited the Second Harvest Food Bank.

On Thursday students learned about the Center for Farm Worker Families. A free flea market for members of farm worker families was held in the afternoon. For three months, the Colleges Nine and Ten students, along with OLLI members, gathered clothing and household goods for the families.

To complete the ASB, students prepared a final project that was due two weeks later. It consisted of either an essay on what they’ve learned through the service-learning experience or an art project that represents their experience along with a short written reflection.

OLLI members who participated were grateful for the opportunity to share the ASB with Colleges Nine and Ten students. We’re looking forward to more collaborative events in the future.



Nassar Suleiman helps younger students work on a mosaic project.



Colleges Nine and Ten students, from left, Eunique James, Cynthia Rafael Jimenez, and Ramon Ayala work with pupils at Calabasas Elementary School in Watsonville this week during alternative spring break. (Photos by Flora Lu)

Miriam Ellis International Playhouse. Performances May 25, 26, and 27

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Three performances will be held on May 25, 26, and 27 (Wed.–Fri.) at 8:00 p.m. at the Stevenson Event Center on campus. There is no admission charge. The program will consist of Russian, Spanish, Japanese and French works, with English super-titles projected above the stage, and will include:



Russian: *Uncle Fyodor, the Dog and the Cat*, by Edward Uspensky,

directed by Natalya Samokhina and her students;



Spanish: *The Bat*, based on a myth by Eduardo Galeano, directed by Marta Navarro;



Japanese: *Best Friends*, by Himura & Shitara, directed by Sakae Fujita;

French: Scenes from *Tartuffe*, by Molière, directed by Miriam Ellis.

To those unfamiliar with MEIP, this unique program offers fully-staged short pieces in several languages on the same bill (with English titles),



performed by Language students and directed by their instructors. Over the years, we have attracted loyal audiences who look forward to hearing their native or acquired languages in this unusual format, and we would like to welcome you to a performance, as well.

Parking in adjacent lots is available for a small fee.

For more information, please contact Imhunter@ucsc.edu, 831-459-2054.



UCSC Giving Day: May 11

OLLI is participating in *Giving Day* at UCSC. Giving Day is a 24-hour online fundraising drive to support our cause of giving scholarships to re-entry students.

It is an online event and takes place one day only — May 11, 2016. Donations made between 12:01 a.m. and midnight will count toward the Giving Day total.

To contribute to our scholarship fund on Giving Day, go to <http://giving.ucsc.edu/givingday> and scroll down to find us. The page will be live on May 11 for 24 hours only.

Registration for Sunday, June 5th Party
Join us to Celebrate Another Good Year
 Enjoy good company, great views, music,
 and good food and wine, at our year-end party:
 Sunday, June 5, 2016, from 3 to 6 p.m.
 Seascape Golf Club, 610 Clubhouse Drive, Aptos.

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Interest Group News

For more information about interest groups, please consult our website, <http://ucsc-osher.wikispaces.com/interest-groups>. On that webpage, you can use the blue links in the table to find out more about each group or to contact a group leader. If you want to discuss participation in an interest group, please contact the leader of the group.

Effective now, membership renewals and new memberships include interest-group participation; members may participate in any number of interest groups that are not fully subscribed. Many groups have unlimited participation, although some events may be limited. There is no longer a separate donation asked for interest-group participation. See story on first page of this newsletter.

One of the missions of OLLI at UCSC is to raise scholarship money for transfer and re-entry students, including military veterans. Our interest group leaders and course teachers are in part motivated by the scholarships made possible by their volunteer work. Our Osher Foundation grant can be used for OLLI expenses but cannot be used for student scholarships. Only your donations can be used for scholarships.

We ask group leaders with fully subscribed groups to keep a waiting list of members who wish to join. We encourage members to form new Interest groups. Group leaders are free to structure and schedule their group as they and the participants wish. Group leaders will often be willing to help a member who wants to start a similar group. Also, please feel free

to ask questions or express your interests to our interest-group coordinator, Peter Nurkse, 831-429-8493, nurkse@gmail.com.

Groups with Events

Amateur Chamber Musicians

The Amateur Chamber Musicians will hold a Spring Musicale, a workshop for the players, on Sunday, June 26, at 3:00 p.m., at the Downtown branch of the Santa Cruz Public Library.

Besides the participants, there will be room in the audience for about 15. If you wish to attend, please e-mail Meryllyn Neher, mneher3@gmail.com.

Exploring Santa Cruz County

Guided by Lou and Joan Rose, Exploring Santa Cruz County will meet on Friday, May 20, to visit the Watsonville Wetlands Watch, where they will tour the educational facility, take a bird-watching walk to the wetlands, and enjoy a picnic lunch. For details, contact group leader Sue Myers.

New explorers are always welcome. Contact: Sue Myers suemyers85@gmail.com

Lunchtime Dining Out

The next luncheon will be on **Friday, May 27**.

This Group lunches at different restaurants each month in venues in the area.

Emails are sent out with the name of the restaurant, etc., and members RSVP to Irene Lennox if they plan to attend. New participants are welcome. Irene Lennox, scotirene@yahoo.com, 457-2690.

Newcomers

The Newcomers group meets once a month. Anyone and Everyone is invited, whether you are new or not. We will talk about OLLI and its benefits and if you are new to Santa Cruz, we'll talk about that too!

Monday, May 16, 3 p.m.

Please email/call Mary Carvalho if you will be attending. marycarvalho@gmail.com, 831-332-2361

OLLI Dining Out

We are a group of people who enjoy good food and good company, and who like to sample the best of the restaurant scene in the Santa Cruz area. We meet at different restaurants, on the third Tuesday and Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Contact Brenda (see below) if you'd like to attend one of the dates below. Dates/venues are subject to change.

Date	Venue
May 17/18	Orturo Sushi, Scotts Valley
June 21/22	Au Midi, Aptos

The leader of the Dining Out group is Brenda Hillier, hillierbrenda@yahoo.com, 439-2083.

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Interest Group News

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Visiting Not-for-Profits

Visiting Not-for-Profits interest group will visit the Agricultural History Project at the Fairgrounds in Watsonville at 10 a.m. on May 5.

This is a unique opportunity to learn about the important agriculture business in our area. The mission of the Agricultural History Project is to build community awareness of economic, cultural, and ethnic aspects of agriculture in the Central Coast area, past and present. With the help of Project CEO John Kegebein and a display of artifacts, we will learn about the local history of crops, people, food processing, and farm equipment.

Contact Gabrielle Stocker, gstocker2@cruzio.com, for more information and to sign up.

Groups with Room for More Participants

Tennis Doubles

Intermediate (3.0–3.5 level of play) doubles tennis meets twice weekly: Tuesday afternoons at 2 p.m. at University Terrace Park (frequently called Meder St. Park) as well as Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at the UCSC courts on Natural Bridges Drive. We have a friendly, spirited warmup, and play for 1½ to 2 hours. The group is open to new participants. No need to bring a partner. David Brick, dbrick@cruzio.com, 427-2749

English in Action

Meet one-on-one with foreign students to give them an opportunity to practice conversational English and ask questions about the community. Usually the meetings are once a week for an hour or so, but the time, location, and number of meetings depend on what works for the student and the volunteer.

It is not a class, but a casual conversation. This is a great opportunity for cultural exchange!

We are looking for new members to meet with foreign students. Please contact Karin Grobe, 427-0984, kgrobe@wormdoctor.org.

New Yorker Poetry

Each month we take delight in reading aloud and discussing poems from The New Yorker. Pegatha emails four titles to members a week in advance. We meet on the last Friday of the month, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the de Anza Community Center, 2395 Delaware Ave. Pegatha Hughes, 440-9018, Pegathahughes@gmail.com.

Reading Circle

The Reading Circle usually meets the third Monday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. We choose a different book to read each month, a mixture of modern fiction and non-fiction. The group will meet during the summer. Irene Lennox, 457-2690, scotirene@yahoo.com.

Still Life Drawing

Group leader Analydia M. Scoggin would welcome one or two new participants.

We draw with graphite or charcoal on sketch pads, drawing paper, or newsprint. We may follow the guidelines in Mark Kistler's book "You Can Draw in 30 Days," although everyone is welcome to bring other books or notes.

Leader is not a drawing teacher, but will provide objects to draw on a desk or table or window sill. Objects include a range of complexity, and group members may bring subjects of their own, including flowers, fruit, or leaves. Optionally we may review each other's work in the group.

Meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m. at 1317 High Street, Santa Cruz.

Group Leader: Analydia Scoggin, analydia36@yahoo.com, 427-1052

What If

The What If interest group studies the paths that were or could have been taken so we may better understand the paths ahead of us. Phil Lynch, 426-1837, what.if.alternative.history@gmail.com

Interest Groups Travel to LA For Frank Gehry Exhibit at LACMA

In March forty OLLI members traveled by Amtrak to Los Angeles to see the Frank Gehry Exhibit at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. The three-day trip was sponsored by the Adventuring and the Art & Architecture interest groups, led by Craig Miller and Lois Widom.



The nine hour trip on the Coast Starlight included two meals in each direction and 120 miles of coast running. Craig has stayed many times at the Metro Plaza hotel, across from LA's Union Station, where members

stayed for \$100/night. Participants made their own train and hotel bookings.

Since heavy rain was predicted on museum day, Friday March 11, the group took advantage of LACMA's extended hours. The rain hit on the bus from the Getty to LACMA. The Gehry exhibit, which originated in France, was "a major retrospective examining the prolific body of work of one of the world's most celebrated and innovative architects." It included wonderful models of most of his work, built and unbuilt. There was also time to visit other exhibits at LACMA, including *Metropolis II*, a giant toy train set, which might have been expressly made for Craig, a notorious railroad and train enthusiast.

The return trip left LA at 10 a.m. and arrived back in Salinas at 6 p.m. Participants moved freely about the train enjoying opportunities for fun and socialization with new and old OLLI friends.

Judging from the many adulations and thanks for sponsoring the three-day trip, Lois and Craig are encouraged to plan more joint adventures — a trip by Bart to the new UC Berkeley Art Museum and the Ed Roberts Campus.



Cabrillo College 38th Annual Spring Plant Sale

The Horticulture Interest Group would like to call your attention to the **May 6, 7, and 8, 2016**, Mother's Day Weekend plant sale at Cabrillo College.

It is the largest annual college plant sale in Central California with over 1000 different organic vegetable

starts, perennial edible crops, annuals, bedding plants, culinary and medicinal herbs, cut flowers, natives, perennials, salvias, succulents, and vines.

The dates of the sale follow.

- Friday 3 – 7 p.m. (Member pre-sale. \$25 donation at the gate)
- Saturday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Sunday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The OLLI Horticulture group is led by Pat McVeigh, 566-4553, pmcveigh@baymoon.com.

OLLI Election: Call for Nominations

Our organization is run by volunteers. Elections for officers are held at our May general meeting. The OLLI Board will offer a slate of candidates for office but invites nominations from members. Elective offices are

president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary.

If you have questions or wish to nominate someone for an office, please contact Chris Le Maistre,

christopherlemaistre21@gmail.com, Fred Fred DeJarlais, fred.dejarlais@gmail.com, or Mary Carvalho, marycarvalho@gmail.com.

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