



OLLI Newsletter

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Featured in this edition

New July-August Class with Professor Bill Park -



August Zoom Class with Dr. Roger Knacke -



The Current Crisis and World Affairs with Prof Emerita Ronnie Gruhn

Ronnie's "Short Commentaries" series continues with the latest installment on YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/EZ1nGho5mGM>

Dr Gruhn welcomes feedback and questions folks would like her to address. You can email me at ronnie@ucsc.edu

The President's Message

The State of Our OLLI: Resilience!

July 5, 2020

Although many things around us are closed and shuttered, our OLLI has continued on - albeit in a modified way.

Our membership is at over 650...

We have offered and many of you have attended courses including **Food and Biochemistry**, **A Survey of Ecology**, and **Apologia Pro Vita Sua ("A Defense of His Life")**.

Professor Ronnie Gruhn has recorded multiple sessions of her insights into world affairs. They are all still available on YouTube.

Many of the interest groups have been meeting using the Zoom application. It is certainly different, but does work well enough. It may even enable some members with transportation issues to attend.

I know that many of you read and enjoy the bi-monthly newsletters. I have received several nice emails from members showing appreciation. A couple of members have contributed articles for the newsletters as well. We invite all members to submit pieces for publication or suggestions for what you might like to see.

I definitely want to thank the OLLI Board Members, instructors, and Interest Group Leaders for all they do to keep all of these activities alive and thriving. And... thanks to all you faithful members who continue to attend and enjoy the activities. The saying is that "It takes a village" and we are certainly good proof of that. We are resilient!

Stay that way,

Bonita Sebastian

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Announcement of a New Course

Apologia Pro Vita Sua ("A Defense of His Life")

by John Henry Newman



John Henry Newman (1801 - 1890) is generally regarded along with John Stuart Mill, Thomas Carlyle, Matthew Arnold, and John Ruskin, as one of the five great Victorian sages.

In 1832, Newman was a professor of philosophy at Oriel College, Oxford, and a clergyman in the Church of England, when the Reform Bill demolished the primacy of that Church. Through a series of writings, Newman and his colleagues attempted to reassert its ascendancy. Their efforts became known as The Oxford Movement and upset the status quo of Victorian culture. In the many struggles and arguments that ensued, Newman became drawn to Catholicism and in 1845, converted.

Newman wrote this magnificent memoir at white heat in 1864 in response to a vitriolic attack on him as a chronic liar by Charles Kingsley, popular novelist and chaplain to Queen Victoria. *Apologia Pro Vita Sua* recounts the story of an anguished soul in search of truth.

The eminent critic Lionel Trilling, author of *The Liberal Imagination*, believed that Newman was the greatest prose stylist in the history of the English language.

This course—conducted not as lectures but as seminars—will consist of six classes around two hours each on July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, and 20 at 10am on Zoom

It is necessary to read the Penguin Classics edition (edited by Ian Ker) as it includes essential annotations. Available on Amazon.

Reading for the First Class--in this order: Appendices A and B: pages 357 – 410; Preface: 3 - 17

This class will be taught by Professor Bill Park, a true Renaissance Man, who has taught fascinating movie and literature classes for OLLI. He is the editor of *Newman on the Bible*, Scepter Press, second printing 2019.

To enroll in this class, please e-mail Lois (LoWidom@yahoo.com) soon, and you will receive a Zoom invitation before the class starts.

Please note that Professor Park plans this class as a seminar with full participation by the students. Be sure to obtain the book and do the reading before the class.

Although we are not charging for our classes at this time, feel free to make a donation to OLLI to support our student scholarships.

A New Class for August



A Primer on Climate Change

This course will be an introduction to climate change. Our focus will be on the science and physical processes, not on the politics. We'll also address some of the issues and arguments that swirl about the subject. Background in science is not necessary.

Roger Knacke, Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19, 26; 10 am to noon. This will be a Zoom Course.

Meetings:

1. The Basic Science
2. Temperature and Its Skeptics
3. Expected Consequences
4. Solutions

Dr. Knacke is Emeritus Professor of Physics and Astronomy, Penn State Erie, where he retired as Director of the School of Science in 2010. His research focussed on interstellar matter and planetary atmospheres. He has taught six very successful courses for Lifelong Learners.

You do not have to enroll in this class now. A few days before the class begins, Barry Bowman will send the Zoom link and you will be able to sign in.

OLLI is not charging for these zoom classes, but we hope many of you will appreciate these classes so much that you will choose to make a contribution to our scholarship fund when you renew your membership. At this time, there are many UCSC re-entry students needing our help. Thank you.

From Our Members

Responsibility as the Price of Freedom

"May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right."

**Remember to wear your
mask to protect others.**



Help Us Stay Connected

Send us your thoughts and ideas for inclusion in future biweekly newsletters. We are interested in the well-being of our members and what everyone is doing to cope with the rules created to help us weather the pandemic. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this effort.

Please send your input to: olliucsc@gmail.com with "Newsletter" in the subject line.

Did You Know?

Originally July was the month of 'Quintilis' in the Roman calendar since it was the fifth month of the year; January and February were added in 450 BC. The Roman Senate changed its name to honor their general, Julius Caesar, for his birth month.



US Independence Day (<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/july-4th>)

When the initial Revolutionary War battles broke out in April 1775, only a few 'radical' colonists wanted complete independence from Great Britain. Thanks to spread of revolutionary sentiments such as Thomas Paine's "Common Sense" published early 1776, eventually independence became popular.

A formal motion for the colonies' independence was introduced when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia June 7. Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on this resolution but appointed a five-man committee—Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal justification for a break with Great Britain. The Continental Congress July 4 formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson.

Before this time, colonists had held annual celebrations of the king's birthday that traditionally included bell ringing, bonfires, processions, and speech-making. In 1776, colonists celebrated by holding mock funerals for King George III to mark the end of the monarchy's hold on America. George Washington issued double rum rations to his soldiers July 4th in 1778 and in 1781, months before the key Battle of York Town victory. Patriotic celebration became even more widespread after the War of 1812, in which the United States again faced Great Britain. In 1870, Congress made July 4th a federal holiday; in 1941, the provision was expanded to grant a paid holiday to federal employees.



Bastille Day

To the common people, the Bastille, a prison in Paris, represented all that was wrong with the monarchy. The French Revolution began July 14, 1789, when soldiers stormed the Bastille. Three years later in 1792 the French Republic was formed. July 14 is a national holiday in France, with many public events, including the Bastille Day Military Parade in Paris, the first of which was in 1880. Today it marches down the Champs-Élysées to be addressed by the French President and foreign ambassadors. The Tour de France takes place during Bastille Day. US cities famous for their celebrations of Bastille Day include Milwaukee, New Orleans, New York, and Chicago.



Canada Day

This national holiday celebrates the anniversary of the Constitution Act, signed July 1, 1867, when the three British colonies of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Province of Canada were united into one federation called Canada. Official celebrations are held on Parliament Hill in the capital city of Ottawa, Ontario. Queen Elizabeth II has visited Canada several times to celebrate the day. The day is not as popular in Quebec where July 1 is also "moving day," a day when lease agreements are up.

What Else Happened in July?

1889: The Wall Street Journal was first published.

1923: Insulin was introduced.

1925: The Scopes Trial began.

1930: Hoover Dam construction began in the Black Canyon of the Colorado River.

1936: The Spanish Civil War started as a revolt by right-wing military Spanish officers in Morocco.

1937: Amelia Earhart went missing.

1940: The German Luftwaffe bombed Great Britain.

1941: The Enigma code was broken.

1942: Anne Frank and her family took refuge in a secret sealed-off area of an Amsterdam warehouse.

1947: Roswell Army Airfield issued a press release stating that a crashed "flying disc" had been recovered from a nearby ranch.

1952: Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth of the US.

1954: Rationing ended in Great Britain after 14 years.

1955: President Eisenhower signed a bill requiring 'In God We Trust' on all paper money.

1956: The Suez Crisis began.

1959: Alaska became the 49th state.

1960: Hawaii became the 50th state.

1963: Zip codes were introduced in the US.

1964: The Civil Rights Act was signed into law by President Johnson.

1965: The Social Security Act, signed by President Johnson, established Medicare and Medicaid programs financed by higher Social Security payroll taxes.

1966: Eight student nurses were brutally murdered by Richard Speck in Chicago.

1967: Race riots began in Newark NJ after a black cab driver was arrested and beaten by police.

1969: Apollo 11 astronauts landed on the moon; Armstrong and Aldrin left the first human footprints.

1976: Legionnaires Disease first appeared.

1976: The first perfect 10 in Olympic gymnastics was awarded Romania's 4'11", 88lb Nadia Comaneci on the women's uneven parallel bars.

1977: Lightning to a Hudson River substation tripped two circuit breakers in Westchester county, followed by a second strike that knocked out two 345,000-volt transmission lines, resulting in a 25-hour blackout of the New York area.

1978: Lesley Brown gave birth to the first test tube baby (in vitro fertilization) in Oldham, England.

1985: The Greenpeace ship, Rainbow Warrior, was sunk by a bomb planted by French agents.

1995: A heat wave killed 2,000 people in IL and WI; Chicago temperature reached 106°F.

1996: Dolly the Sheep was cloned at Roslin Institute in Scotland.

1997: Woolworth's, begun in 1879, announced closure of its last 400 stores.

2009: The longest total solar eclipse of the 21st century lasted 6'38" off the coast of southeast Asia.

Promotion Partners

Santa Cruz Chorale 2020

Guest Concert: New Choir
Sunday, March 22, 4pm
CANCELLED

JS Bach and Franz Schubert
(postponed from May)
Saturday, October 17, 8pm
Sunday, October 18, 4pm

Christmas with the Chorale
Saturday, December 19, 8pm
Sunday, December 4pm

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