

OLLI Newsletter

August 21, 2020

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Like this Newsletter?

Be sure to join OLLI for the coming year so we can send it to you.

Sign up online at <u>olli.ucsc.edu</u> or use the form at the end of the newsletter.

Continuing Classes and Interest Groups



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/Y77seB5A624

Dr Gruhn welcomes feedback and questions. You can email her at ronnie@ucsc.edu

General Meeting

September 20th, 2020 10:00 AM On Zoom Prof. Ben Read

China under Xi Jinping



From Hong Kong to Xinjiang, from Covid-19 to WeChat, China is much on our minds and much in the head-lines. Professor Ben Read has visited and lived in the PRC as long ago as 1982 (attending elementary school in Beijing) and as recently as 2019 (as faculty director for UCEAP in Shanghai). In this talk, he synthesizes scholarly perspectives on the Communist Party's approach to governance as it has evolved under President Xi Jinping and previous leaders, focusing on the sources of this system's surprising resilience. He punctuates this with ground-level glimpses of life in Chinese cities.

The President's Message

It is Time to Renew Your OLLI Membership for the 2020-2021 Year

Dear OLLI Members,

Have you renewed your membership yet? Many have; yet some of you have not. Please renew now so that you do not miss any of the meetings and courses that are on the upcoming schedule. To renew, go to https://olli.ucsc.edu/about/joinolli/index.html.

We are all looking forward to the General Meetings that start again in September. They will be a little different on Zoom and you will have to provide your own beverage and breakfast cake, but it will be great to maintain our sense of community.

I thought you might be interested in some demographics of our organization. This data is based on the membership of the 2019-2020 year.

Where do OLLI members live?

Santa Cruz	412	63.5%
Aptos	91	14%
Ben Lomand	10	1.5%
Capitola	25	3.8%
Felton	17	2.6%
Scotts Valley	44	6.7%
Soquel	35	5.3%
Watsonville	15	2.3%



How long have folks been OLLI members?

Many folks have been members for multiple years; this is just a recent snapshot:

6 Years 273 5 Years 303 4 Years 345 3 Years 407

How do members pay for their memberships?

Pay Online 430 Pay via Snail Mail 238

How many members make additional donations to the scholarship fund?

Donated 72

How many members attend courses?

1 course 310 5 courses 25 8 courses 6 10 courses 2



Zoom Course

Final 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, Wednesday, August 26; 10 am to noon. This is 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 to all OLLI members 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.

There is only one class left next Wednesday. You may want to join it as Roger promises some good news about climate change.

From Members

Track your Ballot

This is a link to your ballot tracking for the November election.

https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/
You can sign up for email or text status messages.

Remember to wear your masks to protect others.

"Open your mind to the endless possibilities of your potential and then have the courage to admit whether you care enough to make that your reality."

Find out about the National Resource Center for Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes https://sps.northwestern.edu/oshernrc/

This space reserved for future newsletter input Send us yours today.

send your input to: olliucsc@gmail.com

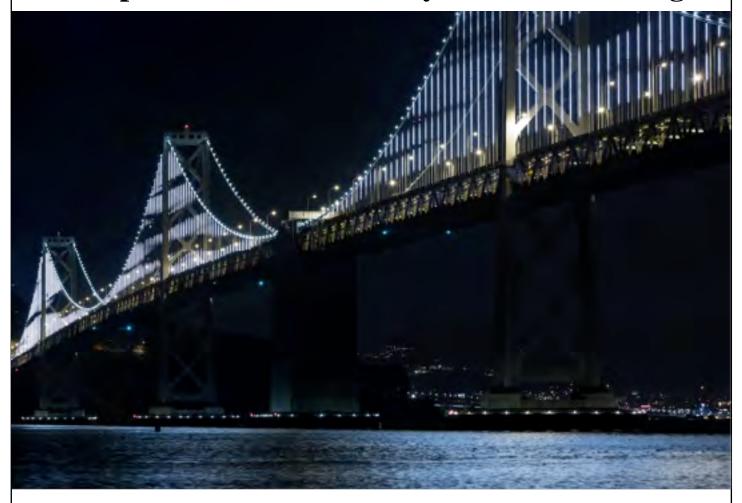
Help Us Stay Connected

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.

From Lois Widom

Will Superblue Be the 'Infinity Room' Writ Large?



https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/04/arts/superblue-immersive-art-pace-jobs.html

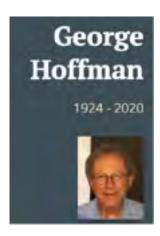
Lois sends an interesting article every week or two to members of the Art and Architecture group. If you would like to be included, write her at LoWidom@yahoo.com

Our OLLI Reporter, Johnna, sent me the following: I would also be interested in people's pandemic tips, kind of a round-robin article with snippets from about 30 different people of how they keep their spirits up and themselves growing in meaningful ways.

This would be very helpful to all of us. Please email her directly at aleena12teacher@yahoo.com

Thanks for helping us.

A Parting



A dear friend of many in Lifelong Learners for many years. George, you and Inga are missed. -Bill Patterson

A few things

We had our board meetings at the Hoffmans for many years, and Inga always provided great refreshments, I remember one time when we arrived at a meeting and George, who was at least 90, was getting ready to go skiing. Unfortunately, I think he broke something on that trip.

George was a docent at Natural Bridges. We once encountered him when I was there with my grandson, who was very impressed with George's knowledge.

George was writing an autobiography of his incredibly interesting life, but I am not sure he ever finished it.

Margot wrote me a wonderful letter saying that her grandparents had derived so much from OLLI that she wanted to give something back. I have also been in touch with their son, Paul, who teaches psychology at UCSC and focuses on the effects of war on children. He is planning to give a course for us when he is fully retired. Then Paul's wife and Margot's mother, Dina Hoffman, is my attorney. She went to school with my children.

So---the Hoffmans---a true OLLI family. -Lois Widom

A longtime member of our organization has passed away. George Hoffman died on July 31, 2020. He and his wife Inga were very active members for a long time; sometimes even hosting meetings in their home with Inga even providing delicious snacks. We miss them both. Bonita Sebastian



George Hoffman February 18, 1924 - July 31. 2020 Santa Cruz

George was born in Milan, Italy, to Hungarian parents. George and his parents left Italy in 1839 to escape the increasing persecution of Jews under the Mussolini regime. They settled in Cleveland, Ohio, when George was 15. He graduated from Case Institute of Technology with a BS (1944) and M.3. (1948) in Mechanical Engineering, and from Harvard University with a ScD (Doctor of Science) in 1950.

George served in the U.S. Army from 1944 until 1946 which allowed him to obtain his U.S. ckizenship. After completing his education, he moved to Los Angeles to work for a series of companies in the aeronautics and transportation industries. He married lags Nielsen in 1951, raised his sons in Los Angeles, and following retirement moved with Inga to Santa Cruz to be near family. During retirement George lowed being a docent at Natural Bridges and Long Marine Lab, and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

George was a loyal, kind and loving husband, father and grandfather, and will be greatly missed by his sons, Paul and Tony, granddaughters, Alexis and Margot, and daughters-in-law, ludy and Dina.

Thank you to the kind caregivers at Sunshine Villa who took good care of George during the last two and a half years.

Interest Groups

Dear OLLI folks, I hope this finds you healthy, getting lots of fresh air, and not overly frustrated with these challenging times. Adaptation is the name of the game. And let's keep in mind that we are SO much better off than those with income-dependent mouths to feed, with little kids to school, or residing in dense virus-friendly living quarters. We so long to return to social interaction with real hugs and interest group meetings 'in the flesh' but we must be patient. In the meanwhile, please take good care of yourself and others in your community.

In ordinary times, we look forward to our September general meeting annually devoted to interest groups: introduction of new groups, face-to-face Q&A with interest groups leaders, and enrollment in your favorite groups. Alas, these times are not ordinary - my fun table signs remain in storage - boohoo! However, there remain more than 60 interest groups and I do hope new ones are being conjured! Please contact interest group leaders (directory below) with questions or to enroll.

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American History & Literature	Virginia Law Mark Ordway	425 5453 295 2542	veelaw29@gmail.com meordway@gmail.com
Aptos Reading Group	New leader needed		
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Art & Architecture	Lois Widom	423 0184	lowidom@yahoo.com
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Baroque Festival	David Copp	708 2206	dhcopp@yahoo.com
Basketball Women	Mary Caravalho	332 2361	marycaravalho@gmai.com
Biographical Fiction	Jan Mintz	(714) 719 0694	musicmintz@gmail.com
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Financial Education	Steve Edmonds	338 3106	steve2rr@gmail.com
Folk Singing	Lou Rose	477 0360	ramblingroses@yahoo.com
French for French Speakers	Beatrice Barbakow	661 5444	bbarjac@gmail.com
Future of Capitalism	Barry Bowman	459 2245	bbowman@ucsc.edu
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Great Books II *	Susan Gorsky	688 5371	sgorsky@sbcglobal.net

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* full; ** delayed; virtual meetings

A termite walked into a bar: "Where's the bar tender?"





Police were called to a daycare center: a 3yo was resisting a rest.



Acupuncture is a jab well done.





At our annual interest group sign-up in September, we count on two or three OLLI members to enroll in our Puente Project interest group to help build future leaders of California. As interest group members, you join a community of caring professionals who assist Cabrillo College students achieve their college and career aspirations!

Since 1981 the Puente Project has chapters in over 68 community colleges in California and has improved the college-going rate of tens of thousands of California's educationally underrepresented students. Its mission is to increase the number of educationally disadvantaged students enrolling in four-year colleges and universities, earn college degrees, and return to the community as mentors and leaders of future generations. The interdisciplinary program consists of writing, counseling, and mentoring components. Mentoring in the focus of our interest group.

The Puente Community College Program is an academic, counseling, and mentoring program of support for students to build skills necessary for success in both academic and career goals while in community college. Puente students work closely with Counselors, English Instructors, and Mentors to prepare for transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

This program has been very successful. Puente students succeed academically, graduate from four-year colleges and universities, and belong to a statewide network of leaders and professionals. More than 7,000 students have enrolled in the Puente community college program. Furthermore, community colleges with Puente programs transfer 44% more Latino students to the University of California than colleges without Puente programs. Finally, more than 2,500 professionals donate more than 18,000 hours annually to Puente students.

Puente students are matched with mentors from the business or professional community. Mentors, trained to follow mentoring guidelines, serve as successful career role models to their student mentees. They share with students their personal, academic, and career experiences, and provide a window into real- life work environments. The network of trained Puente mentors provides many resources for Puente students, their families, their colleges, and the community.

Become a Puente Mentor! Mentoring inspires both mentors and their Puente student mentees.

Mentors provide one student with an opportunity to get to know a college graduate. Mentors are recruited in September and October, the beginning of the academic year, and mentoring service extends throughout that year. The group meets periodically to share experiences and discuss issues that may arise. OLLI members interested in becoming a mentor in the future are welcome to join us and learn about mentoring. For more information please contact a group leader, highlighted in the directory above.

https://www.cabrillo.edu/services/puente/

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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

All concerts at Holy Cross Church Santa Cruz

Info and tickets: www.santachoralechorale.org (831) 427 8023











https://www.santacruzshakespeare.org/



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Please consider registering online at our website, http://olli.ucsc.edu. It's faster for you, saves us time and money, and helps ensure accuracy.

To join or renew your membership, which includes unlimited participation in our peer-led interest-group program, enter personal information. Enter credit card information or include your **check payable to UC Santa Cruz Foundation**. Mail this form to the address at right. For further information, contact Karen Gamell, 831-905-6636, kgamell@yahoo.com. Your membership established with this coupon and payment will end June 30, 2021.

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Current members will also receiv	ve invitations to the monthly course offering which is offered	without charge.
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