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OLLI at UCSC is a community of women and men from diverse educational, occupational and geographic backgrounds who are devoted to the pursuit of learning. We enjoy spirited discussions, reading and exploring new interests. Money raised from our activities is used to fund scholarships for transfer and re-entry students at UCSC.

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OLLI Newsletter

June 2021

Nearly 500 people joined OLLI this year, despite the limitations on our activities imposed by the covid pandemic. We thank you all.

Our next General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 19 September. If current progress in suppressing the virus continues, we hope to resume all of our activities, including courses and interest groups, as "in-person" events. We will be guided by the policies of the University and the county health department. By mid-summer we should have a better idea of what will be feasible. You will get an update from us.



As summer approaches we offer you several ways to continue lifelong learning. Professor Ronnie Gruhn biweekly commentaries on foreign affairs and current events will end on 14 June. You can still see the General Meeting talks on the importance of krill in the marine ecosystem, or the surprising discoveries of underwater volcanoes. That OLLI course you missed is still

available. Do you want to know more about electric vehicles? Check out our YouTube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU7U1Mly_RuSsk4QjQD4WNw

OLLI registration for the 2021-2022 year is open. You can go online to join or renew. You can also use the form at the end of this newsletter.



Miss hugs, chitchat, and friendly smiles?!



We want a summer OLLI reunion and need your input. Toward that end, you'll get an email requesting your preferences.

Stay tuned!

Past President's Greetings from Oregon

Sitting in my new backyard, I already miss you all!



My daughter and I have started adjusting to life in Hillsboro... making some discoveries:

- We have been working on our new home- unpacking and arranging things; combining two households. Then trying to remember if we had found a particular item and, if so, what had we done with it. It is still fun, thank goodness.
- It is very green.
- The bugs seem more prolific; a fly the size of a small bird visits our home each day. I think they are cousins. The word has gone out. *The bees seem to be the same size.*
- There is rain- it comes: starts and ends... right now it is drizzling and in a few minutes, the sun will be out.
- One different adventure: being good citizens, we signed up for waste management. They delivered 4 carts to us two days later (as promised), but there were no labels on the carts and they neglected to include the brochure to tell us what should go in each. I scoured the web site and downloaded the app to no avail.
 - On our own, we figured that the small red one was for glass and the brown was for yard waste- a start.
 - That left two- the grey and the green. And they had to be recycling and garbage.
 - What would make sense? To us, it was green for recycling and grey for garbage. And that is what we did.
 - When the waste management truck arrived; however, it was supposed to be green for garbage and grey for recycling.
 - We watched in dread while the automatic truck dumped our recycling into the garbage and our garbage into recycling. Had we ruined a whole truckload of recycling? Would they fine us? Would they refuse to pick up our waste? Time will tell... so far; so good.
 - *BTW, we are composting and adding our food scraps to the yard waste. A new undertaking for us.*
- We have not done a lot of venturing out, but that will come. So many things are really close- almost anything we want is in about a radius of 10 miles.

Stay well and stay safe; take care of yourself and others,

Bonita Sebastian

OLLI Board Election

OLLI Election of Officers 2021-22

OLLI Board Officers Election results

This was a special year for our Board Of Directors election process. Because of the Pandemic, OLLI was forced to have a one-time exception to our usual election process. Instead of an in-person vote at our May General Meeting, we conducted our election using a secure online tool, Survey Monkey.

At our March General Meeting we announced the slate of candidates proposed by the OLLI Board, and invited further nominations from the membership. None were received. So we sent out the proposed slate of candidates via the online tool. The voting period was from April 18 to May 9.

A great big thank you to the 150+ OLLI members who voted. All the Board of Directors slate of candidates recommended received 100% of the recorded votes.

The OLLI Board confirmed the Survey Monkey vote results at their Board Meeting on May 10 and the results were announced at the OLLI General Meeting on May 16 via Zoom.

Please join us in extending a very warm welcome to the new Executive team of the OLLI Board Of Directors for 2021-2022.

President: Barry Bowman
Vice President: Ginna Holcombe
Treasurer: Cindy Margolin
Secretary: Guenter Vorlop

Best regards
Mark Gordon and Joya Chatterjee (Election committee)

Note: We also welcome Joya Chatterjee who recently joined the OLLI Board of directors.

OLLI on YouTube

International Climate Politics
Commentary by Professor Emerita Ronnie Gruhn, 5-3-21
<https://youtu.be/FG3LjvXHSuI>



Israel and the Palestinians: The Latest Mess
Commentary by Professor Emerita Ronnie Gruhn, 5-17-21
<https://youtu.be/6ueqlwYn-QM>



The People Who Discovered the Nature of the Gene:
Mendel, Franklin, Watson and Crick
Barry Bowman, Professor Emeritus of Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology at UCSC.

“I will present the biographies of four scientists who played central roles in the discovery of the genetic material that directs heredity.”

[May 5, 2021 class](#) [May 12 2021 class](#) [May 19 2021 class](#) [May 26, 2021 class](#)

International Covid Politics
Commentary by Professor Emerita Ronnie Gruhn, 5-31-21

<https://youtu.be/W8RuO5B5J7c>



OLLI General Meeting May 16, 2021

Speaker: Dr. Baldo Marinovic

Lecturer in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and Research Associate in the Institute for Marine Sciences, UCSC.

Krill: a look into the often overlooked role of a key player in the ocean economy

<https://youtu.be/w9GoYFNXhvA>



Ronnie's classes will end on January 14.

As has been our usual practice, we will not be having classes this summer, but we are looking forward to some wonderful classes in the fall.

From our Members

As a senior I can undertake anew, changes in my life, this time without a penalty for having reached too far, since, at this age I'm free to venture . . .

Always wanted to be more artistic . . . why not now? Yet how do you do that? I asked my artist friend how do you become an artist

She wrote me an amazing note. It enlightened my path. Perhaps for you too, old friends of Lifelong Learners

HOW TO BE AN ARTIST

STAY loose. learn to WATCH SNAILS.
 plant impossible GARDENS. invite
 someone DANGEROUS to tea. MAKE
 little SIGNS that say YES! and POST
 them ALL over your HOUSE. MAKE FRIENDS
 with FREEDOM, uncertainty. LOOK
 FORWARD to DREAMS. CRY DURING MOVIES.
 SWING AS HIGH AS YOU CAN ON A
 SWINGSSET, BY MOONLIGHT. CULTIVATE
 MOODS. refuse to "be responsible."
 Do it FOR love. TAKE lots OF NAPS.
 GIVE MONEY AWAY. DO IT NOW.
 the MONEY will FOLLOW. Believe in MAGIC.
 LAUGH A lot. celebrate every GORGEOUS
 MOMENT. TAKE MOONBATHS. HAVE
 WILD IMAGININGS, TRANSFORMATIVE
 DREAMS, and perfect CALM. DRAW ON the
 WALLS. READ everyDAY. imagine YOURSELF
 MAGIC. GIGGLE WITH CHILDREN. listen to OLD
 people. OPEN UP. Dive in. Be FREE.
 Bless yourself. Drive AWAY FEAR. PLAY
 with everything. entertain your inner
 CHILD. YOU ARE INNOCENT. BUILD A FORT
 with BLANKETS. Get WET. HUG TREES
 Write love letters.

From: Bill Patterson

Interest Groups

Ginna Holcombe

National Go Barefoot Day on 01 June gives us an opportunity to kick off your shoes and run barefoot through the cool sand! More importantly, it is a day to provide millions of underprivileged children around the world with shoes. *Soles4Souls* created this day after the 2004 Tsunami disaster and more than 56 million pairs of shoes have been donated worldwide since 2005. In many countries, shoes are hard to come by, especially good shoes that protect feet from rocks and harsh elements. Giving gently used shoes puts usable footwear on those who need it most. They help the new owners get an education and make a living. It's amazing what a difference a pair of shoes can make. Clean out your closets and donate a pair or more of gently used shoes to a charitable organization in your area or go to <https://soles4souls.org/>.



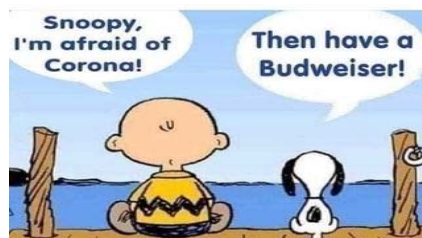
World Environment Day is a day celebrated annually 05 June and is the United Nations' principal vehicle for encouraging awareness and action for protection of our environment. Also known as *Eco Day* or *Environment Day*, it was first celebrated in 1974 and has been a platform for public outreach, with participation from over 143 countries, raising awareness on environmental issues such as marine pollution, overpopulation, global warming, sustainable consumption, and wildlife crime. Each year, the program provides a theme and forum for businesses, non-government organizations, communities, governments, and celebrities to advocate environmental causes.

Father's Day honors fatherhood, paternal bonds, and their influence in society. A *Father's Day* service was held in 1908 in West Virginia, to mourn the Monongah Mining Disaster, which killed 361 men, leaving more than a thousand fatherless children. The national holiday was first proposed by Sonora Dodd of Spokane WA in 1909. After several bills were defeated by Congress, in 1958 Maine Senator Margaret Chase Smith accused Congress of ignoring fathers for 40 years while honoring mothers. In 1966, President Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, in 1972, it was made a permanent national holiday when President Nixon signed it into law.



Summer Solstice this year is 20 June but it occurs between 20 and 22 June every year. In the northern hemisphere, the sun reaches its highest position; shadows disappear at noon along the tropic of cancer. This year it coincides with an annular solar eclipse so the day will be marked by a *ring of fire*. A solstice, or equinox, marks a change of season in both hemispheres and depends on Earth's tilt. *Solstice* in Latin means *sun stands still*, because the sun's projection appears unmoving once it reaches its highest point. Summer solstice in the northern hemisphere signifies the north pole is at its maximum tilt toward the sun. While the summer solstice occurs simultaneously for everyone, it is the longest day for us and the shortest day for the southern hemisphere.

World Sauntering Day is celebrated 19 June to remind us that life is short and should be enjoyed to the fullest. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Sauntering_Day#:~:text=World%20Sauntering%20Day%20is%20celebrated,to%20as%20International%20Sauntering%20Day.





Say What?!



Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever. *Mahatma Gandhi*

I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue: 'No good in a bed, but fine against a wall.' *Eleanor Roosevelt*

Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much. *Oscar Wilde*

None of us are getting out of here alive, so stop treating yourself like an afterthought. Eat delicious food. Walk in the sunshine. Jump in the ocean. Say the truth you're carrying in your heart like hidden treasure. Be silly. Be kind. Be weird. There's no time for anything else. *Anthony Hopkins*

The person, be it gentleman or lady, who has not pleasure in a good novel, must be intolerably stupid. *Jane Austen, Northanger Abbey*

A woman is like a tea bag; you never know how strong it is until it's in hot water. *Eleanor Roosevelt*

Santa Claus has the right idea: visit people only once a year. *Victor Borge*

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint. *Mark Twain*

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. *Maya Angelou*

Money can't buy you happiness; but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery. *Spike Milligan*

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap. *Bob Hope*

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress. *Will Rogers*

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you. *Winston Churchill*

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere. *Billy Crystal*

I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it. *WC Fields*

Be yourself; everyone else is already taken. *Oscar Wilde*

Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe. *Albert Einstein*

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind. *Bernard M Baruch*

If you want to know what a man's like, take a good look at how he treats his inferiors, not his equals. *JK Rowling, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*

Promotion Partners



Dear Friends,

We are delighted to announce our first concert since the pandemic will be held on Sunday, June 20th, 2021 at 4 PM at Santa Cruz Community Church, 411 Roxas Street, Santa Cruz, CA. See our concerts page for more information.

<https://espressorch.org/concerts.php>

We look forward to seeing you then. So please stay healthy!

Michel

P.S. Click on the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2ZLDVxFGKs>



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Contribution Information:

We ask a donation of \$60. Please consider an additional donation to the Silvia Miller scholarship program. If funds are limited, in confidence you may contact OLLI president Barry Bowman, bbowman@ucsc.edu, to discuss alternatives.

Membership	Donations	Amount
Membership, OLLI at UCSC	\$60. Membership includes unlimited Interest Group participation*	\$
	Additional contribution to the Silvia Miller Scholarship Fund:	\$
	Total Enclosed:	\$

*Some interest groups have limited membership. You may ask a group's leader to be placed on a waiting list or get help from our interest-group coordinator to form a new group. See our website for more information.

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