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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
funds scholarships for transfer
and re-entry students at UCSC.

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OLLI Newsletter

SPECIAL EDITION

*Which interest groups
tickle your fancy?*

*Don't miss out just because
we couldn't hold our usual
sign-up meeting!*

*Call or email
group leaders directly*

Groups are free for members!

Still haven't renewed?

Join or renew online (saves time, money, and forests):

<http://olli.ucsc.edu>

for the academic year ending June 2022

Please contact Karen Gamell at
kgamell@yahoo.com for further information.

Adventuring



Leader: Kathryn Nance

Our group goes on "Adventures" outside Santa Cruz County. We sometimes visit museums and other places of interest, take history walks or nature tours, and do whatever inspires us. We usually go once a month and welcome ideas for adventures from our members.

Contact Kathryn:
(831) 332 8051 or momokat13@gmail.com

All Things Classical



Leader: Jay Stoffer

This group will be organized around local orchestral, choral, or operatic events to further our understanding and appreciation of classical music. Music directors will speak with us about their respective programs.

3rd Fridays 10:00-noon

Contact Jay:
jaystoffer8@gmail.com or (310) 923 3099

American History and Literature



Leaders: Virginia Law, Mark Ordway

A fresh look at American history and literature. Join us in an ongoing study of the American narrative. Members present information followed by discussion. Sample topics: Mexican War, continuing slavery, CA Gold Rush; writers like Twain, Thoreau, and Dickinson

10:30-noon, 4th Mondays, 115 Pasture Rd, SC

Contact Virginia: (831) 425 5453
Contact Mark: (831) 295 2542

Art - Joy of Painting



Leader: Gayla Pius

Get together to paint our beautiful outdoors! First and third Tuesdays at 10:00am, starting in September.

Contact Gayla:
gaylapius@gmail.com or
(831) 464 6559

Art & Architecture



Leader: Lois Widom

Our group visits places of architectural and artistic interest all over the Monterey Bay area and beyond. Events have included museums, galleries, private homes, notable public and private buildings, and tours.

Contact Lois:
(831) 423 0184 or lowidom@yahoo.com

Bagel Ladies

formerly Making an Elder Culture



Leader: Mary McKane

We meet Tuesdays, 10:30-noon, often at *The Bagelry* in downtown Santa Cruz, for impromptu discussions, both serious and irreverent. Popular topics are politics, travel, and the trials of old age.

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mmckane9@me.com or (831) 400 8799

Baroque Festival



Leader: David Copp

Santa Cruz Baroque Festival presents music from the pre-baroque period through today with focus on 17th/18th c repertoire, small ensembles, period instruments, and unusual music. Pre-concert talks are 6:30p for five Feb-May concerts; group members receive occasional e-mail announcements.

Contact David:
(831) 708 2206 or dhcopp@yahoo.com

Basketball Women



Leader: Sally Grey

All of you, who in your youth were not encouraged to play sports, now is your moment!! We meet Mondays 9-10am at Holy Cross Gym for warm-up (15min), drill (30min), and 3-on-3 play (15min). We may not be as fast or limber as when younger but the laughter and camaraderie are unbeatable. Come by to watch!

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Biographical Fiction



Leader: Jan Mintz

We explore people whose lives provide insight into other worlds and places. At a time when there is need to learn about people unlike us, literary story-telling enables us to learn about such differences. Each month group members pick the next book. 1st Thursdays, 1:00-2:30, 319 Younglove Av, SC

Contact Jan:
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Bridge



Leader: Jo Anne Dlott

Varies from 1 to 3 tables. Members are not duplicate or rabidly competitive and vary in experience and expertise. But we all want to improve our skills (beginning bidding levels and play from various eras)

Mondays, 1:00pm, Live Oak Senior Center

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Concept Exchange



Leader: Peter Marks

Members aim to better understand how things work. Topics have ranged from quantum computing, mental illness, educational reform, past civilizations, and the chemistry of global warming. Presentations, typically with Q&A along the way, are given by outside experts and members sharing their own expertise.

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Current Affairs



Leaders: Mark Gordon

Meet monthly for in-depth, serious, respectful conversations about hot issues facing our city, county, state, country, or world. The idea is not to reach a conclusion but to fully air an issue from many perspectives. Two new members welcome.

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(408) 314 4802 or mgordon@cruzio.com

Digital Photography



Leader: Cindy Margolin

Members share experiences and work. Members' photographs are presented on a large high-definition screen and discussed by the group. These critiques are supportive and friendly, and provide members with valuable insights enabling them to improve their techniques and art. 4th Mondays, 1:30pm

Contact Cindy:
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Dining Out



Leaders: Kathy Hatfield & Diane Zacher

We enjoy good food and good company, and like to sample the best of the Santa Cruz restaurant scene. We meet 6:30pm third Tuesdays, or the following night, Wednesday, at different restaurants.

Contact Kathy:
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Contact Diane:
dianezacher@gmail.com or 786 9550

Ears in Action



Leader: **New leader needed**

Lend an ear to a UCSC student: listen to them read aloud a paper, help them puzzle out an intellectual dilemma, or just be their sounding board. This is a unique opportunity to be of service and have an interesting experience at the same time. Members receive a brief orientation and then have contact with students at UCSC.

Contact Florence: santacruziflos@aol.com

English in Action



Leader: Karin Grobe

Meet one-on-one with foreign students to give them an opportunity to practice conversational English and ask questions about the community. Weekly meetings for an hour are usual but time, location, and frequency are determined by student and volunteer.

Contact Karin:
or karingrobe@gmail.com

Evening Book Group



Leader: Dusty Miller

Meets first Wednesdays monthly to discuss fiction and nonfiction books selected by members. Open to new members.

Contact Dusty:
(831) 426 0835 or hndmiller@hotmail.com

Explore SC County



Leaders: Kathryn Nance & Sue Myers

Have you wondered about the Pogonip or Arana Gulch or the amusing and eclectic architecture in our city? Willing to get out of your car, spend a couple hours monthly with fellow lifelong learners to explore our city and county?

Contact Kathryn:
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Contact Sue:
(831) 818 6450 (suemyers85@gmail.com)

Folk Singing



Leader: Lou Rose

We meet 1pm on first and third Tuesdays to sing traditional songs, accompanied by several musical instruments. Voice quality is not a requirement, but knowledge of folk songs is.

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1:00pm

Contact Lou:

(831) 477 0360 or ramblingroses@yahoo.com

French

for French Speakers



Leader: Beatrice Barbakow

Le français courant brings together fluent French speakers in an environment to encourage use of the language. Only French is spoken.

1st Tuesdays 10:30–noon

Contact Beatrice:

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Future of Capitalism



Leader: Barry Bowman

Capitalism has been a successful economic and social system for 200 years. With modest regulation, is it the best way to organize a society? Or are major changes needed? Will capitalism end, destroyed by its internal contradictions? We discuss works by journalists, economists, and social scientists on the current state and likely future of our capitalist society.

1st Tuesdays, 1:30pm, 106 Alta Vista Dr, SC

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Great Books I



Leader: Faye Alexander

Part of the Great Books Foundation, founded 1947 by Robert Hutchins and Mortimer Adler at the University of Chicago, we are one of 40 groups in the Bay area. Using the Socratic method of shared inquiry, we read essays, short stories, plays and excerpts from classic and contemporary writing.

1st Thursdays, 1:15pm

Contact Faye:

(831) 476 8575 or atpie95010@gmail.com

Great Books II



Leader: Susan Gorsky

This group discuss essays, stories, poems, and plays from classic to contemporary sources, using the Socratic method of "shared inquiry" fostered by the Great Books Foundation. One of 40 groups in the Bay Area, we are affiliated with the nonprofit Great Books Foundation, founded 65 years ago at the University of Chicago.

1st Wednesdays, noon

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Great Decisions



Leaders: Joya Chatterjee, Gaby Litsky

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Published annually, the briefing book highlights eight foreign policy challenges facing Americans. *Great Decisions* provides a DVD, background information, current data, and policy options and serves as the focal text for discussion groups.

Mondays, 10:00-noon (Feb28-Apr25)

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Contact Gaby: glitsky@aol.com or (831) 462 9023

Horticulture



Leader: Pat McVeigh

Plant lovers meet at Cabrillo College Horticulture Department, atop a hill overlooking Monterey Bay. We meet rain or shine since the hothouse is our workspace. Parking is free and close.

Thursdays, 10:00-noon

Contact Pat:

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Lunchtime Dining



Leader: Irene Lennox

We are a group of people who enjoy good food and good company and who like to sample the restaurant scene in our area. We meet at different restaurants; recommendations for good eateries welcome.

1st Fridays, 12:30

Contact Irene:

(831) 457 2690 or irenefraetron@gmail.com

Memoir Writing I, II



Leaders: Richard Bruce, Kathryn Cowan

We write memoirs, read them to our group, receive impressions, and listen to others: a legacy for family and friends; stimulating and reflective for the writer.

2nd Thursdays, 1:00pm

Contact Richard (Group I):

sandplay@ix.netcom.com or (831) 464 3470

1st and 3rd Thursdays, 1:00pm

Contact Kathryn (Group II):

kathycowan43@aol.com or (831) 431 6114

Natural History



Leader: Dan Merritt

Curious about your natural world? We take monthly field trips, each organized by a group member. If a hike along a Watsonville wetland or an afternoon at the Monterey Bay Aquarium or a visit to a local research facility appeals to you, JOIN US.

10:00am, 2nd Wednesdays, Watsonville Public Library

Contact Dan:

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Navigating Retirement



Leaders: Nancy Calvin, Katrina Cope
Develop a positive outlook on retirement and your plan of action. Re-evaluate your purpose to discover contentment by creating a new identity and/or re-claiming your pre-retirement identity. **"Who am I now? What is my purpose now?"** Discover and share practical tools and resources.

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The New Yorker

Aptos



Leader: Joan Rose

We discuss fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and cartoons from recent New Yorker magazines. Members take turns leading discussions, which are filled with humor, honesty, and strong opinions.

Alter late Thursdays, 2:00pm

Contact Joan:

(831) 477 0360 or ramblingroses@yahoo.com

The New Yorker Santa Cruz I



Leader: Virginia Law

Group members read literature and analyze techniques authors and poets use to communicate ideas. Discussions of poetry, short stories, and essays shed light on differing viewpoints and how **they've been shaped by life experiences.**

3rd Wednesdays, 2:00pm

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The New Yorker Capitola



Leaders: Faye Alexander, Barbara Banducci

This group discusses fiction, nonfiction, and poetry from recent New Yorker magazines.

4th Tuesdays, 1:30p, Dominican Oaks

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atpie95010@gmail.com or (831) 476 8575

Contact Barbara:

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Newcomers



Leader: Kate Erstein

Anyone and everyone is invited, whether you are a new member, thinking about becoming a member or are an inactive member who wants to get more involved. You will learn about OLLI and its benefits, meet other folks and, if **you are new to Santa Cruz, we'll talk about that too!**

If you recently joined OLLI, you'll be emailed an invitation to the next voluntary session. Any OLLI member is welcome to attend our get-togethers. At this time, we meet outside in small groups with all fully vaccinated folks.

Contact Kate:

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Nonfiction East Side



Leader: Owen Brown

We read nonfiction exclusively, currently *The Silk Roads: A New History of the World* (Frankopan). Other readings include *The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing and the Future of the Human Race* (Isaacson), *Leadership: In Turbulent Times* (Goodwin), and *Truman* (McCullough).

4th Mondays, 1:00pm

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wowenbrown@mac.com

Nonfiction West Side



Leader: Rabia Barkins

We meet in west Santa Cruz to discuss nonfiction books recommended by group members and chosen by consensus. Recent reads include *Braided Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer and *Secret Life of Groceries* by Benjamin Lorr.

4th Tuesdays, 2:00pm

Contact Rabia:

Trabia7@gmail.com or (760) 942 2764

Play Reading



Leader: Billie Harris

This group is re-starting under a new leader. We are reading *'An Ideal Husband'* by Oscar Wilde. The group is a close-knit bunch of hams, reading *cold* and enjoying the energy generated that way!

1st Mondays, Dominican Oaks, 2:30pm

Contact Billie:

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Puente Project



Leader: Richard Bruce

Founded in 1981, Puente chapters exist in more than 68 California community colleges to provide students with academic counseling and mentoring programs to build skills necessary for success. At Cabrillo College, we want to increase transfer of educationally underserved students to 4-year colleges. *Be a mentor.*

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Read It Again, Sam



Leader: Joan Rose

"Curiously enough, one cannot read a book; one can only reread it. A good reader, a major reader, an active and creative reader is a rereader." - Vladimir Nabokov

A group member says: "Reading a great book once is like going on a first date."

We re-read and discuss masterworks of world literature we were too young to appreciate the first time around. Works are from 100 best works of world literature chosen by 100 writers in 35 countries.

4th Wednesdays 1-3p

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Reading Circle



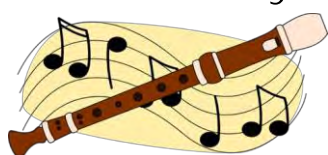
Leader: Irene Lennox

We read a different book each month, a mixture of modern fiction and nonfiction, and meet at the **leader's home**. New members are welcome.

3rd Mondays 1:30-3:30p

Contact Irene:
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Recorder Playing



Leader: Marilyn Rigler

We meet weekly to play medieval, Renaissance, folk, and other music on recorders. All those familiar with the first 1½ octaves of any recorder (soprano, alto, tenor, bass), who can read music, are welcome.

Tuesdays, 2:30p

Contact Marilyn:
(831) 423 2505 or mrigrler@gmail.com

Social Science



Leader: Dusty Miller

Share interests and knowledge of various fields within social sciences: psychology, economics, sociology, anthropology, etc. Members take turns choosing a topic and leading discussion of particular areas of interest.

3rd Tuesdays 12:30-2:30p

Contact Dusty:
(831) 426 0835 or hndmiller@hotmail.com

Spanish Conversation



Leader: Dolores McCabe

The focus is conversational Spanish and everyday vocabulary to create enthusiasm for the Spanish language and Spanish-speaking peoples. Dolores learned Spanish from farm workers as a child and retired after 41 years of teaching Spanish.

Alternate Wednesdays 1:00pm

Contact Dolores:
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Spanish South



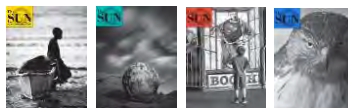
Leader: Peter Andrews

Because the original Spanish Conversation group has a waiting list, Aptos members split into a **NEW GROUP** for OLLI members in south county. No English is spoken so participants must be able to converse in Spanish, albeit with a dictionary handy! Quisiéramos otros 2-3 hispanohablantes intermedios.

Alternate Wednesdays, 3:00pm

Contact Peter: (831) 688 3545
or peterandrews2000@hotmail.com

Splendor of *The Sun*



For more than forty years *The Sun* magazine has used essays, interviews, short stories, poems, quotations, and photography to evoke the splendor and heartache of being human. In an age of media conglomerates, *The Sun* remains ad-free, independent, and reader-supported. Each issue celebrates life in a way that respects its complexity. Our challenges are presented in radically intimate and socially conscious writing.

Leader: Dale Zevin

This group will read the current issue of *The Sun* to share their responses to poetry, short stories, and essays and how their responses were shaped by their life experiences.

2nd Wednesdays 1pm at member homes

Contact Dale: (831) 818 8059
or soqueldale@gmail.com

Sustainability



Leader: Mark Folsom

This **NEW GROUP** will meet for the first time Oct 12th at 3:00 via Zoom to decide who will research and present what topics, such as climate change, food production, migration, energy saving, overfishing, or economic growth.

2nd Tuesdays, 3:00, Zoom (for now)

Contact Mark: (831) 601 3770 or
mffolsom@gmail.com

TED Talks



Leader: Constantine Lackides

This group features discussion initiated by group-selected TED talks shown in members' homes. TED topics, meeting time and frequency, and dates are determined by group members.

4th Mondays, 1:00pm

Contact Constantine:

(310) 505 6900 or cnlackides@gmail.com

Tennis Doubles



Leader: Luke Lafia (for David Brick)

Intermediate (3.0-3.5 level) players meet at University Terrace Park (aka Meder St. Park) for a friendly, spirited warm-up and match of 1½ to 2 hours. We want new participants. No partner needed.

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1:00pm

Contact David: ldl5256@gmail.com
or (626) 513 6677

Theatricks



Leader: Margot Hoffman

This group plays theatre games, studies and practices theatre methods, explores theater history, and attends performances together. Guided by group interest.

1st Sundays, 10:00-noon, Dominican Oaks

Contact Margot:

margothoffman@gmail.com or (831) 295 4144

Travel Treasures



Leaders: Joya Chatterjee & Gaby Litsky

Visit places far (globally) and near (US).

Hear about, talk about, experience travel!
Get tips or share experiences, slides, artifacts!
Join the adventure with us!

Thursdays, 1:00p, Louden Nelson

Fall 2021: October 14 – November 4
Spring 2022: April 24 – May 14

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Contact Gaby: glitsky@aol.com or (831) 462 9023

Walking



Leader: Anandi Paganini

We meet Wednesdays 9:30am at different locations to enjoy the great outdoors while getting pulses elevated a bit. The group is for people who want some exercise in beautiful settings with interesting, talkative people. We have FUN!

Contact Anandi:

(831) 252 8980 or anandipaganini@sbcglobal.net

Wine Tasting



Leader: Margie Lafia

Supports local vintners by visiting, tasting, and picnicking at their beautiful wineries. Meets monthly; dates vary.

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Leader: Pamela Roby

For members who are writing stories or historical narratives about ancestors. We not only record ancestors' stories but contextualize them with historical information. Members distribute and read 3-4 pages; other members comment on strengths and potential improvements.

1st and 3rd Wednesdays 2-3:55 pm, Pam's home (west side); limit 4 members. In addition to a waitlist, Pam is glad to help another member start a second group.

Contact Pamela:

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See OLLI website for
Interest Group information:

<https://olli.ucsc.edu/interest-groups/index.html>

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