Bruce Lyon is Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UC Santa Cruz. He has had a distinguished career investigating the social behavior of animals, with a focus on the reproductive strategies of birds. By studying bird populations in North and South America he has greatly advanced our understanding of "brood parasitism" the phenomenon in which one bird lays its eggs in the nest of another bird. He is also an excellent teacher and photographer.

Our OLLI ASB efforts were kicked off at our General Meeting on Feb 19. OLLI members arrived with armloads of clothing for the Farmworker Flea Market that will be held on March 26 in Watsonville. It took two full carloads to get it all to Mary Caravalho's house. Mary and I described to the audience the four ways OLLI members can participate in the ASB. A highlight was Mary's Diaper Bag. Farmworker families had indicated they had a special need for diapers. They are expensive, and these days, a diaper gets only one use. OLLI members filled the diaper bag. A total of over $700 was collected.

We will be accepting Diaper Fund donations and Flea Market contributions until the end of our next OLLI General meeting on March 19. OLLI folks can drop off items in the interim in the large box on the porch of Mary Caravalho's house. The address is 129 Los Altos Court, Westside Santa Cruz (95060). Diaper Fund donations can also be sent to Mary. Checks should be made out to "UC Regents" and "ASB Diaper Fund" should appear on the memo line.

Items requested for the flea market are clothing, of course, as well as small working appliances (microwaves, lamps, toasters, etc.), household items (paper towels, TP, soap, shampoo, etc) and children's books in English.

Our OLLI ASB team attended the first joint ASB meeting on Saturday February 25. What a warm welcome we received from the 25 ASB students! Ashley Perez and Melissa Rivera, the student facilitators, led us through a series of activities. Before long we

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discovered we had much in common and were easily becoming an intergenerational team. It felt superb. Among other things, we discussed the food justice and community service ideas at the heart of the ASB course. In the end we left with a feeling of shared excitement and connection.

The next day, Sunday, Feb 26, OLLI team members and ASB students came together again for a panel discussion with four inspiring leaders from the Watsonville community. We heard from Consuelo Alba, the Executive Director of the Watsonville Film Festival; Carlos Palacios, formerly City Manager of Watsonville; Leticia Mendoza, the Director of the YWCA in Watsonville; and Yethzel Diaz, a recent UCSC grad who works at the Digital Nest. Following the panel, there were lively Q&A sessions and we came away with a deeper understanding of the vibrant Watsonville community.

It’s thrilling to be working closely with these exceptional people. Melissa and Ashley are terrific leaders. They are supported by Abbey Asher, the Service Learning Coordinator and Flora Lu, Colleges Nine and Ten Provost. We are happily looking forward to the next ASB event on March 26, when we’ll meet together with our student partners at the Digital Nest in Watsonville. And, because the students wanted to know more about OLLI, we’ve invited the ASB students to attend our March 19th General Meeting, so other OLLI members can get a chance to chat with them.

Thanks to everyone for your generous contributions and support for this year’s Colleges Nine and Ten Alternative Spring Break.

Mark Gordon

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PRESIDENT’S CORNER

OLLI courses are open to OLLI members only. Consequently, it is a good reason to join OLLI after the first of June as it will enable you to sign-up for courses when the curriculum becomes available. Courses start in September or October. You must be a member to sign up online. Non-members will not be able to access the course signup page.

If you mail in your course registration check, it will be held until your OLLI membership is verified. We will inform you we are holding your check, subject to membership confirmation. If in the interim you decide not to join OLLI the check will be destroyed.

A list will be prepared for OLLI members registered for each course and attendees will be checked off the list on the first day of the course. Late registrations will be added to the check-off list. OLLI members wishing to sign-up at the door, on the day of the course, may do so, only if they can be accommodated in the classroom. The OLLI member will need to provide the registration donation (checks only). Similarly, providing they can be accommodated in the classroom, non-OLLI members wishing to sign up for a class at the door may do so. They will need to provide a donation check for class attendance and in addition, a donation check for OLLI membership.

On the first day, to expedite entry into the course, OLLI members should bring their course registration acknowledgement with them. We may at some future date send out validation tickets for class attendance.

Note: Donations for OLLI membership and class attendance are used to provide OLLI scholarships for “Transfer and Re-entry Students”.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we transition to this new, fairer approach to the courses.

Sincerely,

Dennis Morris, President

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Interest Group News

For more information about interest groups, please consult our website: olli.ucsc.edu (Click on Interest Groups in the left-hand panel) On that webpage, you can use the blue links in the table to find out more about a group or to contact a group leader. If you want to discuss participation in an interest group, please contact the leader of the group.

Membership renewals and new memberships include interest-group participation; members may participate in any number of interest groups that have room. Many groups have unlimited participation, although some events may be limited. There is no longer a separate donation asked for interest-group participation.

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 (nurkse@gmail.com)

Please contact Lois (lowidom@yahoo.com) at if you are planning to come, if you are willing to drive, and if you would like to have lunch at Kubota. Lois will send out specific directions for the participants.

On Friday, March 30 at 12:15 the group will visit the Museum of Art and History in Santa Cruz to learn about and see the new exhibit, We Who Work, Prints and Tapestries by Hung Liu. Contact Lois at lowidom@yahoo.com. Get on a mailing list for as many of these groups as you like and pick and choose events you might like to participate in as they arise. Some events have limits to the number who can participate, and for those events the leader will request an RSVP.

Groups with Room for More Participants

- Art & Architecture
- Baroque Festival
- Colleges 9 and 10
- Discovering UCSC
- Exploring Santa Cruz County
- Visiting Not For Profits
- Walking
- Wine Tasting

Use the table on the page 4 or go to website for more information.

Groups with Events

Art & Architecture
A previous effort to visit two notable locations in San Jose was cancelled due to inclement weather. The trip has been rescheduled for Friday, March 10. We will be leaving at 10 in the morning from Java Junction at Gateway Plaza on River Street. The group will first visit the San Jose Museum of Art. The exhibits have changed from the originally scheduled trip but there are several interesting exhibitions. See: http://sjmusart.org/exhibitions-on-view

The group will stay at the museum for an hour and a half and then head to San Jose’s Japantown and the Japanese American Museum. See: http://www.jamsj.org/. Lunch will be at the Kubota Restaurant very near to the Museum.

The Japanese American Museum is concerned with the Japanese internment, a timely subject today. The 75th anniversary of the Executive Order authorizing the Japanese relocation was recently commemorated.

Check out the new Community Media Group!
Leader: Mathilde Rand
831-475-2411
randomsantacruz@gmail.com
Time: TBA
Location: Santa Cruz Community Television
325 Soquel Ave, Santa Cruz
## Interest Groups

For more information, go to our home page, click on “interest groups” in the left column, or go directly to [interest-groups](#).

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Spring 2017 Courses

1711 – Shakespeare

February 28, March 7, 14, 21 10 am – 12 pm

Location: Museum of Art and History
Instructor: Michael Warren

We are fortunate to again have Prof. Michael Warren, a very knowledgeable and vastly entertaining Shakespeare scholar, presenting a course for us.

His courses for OLLI for the previous six years have been enthusiastically praised by our members.

The four lectures will be devoted to the plays of the 2017 Santa Cruz Shakespeare season: The Two Gentlemen of Verona and Measure for Measure. Two Gentlemen is one of the earliest of the Shakespeare plays, a lively comedy of male friendship, young love, and betrayal. Measure for Measure is a great play that is performed too rarely. Written around the same time as Othello, it is a comedy both deeply serious and very funny, an unromantic exploration of sexual desire, law, justice, and mercy in a tough urban setting.

We will devote the first meeting and half the second to Two Gentlemen; the remaining hours will be devoted to Measure for Measure. Members of the course should read the first four acts of Two Gentlemen for the first class.

Michael Warren is Emeritus Professor of English Literature at UCSC. He serves as Textual Consultant and dramaturge for Santa Cruz Shakespeare. He is a past president of the Shakespeare Association of America.

1712 – Expressivo

March 9, 16, 23 10 am – 12 pm

Location: Music Room, Peace United Church
Instructor: Michel Singher

OLLIs special relationship with Maestro Michel Singher and his ensemble—Expressivo—A Small Intense Orchestra—will continue this Spring. Our members have been thrilled with the three Expressivo concerts and with the three courses Maestro Singher offered to OLLI members.

In this course Michel Singher will introduce the Expressivo orchestra concert of March 30th—"An American Heritage." He will elucidate a work each by Charles Ives, Ned Rorem and Aaron Copland. In an additional talk, he will give an insider’s view of what a conductor does.

1713 – Gravity

March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20 10 am – 12 pm

Location: Museum of Art and History
Instructor: Roger Knacke

This course will explore our ideas about gravity, its role in the Universe, and the recent remarkable discoveries about Black Holes and Gravitational Waves. No background in Science is necessary.

Meetings:
- Newtonian Gravity
- Einstein’s Relativity Revolution
- Black Holes and their Role in the Universe
- The Mystery of Dark Matter
- Gravitational Waves

Dr. Roger 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 interests are in interstellar matter and planetary atmospheres.
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1714 – Mark Twain

April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10 am – 12 pm

Location: Lounge, Peace United Church
Instructor: Forrest Robinson

Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn will be read closely and critically. Prof. Robinson will give special attention to the ways in which the novels afford us a window on key issues and problems in the America of their day.

Forrest Robinson is Professor Emeritus of Distinguished Professor of Humanities Emeritus. He taught at UCSC for 44 years in literature and American Studies. He has written extensively about Twain and has offered both graduate and undergraduate courses on him and his work. His class on Melville’s Moby Dick was well received this last Fall.

1715 – 2017 World Affairs Update

February 21, March 21, 1 pm – 3 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall, Peace United Church
Instructor: Ronnie Gruhn

We are very fortunate to have Ronnie Gruhn, Professor Emerita of Politics at UCSC, as one of our teachers. She has a passionate and undiminished interest in reading, writing, and talking about world affairs. Her courses offer powerful insights into what is happening today. Ronnie has been very generous in sharing her knowledge with OLLI members, and her past courses have been exceedingly well attended.

It Can Be Done! With a Little Patience You Too Can Register Online

Last week when a prospective new member phoned me to find out how to join and register for a class I recommended using our online service. Mailed in applications go through the US Postal Service and then to UCSC’s post office before being sorted and forwarded to our office at STARS. That takes time. Joining, renewing, or signing up for a course using our online process can be far speedier. HOWEVER, before you can proceed to conduct your business with OLLI for the first time you need to register with the university from our website: olli.ucsc.edu A return email from UCSC will give you your IDENTITY CODE, permitting you to complete any transactions you care to conduct—join, renew, or sign up for classes. Last week in the span of 24 hours a new member joined and signed up for a class!

I can’t promise everybody it will be that easy because there can be short delays at the university, but online registration really is the way to go. BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR JUNK EMAIL, OR SPAM INBOX FOR THE REPLY FROM THE UNIVERSITY GIVING YOU YOUR AUTHORIZATION CODE if it doesn’t show up in your regular inbox because it lands there frequently! You may not receive a reply the same day. We aren’t like the commercial websites that provide almost instantaneous turn around service.

Myra Mahoney, Membership Chair

ESRESSIVO
An American Heritage
Thursday March 30, 2017 at 7:30pm
Peace United Church of Christ, 900 High Street, Santa Cruz, California
Charles Ives The Unanswered Question
Ned Rorem Eleven Studies for Eleven Players
Aaron Copland Appalachian Spring
www.espressivo.org
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Physical Science Building, Rm 240 UCSC | $        |
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March 3, 10, 17; 11:30 am-1:00 pm  
320 Keystone Ave., Contact Jill to register: jillasteinberg@gmail.com | $        |
|        | 1718     | *Spotlight-Theater and its Elements!* — Margot Hoffman  
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Spring Speakers

March (19th)
Bruce Lyon, Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. Topic: Reconsider the coot: the crazy reproductive antics of a common marsh denizen
See article, page 1.

April (23rd)
Lee and Lincoln Taiz. Lee is a former Research Associate and Lincoln is Professor Emeritus
Topic: Flora Unveiled: Discovery and Denial of Sex in Plants.

May (21st)
To be announced.

All of the above meetings are at the Multipurpose Room, Colleges Nine and Ten, UCSC Campus.