A Message from Karen Zaugg, Chair of the OLLI Board of Trustees

Launching the fall session is always energizing. I look forward to seeing old and new friends. The changes you encounter this term represent adjustments to keep OLLI healthy and serviceable. Keep an eye out for opportunities to provide feedback to OLLI leaders: feedback avenues are essential to ensuring that Board decisions reflect preferences and habits of the membership. Note later in this newsletter that some Board committees are seeking new members. If you think taking classes and attending special programs offer a kick, just wait until you get into the driver’s seat on some of these. It’s like the difference between watching the Reds play versus getting onto the field, taking up the bat, and hitting a few. You can make a real difference in a really great organization. Here’s to fall!

Important Fall Quarter Dates

Aug. 25, 9 a.m.: Online and phone registration begins.
Sept. 21: Fall quarter classes begin.
No classes at Adath Israel: Sept. 22, Sept. 28, Sept. 29, Oct. 5, Oct. 6

Fall Registration Procedures

BEST METHOD—ONLINE: Register yourself online (or get a friend or family member to help you!). Directions are on page 4 of the catalog and posted at https://webapps2.uc.edu/cmrs/olli. When you register yourself online, your selection and confirmation happen immediately. You will see in real time whether or not the courses you want are open. NOTE: if you select a category and see “0 classes found,” then change the “Term” from “Select” to “Fall 2015” and click “Go.” You will have to repeat this step for every category. Check out the registration tutorial here: http://www.uc.edu/ce/olli/front-page-stories/reg-online.html.

BY MAIL: You should receive your catalog several days before registration opens. You may mail your registration at any time. If we receive it before August 25, we will process it when registration opens. This is better than waiting until August 25 and phoning the office, but your registration will still be delayed because we have a limited number of computers and staff.
WORST METHOD—BY PHONE: Call the office at 513-556-9186 after registration opens on August 25, 9 a.m. Be advised that we have only one telephone line and limited staff. You can expect to end up in the voicemail system or receive a busy signal. It may take as long as 24 hours from when we take your registration to when we are able to process it. It may also take up to a day for us to return your call. Popular courses will close in the meantime.

CONFIRMATION: If you have an email address associated with your registration, you will receive an email notifying you of your class schedule immediately up registration. If a course you asked for is not there, it is almost certainly because the course is full. If you do not have an email address, you will receive a copy of your schedule in the mail. Because of limited staff and the need to focus on registration, it may take as long as two weeks before you receive it. If a course you asked for is not there, it is almost certainly because it is full.

New Pricing Structure

You should know by now from earlier communications and reading your catalog that the pricing structure for taking OLLI courses has changed. In a nutshell, quarterly membership is now $80, which permits you to take multi-week courses for $5 each, most one-time programs for free, and Extra Treats at the cost listed in the catalog. You can read the explanation and all details here: http://www.uc.edu/content/dam/uc/ce/docs/OLLI/Page%20Content/Pricing%20Letter.pdf

Three Courses Not Found in the Catalog

3204 Clean Up the Clutter UPDATED
Tuesdays, Oct. 13–Nov. 10, 9–10:20 am (ADI) $5
Moderator: Carol L. Kormelink

3418 History of Ireland, Part 1
Tuesdays, Oct. 13–Nov. 10, 1:40–3 p.m. (ADI) $5
Moderator: Philip S. Thompson

3513 James Joyce’s Ulysses, Part 1
Tuesdays, Oct. 13–Nov. 10, 3:10–4:30 pm (ADI) $5
Moderator: Philip S. Thompson

Find complete course descriptions here: http://www.uc.edu/ce/olli/course_catalog.html

Back-to-School Party

Join us for the annual OLLI Back-to-School Party on Monday, August 31, 11 a.m., at Cooper Creek Event Center, 4040 Cooper Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45241. You’ll enjoy a sandwich buffet, ice cream sundae bar, socializing with OLLI members and volunteers, and hearing all the news about the upcoming school year. Cost is $15. We cannot take any reservations after Sunday, August 23, so please call immediately if you would like to attend: 513-556-9186.

Volunteer Committee Opportunities

Nearly everything that OLLI offers is accomplished by volunteers. Two important
committees are looking for new members and can use your help.

Governance Committee monitors the effectiveness and integrity of the processes by which the leadership structure of the Board advances the interests and objectives of OLLI. Among other responsibilities, this committee oversees the nomination of Board members and its chair and vice chair, fills interim board vacancies, revises OLLI’s bylaws when necessary, and oversees nominations of individuals in the OLLI community for special recognition. This committee meets about three times per year with some other matters handled via email. If interested, please contact Nancy Herbert at nbhclifton@hotmail.com.

Marketing Committee oversees activities to encourage people to join OLLI through print and media advertising, speaking engagements, participation in senior-focused events, and distribution of course catalogs throughout the community. This committee meets about eight times per year, generally on the third Friday of the month. If interested in joining this dynamic team, contact Kathy Womer at kawomer@fuse.net.

Help Nursing Students at UCBA

Please consider spending an hour helping nursing students at UC Blue Ash College practice interacting with “real” patients. Under supervision of a faculty member, each volunteer will answer health questions posed by a group of students. Your health conditions may be real or invented. Four to eight volunteers are needed at each of two sessions (no need to attend both). There is some flexibility with times, so your session could begin as early as 1 p.m. or as late as 2:30 p.m. if that works better with your schedule.

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2–3 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 14, 2–3 p.m.
Location: UCBA, Walters 261, 263, 265
Contact: Caryl Mayo, 513-936-7146 or caryl.mayo@uc.edu

Our Friends at Sycamore Senior Center

If you attended the Summer Series, you may have noticed the new projection screen OLLI had mounted near the ceiling in the Buckeye Room to improve sight lines for the audience. This is one small way that OLLI has been able to show our appreciation to Sycamore Senior Center for permitting us to use their beautiful facility to offer programs including Summer Series, Wednesday WOWs, and some courses. We are so grateful for their generosity.

If you enjoy OLLI programs there, please consider joining Sycamore Senior Center. Cost is only $30 per year ($50 for a couple) and helps to support their mission to stand as a foundation for older adults to live their lives with independence and dignity for as long as possible in their own homes. Get more information here: http://www.sycamoreseniorkcenter.org/membership.php.

Calling All Shutterbugs!

If you take pictures in your classes or at OLLI events, how about sharing them with OLLI? We are always looking for documentation
of what is going on in the classrooms, field trips, and hallways. Some of it gets archived, but lots of it shows up on our website, Facebook page, or course catalogs. So, please, share your OLLI snaps with us by emailing photos to olli@uc.edu. Put “OLLI Photos” in the subject line, and tell us what you can about the subject of the picture. Thanks for your help.

Like OLLI on Facebook

We are counting down to reach 650 “likes” on the OLLI at University of Cincinnati Facebook page. When we get there, we’ll put all the names in a bowl and drew one to win a free quarter membership. Lots of OLLI breaking news shows up first on Facebook. And we share photographs from classes and special events, pertinent news stories, and tips for retirees. Please join our online community at https://www.facebook.com/OLLIatUniversityCincinnati.

OLLI National Resource Center’s Newsletter

Here is the link to the August edition of the OLLI National Resource Center’s newsletter:

http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs112/1102509927733/archive/1121546592925.html