



# The News

## Bringing OLLI Home to You

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### Time for Summertime!

Dear OLLI Friends,

Hard as it is to believe, it's June again as we celebrate Pride Month and Juneteenth.

**We are very grateful to our members for making the OLLI at Ringling College 2022 spring term a success.** It was wonderful that many classes returned to our Museum Campus for in-person learning even as a variety of courses and lectures continued to be offered on Zoom. Thank you!

Meanwhile, our OLLI committees are busy planning new events...

**Our first event is the afternoon [OLLI Summer Movies](#) series for June and July.** Hosted by our very own Jeff Ryder, the series is **free to members!** Save the dates for these film viewings in our auditorium.

**All showings will be at 2pm on their respective dates.**

- *Moonstruck* (June 23)
- *Chicago* (June 30)
- *North by Northwest* (July 28)

**Be sure your membership is current, as this event is only available to active OLLI members! [Pre-registration is required.](#)**



### A Note from Phyllis Brown

Hello OLLI Family,

**I am delighted to be the new Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Ringling College of Art and Design.** I look forward to getting to know as many of you as possible.

It is my vision that we will become the preeminent lifelong learning program in Sarasota and Manatee counties. We are fortunate to be the only OLLI hosted by an arts and design college. This gives us the advantage of raising our visibility in the community. We are also the only OLLI that has its home in a museum: specifically, the [Sarasota Art Museum!](#)

**I am happy to be on this journey with you, but I also need your help to take our programs to the next level.**

Volunteerism, memberships, and donations are the heart and soul of OLLI. I want to thank everyone who recently signed up to be volunteers. Please spread the word about OLLI to your family and friends. We know that most people get involved with our OLLI because



During the last weeks of the spring term, **OLLI Volunteer Committee members found that many of you are ready to volunteer.** Led by Sue Miller and Martha Hill, the committee is now revitalized by a new corps of recruits who are eager to address OLLI's many needs. **If you are interested, please call 941-309-5111 and leave your contact information!**

With Sarasota frequently listed at or near the top of the country's best places to live and retire, OLLI membership numbers can only increase. **Do us a favor and introduce a friend or a new neighbor to OLLI!**

If you have any ideas for a new course, new activities, travel, or programming that you think OLLI should consider, please send your emails to...

- **Tom Miller**, Membership Committee chair  
[suitman96@aol.com](mailto:suitman96@aol.com)
- **Jeff Ryder**, Curriculum Committee chair  
[july4writer@gmail.com](mailto:july4writer@gmail.com)

Stay cool, and stay well!

### What's that noise...?

Beginning towards the end of June, OLLI's first floor office of the Museum Campus will be impacted by the completion of renovations that started last year.

someone they know tells them about it or brings them to a class, lecture, or workshop. I also encourage you to renew your membership if it is expired, or if it is about to expire.

Finally, please consider donating to OLLI. Every donation helps us continue our efforts to deliver high-quality programs. Thank you to everyone who donated during the *Giving Challenge* and throughout the year.

**I appreciate all you do, and I look forward to meeting you!**

Best,

**Phyllis C. Brown Ed.D.**

### Remembrance of Endless Summers...

Dave shares some insights into his life. Interesting, now that life seems to quicken for many of us.



**Read Dave's essay [here](#).**

Don't forget to listen to Dave Landsperger's podcast *Two Old Bucks* on Apple, Spotify, and Google. To make Dave easy to find, click [here](#).

### Accompanied by "Ms. Hat"

Joel Howard shares their over 9000 mile road trip across America, accompanied by "Ms Hat."



The jackhammers will be back when renovations get underway. As a result, no summer classes were scheduled. The OLLI team will provide updates about the floor project and office relocation plans. Stay tuned!

Read Joel's essay for Pride Month [here](#).

*Pride Month* takes place in the United States every June to commemorate the Stonewall riots, which occurred in June of 1969. **Pride is celebrated to recognize the impact that LGBTQ+ people have had and continue to have on the world.**



## Ever thought about becoming an instructor? Here's your chance!

As you know, our OLLI depends on you... so we invite you to consider the valuable contribution you can make outside of your role as a student.

We encourage you to share your interests, passions, and knowledge with other OLLI students by teaching a course for us! The possibilities are endless.

**Course proposals for the 2023 winter semester of OLLI can be submitted [here](#).**

**Submissions are due August 22, 2022.**

Have questions regarding the format and topic? Please contact Jeff Ryder, chair of the Curriculum Committee, by email at [july4writer@gmail.com](mailto:july4writer@gmail.com) or by calling the OLLI Office at 941-309-5111.

## Join the Tech Team!

**An OLLI Tech Team has been created!** This group will assist in training our instructors on using classroom equipment. They will also come to the aid of an instructor if they experience technical difficulties during their class.

**Here's the best part: No prior knowledge is needed. In a two-hour session, we'll teach you all you have to know to be a hero!**

If you have a little time and a big desire to help the OLLI community, call Alan Freedman at 845-323-0555, or email him at [alanfreedman1@gmail.com](mailto:alanfreedman1@gmail.com) for more info.





## In Memoriam Paul Chassy

It is with sadness we announce the passing of [Paul Chassy](#) on May 22nd.

### **OLLI Membership Committee:**

Tom Miller (Chair) and the newsletter staff: Marion Richter, Dave Landsperger, Gary Reinmuth; Members: Anne Perry Moore, Jan Parker, Jay Richter, Vicki Eckl, Millie Finkel, and Meghan Burrows (OLLI staff).

**Stay connected with our updates and share yours. Email: [mburrows@ringling.edu](mailto:mburrows@ringling.edu)**

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## **Make the Most of Your Giving**

Do you know if your former company matches philanthropic giving?

Class registration and membership only cover a portion of what it takes to deliver quality programming at OLLI. That's why we depend on your gifts each year to help us continue the tradition of providing a wide array of class offerings, special events, and the supporting technology. Many companies sponsor matching gift programs and will match charitable contributions made by their employees or retirees. You can double or triple the amount of your gift to make the most impact on OLLI programming.

**Visit [here](#) and enter your employer's name to find out if your company has a matching gift program.**

Have questions? Feel free to call the [Office for Advancement](#) at 941-309-4733.



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