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# THE NEWS

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# **OLLI motto: *Stay Curious. Stay Connected.***

Exciting happenings continue at OLLI at Ringling College as we close out the spring term. Highlights include our successful Membership Appreciation Bash, new course offerings, our monthly Trivia Tuesdays, the return to in-person meetings of the popular Shared Interest Group on Current Events after four years on Zoom, and an increase in volunteers, led by **Renee Simon**, the OLLI Volunteer Coordinator.

## **Think Summer at OLLI!**

The 2023 summer term was a roaring success, and you asked for more. Whether you're here for all or part of summer, there are more opportunities for you to enjoy learning for the joy of learning. The term runs from May 13 to July 2 and includes more than 40 single-session courses. Registration begins on April 23 at 8am (there is no midnight registration for summer).

Summer is also a great time to immerse yourself in art, literature, classic films, current events, history, and technology. Classes do not require an OLLI membership. Some tours do require a Gold or Silver membership.

If you are the adventurous type, we have two unique opportunities: a trip to the Myakka Elephant Ranch and a MISS Shark Adventure. Minorities in Shark Science or MISS are the fabulous marine scientists who led an inspired discussion at the "Listening to Women" session in February.

Back by popular demand are two local favorites, the Newtown Alive Tour and the Architecture Tour. Both tours will give you different perspectives of Sarasota. Or consider taking a tour of the Marietta Museum of Art & Whimsy with its owner. The Creative Liberties workshop is designed to feed your artistic creativity.

Finally, OLLI is offering two excursions to wonderful museums in St. Petersburg: The Imagine Museum and the Duncan McClellan Gallery. All you have to do is sit back, relax, and visit with your OLLI friends. Register for one or both tours.

We can't wait to see you this summer, or whenever you return to the Ringling College Museum Campus!

Yours in lifelong learning,

*The OLLI Newsletter Team*



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## Ask an OLLI Volunteer

Why should you become an OLLI volunteer? We asked current volunteers to complete this sentence: "I am an OLLI volunteer because..."

"You meet fascinating people!" **Lois Altman**

"I meet Members who become friends!" **Jack Sukin**

"I want to contribute to the community. I consider that as a duty in retirement to pay back and enrich my life." **Jose Garnham**

"I get the opportunity to "spread the word" about an integral and rewarding organization right here in our Sarasota community." **Angela Carruba**

This is a small sample of reasons to be an OLLI volunteer. Find yours when you apply [here](#).



## Jobs Well Done

Longtime OLLI Advisory Council members **Holly Freedman** and **Louise Gallagher** are stepping down. Holly, who was co-chair of the Council, will continue to lead the highly successful Listening to Women series. Louise has been an instructor and a dedicated proponent of lifelong learning since we were the Lifelong Learning Academy at the University of South Florida-Sarasota.



We appreciate Holly and Louise for their tireless service and commitment to helping OLLI grow.

Thank you!



## Task Force Kudos!

Thanks to the New Instructor Task Force, led by **Tobie van der Vorm**, who reached out to the OLLI community and followed many leads to find instructors. There is so much intellectual talent here in Sarasota.

If you or someone you know would like to explore teaching at OLLI, contact Tobie at [tobievdv@gmail.com](mailto:tobievdv@gmail.com)



## Enjoy the company of your fellow students!

New OLLI members become part of a vibrant and dynamic community of lifelong learners who enjoy learning for the joy of learning as well as the social interactions.

Members of the Spring Writers' Workshop class at lunch in the Bistro. **Don't forget to enjoy your 10% OLLI Member discount!**

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## Featured Article



### Spotlight on Instructor: Roxanne Baker

By Anne Perry Moore

Anne Perry Moore interviewed **Roxanne Baker**, who joined OLLI as an instructor this past year. Roxanne has received rave reviews for both her research and her preparation.

Blending her teaching experience with her passion for film, Roxanne will be leading a week-long film series this summer titled "Marriage the Good the Bad and the..."

[Read the Interview](#)

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## Become a Member

When you become an OLLI Member, you become part of a vibrant and dynamic community of lifelong learners who enjoy learning for the joy of learning!

Gold and Silver Members have the ability to take to multi-session courses.

In addition, Gold Members get a 10% discount on tuition and the Bistro, early registration, and three FREE lectures a year.

[Learn More](#)

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## Help Support Your OLLI

Donations help keep membership and course fees lower. And they help your local OLLI sustainably grow and expand learning opportunities for you and future generations.

Each contribution is an investment in yourself, your friends, and the future of lifelong learning in Sarasota and Manatee counties. Consider giving a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your annual Required Minimum Distribution.

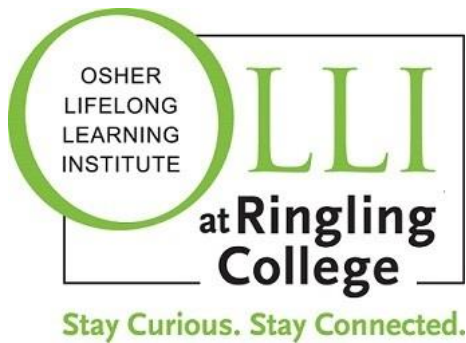
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### OLLI Membership Committee:

Tom Miller (Chair) and the newsletter staff: Marion Richter (editor), Dave Landsperger, Gary Reinmuth, Anne Perry Moore, Lois Altman, Millie Finkel, and Meghan Burrows (OLLI staff).

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