



OLLI NEWS



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UCONN WATERBURY HOSTS ACTRESS MARY BETH PEIL AND READINGS OF CREATIVE WORKS BY FACULTY AND STUDENTS TO FIGHT HUNGER

"In fact, Mary Beth Peil may just be one of the great underrated actresses of our time." - John Olson, Chicago Reviewer

The University of Connecticut's Waterbury Campus has announced its Second Annual Creative Sustenance Program, which will take place on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the campus's Multipurpose Room. The event will consist of poetry and dramatic readings by writers from the UConn Waterbury campus including faculty members Thomas Dulack, Frank Thomas, and Dave Carillo. Work by a UConn Waterbury student, Jason Stephens, will be also featured.

The Program is intended to raise awareness of hunger and poverty in the area. Though nobody will be turned away, attendees are asked to bring canned and non-perishable food items, which will be donated to Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries, Inc., a non-profit providing 225 meals daily to Waterbury's neediest residents Sunday through Friday each week. Monetary donations will be accepted as well. Checks payable to: Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries, Inc. The notable good work of this organization will be fittingly honored by the creative works emanating from UConn Waterbury.

The primary focus of the evening is to encourage community outreach and raise awareness about hunger in our community. We will be celebrating and showcasing creative talents on our campus--writers, poets, and playwrights. Additionally, Creative Sustenance will be headlined by Tony award nominee Mary Beth Peil, Broadway actress (Sunday in the Park with George, Nine, and The King and I) and television star (Dawson's Creek). Planned activities consist of poetry and dramatic readings by writers from the UConn Waterbury campus, including faculty members Thomas Dulack, Frank Thomas, and Dave Carillo.

"Selected Dialogues from A Work in Progress," by Jason Stephens will be read at Creative Sustenance. Jason is a UConn Waterbury student and Winner of last year's English Department Achievement Award. His play deals with a group of funny and oddly touching college students who live in the same house. It is their last night together before they all go their different ways into the adult world. It is an interesting, often comical, always authentic sounding look at their attitudes about love, sex, drugs, alcohol, and, of all things, literature. Parental Guidance is suggested.

Tom Dulack, is the author of five books, and a prize winning Broadway playwright whose plays have been produced all over the country as well as in Europe, Australia and the Middle East. A professor in the English Department, he has been the script writer and director of the Young People's Concerts Series at the New York Philharmonic for the past four years, and has written the libretto of a one act opera which will have its world premiere in New York next season.

Dave Carillo teaches English at the University of Connecticut, Waterbury. He is currently working on his manuscript for his Masters of Fine Arts in Creative Nonfiction from the University of Pittsburgh. He has poems forthcoming in the journal Nanomajority.

Frank Thomas, Ph. D., is Adjunct Professor of English at the University of Connecticut, Waterbury. He has been writing poetry, fiction, and articles for journals for nearly 50 years.

Please SAVE THE DATE and
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tuesday, April 28, 2009, 7:00 - 8:30PM

Location: UConn, Waterbury Campus, Multipurpose Room

Price of admission: **One canned good.**

Sponsors: Freshman English Program and the Writing Center, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), and the Creative Writing Program Please reserve your seat (invite friends to join you!) by calling 203-236-9924

Class ROOM Change

WHAT BRANCH ARE YOU FROM?
Polly Gunther's **Genealogy class**
will be held in room #317 on April 24!



Lost & Found WE STILL HAVE A

Woman's olive green light quilted coat and owl pin left in multipurpose room after the first OLLI Café.
Contact Rita.

OLLI ROUNDTABLE

Reflecting on the First 100 Days of the Obama Presidency and the 111th Congress

The OLLI Roundtable is a periodic forum for the discussion of current domestic and global events and topics impacting our world, our nation, our state, and our local communities. Usually presented in moderated panel format, guest speakers will debate issues in a way that is expected to be interesting and thought provoking. Attendees will often be provided with an opportunity to submit questions prior to the event.

UConn Waterbury, Multipurpose Room
Monday, Monday, May 11, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Reception following the event

AARP Driver Safety Program Comes to OLLI!

Ralph Muschett, AARP Instructor

OLLI at UConn is pleased to announce a new partnership with the AARP which begins in June 2009! Depending on your age, you may be eligible for an auto insurance discount-please call your insurance agent or insurance company for details. This eight-hour classroom refresher course was developed by the American Association of Retired Persons to help drivers 50 years of age and older improve their skills, prevent traffic accidents, and potentially receive insurance discounts. Registration is required. The cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-AARP Members. Checks should be made payable to AARP (not OLLI) and will be collected by the instructor. Please bring Connecticut Driver's License, AARP membership number (if you are a member), and a pen. Please encourage a friend to register.

You do not need to be an OLLI or AARP member to register.

Registration is required by calling 203-236-9924 or email rita.quinn@uconn.edu
The classes are on Tuesdays, June 23 and June 30 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in #113

From Nancy Via

Guidelines of our OLLI organization have been revised and we need our membership to vote on their acceptance. Please stop by Rita Quinn's office to read the Guidelines and remember to cast your voice vote at our May 8th OLLI Cafe program.

Extra volunteers are needed to help at our Monday evening, May 11th, OLLI Roundtable: Reflecting on the first 100 Days of the Obama Presidency. We are in need of ushers, ticket takers, and hospitality volunteers to help at this event which is expected to attract about 200 attendees. Please contact Nancy Via, nvia@sbcglobal.net, Brian Chapman, brian.chapman@uconn.edu or rita.quinn@uconn.edu if you can lend a helping hand.

Important dates to remember: Friday, May 8th...."Getting to Know You" program at the OLLI Cafe and Friday, May 15th "OLLI Appreciation Event" at the OLLI Cafe. Both programs are in the Multipurpose room, from 11:30 to 1:00. See you there.

Our Hospitality Committee has a particular need for ushers (ticket takers) and refreshment assistants for our May 11, 2009 OLLI Roundtable and other events. We also need someone who can help with Hospitality Committee scheduling. Call Dr. Brian Chapman at 203-236-9881 or email: osher@uconn.edu

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

On Friday, May 8th OLLI Café will have a FUN event which will take the place of an OLLI Café speaker. REMEMBER to wear your name tags! See you then!

- Make new friends/Keep the old
- Join the OLLI family and have fun
- There will be prizes

OLLI BOOKS!!!

OLLI presenters provide suggested books for their classes. These books are made available for purchase through our University Co-op Bookstore. The Co-op provides many perks to OLLI Members and we are pleased to have this partnership. Please patronize the Co-op Bookstore whenever you can do so! Books, as you know can often be obtained through public libraries and the interlibrary loan system at those libraries.

Have You Seen a UFO Lately?

Recently in the news was the sighting of a UFO by many people all up and down the coast. Immediately some individuals were sure that we were visited by little green aliens who were intent on observing us for nefarious reasons. Most of us took the news in comparative apathy to 'impending doom.' The government assured us that it was an explainable event and most accepted the explanation. Some, however, were not convinced-and probably never will be. So let us try to point out the vastness of space and the improbability of travel through the void-even at Star Trek warp speeds! To begin to appreciate the scale of the solar system, imagine flying in a modern passenger jet at roughly 550 mph. To cross the continental United States, it takes approximately five hours. To reach the moon would take 18 days. To reach the sun, it would take 20 years; to reach Jupiter, about 82 years; and about 750 years to reach Pluto-the edge of our solar system! How long to reach the nearest star-Alpha Centauri-which is about 4.3 light years, or 25 trillion miles away? The answer is about 5 million years! Cosmologically, that's just a walk next door. Granted, space ships travel faster than jets but the distances don't change and even near the speed of light, it will still take a looong time. Which does not mean that there is not life out there but the probability of their visiting for the weekend is not very great. Bob Grady from notes about Big History, The Teaching Company

National Dance Week

April 24 - May 3, 2009 is National Dance Week. OLLI presenter Donna Bonasera is the state Director serving the national committee for National Dance Week. National Dance week mission is held to promote dance and its many health benefits, social values and great entertainment

For OLLI members- During the Week of April 24 - May 3 members can come to Connecticut Dance Theatre to take a free dance class. On Saturday April 25 from 1:00-4:00 PM is a spring fling craft vendor fair featuring vendors from Lia Sophia jewelry, Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef, handmade purses, sterling jewelry and more.

Saturday evening is a social dance free to OLLI members, Titled "Blue Jean Ball"
For more information call CDT studio 860-274-0004



OLLI Café Events

A venue for the exchange of ideas and experiences focusing on improving the quality of life. The goal of OLLI Café is to have presentations and activities with themes such as Health and Wellness, Arts and Culture, and Current Events.

Bring your lunch and we will provide the coffee and fruit. OLLI Café presentations are open to all OLLI members. **These are not courses. Pre-registration is not required.** The weekly event features a guest speaker followed by a short Q&A session.

Future Café Events

- May 1: Wine and Food Pairings– What food to Serve With the Wine You Like
- May 8: "Getting to Know You"
- May 15: OLLI Appreciation Event

April 24 The World of Rare Books

Experience the world of rare and collectible books and manuscripts, a fascinating field touching upon every aspect of human culture. Topics will include medieval manuscripts, history of printing, first editions, book illustration, judging a book by its cover, dust jackets, and what makes a book valuable. Images of various books and manuscripts, including a 13th century Vulgate Bible, the first edition of *Tom Sawyer* and dust jackets from the *Hardy Boys* series, will augment the talk.

Returning OLLI Café presenter, **Michael Dooling**, has been a collector and dealer of rare books and manuscripts for over 30 years. His interest was sparked when he discovered a 19th century seaman's journal in his family home. His areas of interest are local history, science, travel and exploration, fine bindings and original handwritten diaries and manuscripts. He is the librarian at, and writes for, the Republican-American.

OLLI Leadership Council

Council Members

OLLI officers are part of the Leadership Council, which is the principal representative body of the OLLI membership.

Council Officers

- President - Nancy Via
- 1st Vice President - Richard Kupstis
- 2nd Vice President - Connie Tripodi
- Secretary - Mary Lou Reignier
- Assistant Secretary - Robert Grady



Smiles from Bob

From Robert
Blake



1. Always remember that you're unique just like everyone else.
2. A will is a dead give away.
3. Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.
4. To write with a broken pencil is pointless.
5. Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.
6. If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
7. A bicycle can't stand alone; it's two tired.
8. When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye
9. He had a photographic memory. which was never developed.
10. With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.
11. Some days you're the bug; some days you're the windshield.
12. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
13. If you think nobody cares if you're alive try not paying your taxes.
14. If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.
15. There are 2 theories about arguing with women. Neither works.

keep your computer personal information safe

Here are just a few friendly tips to keep your savings and personal financial information safe.

- a.. Don't click pop-ups and don't download files from websites you don't trust.
- b.. Only do business with companies you know are reputable.
- c.. When making online transactions, be sure web addresses begin with https (not http) and look for a key or padlock icon in your browser window.
- d.. Don't surf to other sites while you are visiting a secure site; finish your business, log out and close your browser before moving on.
- e.. Don't click links or open attachments in suspicious emails.
- f.. Never send personal or sensitive information by email.
- g.. Choose passwords that are difficult to guess and change them on a regular basis.
- h.. Don't use the same passwords for other websites that you use for secure sites.
- i.. Back up your important computer files at least once a month.

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

Please provide us with your suggestions, submissions and comments Praises and/or critique

What do you want to read in the Newsletter ?
Contact or send your ideas to:

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PARKING—Scovill Street Parking Garage

Remember - the UConn parking garage is sometimes full on Friday, depending on other UConn classes/programs held that day. Please be prepared to use alternative parking on OLLI Fridays!

OLLI members are offered free parking in the Scovill Street Parking Garage in the event the UConn garage is full. PLEASE remember this is for OLLI classes and events during the week ONLY. This privilege is NOT for any other times of the week or for community events held on the weekend!

During OLLI weekday events, show your UConn/OLLI parking pass as you exit the garage!

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The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Connecticut is an academic cooperative that provides older adults with opportunities for intellectual development, cultural stimulation, and social interaction. Our programs are centered around classes developed and taught by members who volunteer their time and talents to share their knowledge, life passions, and interest with other members. The OLLI program also sponsors special events featuring noted authors, scholars, and experts in respected professional fields.