



OLLI NEWS



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OLLI Appreciation Event - May 15, 2009

OLLI Café May 15, 2009 is the OLLI Appreciation Event to honor OLLI presenters. Please come and support the dedication and volunteerism of our presenters!

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of Waterbury UCONN would like to extend it's appreciation to the following presenters of the Spring 2009 Semester for all their hard work and time offered. You have made our OLLI a huge success. Thank you.

Penny O'Connell -----	American History: After the Revolution 1781-1800 & The Odyssey by Homer
Virginia Bush -----	American Artists: Ex-Patriots & Immigrants
Donna Bonasera -----	Dance for the Love of It!
Richard Kupstis -----	"Exquisite Corpses" - Are You Surreal?
Victor Schiavi -----	Demystifying Personal Computers - Basic Intro
Kathy Woods -----	The Basics of Microsoft Word & Excel
Connie Tripodi -----	Conversational Italian II for Travel
Jane Sirignano -----	Food to Live For
William Courtland ----	Observing the Human Body, its' Thoughts & Emotions, for an Understanding of Health & Illness in Traditional Chinese Medicine
Bob Grady -----	Poetry, I, Too, Dislike It, But...
Jim Farnham -----	In Search of Herman Melville
Dorothy Sterpka -----	Writing as a Transformative Art
Jack Lander -----	Writing the Novel You've Always Dreamed of Writing
Rosalie Griffin -----	The Persuasive Power of Statistics
Polly Gunther -----	What Branch Are You From?
Bob Blake -----	Living Funnier, Part 2
Leslie Lebl -----	Radical Islam in Europe
Paul Ramunni -----	How to Survive the Financial Crisis
Sherry Shoblom -----	Musica Scolara
Julie Cook -----	Inside Great Music - Music Appreciation with a Difference
Stephen P. McGrath -----	Lincoln: the Man and the Myth
Tom Grimshaw -----	Islam, Friend or Foe? Religion of Compassion or Hatred? Peace or Violence?
Diego Cardenas -----	Hollywood vs Hispanic Cinema
Jeremy Joyell -----	A Lifetime Ago, Before the Death of Childhood
Carol Rizzolo -----	Mythological Studies: An Exploration of Cultural Mythologies as Expressed in the Visual Arts
Judy Jaworski -----	Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain
Edward Cormier -----	The Laws of Success
Sandi Noel -----	Memories, memories... Let Your Life Speak!
Shelley Roseman -----	Connect to the World - Library at your Fingertips Workshop
Janet Swift -----	Connect to the World - Library at your Fingertips Workshop
Sheila Lafferty -----	Connect to the World - Library at your Fingertips Workshop

And thank you to the many other hard workers who have also contributed to our success.

From Nancy Via President of OLLI Leadership Council

Today, at OLLI Cafe, we are acknowledging our presenters and UConn folks who have helped to make our Spring session the success that it is. Please join me in thanking these wonderful people for their hard work, excellent classes and devotion to our OLLI program.

We are saying goodbye for a short time to those OLLI members who are concluding their classes today...and hello to OLLI students registered for our brand new Summer roster of classes. As always, we thank you all for helping to make our OLLI days so special and successful and we wish you a safe, happy and wonderful summer respite.

**Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the
Getting to Know You Event and the OLLI Roundtable**

Credit Card Scams ... Don't give information over the phone

The caller says he's from 'VISA', or 'Master Card'.. The scam works like this: Caller: 'This is (name), and I'm calling from the Security and Fraud Department at VISA. My Badge number is 12460. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and I'm calling to verify. This would be on your VISA card which was issued by (name of bank). Did you purchase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for \$497.99 from a Marketing company based in'

When you say 'No', the caller continues with, 'Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching and the charges range from \$297 to \$497, just under the \$500 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to (gives you your address), is that correct?'

You say 'yes'. The caller continues - 'I will be starting a Fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 1-800 number listed on the back of your card (1-800 -VISA) and ask for Security.'

You will need to refer to this Control Number. The caller then gives you a 6 digit number. 'Do you need me to read it again?'

Here's the IMPORTANT part on how the scam works. The caller then says, 'I need to verify you are in possession of your card'. He'll ask you to 'turn your card over and look for some numbers'. There are 7 numbers; the first 4 are part of your card number, the next 3 are the security Numbers that verify you are the possessor of the card. These are the numbers you sometimes use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. The caller will ask you to read the 3 numbers to him. After you tell the caller the 3 numbers, he'll say, 'That is correct, I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions?' After you say No, the caller then thanks you and states, 'Don't hesitate to call back if you do, and hangs up.

You actually say very little, and they never ask for or tell you the Card number.. But after we were called on Wednesday, we called back within 20 minutes to ask a question.. Are we glad we did! The REAL VISA Security Department told us it was a scam and in the last 15 minutes a new purchase of \$497.99 was charged to our card.

Long story - short - we made a real fraud report and closed the VISA account. VISA is reissuing us a new number. What the scammers want is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of the card. Don't give it to them. Instead, tell them you'll call VISA or Master card directly for verification of their conversation. The real VISA told us that they will never ask for anything on the card as they already know the information since they issued the card! If you give the scammers your 3 Digit PIN Number, you think you're receiving a credit. However, by the time you get your statement you'll see charges for purchases you didn't make, and by then it's almost too late and/or more difficult to actually file a fraud report.

What makes this more remarkable is that on Thursday, I got a call from a 'Jason Richardson of Master Card' with a word-for-word repeat of the VISA scam. This time I didn't let him finish. I hung up! We filed a police report, as instructed by VISA.

The police said they are taking several of these reports daily! They also urged us to tell everybody we know that this scam is happening.

From Bob Grady

A man feared his wife wasn't hearing as well as she used to and he thought she might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family Doctor to discuss the problem.

The Doctor told him there is a simple informal test the husband could perform to give the Doctor a better idea about her hearing loss.

Here's what you do," said the Doctor, "stand about 40 feet away from her, and in a normal conversational speaking tone see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response."

That evening, the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he was in the den. He says to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens." Then in a normal tone he asks, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

No response.

So, he walks up to the kitchen door, about 10 feet away. "Honey, what's for dinner?" Again there is no response.

So he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for dinner
(I just love this)

"Ralph, for the FIFTH time, CHICKEN!"

OLLI Doesn't Take the Summer Off
 Summer Events at OLLI Announced

June 1, 2009 1:30 PM--Author Talk

Don't Bite Your Tongue: How to Foster Rewarding Relationships With Your Adult Children by Author Ruth Nemzoff
 Monday, June 1, 2009

Multipurpose Room, UConn Waterbury
 Light refreshments will be served.

June 2, 2009—OLLI Summer Classes Begin-Registration still being accepted Please call 203-236-9924

June 23 and June 30, 2009—AARP Driver Safety Program Comes to OLLI!

Check with your insurance company about discounts for attending this course. Please call 203-236-9924

July 14, 2009--2:00 PM

Thomas Hollowell -- **Allah's Garden**

Multipurpose Room, UConn Waterbury
 A cataclysmic plight and true account of a life torn by a forgotten war deep in the Sahara Desert of Morocco. The tale focuses on one of the longest-held POWs in world history, taking readers deep into the Sahara sands-a land venerated by Muslims as Allah's Garden-to unveil its most shrouded secrets.

August

Second Annual OLLI Open House, Date to be announced

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

LAST CALL FOR SUMMER SESSION REGISTRATION!!!

If you have not signed up for a class during the June OLLI summer session - or are still considering it - you can register for summer courses by calling Rita Quinn or via email rita.quinn@uconn.edu

Review— OLLI ROUNDTABLE EVENT!

Nancy Via, President of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Waterbury UConn, welcomed the audience of approximately 200 on Monday, May 11, to the multi-purpose room at UCONN at Waterbury to participate in a discussion concerning the first 100 days of the Obama administration.

Opening remarks about OLLI's sponsorship were made by Dr. Brian Chapman, Director of Outreach and OLLI. The moderator, Pat Sheehan, long-time UConn supporter and former TV news anchor, was introduced by the Director of University of Connecticut, Waterbury, Dr. William Pizzuto.

Mr. Sheehan then presented the distinguished panel, consisting of Bill Curry, former Democratic nominee for Governor, Nancy Johnson, former Republican congresswoman, Yvonne Davis, adjunct Professor at the University of Hartford, Dan Haar, business editor and columnist for the Hartford Courant, and Jonathan Kellog, executive editor of the Waterbury Republican and The Sunday Republican, with a wide range of questions about President Obama's handling of the economy, the wars, the budget and health care in his first 100 days which led to some lively exchanges. However, the discussions were interesting and consensus seems to be that the President has a lot on his plate, is doing well so far, but it is too soon to judge the long term effect. The audience was able to participate with questions at the end. Refreshments were then served by OLLI's Hospitality Committee and additional OLLI volunteer members.

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



Once upon a time a guy asked a girl, "Will you marry me?"
She said no, and he lived happily ever after!
(Feel free to reverse the sexes)

5000BC Here eat root Zog!
1500AD Don't eat that root. It's pagan. Pray.
1875AD Superstitious nonsense! Drink this.
1930AD Chief Blue Moon's Elixir. Bah! Take this pill.
1975AD That pill is trash. Take this antibiotic.
2009AD Here eat this root. It's Chinese medicine.

Are you a lawyer? Yes he says.
How much do you charge?
\$100 for 4 questions.
Isn't that awfully expensive?
Yes. What's your 4th question?

Biden's law states a closed mouth gathers no feet.

The law of probability states the probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act!

GREAT TRUTHS

Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
Wrinkles don't hurt.
Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

My mind works like lightning
One brilliant flash and then it's gone!

NEVER, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.

Jokes puns cartoons try any and all of the kind, particularly since most of us doubt that we'll be back for a second go round in life
Laugh it's good for you!

BOOK TALKS

Author Talk: Don't Bite Your Tongue, with Dr. Ruth Nemzoff Monday, June 1, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Multipurpose Room

OLLI Newsletters go internet

Thanks to the UCONN webmaster, Yi Zhang, this session's newsletters are available on our web page at www.waterbury.uconn.edu/osher

Then click on the left-hand index that says "Newsletters". they are available in PDF format, if you don't have the free reader, you can get it at www.adobe.com and click on the box that says "READER".

This Day in History

May 15th

May 15, 1942 Legislation creating the Women's Army Corps becomes law A bill establishing a women's corps in the U.S. Army becomes law, creating the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAACs) and granting women official military status.

May 15, 1964 The Smothers Brothers debut

Singers and comedians Tom and Dick Smothers make their debut at Carnegie Hall on this day in 1964. The brothers' unique combination of folk music and satiric observations had made them a hit even before they launched their TV show in 1967.

May 15, 1973 Nolan Ryan pitches first no-hitter On May 15, 1973, California Angel Nolan Ryan strikes out 12 Kansas City Royals and walks three to pitch the first no-hitter of his career. The game was played under protest, as Royals Manager Jack McKeon complained that Ryan wasn't maintaining contact with the pitching rubber while throwing.

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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.

We're on the web! www.waterbury.uconn.edu/osher