



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.

## **WATERBURY CHORALE**

### **Christmas at the Palace 2009**

The Waterbury Chorale and musical director Joseph Jacovino, Jr. are pleased to announce that this year's annual presentation of Christmas at the Palace will include the classical American artists:

Daniel and Heather Narducci.

Mr. and Mrs. Narducci are multifaceted artists whose talents have been captured through live stage presentations, recordings, documentaries, and television.

The Waterbury Chorale's talented singers, combined with the power of the Waterbury Chorale Festival Orchestra the Narduccis' nationally recognized singing talent promises to be a winning combination this December.

Come join us here at the Palace on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 8:00 PM, where you will hear the Waterbury Chorale present a performance spectacular you will never forget

**TICKETS: \$40 and \$25**

Phone the Palace Box Office:

**203 346-3000**

Or go online at:

**[www.palacetheaterct.org](http://www.palacetheaterct.org)**

## **THE SOCIETY FOR FINANCIAL AWARENESS**

### **Session II**

"Bears make money. Bulls make money. Pigs get slaughtered" was the mantra James Coleman used to talk about greed, one of the financial blunders many people make. He pointed the necessity for having a financial goal and a strategic plan to reach that goal. Along with greed, Mr. Coleman stressed the fact that all too often, people procrastinate, thinking things are going to change. It is never too late to make a plan.

The last session is November 4, Room 113 at 5:30 PM

## **OLLI NEEDS YOU—HELP US DOCUMENT LIFELONG LEARNING HISTORY!**

**Tuesday, October 27, 4 PM in the MPR**

If you are an OLLI member at the University of Connecticut you are part of the first and only OLLI in Connecticut (there are 122 Institutes around the USA). UConn OLLI is beginning to compile a first-ever database on its members to chronicle our history and we need you! Dr. Laura Donorfio is requiring each of the degree-seeking students in her Adulthood and Aging class to interview at least one OLLI member.

We want to create a database for historical and marketing purposes highlighting our members: Why you joined OLLI, What you hoped to get out of it, What you are getting out of it, What you love about Lifelong Learning, Where your educational and professional career has taken you.

This is an opportunity for you to "tell your story" as it relates to lifelong learning and have it documented. The interview will take no longer than 30 minutes and is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27th between 4:00 - 6:00 PM in the Multipurpose Room at the UConn Waterbury Campus.

Light refreshments will be served. We need at least 50 OLLI members to start to create this wonderful piece of UConn and OLLI history!

**Please sign up directly or obtain more information by contacting Dr. Brian Chapman at 203-236-9881 or by emailing [Osher@uconn.edu](mailto:Osher@uconn.edu)**

### **Presenter Proposals**

If you or someone you know is qualified to present an OLLI Course, we'd love to have the contact information. Deadline for course proposals for Spring/Summer 2010 sessions is November 27th!

Let's make 2010 sessions the best ever!!!

Contact Rita Quinn 203-236-9924

If you really want to do some thing, you will find a way.

If you don't, you will find an excuse.

-Anonymous

### **LOST & FOUND:**

A tan hooded woman's jacket left at the Palace (William Mann event)

## NVP's 25th Annual Convention

Saturday, November 7, 11:00 AM.

at the Mattatuck Museum 144 West Main St., Waterbury

The Naugatuck Valley Project was founded in 1983 by churches, unions and citizens' groups concerned about the rapid exodus of manufacturing jobs from the region during the early and mid 1980s.

11:00- Convention Program

12:30- Catered Buffet Lunch

1:30- Ribbon Cutting and Viewing of NVP History Project Exhibit

Cost: \$25 per person; \$15 children 9 to 13;  
children 8 and under free

Naugatuck Valley Project call: 203-574-2410

or email: nvp@conversent.net

## OLLI AT UCONN OFFERS 2 sessions of THE AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE

**November 10 & 17, 2009, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Room #113**  
**January 6 & 13, 2010, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Room #113**

On today's challenging roadways, we need to be able to adapt quickly to the demands imposed by changing traffic patterns, trucks, and the changes in our bodies as we age. The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest classroom driver safety course designed especially for drivers age 50 and older.

Participants learn how to operate their vehicles more safely in today's challenging driving environment and also receive the "rules of the road," with an emphasis on safety strategies. There are no on-the-road or written tests.

Upon completion, participants will receive a Certificate which they can submit to their insurance companies for an insurance discount. State law mandates that all insurance companies must provide a discount of at least 5% off liability insurance for at least two years for those 60 and older. Check with your insurance company to verify the discount. Registration and Cost \$12 AARP Member (you must bring your membership number to the first class) \$14 Non-AARP-member

**Please call 203-236-9924 to register today!**  
**Fees are payable on the first day of class in the classroom**  
**UConn Waterbury campus, Room 113**

**This event is open to the public—invite your friends!**

### INTERESTING GEOGRAPHICAL FACTS

More than half the coastline of the United States is in Alaska.

The Amazon rainforest produces more than 20% of the world's oxygen supply.

Brazil got its name from the nut-not the other way around.

### Forgetfulness

The name of the author is the first to go  
Followed obediently by the title, the plot,  
The heartbreaking conclusion, the entire novel  
Which suddenly becomes one you have never read, never  
even heard of,

As if, one by one, the memories you used to harbor  
Decided to retire to the southern hemisphere of the brain,  
To a little fishing village where there are no phones.

Long ago you kissed the names of the nine Muses good-bye  
And watched the quadratic equation pack its bag,  
And even now as you memorize the order of the planets,  
something else is slipping away, a state flower perhaps,  
the address of an uncle, the capital of Paraguay.

Whatever it is you are struggling to remember  
it is not poised on the tip of your tongue,  
Not even lurking in some obscure corner if your spleen.

It has floated away down a dark mythological river  
Whose name begins with an *L* as far as you can recall,  
well on your own way to oblivion where you will join those  
who have even forgotten how to swim and how to ride a  
bicycle.

No wonder you rise in the middle of the night  
to look up the date of a famous battle in a book on war.  
No wonder the moon in the window seems to have drifted  
Out of a love poem that you used to know by heart.

### Billy Collins

This is a poem from [Sailing Alone Around the Room](#), a book of poems by the former Poet Laureate of the United States, Billy Collins. Sound familiar?

Although covered by ice, Antarctica is the driest place on the planet, with an absolute humidity lower than the Gobi Desert.

Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined. Canada is an Indian word meaning 'Big Village'.

There are no natural lakes in Ohio, every one is man-made.



### OLLI Café Events

OLLI Café is a venue for the exchange of ideas and experiences focusing on improving the quality of life. The goal of OLLI Café is to present a potpourri of

presentations and activities that provide information and new knowledge to OLLI members.

Bring your lunch and we will provide the coffee and fruit! OLLI Café presentations are open to all OLLI members. These are not courses — OLLI Café is one of the benefits of your annual OLLI membership. Pre-registration is not required.

The weekly event features a guest speaker followed by a short Q&A session.

Fridays—Room #113 • 11:30 – 12:00 Lunch  
 • 12:00 – 1:00 speaker Presentation

### Climate Change and Connecticut

Polar bears are having a tough time in the Arctic, but how about Connecticut? Will we see the effects of climate change? When? How much? And what can we do?

**Laurel L. Kohl** is the Education and Training Specialist at Eastern Connecticut State University’s Institute for Sustainable Energy. She has many years of experience with adult and child education in community programs and science enrichment. At the Institute, she is creating a center for K-12 Energy Education Resources and developing consumer and educator support programs

### Future Café Events

**October 30** F. Luis Mora: America’s First Hispanic Master  
**November 6** OLLI Appreciation Event—come recognize the OLLI presenters who give so much of their time to our program!

## The University of Connecticut at Waterbury 2nd Community Organization Fair

The University of Connecticut, Waterbury Campus Main Concourse

**Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

12:30 to 2:30 PM

Networking and Refreshments 12:00 to 12:30 PM

To help facilitate and strengthen our University/community partnership, the UConn Waterbury campus will be hosting a Community Organization Fair. We are inviting a wide variety of community agencies to speak with students, OLLI members, faculty, and staff about the kind of help their agency needs and the opportunities for partnership and volunteerism.

In the end, a strong partnership can benefit all of our lives—your agencies, our students, and our community. If you would like more information now, please contact: Brian Chapman, Director of Outreach, [brian.chapman@uconn.edu](mailto:brian.chapman@uconn.edu) or 236-9881

We are seeking an OLLI member interested in hosting a voter registration table at the Fair. Table, chair(s), and Voter Registration cards will be provided. Stickers are available to hand-out to students that register. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Peg Ragaini at [peg.ragaini@gmail.com](mailto:peg.ragaini@gmail.com).

### 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:

Bob Grady: 860-274-9389 Email: [yvoorg@aol.com](mailto:yvoorg@aol.com)  
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 Tony Loechner: 203-596-1664 Email: [tonyl@loechner.com](mailto:tonyl@loechner.com)

### OLLI Newsletters Go Internet

OLLI newsletters are available on our web page at [www.waterbury.uconn.edu/osher](http://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](http://www.adobe.com) and click on the box that says “READER”.

### OLLI membership

Annual OLLI membership is \$60  
 This is also called BASIC MEMBERSHIP.

When a member pays the annual \$60

- Participation in OLLI Café Activities - “A place to lunch and learn.
- Members are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch – coffee and fruit will be provided
- Opportunity to register for OLLI courses – \$25 each course
- UConn Waterbury parking pass for your annual membership cycle
- Discounts for OLLI partnership events
- Entrance to Special OLLI Events
- Year-round notices about additional OLLI programs
- OLLI membership card

The Society for Financial Awareness (SOFA)  
offer FREE financial seminars at  
UCONN Waterbury

All Seminars: **Multipurpose Room (Rooms 113-116) 5:30 - 6:30 PM**  
University of Connecticut, Waterbury campus  
99 East Main Street Waterbury, CT

The Society for Financial Awareness is a not-for-profit organization that offers financial education to corporations, employers, families, and organizations through seminars and interactive workshops. SOFA will be offering **3 seminars at the Uconn Waterbury campus led by James Colman**. These seminars are FREE and co-sponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute; these are among the first SOFA Seminars offered in the region. Light refreshments will be served. Seminar dates and corresponding topics are listed below.

We are excited to offer another program related to financial awareness that is not connected in any way to financial products or services.

**James W. Coleman, Sr.** is an independent financial advisor with two decades of experience in the financial services industry. He hosts a radio talk show, *All About Money*, on WATR. He has authored *Educated Investing: Your Guide to Surviving, and Thriving in, the Fast-Paced Global Markets of the 21st Century*.

Join us for the last session.

**Wednesday, November 4, 2009**

**"Investing Concerns in a fragile market"**

A Native American elder once described his own inner struggles in this manner:

"Inside of me there are two dogs. One of the dogs is evil and mean. The other dog is good. The mean dog always fights the good dog."

When asked which dog wins, he reflected for a moment and replied, "**The one I feed the most.**"

-James Coleman, SOFA session

GLOBAL LENS FILM  
SCREENINGS



MATTATUCK  
MUSEUM  
ARTS & HISTORY  
CENTER

The Mattatuck Museum is offering OLLI members an invitation to the **Sunday Afternoons October 11 - December 13, 2009, 2:00 PM – OLLI Members pay \$5 per film!**

Convenient, free parking is located directly behind the museum on Park Place. For more information about this or other programs, and the museum's collections, please call 203-753-0381 ext 10 or visit the website at [www.MattatuckMuseum.org](http://www.MattatuckMuseum.org).

October 25, 2009, 2:00 pm

**Matum** (Sandra Kogut, Brazil, 2007)

November 1, 2009, 2:00 pm

**My Time Will Come** (Director Víctor Arregui, Ecuador, 2008)

November 8, 2009, 2:00 pm

**The Photograph** (Director Nan Achnas, Indonesia, 2007)

November 15, 2009, 2:00 pm

**Possible Lives** (Director Sandra Gugliotta, Argentina, 2006)

November 22, 2009, 2:00 pm -

**Sleepwalking Land** (Director, Teresa Prata, Mozambique, 2007)

November 29, 2009, 2:00 pm

**Song From the Southern Seas** (Director Marat Sarulu, Kazakhstan, 2008)

December 6, 2009, 2:00 pm

**Those Three** (Director Naghi Nemati, Iran, 2007)

December 13, 2009, 2:00 pm -

**What a Wonderful World** (Director Faouzi Bensaïdi, Morocco, 2006)

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched- they must be felt with the heart.

-Helen Keller

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

It was the friend of a friend who passed along the rumor about *graveyards* and *cemeteries*. She whispered that she had heard that *graveyards* and *cemeteries* are not interchangeable. One of the terms, she had heard, applies only to "burial grounds attached to a church," while the other can be used for "any land used for burying the dead."

She tried to scare up the story from us about why that might be, but first we will test the idea that ordinary English speakers need to remember a new rule. Both *graveyard* and *cemetery* are used to mean "burial ground," but cemetery has at least three more specific senses, too: in addition to its most general sense naming an area for burial or entombment, cemetery is used for a "typically large burial ground," "a Roman catacomb," and for a consecrated churchyard..

Graveyard has a number of less corporeal senses. It does indeed have the sense naming a yard or enclosure for the interment of the dead" that is synonymous with cemetery. But Graveyard, not cemetery, has established senses naming "an organization or situation that brings something to an end"; "a place where disused, obsolete, or worn-out equipment is stored or held in reserve or emergency"; and "a place considered romantically gloomy or melancholy..dull or unpleasing

## Lunchtime Library Workshops

11:45 AM – 1:10 PM Room #224

This hands-on OLLI workshop is sponsored by UConn library personnel from the Waterbury, Torrington, Avery Point, Stamford and Storrs campuses. A basic knowledge of computers and familiarity with the internet is required. These are not individual workshops – registration covers the series which takes place during OLLI Café time. See registration form to sign up for the free workshop series.

### Session V – October 23

Savvy Searching: Exploring Google

We all Google, but are you aware of the tricks and tip available from Google to refine your search and make searching simpler and more effective? Let us give you some insiders tips to make your searching easier. There will be hands-on opportunities to refine your searching needs

### Session VI – October 30

Exploring Firefox: The Other Browser

### More Interesting Geographical Facts.

The first city to reach a population of 1 million people was Rome, Italy, in 133 BC. There is a city called Rome on every continent.

The Eisenhower Interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

## OLLI Friday

### Lunch Discounts Announced at Downtown Restaurants

Congratulations to everyone who joined or renewed their OLLI Membership!

The following restaurants have announced OLLI Friday ONLY Lunch Discounts from Friday, September 18 through Friday, November 6, 2009.

In order to receive your discount please show your "Ask me about OLLI" button (available in the OLLI Office or at Information Table) or your OLLI Member ID Card.

As one OLLI Member said, "Sometimes I just want to get fresh air and have lunch with my friends!"

We encourage you to make reservations at full service restaurants that accept reservations, in advance, if you wish. Discounts are Currently As Follows:

Please consider patronizing these restaurants and please thank them for reaching out to OLLI members. We hope and expect the list to grow over time!

**Let us know how it works out, too!**

### Other Lunchtime Options...

You can also bring your own lunch and participate in OLLI Cafe...

You can buy a sandwich, snack, and/or drink at the UConn Co-op Bookstore...

You can have your lunch on the Main Concourse (Main Entrance Hallway)....

There are many other lunch options in Downtown Waterbury: Louie's Pizza, Cafe Europa,

Dominic and Pia's, and John Bale Books Cafe (to name a few) are a short walk "around the corner" or "down the street"!

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## Parking at OLLI at UConn

There are many options, but it is very important to plan ahead for Fridays at OLLI

PLEASE DO NOT ASSUME you will find parking in the UConn Garage. Here are some important facts that each of you should know about parking for OLLI classes and activities at the University of Connecticut in downtown Waterbury:

**A.)** There is limited, first-come first-served free parking available in the UConn Garage (entrance located on North Elm Street) on Levels 2 & 3 ONLY. Never park on level #1--ticketing is now enforced on this level. Your parking pass can also be used at the Scovill Municipal Garage.

**B.)** There is free "UConn Parking" available less than a block away on the 5th and 6th floors of the Municipal Scovill Street Parking Garage. This lot is located at 33 Scovill Street You must show your OLLI Parking Pass upon departure. !

**C.)** An outdoor street-level parking lot is located between the campus building and the Moriarty Building on 141 East Main Street (across from the Palace Theater). The rate is usually \$3 per day and subject to change; this lot is not owned or operated by UConn.



**Smiles from Bob** From Robert Blake

“My 80th birthday was yesterday. The wife gave me an SUV”.

“Wow,” says his buddy. “That’s a great gift-an SUV!”

“Yeh! Socks, Underwear and Viagra!!”

Always had an answering machine and cable TV

Popcorn has always been micro-waved

Never thought of “Jaws” when swimming in the ocean

Never heard of Mork from Ork

Or “Where’s the beef?”

Or “De plane, Boss, de plane!”

Never used a typewriter or used carbon copies

**What might that tell them about us!!!**

Do You Realize:

**That College freshmen who were born in 1990-91**

Are too young to remember the Space Shuttle disaster

Have always heard of aids

The CD was begun 2 years before their birth

**We Need You! Children’s Community School  
is looking for volunteers.**

CCS is an independent, non-profit, Pre-k through grade five school established in 1969 to offer hope and opportunity to Waterbury students.

**After School Tutor:** Volunteers work one on one with students participating in the program. You will provide valuable one-on-one assistance to strengthen the academic skills of our students. The tutoring program runs Monday through Friday from 3:00 to 4:30.

Please contact Kathie Collins at 575-0659 x 12  
31 Wolcott Street, Waterbury, CT 06721

What does “Put One’s Shoulder to the Wheel” mean?

In early stagecoach days the passengers were all supposed to turn out when the coach got stuck in the mud and “put their shoulders to the wheel” to get it free.

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**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



**We’re on the web! [www.waterbury.uconn.edu/osher](http://www.waterbury.uconn.edu/osher)**