And now the end is near; and so I face OLLI’s presidential curtain………” Sinatra’s famous words remind us that all things change over time.

I would again like to congratulate our 2015-16 executive board on its numerous successes this year. Many program issues were negotiated by this dedicated group of elected members who completed their mission with the help of dozens of committee members and their chairs. Everyone’s flexibility and perseverance proved to be essential.

Accomplishments included exceeding our program’s fundraising goals for 2015, creating the Roundtable Lounge, a new space for meeting and eating in SBS 149, scheduling new special events trips, providing cultural and athletic winter break activities, and merging the member relations and support committees. Conversation Partners grew so much we actually ran out of available students and Stony Brook Medicine offered OLLI speakers and physical fitness instructors.

Thanks to Jaci Trigony’s leadership, we have now sold-out three consecutive end-term parties with nearly 700 attending those events proving our members enjoy socializing with one another. The May 10th dinner at the Watermill again honored our incredible team of workshop leaders who are truly the heart and soul of OLLI@SBU. We all appreciate the team of volunteers who made the evening such a success.

The School of Professional Development’s Vice Provost, Dr. Charles Taber and Assistant Dean, Carolyn Jankowski, along with OLLI’s office staff, under the direction of Wayne Holo and Laura West, facilitated our advisory requests to reach membership’s goals. Together we created a new set of Policies and Procedures to better clarify the relationship of our membership with the University. Much more will be accomplished in the coming years as we build on the renewed spirit of cooperation between OLLI’s leaders and Stony Brook University.

With the Summer Session approaching, hundreds will soon lead or attend exciting workshops in June. It helps keep us connected in the warm weather. Our beautiful new Roundtable Lounge will provide a break from classes or the heat to spend time with your friends. The
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schedule for the June session can be found beginning on page 4 of this issue of the Chronicles. Leading a summer workshop is a great way to try out your new ideas. What have you got to lose? Additionally, many dozens of OLLI’s members meet weekly throughout the year for breakfast or lunch and soon a dinner group will be formed.

The fall semester will be filled with many new workshops and dozens of your returning favorites. As some popular leaders retire or take a well-deserved break, others have volunteered to replace them. Members are very supportive and our curriculum chairs are always there to assist. Terri McCoy is retiring as curriculum chair. Her untiring efforts were appreciated. We are fortunate that Ira Kurtzman and Ed Metzendorf have agreed to co-chair this important committee next year.

Thanks again to all who have supported and encouraged this Board. We have managed to foster a stronger relationship with our host, Stony Brook University. By continuing to work as a united team, we will realize even greater OLLI goals in the near future.

It has been my pleasure to play a small part in our progress. The privilege of leading our more than one thousand members is something I’m sure will always be remembered. Your hundreds of ongoing personal and written messages made it all so worthwhile. However, I couldn’t have completed this challenging year without my wife Diane’s encouragement and reassurance when it was needed the most.

We are all in good hands now that Paul Knel became President on May 4. I look forward to working with him and the newly elected Advisory Board throughout the upcoming year. OLLI’s best is yet to come!

Diane and I send best wishes to all for a happy and healthy summer.
We’ll see you in September, if not before.

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Conversation Partners

Thank you to all the OLLI members who volunteered to meet with Stony Brook international students and help them practice their English and learn some of our American customs and traditions. It is a special privilege, and we hope it broadened your OLLI experience this year.

Frank and I worked diligently to recruit you to participate. We were more successful than ever before. However, not everyone who volunteered to converse with a student actually had a partner. Sometimes schedules didn't mesh, and other times the contact between OLLI volunteer and SB student didn't happen. In an effort to improve the partnering experience next year we are considering offering sign-up at registration time, similar to the way we register for special events. Look for this in the Fall. You make a world of difference!
Message from the incoming President

Dear OLLI Members,

As the new President of OLLI I want to welcome the newly elected members of the Board for 2016-2017:

Paul Taub - Secretary
Bob Mirman - President-Elect
Diane Druckman and Jothi Curcio - Members-at-Large

I hope that we will have a productive working relationship during my term and all I can say is "Welcome Aboard."

I would also like to thank all the members of OLLI’s 2015-2016 Board for their fine and devoted service. I would be remiss if I did not mention their names and what they did:

Jeff Hollander - President
Eileen Lohse - Secretary
Fred Avril - Fundraising
John Gobler - Budget
Terri McCoy and Jerry Ebenstein - Curriculum
Pat Breslauer - Conversation Partners
Jaci Trigony and Laura Kopp - Member Relations and Support
Carole Weinberg - Special Events (assisted by Bunnye Avril and Barb Pollack) and Arts Council (assisted by Faye Graber)

On Tuesday, May 10, OLLI honored its workshop leaders with a wonderful dinner. These individuals were recognized for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

OLLI is truly blessed to have a group of workshop leaders who are remarkable for their knowledge and their willingness to share this knowledge with the rest of us. Their prior backgrounds were diverse and included, medicine, dentistry, the law, education, engineering, aviation, business… They shared their expertise freely and with good humor.

We have an incredible wealth of talent! However, we are always in need of new leaders to step forward. As the new President of OLLI, I am actively pursuing volunteers. Remember the old TV commercial that said, “Try it, you’ll like it.”

It was also my pleasure to help honor one of our most beloved workshop leaders, Professor Cornelius McDonnell on his retirement. He is truly a “Chevalier sans Peur et sans Reproche.” We wish him all our very best and hope he will visit us often.

A special kudos to Laura Kopp and Jaci Trigony for planning and implementing a dinner that was a huge success. To that I add a hearty, “Well done.”

Sincerely,
Paul Knel, OLLI President
As OLLI’s Fall 2015 – Spring 2016 year comes to a close, the office staff, committee members, workshop leaders and volunteers hope you had a great year. We are already preparing for a fun-filled Fall 2016 at OLLI at Stony Brook University.

Workshop leader applications have been completed, submitted and reviewed and once again it looks like we’ll have close to 100 workshops to choose from when registration begins in July. Be sure to watch your email inbox and the OLLI home page for registration dates and details.

The Spring Dinner at The Watermill honoring our OLLI workshop leaders was a huge success with close to 250 members, workshop leaders, staff and guests attending. The service and food from the Watermill staff and music by the Denice Given Band made the 2016 Spring Dinner fun for all and an event to remember.

Dinner guests found surprise gifts waiting at their seats --- customized wine glasses from OLLI’s own Lands’ End Business Outfitters store, complete with our OLLI at Stony Brook logo. You can now visit our brand new Lands’ End website and browse all sorts of items which you can customize with our OLLI logo, choose your size and color, and purchase. The website URL is http://business.landsend.com/store/sbuolli/. Just click “My Account”, create your account, and happy shopping!

Don’t forget to visit our online Events Calendar often this summer on the OLLI website for ongoing OLLI information. Below are just a couple of current dates and events from that calendar:

- Monday, June 6 through Thursday, June 30 - Summer Session Workshops
- Monday, July 18 – Fall 2016 Member Registration Begins (tentative)

Have a GREAT summer!

Wayne

Summer Workshops

The Summer Summer Workshops program at OLLI begins on Monday, June 6 and includes a month of mini-workshops. These are always fun and interesting. OLLI Members who were registered for the 2015-2016 year are all welcome to come and join the daily workshops.

There is no registration.

The Summer Workshop Schedule can be found on the following pages and on the OLLI Home Page.

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Summer Workshop Schedule

**Monday**
“The Monstrous Regiment of Women”
10 am-11:15 am—with Lillian Kormendi –June 6, 13, 20 & 27. In SBS S109
John Knox, Scottish Leader of the reformation in his work “The first Blast of the Trumpet against the Monstrous Regiment of Women” called for rebellion against female leaders. He argued that God created women as servants and subjects to men. God allowed women to rule only as retribution for national sins. Does Hillary know?

“Gardening on Long Island”
10 am–11:15 am—Caroline Kian–June 6, 13, 20 & 27. In SBS N112
This workshop will cover the following topics and current trends in gardening for Long Islanders: Water Wise Gardening; Container Gardening; and Food Gardening in Raised Beds. Gardening Questions and Resources will be discussed. Gardeners will learn how to engage in best management practices while gardening and to protect our natural resources and environment.

“What is a Symphony?”
10 am–11:15 am—David Gable–June 6, 13, 20 & 27. In SBS S104
Together we will listen to parts of Symphonies by Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Mahler and others as we discover what a Symphony is.

“Introduction to Macintosh”
1pm–2:15pm—Frank De Rubeis –June 6, 13, 20 & 27. In SBS S104
This is the basic course on Macintosh computer that will cover the various Mac computer models, the Mac OS X operating system, the software or applications that are generally included with the operating system (e.g. Photo, Pages, Numbers, etc.), printing, and connecting to networks. The course will also cover how to use Mac and other manufacturers’ accessories with the computer, including IPHones, IPads, Apple TV and so forth. At the end of this class, the computer user should be comfortable with the basic operations of the operating system and be able to understand how to install, learn, and use other software and communications applications.

**Tuesday**
“Famous People and Famous Movies”
10 am–1:00pm—Dave Leader–June 7, 14, 21 & 28. In SBS S109
A study of famous people and/or events viewed with in-depth interviews and documentaries. Each week we will get up-close and personal with famous politicians, actors, writers, comedians, etc. Following the interviews, we will share our thoughts and opinions on the person or persons of the day. A very common reaction heard at the end of the class is: “I did not think I was going to enjoy this week’s subject, but he/she was fascinating. I came away with a totally different opinion.”

“News of the Day”
10 am–11:15 am—Joyce Spencer–June 7, 14, 21 & 28. In SBS N112
A class discussion of the issues and politics of the national primaries and election.
June activities, continued

“The Creation of the Universe, part 2”
10 am–11:15 am–Albert Tobin-June 7, 14, 21 & 28. In SBS S104
In the class, for those who might be interested and who did not attend the Spring class, we will briefly review some of the basic findings that we discussed in “Creation of the Universe” regarding the Big Bang, particle physics, energy generation it’s stars (i.e. the Sun), the Anthropic Principle, creation of the 92 chemical elements in supernova explosions. We will discuss the mechanism for the creation of the Solar System, the Earth and the planets and their satellites. We will discuss the structure of the Earth, its geology, and the energy condensation processes that led to the current state of our planet. Time permitting, we will discuss how humans extracted from the crust of the planet all the modern materials (metals, plastics, ceramics, semiconductors) that we enjoy today and that form the basis of modern society.

“Drawing in Pencil and Pastels”
10 am –11:15 am –Pat Ballan-June 7, 14, 21 & 28. In SBS N119
We will continue to observe and draw from nature or 3 dimensional objects, sharpening our craftsmanship drawing from nature. Please bring a pad, pencil, erasers & and a cushion to sit on outside.

“History of the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict”
10 am–11:15 am–Robert Weiss-June 7, 14, 21 & 28. In SBS S102
On May 14th 1948 Israel declared its independence. For the last 68 years, Israel was unacceptable to the Arab world. In 1948, 1967 and 1973 Israel had to fight for its survival against the Arab armies of Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq. The Arab warring parties fought these wars in the name of the local Arab residents (today known as Palestinians). Between 1948 and 1967 the local Arabs lived in Gaza under Egyptian control and in the West Bank under Jordanian rule. They did not call the control of an outsider either Egypt or Jordan an Occupation, even though they had no national autonomy. After the Six Day War of June 1967 both Gaza and the West Bank fell under Israeli control. This changed the nature of the conflict which has sapped the energies of both sides and got the reputation of the most difficult international insoluble problem. In four short sessions we will visit the roots of the problem and the many (failed) attempts for a peaceful solution. And maybe, with your help, we will be able to open the Gordian knot.

“Behind The Scenes Of Seinfeld”
11:30 am –12:50 pm-Jeff Hollander-June 7, 14 &21. In SBS N119
Join SEINFELD's cast on a brief journey behind the scenes of their 90's mega-hit as they laugh with us about their antics. Jerry, Elaine, George Kramer & Newman will have you in stitches when viewing many of their funniest moments. Truly was the best of “MUST SEE TV.”

“Photography-an Exploration and Appreciation”
11:30 am –12:50 pm-Eric Lohse-June 7, 14, 21 & 28. In SBS S104
A series of four independent sessions, each examining some aspect of photography, past and present. A critical look at some images, a look at tools and techniques. Discussion rather than lecture, all interested in the art of photography are invited to stop in for one or more sessions.
June activities, continued

**Wednesday**
**“Insights about Aging”**
10 am–11:15 am–Lou D’Onofrio-June 8, 15 & 22. In SBSS104
Although we will age as long as we are alive, there are strategies that will help us have the best quality of life possible. While each of our journeys is unique, this workshop is intended to be an interactive discussion and sharing of experiences and resources.

**“The Mystery Novel as Literature: The Scandinavians”**
10 am –11:15 am –Tasha Greenberg-June 8, 15, 22 & 29. In SBS S109
We will discuss current popular mystery writers from Norway, Denmark, Sweden, also Tana French (Ireland). The workshop will feature Powerpoint presentations and BBC productions.

**“U.S. Foreign Policy”**
10 am –11:15 am–Herb Laub-June 8, 15, 22 & 29. In SBS S102
Using interpretations from newspapers, magazines & books we will discuss interpretations of U.S. foreign policy of 2016.

**“Who Am I? Making the Unconscious, Conscious. What lies beneath the surface of our minds?”**
1:00pm –2:15 pm -Susan Jacquin -June 8, 15, 22 & 29. In SBS S102
Continuing the quest for self-knowledge, this workshop will explore the unconscious mind. Topics include: messages contained in dreams: what are slips of the tongue? And how much of our behavior is driven by unconscious forces?

**Thursday**
**“Pax Romana”**
10 am–11:15am–Charles Rudiger-June 9, 16, 23 & 30. In SBS S102
The term "Pax Romana," which literally means "Roman peace," refers to the time period from 27 B.C.E. to 180 C.E. in the Roman Empire. This 200-year period saw unprecedented peace and economic prosperity throughout the Empire, which spanned from England in the north to Morocco in the south and Iraq in the east. During the Pax Romana, the Roman Empire reached its peak in terms of land area, and its population swelled to an estimated 70 million people.

**“Classic French Films”**
10 am–11:15am–Tasha Greenberg-June 9, 16, 23 & 30. In SBS N119
In this workshop I would like to show 1 film per week. Classic French Films will have spoken French and Subtitles.

**“Foundations of Western Civilization, Continued”**
The Great Courses DVD by Professor Robert Bucholz, D.Phil l of Loyola University, Chicago. Continuing with Fascist Italy, Nazi Germany, The Holocaust, World War II, and rebuilding Europe.

**“I Know That Voice”**
10 am–11:15 am–with Tom Hayes–June 9, 16, 23 & 30. In SBS N112
Can you tell one opera artist's voice from another? Why? Why not? In this workshop we will listen to legendary singers performing similar musical lines in hopes of developing an ear for each, recognizing the difference, and enhancing our appreciation of both their artistry and individuality. Depending on the interest of the participants, all vocal ranges will be addressed over the four weeks.
Many OLLI Members take their New Vision Exhibit “on the road” to Smithtown's Public Library.

April marked the annual exhibit of photographs by many of our OLLI members at the Smithtown Main Library. This outstanding team of gifted men and women are part of the wider group attending many photography workshops at Stony Brook University’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Several are workshop leaders and all share their passion to create the most creative visual presentations possible.

Most were already part of each semester’s Art Wall reception held in SBS’s S102. Their ability to share what creates such exciting photos inspires many each year. Speaking to the photographer at the special Open House on April 23 enabled those interested to gain insights on what went into getting the “perfect shot”. Their guidance is invaluable.

Speaking for the hundreds who enjoyed the exhibit, we thank our talented team of photographers for sharing with members of OLLI and the community.
New objectives were reached and new practices adopted by the Curriculum Committee in the last three years. Here are the top ten:

1. At least 95 – 100 workshops offered each semester. Of that total, each semester, between 10 and 16 were brand new workshops.

2. Events that don’t qualify for ‘workshop’ status were ‘handed off’ to Special Events (Claude Frank, Fallstaff & Ira Kurtzberg, restaurant events). This was a new process for Curriculum and Special Events.

3. Curriculum Committee members liaison with workshop leaders in the early weeks of the semester to thank them for leading a workshop and to make sure there are no problems. Leaders are grateful for the contact.

4. The Special Interest Groups concept was first introduced and proposed at the April 3, 2014 Curriculum Committee meeting. It was rejected unconditionally but I’m happy to report that SPD revived the idea at a recent meeting. Hopefully this will become reality soon.

5. Online application for workshop leaders created by Curriculum Co-chair for first use Fall 2014.

6. The idea for a Workshop Leaders Survival Meeting was born and the first meeting was held September 2014 for 50 leaders and another 10 at an overflow meeting a few weeks later. Leaders got a chance to socialize with each other and presentations were made by OLLI workshop leaders and the OLLI Office staff. Eager to make this an annual meeting, another one was held a year later in August of 2015. SPD staff attended this one and they were able to address over 50% of leaders and co-leaders in a single meeting.

7. Committee started reviewing the workshop applications, relieving office of that tedious task.

8. Standardized start time for all workshops

9. Limit co-leaders to 1. More only with approval of Curriculum Co-chairs.

10. Spring 2016 - Generic exit survey developed made available to all workshop leaders.

Two new Curriculum Co-chairs take over starting with the Fall 2016 semester. Terri McCoy and Jerry Ebenstein welcome Ira Kurtzberg and Ed Metzendorf, co-chairs, and extend our congratulations.
Grandfather,
Look at our brokenness.

We know that in all creation
Only the human family
Has strayed from the Sacred Way.

We know that we are the ones
Who are divided
And we are the ones
Who must come back together
To walk the Sacred Way.

Grandfather,
Sacred One,
Teach us love, compassion, and honor
That we may heal the earth
And heal each other.

--Ojibwa prayer

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