Notebooks, pencils, Halloween candy… Just browse your local drug store and you’ll know what season it is. But while autumn’s cooling breezes and piling leaves may bring to mind distinct periods in our lives, they now also signal another special time—the launch of OLLI workshops, events, and socializing with friends.

In fact, this is our proud 28th year at Stony Brook University. With a membership over 1,000 strong, we take our place on campus again and remind our fellow SBU students (most born in the mid 1990s) that curiosity never goes away and you can indeed teach “retired dogs” new tricks.

I’m so honored to be representing our dedicated leadership team. Here is an update of what they’ve been up to during those “lazy” days of summer:

• Director Wayne Holo and the OLLI office staff filled 108 workshops offered by 122 extraordinary leaders. Many were given expanded settings to ease the demand for seats. (This was accomplished despite an actual tornado knocking out SBU’s power!)

• Nearly 100 new members attended an Orientation in SAC on August 25th coordinated by Member Relations chair Jaci Trigony. Committee members Bunnye Avril, Diane Hollander, Bob Mirman, Sue Parlatore and Frank Tassielli hosted groups, as did our Executive Board. The smaller table seating led to a better exchange of ideas.

• Almost as many convened for the Workshop Leaders Survival session on September 8th in the SAC ballroom. Curriculum co-chairs Terri McCoy and Jerry Ebenstein hosted the event, which included Assistant Dean Carolyn Jankowski, who offered several creative ideas for future scheduling.

• Hundreds attended the special June workshops made possible by new and returning leaders. They were very well received and will hopefully lead to semester-long courses next spring. A special training was also held by Deirdre Doherty (of Stony Brook’s Long Island Museums) in August to further develop our fundraising efforts.

As you can surely see, the past few months were extremely busy and productive. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your time and commitment to our wonderful program. All are encouraged to get involved on a committee or as a workshop leader.

Our Fall General Meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 21, with a program to follow. Details are to come, and we hope to see you there.

Let’s all work together to make this OLLI’s best year ever!
Here we are at the beginning of a new semester. Offerings this year include more than 100 workshops, among which are the following 13.

**History & Politics**
- History of China, Theo Pavlidis moderator
- A History of Poverty, Lillian Kormendi moderator
- Aspects of Ancient Egypt, George Rystar moderator
- Things British, David Gable moderator
- Eagle Against the Sun, Richard Meyer moderator

**Literature & Writing**
- Inferno of Dante, Elio Zappulla moderator
- Odysseus, Master of Exploits, Man of Pain, Anita Edwards moderator

**Science**
- Quantum Weirdness - You Can’t Make This Up, Arthur Forman moderator
- Forensic History: Crimes, Frauds, & Scandals, Ed Cohen moderator
- User’s Guide to the American Medical System, Doris Wiesman moderator

**Computer Science**
- Introduction to Microsoft Word, Karen Santoro moderator
- Microsoft Excel for Beginners, Victor Suben moderator

**Photography**
- Give Us Your Best Shot/Where Do I Go From Here? - Pat Breslauer

Terri McCoy
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**OLLI by the Numbers**
*2015 - 2016*

- 1016 total members
- 117 new members
- 108 fall/spring workshops
- 12% of OLLI members who are leading workshops

**OLLI Committees and Chairs**

All meetings are open to the OLLI membership. Check the OLLI calendar for exact dates and times.

- Arts Council: Carole Weinberg
- Budget/Finance: John Gobler
- Conversation Partners: Frank Tassielli
- Curriculum: Jerry Ebenstein/Terri McCoy
- Executive Board: Jeff Hollander
- Fundraising: Fred Avril
- Member Relations: Jaci Trigony
- Ruth Pasternack Leadership: Jeff Hollander
- Special Events: Carole Weinberg
- Strategic Planning: Helen Emmerich
- Sunshine: Pat Breslauer
- The Chronicles: Bill Hammer
- Member Support: Laura Kopp

**OLLI Executive Board**

*Executive Board Meetings for this semester - Wednesdays, Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Dec. 2, (all at 2:30 PM)*

*All meetings are open to the membership and are held in room SBS N114B Conference Room.*

*General Meeting will be held Wednesday October 21, 2:30 PM (tentative) location to be determined.*
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OLLI Executive Board Member Biographies

Jeff Hollander, President:
Jeff graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill and moved to Queens where he met his future wife Diane. They were married in 1967 and moved to Lake Grove in 1974. He was a teacher and community school district administrator for 40 years with the NYC Department of Education. An OLLI member since 2010, he was actively involved with member relations before co-leading the Business of Sports since 2012. He joined the Executive Board in 2013. Their daughter Barrie is Assoc. Director of Talent Acquisition at BGB, NYC, while son Jason is the Sr. Director of Communications at NYU. Diane joined OLLI in 2012 and is very actively involved. Jeff enjoys walking, sports, friends and spending time with family.

Stephen Goldstein, Immediate Past President:
Stephen grew up in the Bronx and Queens. Retired from 32 years at Allstate Insurance Company. His wife Martha, also a member of OLLI, retired from teaching in the Three Village School district. His two children are Marc who is an attorney, and Adam who is a teacher. An OLLI member since 2007 and workshop leader for IPhone/iPad, he was President of OLLI for the 2014-2015 year. Loves to play tennis and travel.

Carole Gambrell, President-Elect:
Carole worked as a librarian at Emma Clark Library and also at Stony Brook University Library. She retired from Suffolk Community College Library as the systems librarian. She has two daughters, Evonne, who writes copy for J.Crew and Dorothy, who is a graphic artist for Business Week. Her son Sam is an engineer working on helicopters at Sikorsky. A member for six years, she was Co-Chairperson, Curriculum. She likes walking and traveling.

John Gobler, Chairperson, Budget:
John joined OLLI 14 years ago and has worked for 12 years on the executive Board in various capacities. He is a Past President and Budget Chair. As President he oversaw moves, renovations, and major equipment purchases including projectors and laptop computers for the classrooms we have today. John has taught and is again teaching the History of Long Island Aviation. His wife Pat is also an OLLI member.

Eileen Lohse, Secretary:
Eileen has been an elementary school teacher and a registered nurse. After retiring six years ago, she joined OLLI. Married to Eric for 48 years, she enjoys traveling and loves to draw and read. Through being a member of the Memoir class, she has found in writing, a new passion—writing fiction.

Terri McCoy, Co-Chairperson, Curriculum:
Terri was born and raised in New Jersey and moved to Long Island in 1964. Retiring as an IT project manager for an electronics firm, she joined OLLI 7 years ago. One of her two children lives in California and one on Long Island. A computer specialist, Terri has led multiple basic computer skills workshops. Travel and spending time with family and friends are her favorite things to do.

Jerry Ebenstein, Co-Chairperson, Curriculum:
Jerry was born and grew up in Brooklyn, NY. Moved to East Northport where he has now lived with wife Linda for forty five years. As an attorney he worked for thirty four years at CBS Broadcasting Inc. as Assistant General Counsel negotiating and drafting agreements for all phases of the broadcasting world. Joined the Roundtable in 2006 and as Budget Chairman helped Roundtable’s transition to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) in 2007. Served as President of OLLI from 2010-2011. He has co-led workshops for Op Ed and Business of Sports and was Chairperson, Budget. Loves photography and golf.

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**OLLI Executive Board Member Biographies, continued**

**Helen Emmerich**, Chairperson, Strategic Planning Committee:

Helen grew up in Atlanta, Georgia. She retired in 2003 from the Three Village School District where she worked as a psychologist and school district administrator. She and her husband David, joined OLLI in 2004. She was President of OLLI for the 2013-2014 year. They have two children, Michael, who teaches Japanese language and literature at UCLA and Karen, who teaches in the Comparative Literature Department at the University of Oregon. Quilting, reading and traveling are favorite things.

**Pat Breslauer**, Member at Large, and Chairperson, Sunshine:

Pat is a native Long Islander. She retired from teaching in Kings Park eleven years ago and joined OLLI. She has taken many photography classes here, and taught Composition in Photography for five years. Her love of photography inspires her travels all over the world. Last year Pat was Chairperson of the Member Relations Committee, and was 2014-2016 Member-at-Large. She is also President of her neighborhood Civic Association.

**Laura Kopp**, Member at Large Chairperson, Member Support:

Laura was born and raised on Long Island. She received her Masters degree from Stony Brook University. For over thirty years she taught both Elementary and High School Math in the Sachem School District where she also served as the Dean of Students. Joining OLLI eight years ago, she was a 2014-2016 Member-at-Large. Bridge has become one of her passions. When not in class, Laura enjoys traveling with her husband, visiting both Antarctica and Africa.

**Fred Avril**, Member at Large and Fundraising Chairman:

Fred was a coach when the Three Village Soccer Club was formed in 1979 and joined their board publishing a newsletter. He also was treasurer of the Eastern Long Island Executives. Also on the organizing committee for the (PGA Champions Tour) Northville/Commerce Long Island Classic. A retired engineer and a member of OLLI since 2008, he is married to Bunnye who is also an active OLLI member. They have two children and three grandchildren and live in Setauket. Fred is a 2015-2016 Member at Large.

**Jaci (Jackie) Trigony**, Member at Large and Chairperson, Member Relations:

Jaci was born and grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She attended Andrews University and moved to Long Island in 1984. She worked in the corporate world as a Senior Commercial Insurance Underwriter. Jaci served on the National Board of Directors for Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) an organization who raises and places service dogs all over the world. She retired as an underwriter in 2004 and joined The Round Table, now OLLI. She is on the Long Range Planning Committee and Editorial Board of the Chronicles. She has one daughter. Jaci is a 2015-2016 Member at Large.

**Carole Weinberg**, Member at Large and Chairperson, Arts Council:

Carole has a M.A. from NYU and a Masters from Stony Brook University, in Counseling and Social Work. She worked in Long Island Middle and High schools at alcohol and drug abuse centers. She and her husband have two sons. One lives in London and the other lives in New York City. They have two grandchildren. Carole is a 2015-2016 Member at Large. is a 2015-2016 Member at Large.
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Campus Parking

For those OLLI members who are new to OLLI or who haven’t yet mastered the whole parking issue, let’s see if I can help.

Most important is to have your vehicle registered, with a valid parking permit properly displayed on the vehicle you will be using on campus. You should not park on campus until you have that permit properly displayed on your vehicle.

Click on the Affiliates link at http://www.stonybrook.edu/parking/permits/ for information. You can obtain a permit online or at the Office of Parking Services, 2nd floor of the Administration building (7 on Map page 7). More details are available in the OLLI Member Handbook and at http://www.stonybrook.edu/parking/.

Make sure you understand what lots or spaces your permit entitles you to park in.

Parking is generally easier to find earlier in the day and is usually harder to find on Tuesday and Thursday.

A map of the campus is available online at http://www.stonybrook.edu/parking/parkingmap.shtml and is also part of the OLLI New Member Handbook. Use that map or the map on page 7 to take your own tour of the campus before workshops start. Drive to all the parking lots that are available to you to become familiar with them and know what your parking options are. Be sure to find South “P” lot on the corner of Stony Brook Road and South Drive. You can leave your car there all day and take a bus which will drop you off at the side of SAC. This lot is available for use by everyone.

Most workshops are held in SBS (Social & Behavioral Sciences, 6 on Map, page 7) and SAC (Student Activity Center, 2 on Map, page 7). Walking from SBS to SAC is the equivalent of approximately 3 – 4 blocks. The free parking near SBS is the large lot and smaller lot, both across from the Wang Center (both lots are on Circle Road, 8 & 9 on Map, page 7). The Administration Garage (directly north of SBS) has hourly and monthly rates. Current hourly rates are $2 per hour to a $10 maximum per 24 hours. To get the monthly rate of $30, apply for the monthly pass in the Administration Building. It can be renewed online. There are a few metered parking spaces on the south side of the parking garage. You must prepay. Current rate is $1.50 per hour and must be paid 7 AM to 7 PM weekdays. The University Police enforces parking rules and fines are levied for infractions. Under no circumstances are we allowed to park at The Hilton Garden Inn. Handicapped parking for SBS is on the west side of the parking garage, inside the parking garage (you must pay the hourly or monthly fee to use the garage) and on the east side of SBS.

Free parking near SAC is at the lots at the intersection of Campus Drive & John S. Toll Drive (10 on Map, page 7) and the Earth and Space Sciences, (14 on Map, page 7). Metered parking spaces are at the rear of SAC (11 on Map, page 5) and on the South side of the parking garage (7 on map, page 7). It will take time to figure out the best parking choices for you based on your schedule. You can also use the E Express bus that goes back and forth from the “P” lot to the Engineering loop which is just across from the SAC building, #11 on page 7 map. These free buses can be boarded at the bus stops around campus and at the circle outside SAC.

There is quite a bit of construction on campus right now and some parking spaces may be affected temporarily. It’s a good idea to have an alternative parking lot in mind in case the one your were counting on is being used for construction equipment and vehicles.
**Banking**
Who: Island Federal (map #2)  
Where: Lower level • Student Activities Center (SAC)  
What: Offers checking & savings accounts & ATM.  
Phone: 632-4600

**ATMs**
Who: Bank of America (map #3)  
Where: Main entrance • Stony Brook Union

Who: Teachers Federal Credit Union (map #2)  
Where: Student Activity Center, main & lower levels, and Administration Building (map #7) 2nd floor lobby

**Faxing**
Who: UPS, Phone: 632-1831  
Where: (Map #4) Melville Library, Lower level,  
Where : Student Activity Center (Map #2), Seawolves MarketPlace, Phone: 632-9281

**Notary & Passport Photos**
Who: UPS (map 4), Phone: 632-1831  
Where: Melville Library, lower level E-0320

**Locker Rentals**
Where: Library Study Lounge (map #4), phone: 632-6157;  
Stony Brook Union Building (map #3) lower level, phone 632-6157; Stony Brook Union (map #3), Lower Level, Phone 632-6157

**Printing and Shipping** (map #4)
Who: UPS, Phone: 632-1831  
Where: Lower level • Melville Library E-0320  
Website: [http://stonybrook-ny-5854.theupsstorelocal.com/](http://stonybrook-ny-5854.theupsstorelocal.com/)
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2015 New Member Orientation

The 2015 New Members Orientation was held in the Student Activities Center Ballroom at Stony Brook University on August 25, 2015 with 84 new members in attendance.

Our entire OLLI Executive Board was on hand to greet and meet our New Members along with a few of our Member Relations Committee members. They all did a wonderful job of making our newest students feel welcome. I personally want to thank my fellow members of the Executive Board as well as our Member Relations Committee for all their great help. We could not have done it without all of you. The Board members who helped are: Jeff Hollander; Stephen Goldstein; John Gobler; Jerry Ebenstein; Helen Emmerich; Carole Gambrell; Terri McCoy; Pat Breslauer; Fred Avril; Eileen Lohse; Jaci Trigony; Laura Kopp; and Carole Weinberg. The committee members who helped are: Frank Tassielli; Diane Hollander; Bob Mirman; Sue Palatore; and Bunnye Avril.

Our OLLI Director Wayne Holo, and Assistant Director Laura West, Carolyn Jankowski, and Joyce Wellinger, both from SPD also came to add their welcome. Thank you, new members, so much for being there as well.

We now present the OLLI class of 2015

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Jaci Trigony
The Conversation Partners program got off to an excellent start on Orientation Day, which was held on Tuesday, Aug. 25, in the SAC Ballroom. Ten new members signed up for the program and I feel very confident in saying that their experience in this program will be as enriching, exciting and interesting as all previous OLLI member participants have found it.

While I am certain that many other OLLI members who have not yet signed up for this program will consider doing so in the coming weeks, joining members who have ongoing relationships with international students, there will be further opportunities for those of you thinking of doing so to actually sign up. During the second or third week after OLLI workshops begin I will be visiting several classrooms and be available to answer any questions you might have. I will also have a sign-up table in the SBS Lobby during morning classes at about the same time.

As in the past, however, regular sign-up sheets are placed for your convenience outside Room S-123 in the SBS building.

So why not sign up soon and embark on an adventure you won’t soon forget?

As member of OLLI, I have been on the Stony Brook campus for 11 years and have never used the University library, even though a lot of the OLLI members do. But one afternoon last week I finally walked into the Frank Melville Memorial Library building. It is home to the main stacks, among them are, the Music Library, the Science and Engineering Library, Special Collections, the map collection, government documents and a video viewing area.

There is a large collection of video and cinema titles (more than 11,000 video and DVD’s) which can be viewed in Main Circulation on the third floor or rented for 7 days. Who has not wanted to watch again a favorite movie or DVD? The Special Collections department offers 18,000 printed volumes, 200 manuscript collections and 650 historic maps. Collecting areas include Long Island history, the environment, politics, the arts and humanities, to name a few. For Long Island, there is the history of the Culper Spy Ring, and the earliest settlers, with a strong emphasis on the period of the American Revolution through the War of 1812. One can also view the George Washington Letters.

The Music Library houses more than 42,000 music recordings, 70,000 books, 60 listening stations, 900 performance videos, and 100 periodicals. Opera fans can go into one of the listening stations and view and listen to their favorite arias. Classical, Jazz and Rock can be found in the collection for their music as well as biographies of the life of the performers and composers. L.P.’s are also available. The sheet music collection is fun to go through to find songs we have long forgotten.

Before or after or in between a workshop, the library is a great place to just lose oneself for a while. The day I was there, the sun was shining through the skylights into the atrium and onto the students sitting there. Where ever I went I could feel the wonder of a place just waiting to invite me to explore their treasure. I plan on spending a lot of time in the coming months at this magical place, called a library.

The main libraries are at the Frank Melville Jr. Memorial Library (# 4 on page 7 map), and the Health Sciences Center Library.
Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Six (But Were Afraid to Ask)

By Lee Marc Stein

Q: Is this a typo? Don’t you mean “sex”?
A: No, it is not a typo. It has nothing to do with either David Rubin’s pap bestseller or Woody Allen’s terrible movie.

Q: What is there to know about six, other than that it’s a number?
A: Are you kidding me? If it were merely a number between five and seven I wouldn’t bother writing about it.

Q: So what is the significance of six?
A: Okay, let’s get down to business, because in business there’s a concept called Six Sigma. According to Wikipedia (and I’ll explain why I chose this resource in a few minutes):

“Six Sigma is a set of techniques and tools for process improvement. It was developed by Motorola in 1986. Jack Welch made it central to his business strategy at General Electric in 1995. Today, it is used in many industrial sectors.

“Six Sigma seeks to improve the quality of process outputs by identifying and removing the causes of defects (errors) and minimizing variability in manufacturing and business processes…

“The term Six Sigma originated from terminology associated with manufacturing, specifically terms associated with statistical modeling… The maturity of a manufacturing process can be described by a sigma rating indicating its yield or the percentage of defect-free products it creates. A six sigma process is one in which 99.99966% of all opportunities to produce some feature of a part are statistically expected to be free of defects.”

Of course, I chose Wikipedia because its reliability is the inverse of Six Sigma. It is filled with defects.

Q: I don’t know anything about the corporate world. I know sports. Where does “six” fit in?
A: You are dumb, aren’t you? How many points does a team get for scoring a touchdown? You know how many players there are on a hockey team? On a volleyball team? Six, six, six. And which athletes wore the number six on their uniforms? Just some greats like Stan Musial, Steve Garvey, Tony Oliva, Al Kaline, Bill Russell, Julius Erving, LeBron James and Patrick Ewing.

Q: What else do I need to know about “six”?
A: What’s the best read page in The New York Post? How many states are there in New England? How many flags are there at the Great Adventure amusement park? Six, six, six. How many degrees of separation are there?

Q: I’m afraid to ask anything else about six.
A: Should I begin again?
Dear Alice (Willett)

As you may recall, in celebration of Empire State PTSA’s* 35th Anniversary, the Muriel Berk Service Award was introduced during our November 2014 Annual Meeting. In an effort to honor ESPTA founder Muriel Berk’s visionary leadership, this award recognizes an extraordinary ESPTA member – one who reflects her passion, persistence and commitment to inclusivity and advocacy and who believes that, by doing so, we strengthen our collective voice to improve the lives of all children and families.

It is my sincere pleasure to announce that you have been selected as ESPTA’s first recipient of the Muriel Berk Service Award. As a trailblazer, a PTA model of leadership and dedication and mentor you are exceptionally deserving of this recognition. I would like to share the nomination letter sent on your behalf by Suffolk Region PTA Director, Kathy Vento:

*Suffolk Region PTA has an extraordinary nominee for the Muriel Berk Award. Alice Willett was there when Muriel Berk formed the Empire State PTSA in 1979. As a past New York State President Alice too shares Muriel’s vision to strengthen PTA through training and leadership skills. Alice flew to Japan to renew a relationship with Japanese PTA. She continued her mission by being a part of the New York State Planning Committee at the White House, for a conference on children and training volunteer leadership in local units. She continued her advocacy by attending a State dinner during Governor Rockefeller’s tenure representing NYS PTA honoring the astronauts.

Alice’s passion for learning and sharing her knowledge is evident in her continuing commitment to serve actively on Suffolk Region PTA. At 90+ years she still attends college classes keeping her finger on the pulse of education. With her incredible knowledge and tenacity she engages legislators to listen and take action to benefit children and education.

She has attended well over 50 conventions statewide and nationally. Alice began her PTA career in Nassau Region serving in many different capacities, before moving to Suffolk.

She still serves PTA with love and passion as if it was her first day on PTA. We all say we want to be Alice Willett when we grow up. Her soft spoken voice can command a room with her experience and knowledge of PTA. She never stays in the past always moving forward keeping her ideas fresh and in touch with today’s needs. She is a true Role Model to everyone she’s touched. Please consider Alice Willett for the Muriel Berk Award.

Again, with sincere appreciation for all you have contributed! As recipient of this award you will receive a $250 stipend to be used for 2015 NYS PTA Convention attendance expenses. We hope that you will join us.

Congratulations!

*ESPTSA is the New York State Parent Teacher Association
What is as good as chicken soup or a phone call from a friend when you’re sick? Perhaps a card from your friends at OLLI. Many of us have been pleasantly surprised with the number and closeness of friends we’ve created since joining this wonderful organization. If an OLLI member you know becomes ill, please contact me at patty.bres100@gmail.com with the person’s name and address. I will gladly send along a card to help brighten their day.

Similarly, when there is a death to an OLLI member or member of the immediate family, I will send a condolence card. Also, call Laura West at the OLLI office with all details that should be released to our membership. When our members share these important life events we can further support each other.

The following cards have been sent since the last Chronicles:

- Carol Swenson – get well
- Sympathy to the family of Nelson Erhart
- Sympathy to husband Ted Sneed for wife Bette’s passing
- Sympathy to wife Joan for husband Mark DeRosa’s passing