The Chronicles

OLLI Annual Holiday Luncheon

The OLLI Annual Holiday Luncheon drew a record number of participants when some 240 OLLI members and University staff gathered at the Watermill in Smithtown on Dec. 12.

The elegant Long Island venue is well known for its superb cuisine and personalized service – and it did not disappoint. The hall was decorated beautifully for the occasion, setting a festive mood for the cocktails, dinner and dancing to come.

The menu included butler-passed hot hors d’oeuvres, vegetable crudités and cheese platter stations. A glass of beer or wine was included in the ticket price, while soft drinks were free. A cash bar was available for guests who wanted additional beer, wine or mixed drinks.

A lovely performance by the OLLI Chorus, whose members wore elegant black-and-white outfits and sang marvelously under the direction of student conductor Miles Masciotti, was the highlight of the evening (continued on page 4).

Come gather ‘round people
Wherever you roam
And admit that the waters
Around you have grown
And accept it that soon
You’ll be drenched to the bone.
If your time to you
Is worth savin’
Then you better start swimmin’
Or you’ll sink like a stone
For the times they are a-changin’.

-Bob Dylan

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For Your Information

In an effort to improve user account security, Stony Brook University has approved the use of passphrases for NetIDs. A passphrase is a strong type of password. At this time, password changes for NetIDs are not mandatory. Existing NetID passwords will not be affected in any way. However, new accounts will be required to use a passphrase, and anyone who resets their NetID password will also be required to use a passphrase.

From the President
Bob Mirman

The Times They Are A-Changin’

In 1964, the year I graduated from high school, Bob Dylan wrote a song: The Times They Are A-Changin’. In September 1988, almost 30 years ago, a handful of people had an idea. The Round Table was started with 37 members and five classes at Stony Brook University.

In July 2007, with a generous grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation, the Round Table was renamed the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, better known as OLLI, at Stony Brook University. We have received a total endowment of $2 million from the Foundation. We have grown from 37 members in 1988 to 630 in 2007 to nearly 1,000 strong in 2014. We now have almost 1,100 members. The Times They Are A-Changin’. During this period of increasing OLLI membership, the Stony Brook student body, faculty and staff have also grown tremendously.

Remember when the first TV remote had a long wire attached to your television? My wife’s parents had an earlier model. When my wife was a child, she would sit on the floor next to the chair her dad sat in. We only had seven channels back then. Her father would tap her on the shoulder and say, “Shelly, please change the channel.” My wife was the earliest remote control. The Times They Are A-Changin’.

I hope everyone appreciates the message I’m trying to communicate. For those members who were at our Town Hall Meeting on Feb. 6, thank you for attending. I know many of our members were away, so please talk to your friends who did attend. We had a vigorous discussion and exchange of ideas in reference to our classroom and parking situation, which likely will be changing for the Fall term.

When you read this article in The Chronicles soon after the Spring semester starts, we probably won’t have reached a solution yet. But know that our board, member volunteers, the OLLI office and the administration of the School of Professional Development, under whose auspices OLLI operates, are working with the University leadership to reach a solution that works best for all parties. Remember this: The Times They Are A-Changin’.

- Bob Mirman, OLLI President

From the Director
Wayne Holo

Welcome back! Spring semester at OLLI has begun, our workshops are back in session, our committees are holding their meetings and everyone is busy renewing old friendships and making new ones. As director of OLLI, one of the most rewarding aspects of my position is seeing and hearing the joy this program brings to so many people. It makes me proud and very grateful to share the privilege of being a part of it all.

Spring 2018 Registration was a success. With each passing semester our registration trouble-calls continue to decrease as our members continue to develop more familiarity and comfort with online registration. I know it’s difficult sometimes when the registration lottery doesn’t produce the results we hoped for, but I hope that those of you who didn’t make out so well this semester have found other interesting workshops to attend and that you are cultivating new interests and meeting new people, too.

Thank you to our office volunteers who have been in the OLLI office helping out every morning and afternoon since our registration started in January. We love these people! Volunteers answer phones, greet walk-in traffic, answer registration questions and give directions to classrooms. Members appreciate the help and so does our staff. Thank you also to our workshop leaders for their patience and cooperation during the room-scheduling phase of the registration cycle.

Last but not least, a big special thank you to our OLLI staff for their dedicated work on behalf of our OLLI program. Laura, Leah, Harry and our new intern, Elizabeth, worked very hard getting the program ready and everything in place for day one of Spring 2018. It is a genuine pleasure for me to work with these professionals.

Don’t forget to visit the OLLI website to download your copy of The Chronicles. Here you will also find workshop schedules, our Online Course Catalog and our OLLI Calendar of Events with dates, times and locations for everything that’s happening at OLLI.

- Wayne Holo, OLLI Director

OLLI Events Calendar

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Wayne Holo, OLLI Director
Profile of a Workshop Leader
Angela Bari

Angela Bari has led workshops in Art History and in Science for OLLI for several years. In the Fall 2017 semester, she conducted -- as she has for years -- the workshops "Exploring the Metropolitan Museum of Art" and "How the Universe Works." Along with a fellow OLLI leader, Chahla LeMaire, she co-led the "Understanding the Brain" workshop.

Angela was born in Jersey City and attended Rutgers University, where she majored in physics and minored in mathematics. It was there that she met her future husband, Robert Bari, who was also studying physics.

Angela went on to earn a master’s degree in physics at Northeastern University in Boston. She then joined the Honeywell Corp. in Massachusetts as a computer specialist in memory devices. When her husband got a position at Brookhaven National Laboratory in 1971, the couple moved to Long Island, where Angela was employed consecutively by several military contractors, including Northrop Grumman. While working there, she also taught courses in programming at Grumman in the 1990’s and, between 2000 and 2005, computer science at Suffolk Community College.

In summer, Angela and her husband enjoy sailing on Long Island Sound and the East River. (Angela and Robert are both Past Commodores of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club.) They also travel worldwide. Angela loves to visit museums. She practices yoga, does gardening on her Setauket property and enjoys scuba diving in warm waters – most recently at the Great Barrier Reef off Australia.

Angela and her husband, longtime residents of Setauket, have a son and daughter and four grandchildren.

Angela began giving OLLI workshops at Stony Brook after retiring from Northrop Grumman in 2009. "Participating in the OLLI program has been an intellectually stimulating experience," she said of her experience as an OLLI leader. "It is truly wonderful to interact with other OLLI members who bring their own experience and ideas from diverse backgrounds."

- Elio Zappulla

Long Island Hero

Camp Hero State Park is one of those treasures of Long Island that brim with rare beauty, important history and unusual geology. It's easily accessible to all – and on weekdays, it's free to people over 62!

Highway, Camp Hero is named for an Army general whose last name was, aptly, Hero. Its 415 acres offer an array of hiking trails, picnic facilities, soaring cliffs, ocean vistas and protected wildlife, as well as the opportunity to get a close look at leftover radar and gun emplacements from the area’s role in World War II as a fortification against Nazi aggression.

The government even disguised some of the camp's buildings to resemble a fishing village to discourage Nazi infiltration of the sort that occurred in nearby Amagansett in 1942, when a German submarine landed a band of ill-fated saboteurs.

Camp Hero is a place of natural contrasts. High cliffs called hoodoos and the rocky ocean shoreline below offer photographers an opportunity to capture many shapes and angles. Shutterbugs can get a wonderful shot of the famed Montauk Lighthouse from the hiking trail along the cliffs, which are, it's worth noting, eroding. Sunrise and sunset both provide spectacular vistas. I recently got there at 5 a.m. and waited for the sun to rise out of the sea. I was not disappointed.

The hiking trail is packed dirt and gravel and easy to walk on. If the weather is comfortable, visitors can get a sandwich in town and then eat in the park at one of the many picnic tables. A hero perhaps?

- Susan McKeon Steinmann
  OLLI Member

Camp Hero is a great place to picnic, hike, bike, horseback ride, and even cross-country ski.

Camp Hero is a popular spot for surf fishing due to various underwater structures that attract fish.
OLLI Annual Holiday Luncheon

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Bob Mirman, President of OLLI Advisory Board, acted as emcee, welcoming guests and fellow board members and introducing the Chorus and the evening’s speakers, Ken Lindblom, Dean of the Stony Brook University School of Professional Development, and Wayne Holo, Director of the OLLI program.

Bob then called all workshop leaders present to the center of the floor to be recognized for their service, for without them, OLLI could not exist.

Bob also took note of several OLLI members who had contributed to the program in various ways, especially those who serve on the Member Relations Committee, which was responsible for putting this event together.

The sumptuous menu began with a course of Rigatoni a La Vodka Pasta and a Garden Salad/Combo Salad App. Diners then had a choice from the following entrées: Chateaubriand/French Cut Chicken with Wild Mushroom Sauce, Pork Chop Rustica, Grilled Salmon, Manicotti and Shrimp Oreganata. The meal was topped off with Brownie a la Mode accompanied by Coffee or Tea.

Joe DePlola’s keyboard provided background music for the meal and inspiration to work off some of those calories on the dance floor.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the members of the Member Relations Committee who were involved in the planning and execution of the event. Special thanks go to the volunteers who helped to make it such a great success: Bunnye Avril, Fred Avril, Carlo Curcio, Diane Hollander, Jeff Hollander, Lily Klima, Paul Knel, Ira Kurtzberg, Laurel Martin, Sue Parlatore, Sheryl Sessa, Harvey Walsh, Laura West and Doris Weisman.

Wayne Holo, Laura West, Leah Todd and Harvey Walsh of the OLLI Office were, as usual, intrinsically involved in the organization of this event. My sincerest thanks to them, as well.

- Jothi Curcio, Co-Chair
OLLI Member Relations Committee

Conversation Partners

The Conversation Partner program is flourishing and continues to provide a mutually rewarding experience for OLLI members and graduate students at Stony Brook University.

“Conversation” is a human essential and this program provides our OLLI community with the opportunity to help those students for whom English is not their native tongue to better communicate and feel more comfortable in their new environment.

The only qualification to be a Conversation Partner is a willingness to want to help someone who is trying to be a more effective communicator in English. Being available to talk one-on-one with a student on general day-to-day topics not only exposes them to our language but also to our culture. In return, we get a glimpse into their world. It’s a wonderful experience for everyone who participates!

Your “comfort level” and the comfort level of your Conversation Partner will define the scope of your engagement. It could be a defined scheduled half-hour session every week or so, or an evolving relationship that will establish its own parameters. Some meet for coffee, some go to a movie or a ballgame or an event on campus and then discuss it—whatever works for you!

Diane Hollander and I are available to answer any questions you have or to offer advice and guidance. Email us at dianehol24@gmail.com or sueparl@aol.com. As the old saying goes: Try it — you’ll like it!

- Sue Parlatore and Diane Hollander, Co-Chairs
OLLI Conversation Partners
Curriculum Committee Report

Once again another Spring semester looms before us. This would not be possible without our wonderful group of dedicated leaders and co-leaders who continue to lend their expertise and time to present, as of this writing, 102 workshops. Our talented OLLI office staff completed both the schedule and registration process to ensure we got “off and learning” at the Feb. 19 start of the semester.

Many leaders repeat their workshops from one semester to the next. This affords members the chance to register for different classes or to continue to attend their favorite ones. Our OLLI program continues to evolve as new leaders and their workshops are reviewed and approved by the volunteers who make up the Curriculum Committee. Here are eight new workshops for the Spring semester:

- “How Happiness Thinks” - Shalom Cohen
- “LocationLocationLocation” - David Sher
- “Travel Through the Evolving Worlds of Elon Musk” - Doris Weisman
- “Talking Science” (offered through the Alan Alda Center) - Nancy Moes, Elizabeth Bojsza
- “Fact and Fiction in the Middle Ages” - Joel Rosenthal
- “Topics in Long Island Natural and Cultural History” - Francis Turano
- “Knowing What Makes Up a Residential Home” - Hank Jaworoski
- “Literature of India” - Narayan Hegde

Some leaders change the focus of their workshop from one semester to the next, but continue to present in the same subject area. And other leaders bring back their workshop after taking some time off. Some of these workshops are:

- “Stories of John Cheever” - Dan Daly, Genevieve Madden-Koch
- “Current Affairs in Israel” - Robert Weiss
- “Mysterious Consciousness” - Carter Bancroft
- “Thinking Inside the Box” - Bruce Stasiuk
- “Classical Music: A Thousand Year Journey” - David Bouchier
- “The Mystery Novel as Literature: Contemporary Authors” - Tasha Greenberg
- “Tragic Theater: Eugene O’Neill” - Arthur Bernstein
- “Shakespearean Tragedy” - Anita Edwards

It’s not too early to consider offering a workshop for the four-week Summer term this coming June. Leaders may wish to extend their spring workshop at that time, and it’s also an opportunity for anyone to try out a new offering.

If you are interested please contact co-chairs Ed Metzendorf at saab92@optonline.net or Jackie Day at jday1223@gmail.com.

- Ed Metzendorf and Jackie Day, Co-Chairs
  OLLI Curriculum Committee

OLLI Chorus Continues to Grow

The OLLI Chorus has grown to 34 members, plus a conductor. The group performed several songs at the recent holiday luncheon and was well received by those who attended. Future performances include the Spring Dinner and a possible return to the New York Mets Citi Field in the summer. We are always looking for new members to join so, if you are interested, contact Ed Metzendorf at saab92@optonline.net.

The following are members of the OLLI Chorus:

Miles Massicotte, Conductor

Marty Allen
Susan Cardinal
Richard Cunningham
Rosemarie Eisler
Dena Fagan
Stuart Koenig
Linda Kurtzberg
Susan Lense
Rita LoMonaco
Ed Metzendorf
Tom Needham
Suzanne Neske
Len Prager
Joan Roehrig
Flo Scully
Paula Steinberg
Lorraine Taylor

Rabbi David Altman
Pam Carr
Diane Eidelman
Susanna Eton
Pat Gobler
Ira Kurtzberg
Susan Laskowski
Laura Lesch
Helen Mendelson
Cheryl Nafman
Joe Pleva
Shelly Psaris
Mary Ruhe
Robin Sicoli
Scott Stevenson
Peter Walsh
Lorraine Wysolmerski

- Ed Metzendorf and Jackie Day

OLLI Chorus sings to members at the 2017 Annual Holiday Luncheon.
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