

Monthly Highlights

■ Remember, if SVSU is closed due to adverse weather conditions, OLLI classes and meetings are also cancelled. Call the University Weather Line for an up-to-date report: 964-4477.

■ SVSU will take its spring break from March 6 -March 12. The OLLI Office will remain open.

■ Join SVSU assistant professor of history Isaac Stephens for the Hoffman/Willertz lecture on Thursday March 16, 2017. The topic is "Drinking the Bitter Cup in Early Modern Britain: Making Martyrs and Understanding Contemporary Pluralism."

■ Don't miss the pre-trip lecture for Puccini's *The Girl of the Golden West* on March 28 if you're signed up for the day trip (included in cost)

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March Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

SVSU Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms

8:45 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Welcome & Announcements

World War II on the Homefront

Presented by Eric Jylha

In December of 1940, President Franklin Roosevelt called upon Americans to unite in an effort of patriotism to help turn the tide of the war in Europe. Asking for mass production of wartime goods to aide soon-to-be allies, Roosevelt's fireside chat quickly led Michigan to be known as "The Arsenal of Democracy." Her place at the manufacturing forefront of the war allowed Michigan to capitalize on the wartime economy, which would soon rebound the United States from the grips of the Great Depression. This is the story of Saginaw's Gun Plant, Bay City's Defoe Shipbuilding and Midland's Dow Chemical. All three made significant contributions to the war effort during the 1940s. Manufacturing aside, Michigan also played a unique role in the war by housing thousands of World War II Prisoners of War, who grew Michiganans' food.

At our March meeting, we'll join Michigan native, veteran broadcaster and retired local TV personality Eric Jylha for a discussion of Michigan's unique manufacturing role during World War II.



Upcoming Events & Monthly Meetings

Wednesday, April 12

Monthly Meeting, Jazzy Musical Entertainment
by The New Reformation Band
Curtiss Hall - Banquet Rooms

Wednesday, May 10

Monthly Meeting, *The Storyteller's Tao*
by Deng Ming-Dao
Curtiss Hall - Banquet Rooms

Wednesday, June 14

Monthly Meeting, *New Hope Valley*
by retirement community staff
Curtiss Hall - Banquet Rooms

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Hello OLLI friends,

I have been thinking about the many small joys of this time of life. This week when an overnight freezing rain iced the roads, I couldn't wait until they were clear before going out.

Early morning midweek shopping avoids the crowds at the grocery store. But if there are crowds, no problem – there's no rush. Standing in line, it's a good time to work on balance, standing on one foot.

Those wonderful radio shows like the Diane Rehm show (or now, 1A) are easily available during what used to be working hours. If there's a book that just can't be put down, reading late into the night is no problem – no 5:30 a.m. wake up call. Meeting friends for lunch, we can sit and talk until mid afternoon if we choose (and the restaurant's not full). The grandchildren are so grown up that we can talk together as one adult to another. Wonderful to hear their perspectives.

But most of all, there are the wonderful new friends who join friends from the 1960s forward. More and more, the old song resonates: "Make new friends, but keep the old; one is silver and the other gold." Actually, they're all gold.

Leslie Sanders, OLLI Advisory Board Chair



Artist Chat

On March 15 from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm in the OLLI Classroom (C129) Artist Pat Yockey will host an artist chat about her work. Born in Saginaw, she first began creating as a child.

Studying under Larry Butcher, Russell Thayer, and Charles Breed at Delta college, she grew in her skills and added to her studies. In addition, Pat worked decorating the Saginaw Art Museum with Margarie Stasey and Kara Harris Brown for twenty years. Pat's work has been exhibited in several locations around the Great Lakes Bay Region, including the Saginaw Country Club, Anderson Enrichment Center, Saginaw Castle Museum, Saginaw Art, Museum, Jacobson's, the Saginaw Club, and the OLLI classroom.

SVSU - OLLI Heads to Hawaii



With snowflakes drifting through the air on January 27, OLLI members boarded their shuttle down to Detroit for a brief overnight stay before boarding their flight toward the warm tropical breezes of Hawaii. Within days, members were enjoying sunset dinners overlooking the sandy beaches, and the history of the U.S.S. Arizona and Pearl Harbor.

Arranged through Road Scholar, OLLI members were set to enjoy a number of historical and educational sites while taking in the natural beauty of the islands. The trip itinerary included stops at Volcanos National Park, the Jagger Museum, Kilauea Visitor Center, Haleakala National Park, humpback whale watching and much more!

OLLI members only had to enjoy the adventure, with lodging, most meals, and travel included in their overall travel package!

This eleven day excursion won't be the last exciting adventure for OLLI members in 2017. Members are also slated to head toward Germany, Washington D.C., Charleston/Savannah, GA, and many wonderful plays, musicals, concerts, and tours.

Like and Follow OLLI Online

Founded in 2004, Facebook has skyrocketed to becoming the most popular social network worldwide with an estimated 1.79 billion active users in 2016. Housing a network of “friends,” Facebook allows users from all ages to post pictures, keep in touch with friends and family, learn about the news and world affairs, and find old acquaintances.

Following close behind, Twitter has become the social media platform for the stars, featuring popular accounts by President Donald Trump, Katy Perry, and Oprah Winfrey. In just 140 characters or less, users can “tweet” every detail of their life, the news, and more. Follow users to see their daily tweets on one’s own account.



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OLLI is getting onboard the social media bandwagon with renewed effort to post on our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram Accounts. Like and Follow us @SVSUOLLI. Still confused about how they all work? Join us for a class on Twitter or other social media this Spring/Summer session

OLLI Fast Stats

- ◆ The Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes Network consists of 120 OLLIs nationwide!
- ◆ In Michigan there are four OLLIs—Aquinas College, Western Michigan University, University of Michigan, and Saginaw Valley State University.
- ◆ SVSU is Michigan’s oldest OLLI with almost 2000 members!

Current OLLI Interest Groups

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New Interest Group: Feminism!

Are you concerned about your rights and/or the rights of women everywhere? Do you wonder what the future holds as far as Roe v. Wade? Do you believe in social and political equality for all? Then this interest group is for you! Created in response to the public interest in the Trump Administration and concerns over women’s rights in



today’s political climate, an OLLI Feminism Group is forming. For more information, please contact OLLI member Eileen Harris at 989-780-8893 or eileenh@umass.edu. There will be a brief presentation by Eileen at our March monthly meeting to gather member interest as well.



Director's Corner: *Katherine Ellison*

It's been an interesting few weeks here at OLLI! Though still learning the ropes, I'm getting to know how the organization works from the inside. I've been working hard scheduling exciting classes for Spring/Summer and hope that the members enjoy some new options, such as classes on home preserving, and civil litigation. I've also included a few staple classes as well, including more history, art, and technology.

I'm always looking for suggestions. If you have a great idea for something OLLI should do, a class we should offer, or a change for the better, please don't hesitate to stop by the office in Curtiss 111 and let me know or drop me an email at keelliso@svsu.edu.

I'm looking forward to getting to know more members in the coming months and years, going on more trips, and helping continue to maintain OLLI at SVSU as the amazing organization that it has become.



Class Highlight: The Roles of Women in Early Christianity

Last winter, OLLI member Barb Mitchell taught a class entitled *Mary Magdalene and the Women of Early Christianity*. This April she will be continuing her focus on those early Christian women, going beyond those named in the New Testament to women of the first three centuries. As Rome is now studying the possible return of women as deacons, this is a very timely as well as fascinating look back at the real origin of the Christian clergy, in both the East and the West.



Tuesdays: April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Price: \$27 Members; \$54 Non-Members
Room: C129

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