

Patti and Cal Oppenheim, Perennial OLLI Goodwill Ambassadors (continued)

by John Hammond

Patti and Cal migrated from Michigan to Asheville in the spring of 2008 following their retirement from successful careers, Patti in primary education and Cal in information technology. The first fall after their arrival in Asheville, they began taking courses at the then-North Carolina Center for Creative Retirement (NCCCR) College for Seniors and have hardly missed a term since, regardless of their busy travel schedules or any other activities they were pursuing at the time.

Cal and Patti have both been immersed in many developmental activities of our organization. Cal worked on the Research Committee, compiling and analyzing the results of annual member surveys. He and Patti worked as registration assistants during the previous in-person registration. Then Cal worked with Business Manager Ann Cadle to help registrants as we transitioned to the new on-line registration.

Patti has been very active in orientation activities involving new faculty, working with Ulana Mellor and Anne Mock in planning refreshments for Faculty Orientation and Appreciation as well as working on OLLI's popular Art Bazaar. For several terms, Patti was involved with OLLI's Fab Friday Programs and has been instrumental in their success. Cal enjoys attending lectures of the World Affairs Council and participating in Jim Lenburg's and Mary Lasher's history classes.

For these and many other reasons, Cal and Patti ably personify connected, committed, enthusiastic volunteers in the OLLI community. Their passion for our organization is obvious in their willingness to take on most any responsibility. We are very grateful for their numerous prior services and look forward to their continued contributions.