



## OLLI at Pacific Newsletter

### The OLLI at Pacific Quarterly Newsletter

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#### Featured Instructor-Deanna Hunt

How long have you been a part of the OLLI program?

I started teaching for OLLI the Fall term of 2007. The first course was Beginning watercolor on Friday mornings with 27 participants! Some of those "original members" are still regulars in the Friday morning course.

What is your favorite part of OLLI?

It is a tremendous honor to be in the role of teacher for the OLLI membership. There are so many things for which I am grateful being an OLLI instructor but one my favorite aspects of the experience is the rich opportunity to deeply connect with the members through the framework of the dynamic learning environment. I am continually learning from and inspired by the members.

Any words of wisdom about lifelong learning?

For someone considering to take an



art course, I say, seize the day! Everyone can learn to draw and everyone can learn to paint! Sign up, jump in and find yourself in a positive and encouraging environment. You'll be amazed by how much you learn and by how inspired you will feel, seeing the world with new eyes.

Deanna still has openings for her classes this spring! If you want to sign-up or learn more, just call the OLLI at Pacific office: 209-946-7658

## News from the Director



### 2020 Here We Come!

This picture of Joanna and I was taken at the last OLLI wine tasting of 2019 at Berghold Winery. We called it our OLLI office-end of the year-holiday celebration! Berghold is beautifully decorated for the holiday season and it seemed a very fitting way for our little team of 2 to celebrate a wonderful year together at OLLI.

It's a new year and a new semester for OLLI. I try, throughout the year to review, reflect and set new goals. We can strive to grow, change and improve *any time* of the year not just January 1. With that being said, it is fun to reflect upon the year that we had in 2019 at OLLI at Pacific.

In 2019:

- OLLI at Pacific earned the designation for University of the Pacific as an Age-Friendly University with the AFU Global Network. Endorsed by the Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education, it supports the 10 AFU principles such as *#8: Enhance access for older adults to the university's range of health and wellness programs and its arts and cultural activities.*
- We started a new podcast called Curiosity Never Retires. In collaboration with communication students who manage the campus Pacific Tiger Broadcast. The students, record, edit

and produce the OLLI podcast. The goal is to help overcome myths and misconceptions of aging through interviews with OLLI members, instructors and affiliates. I have so much fun doing the interviews and it has been a pleasure getting to know more about our members and instructors. Please take a listen and consider sharing with a friend.

- OLLI at Pacific exceeded our fundraising goal of \$15,000 during the Generosity Never Retires campaign. The grand total was \$17,100. Thank you so much, to all that donated. You are helping to secure OLLI's future and growth with your generous gifts.
- For the first time we offered an international trip with Collette Travel. It was a successful venture with 24 attending this amazing trip. We are continuing to partner with Collette by offering more travel opportunities through out the year.
- A new OLLI benefit was added in the Fall. Friends of Chamber Music now offers a reduced concert ticket price to OLLI at Pacific members: Only \$15 (regular price is \$25)
- We started an affiliate lecture series with Del Webb Active Adult Community in Manteca, offering residents academic learning along with a plethora of current offerings at their clubhouse.

I believe in continuous growth and learning. Joanna and I are always working together, looking for ways to enhance and improve the OLLI at Pacific program. I am excited as we look forward to a 2020 full of great programming, dedicated instructors, new challenges and stimulating opportunities.

~Jennifer Juanitas, Program Director

## Spring Preview Reception and Art Show

**Biggest turnout ever!**

OLLI at Pacific's spring reception was



the biggest yet. Over 200 people attended. Held at the DeRosa University Center Ballroom, members socialized, enjoyed appetizers and drinks while listening to wonderful instructors give a sneak-peak of their spring lectures and classes. This year's reception was scheduled early in order to relieve the stress of parking in a crowded lot. The event was planned a week before students were scheduled to arrive on campus. As in the past, we continued to offer valet parking as well. Thanks to all those who volunteered to help with this popular event. Especially the art students who do a fantastic job sharing their amazing works of art and Dr. Said Shakerin who sold his Wood Delight artwork and donated the proceeds to OLLI at Pacific.

## Pacific Gives!

### Join OLLI on the Day of Giving

Join us March 24<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> as the University of Pacific celebrates its 4<sup>th</sup> annual **Pacific Gives**. Come together with the rest of the Pacific Community and show your support for OLLI or any other program or organization here on campus. With your support we can make a positive impact here at Pacific.

[Follow our progress on the day of by clicking here!](#)



## Travel with OLLI at Pacific!

**FREE travel information session with Jay Fehan of Collette Travel on Monday, February 10th at 1:30p. Located at 1776 W. March Lane, #330. Join us to learn more about these fabulous trips!**

DISCOVER AMERICA'S MUSIC CITIES, October 11-18, 2020  
<https://gateway.gocollette.c>



[om/link/974912](https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/974912)

SPOTLIGHT ON THE FRENCH RIVIERA, November 7-15, 2020  
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/996654>

Both tours are priced at \$2999 double occupancy.

For more information please call Jennifer at 209-946-7658



## Curiosity Never Retires Podcast

Click here to listen to the Curiosity Never Retires podcast

Want to learn more about OLLI members, instructors and affiliates? Listen to our Curiosity Never Retires podcast. Most recent interviews include: **Dee Matteucci, Cheryl Kilsdonk and Eno Uto-Uko**. We talk about myths, misconceptions and stereotypes of aging.

**OLLI FUN FACT: Did you know the number of people aged 80 years or older will have almost quadrupled between 2000 and 2050 to 395 million.**

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