

**Editor's pick:**

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Read Nancy  
Kennedy's  
column, page 2,  
about Bernard  
Osher.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Furman - where active minds play

# OLLILife

Long live learning



Maryanna Levenson, Kathy Brown, and Dianne Arbour enjoy OLLI's annual Cocoa and Carols reception and concert featuring the Herring Chamber Ensemble of the Greenville Chorale under the direction of Bing Vick  
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## BUNCO!



If the kids could see us now: drinking beer, rolling dice, and cheering boisterously! Such was the scene at OLLI's first BUNCO event during the fall term. Forty-eight players filled the tables and competed for prizes. Thanks to OLLI's outstanding Social Committee for delivering this terrific event.



Go to **Bernie's latest wine blog** on page 11 to learn why you might be paying more from now on for your European wine.



### Stop worrying, Joe

Joe Coffee worries about what to do with his paper cups. Trash? Recycling? Joe, stop worrying. Get yourself an official OLLI mug, available at the OLLI Office. Hot coffee, cool Joe. Good for tea and cocoa, too. Nothing confusing.

## FURMAN STUDENTS SHARE RESEARCH RESULTS WITH POSTER EXHIBIT AT OLLI

Students in Furman's Politics & International Affairs department presented a **Research Poster Exhibition** recently at OLLI's Herring Center. Approximately 20 groups of Furman students, including our OLLI student worker Cassidi Dozier shared results from their scholarly look at difficult topics: hate crimes, race relations, obesity, immigration issues, rape and more. OLLI member Greg Peters commented, "I was amazed at the quality of the research, the relevance of the findings, and the professionalism of the presenters. I felt many of the research results were worthy of broader dissemination in our community and beyond." OLLI members Judy and Gary Aten shared Greg's high praise. "This is the kind of research I'd expect to see in a Master's Degree program, not an undergrad project," said Judy.



Using a variety of statistical tools and survey data, each group summarized its finding with well-crafted conclusions. Many of the students expect to pursue career paths that will build upon the work they've done to fulfill their "poster" requirement. We talked to future politicians, public health advocates, international affairs advocates, and lawyers (Cassidi's interest), all with a new appreciation of the value of solid research, even when — as several students learned — the research doesn't always confirm their first expectations. Photo: Cassidi and research partner Emma Berger discuss their poster

# OLLivoices



Who are these jolly folks? See page 6 for the answer.

OLLI Council met December 6, 2019. Next meeting will be March 20, 2020.

## Council Announces New Events

**Happy Hour** - The Social Committee announced a new activity which will make its debut February 18, 4 - 6 pm. You and other members who share your zip code will be invited to gather for fellowship, drinks, and great OLLI conversation. Watch for further info about this event.

**Save the Dates:** Chautauqua performance, February 1; Trivia Night, March 3; Golf Scramble, March 16; Annual Luncheon, May 19.

**EXCITING NEWS:** OLLI Director Nancy Kennedy announced the **Osher Lecture Series** which will work closely with Furman faculty to bring top US and international scholars, writers, and other experts in their

fields to OLLI@Furman. Lectures will be open to the public. The first lecture on January 16 will feature Dr. Mary Ebbott, Dean of Faculty and Classics Professor at College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. Dr. Ebbott will speak on *Odysseus's Sister*.

On February 5, Jesmyn Ward, MacArthur "Genius," two-time winner of the National Book Award for Fiction, will speak. Ward's been called the most important novelist writing about the South right now.

On March 25, German Theologian Werner Krättschell, our "Distinguished Visiting Lecturer," will speak on "Walls and Reconciliation." Dr. Krättschell was among the first East Germans to cross the border to West Germany on November 9, 1989.

## Ask Nancy: "Nancy, I'm new. Why are we called *OLLI*?"

The Bernard Osher Foundation, headquartered in San Francisco, was started in 1977 by Bernard Osher, a respected businessman and community leader. OLLI stands for **O**sher **L**ifelong **L**earning **I**nstitute.

OLLI@Furman University is one of 124 OLLIs across the country. All have received endowment gifts from the Osher Foundation of \$1-\$2 million. The Foundation seeks to improve quality of life through support for higher education and the arts in at least one institution in every state. There are four in South Carolina: Furman, Clemson, Coastal Carolina, and USC-Beaufort. Furman's program became an OLLI in 2008 and received its first \$1 million gift in 2009. We received our second (and final) \$1 million in 2011. These funds reside in Furman's endowment, and our program receives a



distribution from them each year to support and enhance our OLLI.

The Foundation also provides post-secondary scholarship funding to colleges and universities across the nation (including Furman), with special attention to re-entry students. In addition, the Foundation benefits programs in integrative medicine in the United States and Sweden. Finally, an array of performing arts organizations, museums, and educational programs in Northern California and in Mr. Osher's native state of Maine receive Foundation grants.

OLLI Council President Sally Bornmueller and I look forward to seeing Mr. Osher at the OLLI National Conference in Tampa in April. He always asks how things are going at Furman, and I will share with him well wishes and appreciation from our 2,400+ members.

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# OLLI, yeah!



Students in Gail Jones's fall Kaleidoscope class cut pipes, shaped glass, and created one-of-a-kind masterpieces.



Gail Jones and Debra Heaton

NEVER TOO OLD - In 2019, John B. Goodenough was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, and at 97 became the oldest Nobel laureate in history.

## We ♥ FEEDBACK!

Thanks for your comments about our Sept, 2019, issue.

I like the newsletter but want to see more interviews with OLLI instructors, MW; Love it..always love it...every word! CI \*\*\*

Thanks to Marcyanna Millet who read Molly Fitzpatrick's *Infobits* about *paraprosdokians* and sent us one of her favorites by Will Rogers: "If one person tells you that you are a jackass, you can tell him/her to go to hell. If ten people tell you that you are a jackass, it is time to buy a saddle!" Thanks to Loretta Forbes who says Ed O'Keefe's packing suggestions are "right on" and added one more item of her own: light-weight, stuffable puffy coats and vests. "They take little room and fit easily into stuff bags from outfitter stores, Walmart, Academy Sports.

Thanks, Elaine Brummet, for adding to our recycle conversation: "Furman wants only clean — paper, plastic bottles (#1 and 2) and metal cans...separate bin on campus for cardboard."

Marcyanna, Elaine, and Loretta will receive **OLLILife** stickers for their contributions.

## How to do *aging well*

Class notes from Sonya Hammond's *Science of Aging* course

Last fall OLLI member/instructor Sonya Hammond taught *Science of Aging* and drew upon a rich trove of scientific studies to explore issues we face in our efforts to do the aging process well. By the end of the course, Sonya and her students had a list of guidelines to launch them onto a healthy path forward:

- Eat *real* food, mostly vegetables, but not too much
- Stay hydrated (water, tea, coffee); skip the soft drinks and juices
- Move frequently and get plenty of aerobic activity
- Lift heavy things (do work); do full-body functional movements
- *Sprint* (Go all out at least once a week)
- Get seven to eight hours of quality sleep a night, and always get up at the same time
- Get 15 minutes of direct sunlight a day
- Stay connected; stay happy; stay active
- **Have purpose**
- Meditate and *de-stress*
- Find your spirituality

Send your Feedback for Sonya to **OLLILife** editor, [sue.renault@gmail.com](mailto:sue.renault@gmail.com)  
What do you do to stay engaged and healthy?

## Staff and guests

### Thank you, **OLLILife** staff:

Bernie and Cindy Showman, wine blog; Jim Hammond, What's it all about, OLLI? Marie Eldridge, member profiles; Diana Miel, special assignments, OLLI/Furman connections, book reviews; Betty Jo Shaw, SIGs; Anne Doyle, bonus events; Kathleen Allen, Travel Editor; Carole Eisen, proofreading; Mary Kay and Paul Kantz, special assignments; Gary and Judy Aten, student interviews; Kathy Roed, volunteers, Barbara Ziegler, photos;

### Thanks, guest contributors:

Pamela Parrish, restaurant favs, Sonya Hammond notes on aging, Jim Rehg and Connie Irby, poetry; Diana Manley and SCWA reporting; Tributes writers, page 12



### 100 years!!!

November, 2019: Nancy Riegel and Mignon Davis help **Katie Roark**, right, celebrate her 100th birthday at the Herring Center. Katie still attends OLLI classes and programs.

**INFObits: The Albatross is the largest bird that can go years without landing.** They spend their first six years of life flying over the ocean before coming to land to mate. It is capable of traveling more than 10,000 miles in a single journey and circumnavigating the globe in 46 days. (Facebook didyouknow site)

# OLLIGIGS



OLLI's hallway bulletin board featured images and statements in observance of October's International Day of Peace

**"It's not so much knowing when to speak, but when to pause." - Jack Benny**

## OLLI Explorers Learn about Goat Soap

by Anne Doyle

In October, bonus-event explorers visited Red Clay Soap at Double Blessing Goat Farm...Double Blessing, "because their first goat ran away on Paris Mountain and their second goat had a baby!" John and Rachel Palacino have been raising poison ivy-eating goats since 1998; making soap since 2011.

Charlotte, who is not camera shy, is their Saanen milker, producing two gallons of milk a day. Goat milk is a naturally pasteurized probiotic, cholesterol buster, with tiny molecules that don't clump in your veins and arteries. Combined with pure oils and scents, the result is pure goat milk soap. Their most popular scent



is Raspberry Ale, made in partnership with the Swamp Rabbit Brewery! (That's Charlotte on the left. Photo by Anne Doyle.)

For more information: [www.RedClaySoap.com](http://www.RedClaySoap.com)



## SIG reporter Betty Jo Shaw visits Mexican Trains SIG

A new SIG began during the fall to play Mexican Train, a variation on the dominoes game many of us played as children, but using a double 12 set of tiles.

When I visited, three games were in action with four people in each game, though any number of people can play. All "trains" originate at the "station" created by a double tile for each round. In turn, each player adds to his own train or to a Mexican train on which any one can play by adding a tile with a matching number. The object is to be first to use all one's tiles, ending the round, or to have the fewest spots on remaining tiles when someone else is out. The winner has the lowest cumulative score after all rounds.

There are several variations on the rules, and the members agree on which to adopt. The Mexican Train SIG meets each Tuesday at 10 in the Manly Lobby. For further information, contact Jean Penny, [pennyj61@gmail.com](mailto:pennyj61@gmail.com).



Nancy Story and Sandy Halter study their moves

## A Path to Peace Beyond Nationalism

by Paul Kantz

"National identities are man-made boundaries for political purposes. They are not made by God or by nature. What is made by God or nature is us – humans. Our first loyalty should be to our fellow human beings," said Furman political scientist Dr. Akan Malici in a provocative address at OLLI in October to commemorate the International Day of Peace.

"We need more than an emotional response to citizenship," says Malici; "we need a generous citizenship through which we can

come to know one another and can co-offer a better tomorrow for all."

The talk was arranged by OLLI's International Peace Day Committee and sponsored by the Personal and Community Engagement SIG which fosters "inner peace through volunteering."



Photo by Paul Kantz

PHOTO: Peace Committee members with Dr. Akan Malici (center) are Tom Nowlin, Anita McQuillen, Marcia Smith and Millie Collins.

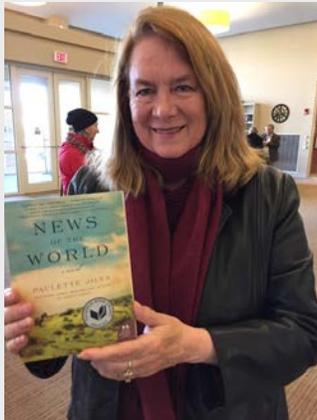
# OLLI adventures

Barbara Hillary became the first African-American woman to reach both poles: North at age 75 and South at age 79.

## NEWS OF THE WORLD

Janet Riksen was first in line to get a copy of this year's *Read and Explore* selection, **News of the World** by Paulette Jiles. Riksen, a first-time R&E reader, is a member of OLLI's current class of Senior Leaders. She's looking forward to exploring the book's topics and themes through a variety of winter term events.

According to **USA Today** a "traveling performer" is offered a reward to deliver a ten-year-old girl back to her family after she has lived as a captive of the Kiowa Indians for four years..."This oddly-matched pair takes us on a



wild 400-mile journey... forging an unexpected bond along the way." Watch for upcoming opportunities to learn more about this engaging story.



OLLI Council members surprised President Sally Bornmueller with birthday greetings following their Council meeting December 6.

## POSTCARD FROM PARIS

Fourteen adventurers and their guides said, "Oui!" to OLLI's France trip in the Fall of 2019 and explored "lifelong learning" along the picturesque River Seine and also among the rolling fields of the Loire Valley (the Garden of France).



They learned to dash through metro stations and topple onto the



train "vite, vite, vite," before the doors closed; to savor baguettes and cheese at every meal; to cross busy avenues *only* on "green man" lights. "Green man, green man," they shouted, "vite, vite, vite."

They walked briskly with OLLI instructor Mary Jo Padgett whose animated lessons left them with a grander sense of American and French connections and friendship.

They learned that the first sight of the Eiffel Tower takes one's breath away and that the French — old and young — know how to relax joyfully in their beautiful parks. They observed that French men wear scarves well, and the women just wear everything well. They learned the two-note weeeeer-weeeeer sound of emergency vehicles and ate lunch at the same chateau where Joan of Arc stopped to replace her horses. Chillingly, they learned of the Nazi retribution massacre of nearly the entire village of Maille, now the site of the Maison de Memoirs.

Day one began with travel exhaustion and a group that didn't know how to operate the elevator, the coffee machine, the metro ticket gate or even the names of their new buddies. It ended with a new branch on our "OLLI family tree" that wished each other "Bonjour" each day, raised wine glasses with a hearty "Salud" each evening, and will always remember Paris. *by Sue Renault*

## Stop at the OLLI office to say “hi” to new student worker Jenna Justice

Jenna, known as JB or Jenna Bear to her family, is a freshman majoring in Vocal Performance. She hopes to perform and become a teacher in the future, and she already has her eye on universities that offer the graduate degrees she seeks. Jenna was born in Lakeland, Florida and is the youngest of three siblings. Her two brothers are eight and ten years older than she and live in Rock Hill and Florida. Unlike most Furman students who attend four classes per semester, Jenna attends seven. Her busy fall schedule included French, Psychology, and five music-oriented classes required for her major. Although she has a busy academic schedule, she participates in Furman Singers and Pauper Players. In December she performed in their cabaret program at the Daniel Recital Hall.

She also likes going to Furman athletic events, attending concerts, and playing soccer with her friends. She is looking forward to moving to Lakeside Housing next year and leaving her bunkbed-furnished South Housing dormitory behind. Her favorite music group is Fleetwood Mac, and their recording of Songbird is her favorite song. It turns out that Fleetwood Mac is also the favorite group of



her mother, our own OLLI Communications Program Coordinator, Jessica. Stop by and say hello. She wants to get to know all of us.

**Page 2 PHOTO:** For several years OLLI carolers have taken their holiday cheer to Heartland Healthcare Center of Berea. In this photo, they are wrapping up their rehearsal under the direction of Gloria Larkin, far right, and preparing, once again, to share the joys of the season through their songs and smiles.

# OLLICenterstage

## Meet Student Worker Brenna Outten

Sophomore Brenna Outten is from McDonough, Georgia, where her mother and three siblings live.



Her 21-year-old brother is a senior in college. She likes having a ten-year-old brother and six-year-old sister for they make holidays more fun. Her father came from the Bahamas and is an ER doctor in Florida. Her mother is a physical therapist. Her parents met in Chicago, where Brenna was born.

Brenna is happy to have exchanged South Housing's cramped room with bunk beds for a real bed and larger room in Lakeside housing. Furman wasn't on her radar when she and her mother visited Clemson. Their decision to look at nearby Furman was a fortunate choice. Brenna felt Furman was a perfect fit. Its beautiful campus and variety of activities appealed as much as downtown Greenville's restaurants and events. Best of all, Furman's small size offered good connections with classmates and professors.

Although Brenna has not yet declared a major, she is leaning toward neuroscience. Its set program of classes that must be taken in order may require some creative scheduling, but Brenna feels she can meet the challenge. During her free time, Brenna visits with friends, watches game shows, and plays trivia. Recently she began working with Best Buddies, a program seeking to reduce the social and physical isolation of those with intellectual and development disabilities.

Stop by the office and say hello to Brenna. She might be available to discuss Jeopardy!

*Jenna and Brenna interviews by Gary and Judy Aten*

# OLLICenterstage

## Uncompensated and Unappreciated

by Jim Rehg for *Nine Prompts - Nine Poems* class

Rose scribed Tuff's Journal with customer jobs,  
listing names and charges.

Richard, I should be paid. I keep your books.  
If you get paid, what would Hunt's wife say?  
Stitch your box quilts, their warmth is a blessing.

Rose typed invoices, dancing fingers on Royal keys,  
then posted the statements.

Richard, I should be paid, I bill your customers.  
If you get paid, what would Hunt's wife say?  
Bake more cherry pies, your tart is the finest.

Rose totaled customer payments in checks and cash,  
then banked the deposit.

Richard, I should be paid, I manage your earnings.  
If you get paid, what would Hunt's wife say?  
Nurture your red roses, their fragrance is unrivaled.

Rose wrote the checks for suppliers and crew,  
that kept the shop open.

Richard, I should be paid, I settle your accounts.  
If you get paid, what would Hunt's wife say?

Hunt's wife would say,  
"Rose should have pay.  
I have no claim, I do no work.  
Give thanks to her, your shop's best clerk."

*Note: "Hunt and my father were partners in my father's automotive repair business.*

### Fall, 2019: THANK YOU, OLLI ANGELS!

OLLi members joined the Furman Staff Advisory Committee and the Heller Service Corps recently to collect supplies for some of the area's neediest schools and students. Sing this list to *The Twelve Days of Christmas* tune and feel happy all over:  
2 notebooks

7 sticky note packs  
10 notebook paper  
12 scissors  
22 hand sanitizers  
15 pencil packs  
9 sharpeners  
1 packs of pens  
24 boxes of crayons  
7 packs of markers  
10 colored pencils  
12 glue sticks  
3 bottles of glue  
18 Clorox wipes  
1 packs of erasers  
4 paper towel rolls  
23 tissue boxes

## Home Town Music (prose poem)

by Connie Irby

Too often now news arrives, another old schoolmate gone. Once they marched jubilantly around the town common following cheerleaders waving blue and gold crepe pompoms after hometown victories. Souped up cars of the fifties circled past a white steepled church blowing horns, packed with screaming teens if our team won. House parties gathered in celebration and we danced to Buddy Holly, Little Richard, Fats Domino, Jerry Lee Lewis. Elvis ruled with The Platters and Roy Orbison. Now upperclass mates are going down, down, down; we hobble after them. Class shrinkage is the norm. There have been deaths along the way, but now time is fast running out, an unavoidable attrition. We didn't change the world. We are not heroes. Only Rock and Roll never dies.

Connie Irby's "Prose Poem," and Jim Rehg's memories were inspired by OLLI Instructor Arthur McMaster's challenges in his class called "Nine Prompts, Nine Poems."

**Dr. Ruby Morgan**, pianist and Furman Professor Emeritus, performed *A Romantic Interlude* in October at the Herring Center. Dr. Morgan's selections were all written or adapted for left hand only. Some pianists suffer a disabling condition in their right hand, she explained, which makes their hand unable to



respond to the brain's "play" instructions. (In her retirement, Dr. Morgan is creating an anthology of music arranged for left hand performance). OLLI members were astounded at the dynamics of her left-handed virtuosity and gave Dr. Morgan a standing ovation.

## What's it all about, OLLI?

OLLILife Columnist James T. Hammond looks at Greenville's public statues



### Women in bronze rare among Greenville's splendid statuary

At the entrance of South Carolina Governor's School for Arts and the Humanities stands a bronze likeness of Virginia Uldrick, the founding president and chief advocate when the General Assembly was considering funding the residential high school. The tribute is entirely appropriate, and one of more than a half dozen across downtown Greenville. But it stands out for its uniqueness; it is the only statue of a woman in the city's splendid statuary.

Greenville is not unique in the maleness of its public monuments. Robin Waites, executive director of Historic Columbia, surveyed that city's public monuments and did not find even one that recognized a woman for her individual accomplishments. And the trend continues in cities and towns across the state.

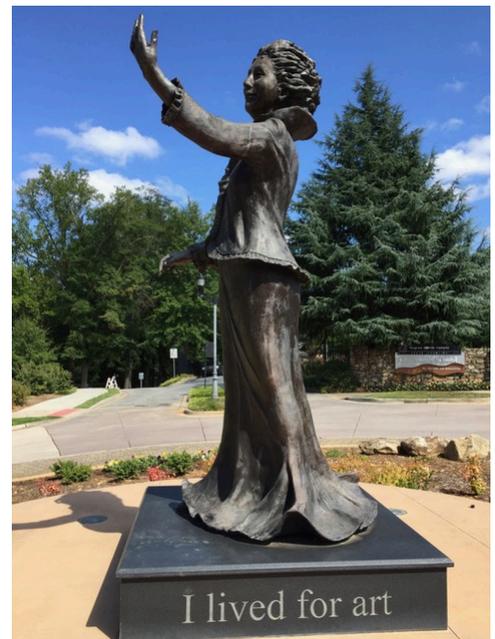
But South Carolina is not without women who make exceptional contributions to business or civic life. Eliza Lucas Pinckney created the colonial era industry of growing and processing indigo for blue dye, an agricultural industry that eventually provided one-third of the wealth in the South Carolina colony. Sarah Thomas protected her husband's Spartan Regiment partisans in the Upstate by gathering intelligence on British and Loyalist troops and risking her own safety carrying dispatches and news between partisan units during the Revolutionary War.

The city of Travelers Rest has decided to honor another heroine of the Revolution who lived near the town two centuries ago. Dicey Langston Springfield is remembered among the state's Revolutionary War history as another woman who braved darkness of night, thunderous storms and raging rivers to warn the men of her family that they would be attacked by loyalist troops if they did not flee. Another time, she used her own body to shield her elderly father from marauding loyalists. Her

father was spared a bullet because of her bravery. Travelers Rest City Council has voted to erect a statue of Dicey near the popular Swamp Rabbit Trail.

Certainly there are other women in Upstate history worthy of bronze as exemplars of courage, business acumen and leadership. One who comes to mind is Eugenia Thomas Duke, who created the ubiquitous Duke's Mayonnaise in her home kitchen in Greenville. The tangy sauce, today one of the leading brands of mayonnaise in the nation, was created as an ingredient of sandwiches Mrs. Duke sold to soldiers at Camp Sevier beginning in 1917. The tasty sauce was so popular with the troops that they spread its fame nationwide. Mrs. Duke sold the mayonnaise business to C.F. Sauer in 1929. The Duke's Sandwich business on Poinsett Highway has its roots in Mrs. Duke's kitchen. Eugenia Duke would be a fine example of the creativity and business savvy of Greenville women through the city's history.

As a community, we need to do a better job of recognizing women, past and present, who have made significant contributions. Little girls and young women deserve to see examples of how they can stand shoulder to shoulder with men.



Virginia Uldrick statue: photo by Sue Renault

Jim Hammond is a lifelong photographer and journalist who has held news posts around the world. If you enjoy reading his essays about life at OLLI *and beyond*, please let us know. Or if you read reports from other other **OLLILife** contributors (Bernie, Diana, Marie, Anne, Betty Jo, Gary and others) let us know! The **OLLILife** crew loves enriching life at OLLI through their volunteer efforts. And they love to hear from you: [sue.renault@gmail.com](mailto:sue.renault@gmail.com)

# OLLI Furman

*OLLI members and Furman friends hone their craft at SCWA writers critique group*



OLLI writers (photo at top) Diana Manley on left, Jim Rehg and Allen Stevenson on right, and Furman Media Specialist Mary Sturgill, second from left, want friends, classmates and instructors to know about the writers critique group they attend first and third Tuesdays each month at Furman Hall, room 136, on the Furman Campus. Their group is a chapter of SCWA (South Carolina Writers Association), a literary arts non-profit organization offering a supportive environment for people to become better writers. It has approximately 350 members statewide. The Furman group is SCWA's second Greenville location. Sturgill, an experienced broadcast journalist and Communications Studies Instructor at Furman, serves on the SCWA board and leads the Furman chapter.

Manley, Rehg, and Stephenson like the critique format and report that subsequent drafts and re-writes of their efforts are always stronger as a result of peer feedback.

In addition to critique groups, SCWA sponsors conferences and workshops and compiles two literary collections each year, the Petigru Review and Catfish Stew. They also partner with the South Carolina Writers Academy for the Carrie McCray writers awards.

Annual membership in SCWA is \$52 and is pro-rated during the year. For more information about SCWA, visit their website: [myscwa.org](http://myscwa.org). For more information about SCWA's critique group at Furman, send Mary an email: [marysturgill2003@yahoo.com](mailto:marysturgill2003@yahoo.com),

Report and photo by Sue Renault,

## OLLISMe! by Marie Eldridge

### Judy Ziemer Practices Fashionable Recycling

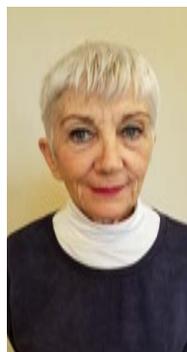
Judy Ziemer believes in reusing and recycling – and not only typical household items. For almost a year, she has been experimenting with buying her clothes at two local thrift shops. “I care about the environment, and statistics show that the clothing industry is a major polluter,” she says. “So I am trying to do my part.”

A Tai Chi instructor at OLLI for 12 years, Judy says two of her students inspired her to pursue sustainable fashion. “They are creative thrift store shoppers and look fabulous, like walking art,” she says.

Judy shops intentionally – no impulse buying. Except for the Talbot's yellow-and-white striped jacket she found for \$4. “I like jackets, but I won't pay department store prices,” she says. Finding her petite size can be

challenging, even for the exercise clothing she wears regularly. And she admits thrift shopping can become addictive, so she limits herself to monthly trips. “Otherwise it would be tempting to buy what I do not really need,” she says.

In the true spirit of sustainability, Judy returns items to the places she bought them when she no longer wants them. “All of this is very satisfying, and helps non-profit organizations, the environment and my pocketbook,” she says.



Are you an extreme recycler? Send us your own experience and your FEEDBACK to Judy's story: [sue.renault@gmail.com](mailto:sue.renault@gmail.com)



Judy Pearson, 3rd from left, Instructor Support Chair, with Instructor-Luncheon volunteers: Bob McGrath, Emma Watson, and Maggie Manning

A group of owls is called a parliament. This originates from C.S. Lewis' description of a meeting of owls in *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

## BOOK CLUB by Diana Miel

### The Library Book by Susan Orlean

As she did in *The Orchid Thief*, Orlean weaves a tapestry. In this book she provides the panorama of libraries, librarianship, the nature of fires, homelessness, architecture, gender discrimination, arson, and the history of Los Angeles — all elements in the story of the fire which consumed the Los Angeles Public Library in 1986.

Before she begins to follow the threads which richly create the fabric of this portrait of libraries and their place in the community, Orlean stunned me with the most sensory-laden descriptions of fire that I've ever read—" smoke oozing, threading and coiling upward, curling in lazy ringlets"... "Sharp fingers of flame... flames erupting... banging into a concrete ceiling and doubling back... books blooming with flame... the fire eating the library alive, and then after five hours of burning at 900 degrees, the fire pulled back and curled up in the stacks for another 2-1/2 hours, feeding itself book after book, a monster snacking on chips."

This is a detective story about arson and a suspected arsonist, the story of gender decimation in librarianship, a story of the importance of public libraries in our communities, and the nature of the people who work in them. It's the story of the crucial place books occupy in our lives and memories and why burning them is such a rupture in the consciousness of a community.

Orlean's curiosity is limitless. She chooses a central motif, then leads our eyes onto the many paths and stories which radiate from that primary theme, luring us into an exploration of the textures and colors which give us a wider and fuller view of the topic. She is a storyteller, a reporter, and a master of the language.

**SHARE:** Have you read this book? Tell us how a special library enriched your life: [sue.renault@gmail.com](mailto:sue.renault@gmail.com).

## RESTAURANT FAVORITES

by Pamela Parrish

**OLLILife** food writer Lori Dillon passed away in September, 2019, and we are saddened by her loss. In our last issue, Lori asked us to share favorite Greenville restaurants. Her first response came from Pamela Parrish, and we dedicate this column to Lori.

**PAMELA'S BEST: Husk**, downtown, is a favorite for creative dishes, particularly their vegetables served fried, pickled, spiced and many other ways.

**Mr Egg O Little India** on Pleasantburg near Hwy 385 is a small family restaurant with delicious Indian food. The "Egg" part of the menu has Northern India/Punjab street food snacks of eggs prepared in many variations. They do wonderful curries and biryani.

**Two Chefs** on Stone Avenue at Main Street has delicious deli food like sandwiches, salads, soups made in creative ways and with fresh ingredients.

My husband and I like "meat and three" diners for quick inexpensive dining. At **OJ's** on Pendleton we pick up a tray and go down the line pointing out what we want from the prepared options. At **Dixie Drive-in** on Wade Hampton Blvd, we order from the daily menu of meat and vegetable options.

**Henry's Smokehouse** on Wade Hampton is *the best* for barbecued pork, brisket, or ribs. Their banana pudding is very good.

If you're a fan of gelato, you can't beat **Luna Rosa Gelato Cafe** across from the Westin Poinsett Hotel downtown. They have so many delicious flavors that it's hard to choose. However, they will let you sample.

**Mekong Restaurant** on Wade Hampton Blvd is my favorite Vietnamese restaurant in Greenville.

I'm interested to see what others like so we can try them, also.

**OLLILife readers: Send us your favorites!**

# OLLIClass



November 2019: OLLI classmates said goodbye to longtime members Dan and Carol Kappel. The Kappels were devoted to OLLI programs, classes, and growth and will be missed. They moved to Raleigh in December to be closer to family members.



“The secret to living longer is eat half, walk double, laugh triple, and love without measure.” Tibetan Proverb

## Hey, Bernie: I heard that prices of European wines are going up. What’s going on?

On October 18, the U.S government imposed tariffs on certain goods from European Union countries. This includes a 25 percent tariff on wine from France, Spain, Germany and the UK. Wines from Italy and Portugal are exempt, as are all sparkling wines and wines with an alcohol content exceeding 14.1 percent. It is estimated that 60 percent of all wine imported from France and Spain will be subject to the tariff, and a wise shopper will stock up on affected wines while pre-tariff wines are still on store shelves.



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## November 2019: Storyteller Jim Lavender had us laughing out loud

and recalling our own childhood mischief as he rambled through boyhood adventures and introduced us to his friends and family. As a young learner growing up in the Mississippi swamp country, Jim struggled to navigate life despite dyslexia, autism, and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder. He credits a special teacher who incorporated a variety of “critters” into her lessons for Jim, thus launching a lifelong interest and employment with zoos, circuses, and children’s ministries. (Jim is also a Methodist minister.) Jim — the child who was too frightened to speak out loud — eventually found his voice as a story teller, and our OLLI audience could not have been happier.



### THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

T’was five weeks before Christmas and who should arrive but a sleigh full of elves who proceeded to dive into trimming and decking and setting a glow upon everything OLLI... with a jolly Ho-Ho. Then dashed they away, our Social Committee, leaving everything festive... everything pretty.

Christmas, 2019



### BING VICK AND CAROLERS DELIGHT OLLI AUDIENCE

Many guests at OLLI’s Cocoa and Carols concert attended last year, the year before, and the year before that. The Herring Chamber Ensemble of the Greenville Chorale under the direction of Bing Vick is nearly as important in ringing in the Christmas season as Santa, himself, they say. Together they swayed in their seats, sang along as instructed, laughed over the Pie Song and Mr. Grinch, and wished they, too, could stand around a piano two weeks before Christmas, fill a room with such rich, wonderful sounds and enchant an audience with their talent and wit. Thank you, Herring Chamber Ensemble and conductor Vick! Bravo, bravo, bravo.

## OLLI members pay tribute to deceased classmates and friends



**Craig Winebarger**, 63, died August 27, 2019 after a long illness. He enjoyed a rewarding career in the “nonwovens” Industry. He was active at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, and he enjoyed music, restoring his 1976 MGB, cheering for his UT “Vols,” hiking, fly fishing, and SCUBA. When his illness forced him to stop working, friends introduced him to OLLI where he enjoyed the Interesting Characters and Military Blunders classes. Classes on musical icons particularly excited him, and each class led to a great discussion afterwards. We will miss his kindness, dedication, and wit.

**Lori Dillon** died September 28, 2019 following an abundant life. She is remembered for her ready smile and her thoughtfulness. (“She was a better artist than I, but always willing to help me fix my imperfect efforts,” recalls an art-class friend). Lori enjoyed Dynamic Aging Classes with Dudley Tower and the “mindfulness” group of Dynamic Aging graduates. She and her beloved Jim often did “culinary research” together at local restaurants and cheerfully reported on spices and sauces for **OLLILife**. Lori loved art, food, nature, and hiking.



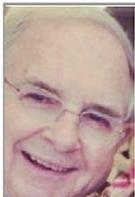
**Elizabeth “Lib” Lipscomb Richardson**, 84, died Wednesday, October 30, 2019. Lib was a 1953 graduate of Greenville High School and a graduate of Furman University. Greenville benefitted from Lib’s many years of community service through the Junior League, Haynsworth Garden Club, FAVOR, Symphony Guild, and other organizations. As a longterm OLLI member, she enjoyed being a part of the Dynamic Aging class since its inception. She often attended OLLI classes with her daughter, Kitty Richardson Allen. Her infectious laugh brought smiles as she introduced herself regularly as “Lib, as in Women’s Lib.” We will miss her sweet spirit.

**Michael Murphy**, 77, died peacefully at home on July 2, 2019. Michael was a lifelong educator, serving as a community college president in various states. He was a steadfast champion for learning. After moving to Greenville six years ago, Michael joined OLLI and became an avid student. I first met him when he spoke about post-high school education as part of the Straight Talk Series on Education. For two years, Michael also worked to diversify OLLI membership and programming as chairman of the Outreach Committee. We will miss his leadership and friendship.



**Arlene Billick 82, died July 18, 2019.** She moved to Greenville in 2002 to be closer to her sister, Christine F. Robb. After moving into Rolling Green Village Retirement Community, she was active in the RGV Garden Club and the Creekside Property Owners Association. She was also active in OLLI at Furman University where she participated in classes for more than seven years.

**Barbara Jarecky died recently at the age of 85.** In 1988-1989, she and her husband Roy spent eight months in Palembang, Indonesia, developing a medical curriculum for a school there. In 1993-1994, they served in the Peace Corps in Romania. Barbara and Roy became involved in the OLLI program at University of California at Irvine, and for a while they coordinated their schedule between California and Greenville around OLLI classes before moving here a few years ago. Barbara attended a variety of OLLI classes with her friends.



**Ronald “Ron” Meyer** passed away on October 21, 2019. Born on July 21, 1939, Ron was a retired veteran. He was an active member and Deacon at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church. Ron joined OLLI in 2018 and enjoyed a broad range of classes, most especially the MeaningSight: Quantum Consciousness classes.



**Peggy Greene** died December 9, 2019, at age 87. Peggy and her husband Dr. Roy Greene, who pre-deceased her, were founding members of FULIR (Furman University Learning in Retirement), now OLLI, and were actively engaged in the program’s growth, leadership, and classes. Roy was our first president, and Peggy — in her quiet ways — was a constant presence at OLLI/FULIR for many of the early years. Many “founding” members have warm memories of the popular and well-attended *Coffee and Conversation* that Peggy and Roy hosted on Sunday mornings at their house for several years.

**Richard Hammons** died August 26, 2019, at age 78, following a long battle with cancer. Originally from Washington State, Rich was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War who was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor. Rich joined OLLI in 2014 and was an active member who especially enjoyed Great Decisions and hiking classes. He will be remembered for his kind nature and zest for life.



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