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Rich Pouliot,
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baseball fan,
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OF THE
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SEPTEMBER 2019 - Issue #9 OLLILife turns two!

Next deadline: November 20, 2019

Recycling can be confusing. Joe Coffee knows.

We decided to track OLLI classmate Joe Coffee through a typical Joe Coffee day. Joe loves OLLI coffee but is a little squiggly about recycling his coffee cups. He loves Lunch and Learn Tuesdays but is uncertain about where his granola bar wrapper should go: blue bin? green bin? His "fries bag" is greasy by the time he's carried it around for two hours. His napkin, also.

Could *you* make the right choices? Which of the following items go into recycling bins? Which go into trash?

- Lightly coffee-stained cardboard cup
- Slightly greasy paper bag
- Granola bar wrapper



OLLI member Ginger Bell has done some research for us.

Turn to her answers on page 6.

Timmons Arena goes Broadway for May luncheon and celebrations

by Mary Kay Kantz

In May, 200 OLLI members enjoyed a rollicking spring luncheon at Timmons Arena, transformed by our Social Committee into a classy Broadway supper club.

The first super-hot announcement that day was

that our year-long campaign to endow an OLLI Faculty Enrichment Fund has reached its \$100,000 goal. (Photo: Sally, May, and David hold the check for all to enjoy OLLI's winning achievement.)

The first of the research grants will be awarded next summer to Furman faculty who will bring their research back to OLLI as a course or bonus event and will be encouraged to hire student assistants as part of their grant.

The crowd bestowed hearty thanks and congratulations on outgoing Council President May Welborn, in-coming President Sally Bornmueller, President-elect David Johnson, and new Members at Large, Paulette Payne, Justin Smith, and Cheryl Cotner.

Go to page 11 to continue this article and find out if our OLLI students won national Latin award for the seventh consecutive year.



Bernie and Cindy, I have Champagne Tastes and a Beer Pocketbook. Help!

Sparkling wine from the Champagne region of France is a pleasure. Champagne must be made from Pinot Noir and/or Chardonnay grapes, and the "tiny bubbles" of carbon dioxide must be produced by the wine undergoing a secondary fermentation in the bottle (Methode Champenoise).

See page 12 for Bernie's recommendation

OLLivoices



Wilmington, NC: OLLI staff Jessica Justice, left, and Alise Brown, right, in front; and members Marie and Ron Eldridge, back, represented OLLI @ Furman at this year's Southeast OLLI Conference in Wilmington. The foursome attended a variety of classes and returned with "best practices" tips from dozens of other Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes. (Member Sonya Hammond — not pictured here — taught a conference workshop about developing a Volunteer Manual for Curriculum Development.)

OLLI Council met August 23, 2019. Next meeting will be December 6, 2019.

OLLI COUNCIL REPORTS RECORD NUMBER OF CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES.

In Brief:

- New Council President Sally Bornmueller presided over OLLI's August 23 Council meeting;
- The Curriculum Committee reported that as of August 9, nine Lunch & Learns and 37 Friday Bonus Events are scheduled for Fall term;
- We have 118 courses this fall;
- 1851 members signed up for Fall term classes (226 brand new!)
- September's edition marks the two-year anniversary of **OLLILife**;
- Naomi Downing, Social Committee, says: "Hold the date for a September 28 Furman Football vs East

Tennessee State tailgate party with a tasty menu from Tommy's Ham House";

- From Betty Jo Shaw, Travel Committee: "Watch for news and updates about new local, national, and international trips."



IN PHOTO: COUNCIL LEADERS WELCOME THREE NEW AT-LARGE MEMBERS:

President Sally Bornmueller, left, and President Elect David Johnson, center, greet new At Large members Paulette Payne, second from left, Cheryl Cotner, fourth, and Justin Smith, on right.

Attack the piles *** CLEAN YOUR DESK *** Finish the filing *** take time to plan ***
deep clean *** spruce up your space *** dust the corners *** FINISH THE
ASK Nancy. So...how was your summer?
BROCHURE *** relax a little *** reflect and dream * tend Straight Talk * take in a conference ***

"And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer." F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*



Dear OLLI Members, I hope you had a nice summer, perhaps visiting family or having company, reading good books, or enjoying Furman's Lakeside Concerts.

Here at OLLI, we move at a slower pace during summer. Heidi, Pam, and Jessica are off for eight weeks, and Susan, Alise, and I hold down the fort.

June saw our summer term, with about 500 members participating. July was very quiet, and then things cranked up in August as we wrapped up our brochure and prepared for fall.

In summer, there is still work to do. We send the fall brochure to the printer and prepare for fall registration. We work with the Riley Institute to plan the Straight Talk lecture series (hope to see you there on 8/29, 9/5, and 9/12). This summer Alise and Jessica, along with three volunteers, attended the Southern Regional Learning in Retirement Conference and brought back great ideas to enhance our program.

And we did a lot of "cleaning out and getting ready." I plowed through my yearlong to-do list, and I've cleaned off my desk! (We'll see how long that lasts.) We assembled notebooks for new Council members and class folders and boxes for each classroom. We developed new handouts for parking, proofed this publication (great job, **OLLILife** team!). Coffee pots got a deep cleaning.

I'm glad it's fall and the building will be noisy again. Welcome back! We can't wait to see you. Stop by the office or drop us a note if you have any questions: nancy.kennedy2767@Furman.edu

OLLI, yeah!

TWO PARAPROSDOKIANS:

Mario Andretti: "If everything seems under control, you're just not going fast enough."

Zsa Zsa Gabor: "He taught me housekeeping; when I divorce, I keep the house." (See **Molly's Infobits** below.)

Plumbers say coffee grounds are the most common cause of drain problems. *Wikipedia*

We ♥ FEEDBACK!

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

Kudos for great issue... interesting and informative "rag," GP; Couldn't stop reading fascinating articles. Thank you, contributors, for time and energy making **OL** a reflection of our incredible OLLI community, KR; Loved Lynne's travel tips, which I plan on applying in September, AD; Read it cover to cover. Especially enjoyed Jim Hammond's article and advice, LMR.

MOLLY'S INFObits

Molly Fitzpatrick has an eye for salient slices of information (she's the one who told us where to find the OLLI AED). Recently she introduced me to a wonderful new word: *paraproisdokian*

A paraproisdokian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence, phrase, or larger discourse is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part. It is often used in humor (*Check out the examples at the top of this page.*)

SHARE: Okay, wordsmiths, send us your best "paraproisdokian" and we'll give you an **OLLILife** sticker for your car, water bottle, or notebook: sue.renault@gmail.com. (See sticker photo, page 6)

OLLI artists exhibit their paintings at TR gallery

by Cindy Lee

OLLI's Acrylic Painting summer class members enjoyed the versatility of the acrylic medium with artist Cathryn Rice, who guides and helps students of all levels explore techniques through hands-on painting. Instructions for flowers, landscapes, animals and portrait painting provided students different opportunities every week to experience acrylic artistry. After 35 years of teaching art in Greenville County schools, Cathryn continued to share her artistic knowledge and expertise by connecting OLLI acrylic art students with our local and regional community through an artist reception and exhibit at the White Rabbit Fine Art Gallery in Travelers Rest, on July 12. Cathryn, an Artist Guild member, continues her mentoring as she volunteers at the White Rabbit Gallery, encouraging the best in all artists. photo by Cindy Lee



Staff and guests

Thank you, **OLLILife** staff:

Bernie and Cindy Showman, wine blog; Jim Hammond, OLLI all around; Marie Eldridge, member profiles; Diana Miel, special assignments, OLLI/Furman connections, book reviews; Lori Dillon, restaurant/food reviews; Betty Jo Shaw, SIGs; Anne Doyle, bonus events; Kathleen Allen, Travel Editor; Carole Eisen, proofreading; Molly Fitzpatrick, Infobits; Mary Kay Kantz, special assignments; Ginger Bell, recycling; Kathy Roed, volunteers

Thanks, guest contributors:

Lynda Fredsell, essay; Gary Aten intergenerational photo and caption; Ed O'Keefe, packing tips; Cindy Lee, OLLI news; Tributes writers, p. 12; all **FEEDBACK** contributors; and Joe Coffee art, Zander Renault

Thanks, Barbara Leimsieder

Since **OLLILife's** first issue in 2017, and before that with **Gray Matters**, Barbara Leimsieder has been our newsletter Tributes Editor, making certain that our deceased classmates were remembered with tributes of friendship and appreciation. She has also been one of our primary proofreaders, especially valued for her keen memory for OLLI history and tradition. (Barbara served as OLLI president in 2012 - 2013.) With this issue, Barbara is fully retired from her Tributes position. We are grateful for her conscientious contributions. Thanks, Barbara.

OLLIGigs

A JAMA Internal Medicine study says older women need only 4,400 steps a day to boost longevity.

BONUS BUZZ... Romeo, Romeo

by Anne Doyle

I never thought OLLI would be the reason I'd pick up my college Shakespeare book after all this time, but Mary Hiles' exploration of Romeo and Juliet, along with her presentation of dramatic scenes, did just that.

Written in 1595, this supreme tragedy of romance, still relevant today, proves that courtly love does belong in marriage. However, the love of Romeo and Juliet, though a true, meaningful, and profoundly mystical experience, does not survive their families' hate for each other. If they had lived, their love could have transformed society.

For further research, Mary recommends Franco Zeffirelli's 1968 movie, *Romeo and Juliet*.



O Romeo, Romeo! Wherefore art thou, Romeo?" Mary Hiles has a PhD in English literature, specializing in Renaissance drama. Good news if you missed her this time: she doth loveth doing her programs at OLLI and looks forward to more in the future. Good news for "groupies" and newbies alike.

Photo by Anne Doyle

SHARE: Tell us what's been your favorite Bonus Event ever! Why did you like it?

SHARE: Do you have a favorite OLLI SIG you'd like Betty Jo to visit and write about? Tell us why it's special: sue.renault@gmail.com

SIG reporter, Betty Jo Shaw, visits OLLI's Pinochle SIG

Pinochle is a card game played with a deck of 48 cards, two nines through aces of each suit. It was brought to the US by German immigrants (and actually banned in Syracuse, NY, during WWI because of the German connection). Scoring is a total of winning tricks and melding a combination of cards with designated values.

Visiting OLLI's Pinochle SIG, I learned quickly that a sense of humor is every bit as important as good card sense. The players found one another through other card-playing SIGs and canasta classes. They are a core group of about 12 players, though they don't all come to each session.

They normally play single deck with four people and partners. When more than four but fewer than eight players show up, players rotate out after they have dealt so everyone gets to play. Players are competitive.

Keeping score is not mandatory, but it is always fun. Treats are an integral part of their game. They meet "formally" on Tuesday from 1:30 to 4 in the lobby of the Herring Center and "informally" on Thursdays, same time, same place, when they welcome and share the game with novice players.

When the Herring Center is closed, they often meet at someone's home.

For more information, contact Susie Rakes at jams1977@gmail.com.



Dwight Harding (photo by Betty Jo) rolls up his sleeves, shuffles the deck, and gets ready for fun.

OLLI adventures

You can't reach for anything new if your hands are full of yesterday's junk. Louise Smith

Packing with Venus and Mars:

Ed O'Keefe responds to friend Lynne Nachman's "Venus" packing tips in *OLLILife's* May issue

Folks from Venus and those from Mars are different: Venusians pack for comfort (a small pillow in the outside pouch); Martians look for efficiency.

In this photo, Carol and I are off for a ten-day Road Scholar adventure. We both "pack light." We both sit on plastic bags to evacuate air and squash thick sweaters into thin, space-saving parcels. Both keep meds and gear close at hand. While other travelers wait for check-through luggage at the baggage carousel, we self-contained travelers are happily on our way to adventure.

The Martian here has all he will need in a sleek, efficient backpack, leaving his hands and arms free to carry a Starbucks. Venus needs extra space for the many items essential to comfort, color, and variety.

Here's our "all trips" basic packing list. Everything fits into the suitcase or backpack.

VENUS: two pairs slacks, four sets underwear and socks, two jackets, three scarves, windbreaker, one warm sweater, one pair tights, one outer coat, three tops, bag with jewelry, two pairs shoes, bag with medications, two dresses, one purse, one PJs, one bag for toilet things.

MARS: Three sets underwear and socks, two pairs trousers, toilet items and shaver, one rain jacket, bag of meds, one heavy sweater, favorite hat, one "outer" coat, I-Pad and charger, three shirts, one pair shoes, two tees, one PJs. Ready to go, Mars!

What do you think of Ed and Carol's lists? Could you travel with one backpack? Or one carry-on? **SHARE!**



On the Road with Scott Withrow by Kathleen Allen

Since its inception, the OLLI Travel Committee has planned short, medium, and long travel adventures. Scott Withrow has served the committee as both member and frequent travel provider.

Scott was born in western North Carolina and spent most of his life studying and working in the southeast region. His fascination with history, the outdoors, genealogy and teaching took him to Appalachian State University for undergrad and graduate degrees and eventually to Clemson for a master's program in Parks and Recreation with a focus on history and forestry. Over the years he's done park interpretations, teaching, historical research, and ranger work at various venues such as Kings Mountain, Roper Mountain Science Center, and Cowpens Battlefield.

In retirement, he remains eager to share his interests, and has



been leading OLLI day-excursions since his early days on the Travel Committee. From the Lake Jocassee and Keowee area, to Old 96 and the Star Fort, New Bordeaux and Willington, to Kings Mountain and Cowpens, Scott has researched, organized, and promoted tours to delight

and educate his classmates. In addition to day trips, Scott teaches in the OLLI program, often co-teaching with fellow historians Bob Dwyer and Tom Taylor.

As always, Scott has plans for the future. For winter term, he hopes to offer a course called "Border Wars, Rogue States and Frontier Conspiracies." In the planning stages is "The Spanish Era in the 16th Century Southeast" with field experiences for OLLI travel.

Scott's dedication to OLLI keeps his skills fresh and his research topical and gives his wanderlust a purpose, say his travel friends. He never disappoints! Photo by Kathleen Allen

SHARE: *OLLILife* is always interested in short (250 words) reports about members who inspire, teach and entertain us with their special skills and talents. Folks like Scott! Do you know a classmate we should interview? Contact us: sue.renault@gmail.com.

Ginger finds answers to Joe Coffee's questions continued from page one

OLLILife reporter Ginger Bell went straight to Laura Bain (Furman's Sustainability Program) for answers to Joe's questions.

First of all, Joe, "stained, greasy, and dirty" are deal-breakers. If your coffee cup, paper bag or pizza box is stained or greasy, trash it.



Second, while our Staples* paper coffee cups at OLLI are "compostable" and contain recycled ingredients, they are not — unfortunately — recyclable. (Presently we don't have a university-wide composting program). Put them in the trash, and resolve to bring your own mug to school. So, in a nutshell, the answers to your first two questions are "No" and "No."

Regarding those granola bar wrappers, candy wrappers, and other crinkly things, the answer is "No" again. That's three strikes, Joe. We could go on: No to Pringle Potato Chip cans, styrofoam, and coated cardboard: No, no, no.

You're feeling bad now, we know. Feel better, Joe: use your own water bottles and coffee mugs. Yes, yes, yes.

*Trademarked

(Stay tuned for next **OLLILife** to find out why Joe Coffee is still confused.)

SHARE: Do you have questions or comments for Joe or Ginger or Laura?
Contact us: sue.renault@gmail.com

OLLICenterstage

OLLI WILL CELEBRATE DAY OF PEACE AND MORE

by Mary Kay Kantz

SAVE THE DATES: On **September 21**, OLLI will join the global celebration of the UN International Day of Peace then continue beyond that to create a stage for our own thoughts, poems, artworks, and photos touching on peace. Watch for invitations from the Global Days Planning Committee to share your work on our bulletin board in the main hallway.

On October 1 at 3:15 pm in room 110, Dr. Akan Malici, Furman professor of politics and international affairs, will speak about carrying inner peace out into the world. A mini concert by Rick McDaniel's Native American flutes will open this event. (Sign up in the office.)

Peace Day is the third in OLLI's ongoing series of events connecting us with the global community. Last October's Global Ethics Day and last April's UN International Day of Happiness led the way.

Sticky offer: become a Lifer

OLLILife — established September, 2017 — is marking its second birthday with custom-made, vinyl (lightly washable) stickers for every contributor to this issue and to our January, 2020 issue. Here's how you can earn an **OLLILife** sticker:

1. Email us a sentence or two for our FEEDBACK column
2. Or, respond to one of the **SHARE** prompts at the end of many articles
3. Or, submit a brief OLLI news item (100 words max)
4. Or, send us a photo of your travels with OLLIver



Watch for other contributor opportunities throughout the year.

DIANA MIEL RECALIBRATES

A while ago I thought how pleasant, how mundane, how without juice my life had become. I'm grateful to be healthy and to be privileged, but I had come to feel that I'm always taking the path of least resistance in all aspects of my life. Inspired in large part by Dudley's Tower's classes "Dynamic Aging" and "Aging Mastery," I embarked on what I called to myself "The Great Recalibration." I decided to examine the "moving parts" of my life to fine tune each one so that I could look at each with pride, and a sense of integrity. I want to live on my edge, challenging myself, regardless of my fears, to think in new ways, and to try things I never dared.

This recalibration process has been going on for nearly a year and has required journaling, reading, being aware of my priorities, reflecting on my experiences each day, and being more engaged. When I made the decision to start my examination of relationships, community involvement, religion, and creativity to name a few of a dozen areas, I suddenly became a 75-year-old teenager with all my options open and the possibility of a future where there are still doors to open, a world to explore, the possibility of mistakes, danger, and failure. But, I won't be sliding along my well-worn groove to my end.

It may not be for anyone else, but for me, taking things apart for inspection and modification has made my life so much richer and given me a sense of authenticity and excitement. It will take me time to make the changes I have in mind, but I've done the hard part by thinking it all through. I no longer feel as though I'm "a nice dead person," responding to people and life in a formulaic way.

SHARE: Have you taken stock of your own "senior" life and done any "recalibrating"? Tell us about your discoveries: sue.renault@gmail.com

LYNDA FREDSELL SPEAKS UP FOR THE HARD OF HEARING

Three men were talking.

One said, "It's windy today."

Another said, "I thought it was Thursday."

The third said, "I'm thirsty, too. Let's go to my place and have a drink!"

Reminds me of my 90-year-old dad who used to say, "I don't have a hearing problem – if everyone would just quit mumbling, I could hear perfectly."

I'm convinced hearing problems just come with the territory. That's why when we hit 60, our mailbox overflows with fliers promoting the newest in hearing aids. Just this week the first section of the newspaper had no news, but *four* full-color pages of ads for hearing aids *that work!* (Have you ever met a hearing aid that worked?)

I have a heart for those of us who find ourselves listening more but hearing less, so I've decided to start a Mumbler's Interest Group in which we will learn and share useful tactics for teaching our friends and loved ones how to overcome mumbling. We will meet Wednesdays in the student dining hall – a nice quiet place to enhance our listening skills.

If you're interested in joining this new Interest Group, give me a call. Be sure to *SPEAK UP*. I'm anxious to *hear* your ideas.

SHARE: Do you share Lynda's dilemma of listening more and hearing less? Let us know how you deal with mumbler's: sue.renault@gmail.com

DO YOU HAVE A PERSONAL ESSAY TO SHARE?

Diana chose to share a personal reflection of her efforts to "recalibrate" the "movable parts" of her life. Perhaps she got you thinking about your own efforts to make life-enhancing changes. Lynda also reflects upon a life-changing experience: entering a world of mumbler's and seeking some humor and camaraderie as she navigates new post-60 challenges. Do you share her frustrations?

SHARE: *OLLILife* accepts one or two personal essays for each quarterly edition (250-word limit). Deadline for submissions for our January issue is November 20. (If your essay is chosen for publication, we'll send you a custom-designed vinyl sticker to show the world you're a *Lifer*.)



What's it all about, OLLI?

OLLILife Columnist James T. Hammond reflects on 50 years of Moon Shot Memories!

THE NEWS

The **FLASH** on The Associated Press A-wire at **The Greenville News** 50 years ago (July 20, 1969) read: **ARMSTRONG STEPS ON MOON.** Gary Boley, a retired newspaper publisher and current OLLI member, was the newly minted copy desk chief at **The Greenville News**, in charge of getting to press that historic edition.

“Unlike most folks, I didn't see the first steps live on TV. We didn't have TVs in the newsroom, because TV was primarily an entertainment medium back then. So the wire machines were the editors' only eyes on the world,” Boley writes in a memoir of that night.

THE HEADLINES

“At 10:56 p.m. – when Armstrong took his historic step – we had all the pages on the press except for pages 1 and 2, but those two pages were complete and waiting for our go-ahead. The headline at the top of Page 1 at that time was: **AMERICANS LAND ON MOON.** But we were determined to wait as long as we could in hopes of getting news of those historic first steps.”

Gary stood by anxiously as the alarm bells rang on the AP machine, indicating a major story coming.

A new headline appeared: “One Small Step For Man, But Giant Leap For Mankind.” Gary grabbed a scrap of paper and wrote the words that were rushed to a Linotype operator who cast them into type. Within minutes a new AP story appeared on the wire. A printer placed the story on Page 1, locked up pages 1 & 2, and

with that one of **The Greenville News'** most historic editions went to press.

LISTENING FROM THE AZORES

“I spent nearly 50 years in the news business, but, looking back, to that historic night when I was a young editor sitting in the slot ... well, it just never got any better than that,” Gary said.

Less than a year later, I would be working in **The Greenville News** newsroom with Gary. But on that day, I was thousands of miles away, in a place that seemed as remote as the Moon. I was processing film in the Photolab at Lajes Field in the Azores, in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. In the darkness, I was listening to a tiny transistor radio someone had left behind, its scratchy audio barely intelligible. But Armed Forces Radio managed to deliver the news of Armstrong's steps on the lunar surface.

As a Navy photographer, I would fly with my squadron's air crews to shoot photos of Soviet ships we encountered. It was the height of the Cold War, and America was

locked in a competition with the Soviet Union, from the depths of the oceans to space. The stakes were high. The previous year, I flew on search missions seeking signs of the USS Scorpion, one of our submarines that went missing while engaged in cat-and-mouse trailing of Soviet submarines.

FINISH READING JIM'S ARTICLE ON P. 10



OLLI Furman by Diana Miel

Furman Library welcomes OLLI members

Robyn Andrews with Furman University Libraries wants OLLI members to know: You are welcome at the Furman Libraries. There are three: James B Duke Library, 864-294-2190; Sanders Science Library (located in Plyler Hall) 861-294-1455; and Maxwell Music Library (located in the Music Building next to McAlister Auditorium) 864-294-3795. Bring your OLLI nametag to get started, and discover the many services available to satisfy inquiring minds. OLLI members — like Furman students — can check out up to ten books (six weeks), “leisure” books (three weeks) or DVDs (one week).

Items can be renewed online, over the phone, or in person. They can also get computer login credentials and access more than 250 databases (on campus) the libraries subscribe to and which are unavailable off campus. The libraries subscribe to a wide variety of periodicals and special



Robyn Andrews (library circulation) agrees with Furman President Dr. Elizabeth Davis that all students at Furman, whether undergraduates, in the evening degree programs or in OLLI, are equally Furman students. Robyn is pictured here with bound editions of science journals donated to the university by Dr. Charles H Townes, '35, Nobel Prize-winning physicist who won the Nobel for his contributions to the invention of the the laser (yes, the one we use to scan our groceries, among other things). Robyn would love to welcome you to explore Furman's library collections! Photo by Diana Miel

collections and archives that do not circulate.

Want to learn more about Furman's library resources? Visit library.furman.edu.

OLLiisMe! by Marie Eldridge

Leon Field Looks at the Positive Side



If anyone can turn a negative into a positive, it's Leon Field. Born in 1942 with club feet, he spent his first 15 years at the Shriner's Hospital in Springfield, MA. There, he endured 14 surgeries on each leg and countless hours of physical therapy.

When Leon left Shriner's at age 15, he lived briefly with his mother, then his father. Neither situation worked, so Leon went out on his own, working in the textile industry. But he dreamed of working in shipbuilding. To achieve his goal, Leon earned his high-school diploma (GED) in six months and completed a five-year pipefitting apprentice program in three years.

At the time, he was married with three children. His determination led to a 20-year career at Electric Boat in Groton, CT. What next? Eighteen years as a Foxwoods Casino card dealer.

He retired in 2008, but not for long. As a two-year wheelchair van driver for American Ambulance, he transported people of all ages and ailments to medical appointments. In his spare time, he covered UConn women's basketball for **Sportsline** and **Sports Page Magazine**.

In Greenville since 2015, Leon is still on the move. He manages the Senior Action Golf Association and immerses himself in OLLI classes, such as acting and improvisation.

“Given my life story, people are amazed by my positive attitude,” says Leon, “but I know I am a lucky guy and very blessed.”

Photo by Maria Eldridge



Furman's *Bridges to a Brighter Future* recently recognized OLLI member Ron Hilderbrand, right, for his volunteer contributions, especially as a mentor and tutor to Bridges scholars. Also named for their volunteer service were OLLI's STEAM Tech Teams, not available for photo. (Photo: Carrie Silver, Director of Bridges to a Brighter Future, is on left).

"Life happened because I turned the pages." Alberto Manguel

BOOK CLUB by Diana Miel

Rising Out of Hatred by Eli Saslow

In 2008, Derek Roland Black, a 19-year-old community college student, was hailed as the "leading light" of white nationalism by David Duke, his godfather. White nationalism was seeking to become "mainstream" by shedding its associations with the violence of the KKK and Nazism.

Derek, the son of a former Grand Wizard, was steeped in this culture. While he was considered quiet, polite, considerate, respectful and intellectual, as a teenager he'd already built his website for "white children of the globe," launched an online radio network for white nationalists and won a local election as a Republican in West Palm Beach, Florida. His goal was to start a media company and eventually pack the Supreme Court to overturn the Fourteenth Amendment (birthright citizenship) and reinstate a limited, European-only immigration system. He wanted to overturn the social order and foster fears of "white genocide" as the result of the loss of a white majority population.

Derek's parents sent him to Florida's honors college, New College in Sarasota, ranked the most affordable and the top liberal arts college in the state, secure that his intellect and commitment to the cause would render him impervious to multiculturalism there.

Saslow, a Washington Post reporter and Pulitzer Prize winner, describes Derek's eventual renunciation of white nationalism as the outgrowth of the kindness, friendship, inclusivity of some of his classmates, most Jewish and Hispanic, who — despite the damage to their own reputations on campus — took the position that to exclude him because of his social and political views was to lose him as a person and drive him deeper into the worldview of bigotry, hate, and cruelty. Because he felt valued as a person, Derek gradually adopted a different perspective, and although it resulted in estrangement from his family, intellectually he found he could no longer support white nationalism.

Derek will speak at the final Straight Talk lecture on Thursday, September 12, 6:30 pm at McAlister Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for OLLI members.

SHARE: Have you read this book? What was your take-away. Drop us a line:

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MOON MEMORIES by Jim Hammond (cont. from p. 8)

FOR ALL MANKIND

Gary said that he was intent upon making the headline that night as large as possible, and to that end wanted to make it read: MAN STEPS ON MOON. But his boss insisted he substitute "American" for "Man." That meant a smaller typeface because the word was longer.

Recently, I watched an interview with Buzz Aldrin, the second man to step on the Moon. He described how the experience changed his own world, or you might say "cosmic view" of events. After the lunar dust settled, the three astronauts were sent on a world tour. Aldrin said he expected to be greeted as the Americans who went to the Moon; but he soon realized people everywhere were celebrating the mission as an accomplishment for all mankind. Interviews with other astronauts over 50 years reflect a similar sentiment of hope that their work would profoundly change rivalries among nations and bring diverse societies together.

Do Jim's memories stir some of your own? SHARE THEM WITH US!

OLLIClass

Volunteers are the HEART of OLLI@Furman!

Want to share your talents, skills, and ideas through one of many volunteer opportunities? Contact Kathy Roed, Volunteer Chair: kcroed@hotmail.com or 864-836-8225. Learn more about supporting the success of our OLLI programs in the year ahead.



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

Dr. Suresh Muthukrishnan gives OLLI audience a photo tour of spectacular Iceland by Kathleen Allen

During a summer Lunch and Learn, Furman EES (Earth and Environmental Science) professor Dr. Suresh Muthukrishnan presented *A Photographic Journey of Iceland* and a sneak peek into his fall course, revealing the wonders and mysteries of



“the land of fire and ice.” Iceland is a tourist mecca and a landmark geological study-field. As small as Kentucky with a population smaller than Greenville, its economy is benefitting from a tourist explosion of more than 2,000,000 visitors a year. Awaiting these travelers are numerous volcanoes, hot springs and streams, waterfalls and bird watching to name just a few attractions.

Dr. Muthukrishnan’s fall term class will last four weeks ending in early October. He proposes a topical exploration of Iceland exploring its history, geology, economy and photographic wonders.

In conjunction with this class, the OLLI Travel Committee is preparing a proposal for a summer, 2020, trip to Iceland led by Dr. Muthukrishnan. Stay tuned for exciting developments.

Where do you like to eat?

OLLILife would like to hear what your favorite restaurants are in the Greenville area. In October you will have a chance to vote. Watch **OLLINotes** for further details. Results will appear in January, 2020, issue.

Lori Dillon, food reporter



MAY LUNCHEON (continued from page 1)

Congratulations were also in order for Volunteer of the Year Rich Pouliot (see photo, page 1) and the winners in the 2019 National Latin Exam. Our Latin students, under the tutelage of Ginny Anderson, have entered this prestigious competition for seven consecutive years and have brought home medals every year!



Furman student Jordan Lyons, Lois Taylor and Lois Parker enjoy OLLI’s Spring Luncheon

FURMAN STUDENTS AND OLLI STUDENTS STUDY AGING ISSUES TOGETHER

Professor Lorraine DeJong’s Intergenerational Class met during the spring to explore aging-related issues. OLLI members were included in most of the classes, which were held primarily in the Herring Center.

Thanks, Gary Aten, for class photo, of last meeting. Front Row: Olivia McGuire, Avery O’Bar, Helen Grigg, Madeline Francke, OLLI member Moira Allen, Hope Gallardo, OLLI member Judy Aten.



Back Row: Jordan Lyons, Anderson Tomlin, Ryan Miller, Professor L. DeJong, Cujo Coleman, Noah Gurley



James Kelly Dixon, MD, passed away June 15, 2019. He is remembered for his modesty, humor and intellect. Kelly and his wife Nancie enjoyed an eclectic selection of OLLI classes. Kelly especially liked history courses with Rory Case, Don Cockrill, and AV Huff. He was an accomplished potter and a classic example of “still waters run deep.”

Dr. John Crabtree died June 27. After a distinguished career at Furman, Dr. Crabtree taught classes on Shakespeare at FULIR and OLLI, 1993 - 2014. His classes were invariably full. At registration, the refrain was, “Did you get into the Crabtree class?” He was an iconic figure, greatly admired and appreciated, a gentle, unassuming man. During fundraising for the Herring Center, his admirers quickly collected funds to have a room named in honor of Anne and John Crabtree.

Good night, sweet prince and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest. (Hamlet)



Tributes

OLLI remembers

Thank you, Tributes contributors:

John Crabtree by Tim Baiden;

James Kelly Dixon by Jerry Gibbins;

Earl Daniel by Elaine Renn;

Ellie Wilson by Jann Howell;

Martin Lindemann by Natalina Ferlauto;

Paul Schaaf by Sue Renault

Earl Daniel, 70, passed away May 11, 2019. Earl moved to Greenville in 2013. He soon became an insightful member of The Big Question SIG. His quick wit and zany sense of humor brightened the room. With his background in economics, he taught a Basic Economics class in 2018. Always arriving with a smile and ready to go at 9 am, Earl was a welcome addition to Martin’s hiking group in 2017. His bright light will be missed.



“I can’t imagine life without OLLI,” **Paul Schaaf** told friends; at 96 he was still taking 15 classes each year. History was his favorite. Besides classes, Paul — who passed away July 23 — loved helping newcomers from “his” information desk, serving coffee at special events, and making sure everyone felt welcomed. He loved books, his big truck, telling F.B.I. stories, and laughing with old friends. He loved stepping away from “his” desk to enjoy the artwork in the Baiden Gallery. He was a FULIR “original” and “an OLLI” for life.



Martin Lindemann died June 10. He and his wife Simonne made a generous contribution to the Herring Center; the Lindemann kitchen is named in their honor. A severe hearing loss kept him from attending classes, but he taught a course on German history and took questions submitted during class breaks. For several years, Martin, a warm and unassuming gentleman, drove Simonne to the quilting class she teaches; he could be found each week reading and quietly waiting for her in our Book Nook.



Elinor (Ellie) Swett Wilson died May 14, 2019. Ellie was everyone's friend. She was an avid participant at OLLI, especially taking and teaching cooking classes. She was a traveler and had a wide variety of interests. She always had a smile or a laugh to pass around, and yet she was quite serious about civil rights issues and the fate of the downtrodden.

Can you say a million warm memories in 70 words?

OLLILife is looking for two or three **Tributes contributors** — folks who have been active members for ten years or more — to write brief reflections in memory of deceased classmates with whom they were acquainted. Contact us for job description: sue.renault@gmail.com.

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“But, Bernie! What if I don’t have a Champagne pocketbook?”

Drinking Champagne can be very expensive. An alternative is to drink sparkling wine made with Pinot Noir and/or Chardonnay grapes from California and which has undergone secondary fermentation in the bottle. An excellent choice is Gloria Ferrer Blanc de Noirs Methode Champenoise (\$18.99 at Total Wine).

For more Bernie advice online: www.scwinejoe.blogspot.com