**OLLI NOTES June 12, 2020**

While OLLI is thriving online, our office remains closed. If you need assistance from the OLLI staff, the best way to contact us is via email. You may also call the main line at 864.294.2998 and leave a message. We are checking voicemail as we can, but you should expect a delayed response. Currently the Furman campus is closed to the public including the Herring Center, the PAC, Duke Library, and the lake walking paths.

Have you had a chance to read the latest edition of OLLILife? Check it out ONLINE. Editor, Sue and her Crew have again brought us fantastic real life impressions of this very unusual experience!

As OLLI Director Nancy Kennedy announced via email a few weeks ago, OLLI@Furman’s Fall Term will take place online, in response to the continuing pandemic. We expect to offer 60 courses in the fall term via Zoom and are grateful to the large number of volunteer instructors who have signed on to teach. The course catalog will be available on our website in late July, and registration will begin in mid-August. Fall Term is scheduled for September 14-November 13.

Want to learn more about Zoom? Have new questions now that you’ve been using it? Come to a Zoom orientation session, led by an OLLI volunteer and staff member, on Monday, June 15 at 2 p.m. Just click the link below to join.

Join Zoom Meeting
https://furman.zoom.us/j/96882255769
Meeting ID: 968 8225 5769

**OLLI Summer Term News**

**Course Links:** Reminder emails with the Zoom link for your class will be sent each Monday in June. If you have questions about your class, send us an email.

**Friday Bonus Events:** Event links will be sent on Mondays, the week of the event.

You can still register for Summer Term bonus events via email. Online registration is now closed. There is ROOM for you in the following FREE Friday Bonus Events:

*BTE1529 How Will It Play on Zoom?*, June 12 at 10 a.m., is a preview of the upcoming Fall course on The Great Migration, led by Bob Dwyer.

*BTE1115 Oils & Vinegars*, June 26, 10 a.m., will inspire you to create gourmet summer salads and meals.

**OLLI Summer Reading**

Did you see the news about OLLI’s summer reading project? Grab a copy of *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* by Mitch Albom. Read it, and watch each week for links related to the book.

In our book, *Frankie Presto* is born in Villarreal, Spain, in August, 1936, a month after the start of the Spanish Civil War. Villarreal is in the quarter of Spain hardest-hit by the war. This war had international ramifications, drawing participants from many nations, pitting fascism against socialism, the wealthy and the Church against workers’ rights, and being considered by many to have been the last great chance to avoid World War II. Its horror and the following years of brutal repression under the dictator Francisco Franco color Frankie’s life from birth until his escape from Spain at age nine. This is a brief, clear written explanation of the outbreak and course of the war from the History Channel Online.

**Furman University Features**

**Dins Day is Tuesday, June 16!** What’s Dins Day? It’s a chance to celebrate all things Furman (“Dins” is short for Paladins, our mascot.) Watch Furman’s Facebook page, the Furman website, and your inbox for exciting announcements throughout the day. It’s also a chance to make a gift to Furman, whether for Furman student support, or support of your favorite learning in retirement program. Learn more HERE.

**New ways to stay engaged and learning**

*Greenville Chautauqua* presents its first online virtual presentation – “*Betty Crocker and Her Cookbook That Changed How America Cooks,*” presented by Leslie Goddard. Monday, June 15 at 7pm. Click here to register online. Free!
You may remember Bob Dotson from his regular Today Show segment “American Story.” A few years ago, Bob and his wife retired to Greenville, and Bob even served as the MC for OLLI’s 25th Anniversary Celebration. When the pandemic sent us all home, Bob began sharing one of his American Stories with his friends each morning. With his permission, we’ll share some of them with you in this space. Click the link below and enjoy!

Photographer Rex Ziak (pronounced Zeek) spent almost a decade trying to get a new National Park at the point where American explorers Lewis and Clark ended their westward journey. He tramped along the last bit of trail they blazed near his home in Southwestern Washington, studied their journals and discovered no one had accurately pinpointed that place on the Pacific coast. So Rex spent years searching their path until he found it. That work led directly to the creation of the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, but Rex didn't attend the opening ceremony. He planned it that way. View this American Story Here.

The World Affairs Council Upstate, the European American Chamber of Commerce, and Upstate Alliance present Doing Business with Belgium and the Netherlands Post COVID-19 on Tuesday, June 16, 3:30 p.m. In 2018, over $133 billion dollars in economic activity was directly related to trade between the two countries. These countries also make a big impact in the Upstate. Over 30 industries in the region trace their roots to Belgium and the Netherlands. How has COVID-19 impacted the economies of Belgium and the Netherlands, as well as trade with the US and SC? Join us to hear from Consuls General William De Baets, Belgium, and Ard vander Vorst, the Netherlands, as they discuss trade between their countries and the U.S. and the impact of COVID-19. FREE, but reservations required.

The Peace Center has partnered with Magnolia Pictures to offer three curated documentaries for in-home streaming designed to give a deeper understanding of the events happening in America today. Now through June 30, these engaging and thought-provoking films are available to own separately for $6.99 each or as a bundle for $15. Learn more on the Peace Center Website.

Explore the Smithsonian Institute from the comfort of your living room. They offer free events daily, including a video webinar, Live with Jellyfish, on Monday, June 15 at 11 a.m. Learn more here.

Do you know what was the Number One Song on the day you were born? Here’s a fun way to find out.