**OLLI**Life - confidential to N. Kennedy

**MEMO LEVEL: urgent**

April 1, 2022

Hey, Nancy,

I just met our CEO coming out of the Furman conference labs, and she shared the exciting news about Furman changing the old goat pasture into the state’s first insect farm.

(Interesting, I just read in ***Food for Life*** about cultivating bugs for “faux meat” products to address 80 percent of our food needs by 2028). Also, reference **New York Times.**

It sounds crazy, but we may soon be featuring cockroach and spider soup at the Furman Dining Hall. Crusty Centipedes for desert. I guess fertile growing land and farm-to-table production are going to be things of the past.

Furman will be collaborating with the US Commission on Entomological Consumption (Big movers. Trust me, these are the big guns. They only act on BIG issues.)

Nancy, this is HUGE!!!!!

*OLLI* ***MUST*** *get on board with this and do everything we can to walk beside Furman U with our own insect-driven curriculum: book series, Riley series, Lunch and Learn…YOU NAME IT.* I’m thinking: Cooking with June Bugs; Caterpillar Yoga; Bees Knees and Jumping Fleas Poetry writing; Jump like a Butterfly; The Secret Life of Flies, book discussion.

***OLLILife*** *will dedicate every issue between now and 2028 to these initiatives!*

And here’s the good news!!!! We already have OLLI experts. Look around. You can tell our OLLI guys are *really* smart.

I am positive that within our membership we have the science to stay in lock-step with Furman.

Like James Hammonrye, for example.

You’re not going to believe this, but James’s family used to run a summer concession at Myrtle Beach featuring fried crickets on a bun.

WHAT ARE THE CHANCES???????

 Of course selling fried crickets and managing a government-supported hunger initiative aren’t exactly the same thing; but James lives up at Lake Robinson, and I’m sure they’ve got a lot of bugs up there.

And Jack Hansenfeet. That guy’s a rocket scientist. Did you know he worked for NASA? He’s probably a genius with bugs. (And Nancy…..an interesting aside; you’ve got James Hammonrye and Jack Hansenfeet. Get it? They both have the same initials.) Stuff like that is always important for newspaper folk like myself. Marketing, you know.

 *The JH’s;* OLLI’S own ***COCKROACH CORPS***. It has a good ring to it; don’t you think?

Nancy, I urge you to take this seriously. I believe OLLI at Furman may even be nominated one day for a Nobel Prize in the humanitarian division. ***JUST IMAGINE!***

Now, I confess, there is one small downside. It is true that the Furman goats will have to go. I’ve already checked with the Carl Sandburg house up in Flat Rock. Also — this is quite quiet right now — This program will require a certain amount of non-human testing. Just saying.

Nancy, I cannot stress the urgency.

It’s already April 1, and you know what that means.

It means that we can’t let one more day go by before declaring war on hunger; peace through insects.. *Can I count on you to embrace this?* Sue

P.S.Oh, My Gosh… I’m so excited I can scarcely contain myself. Do you think we should release this news immediately or feature it at our annual meeting? Let me know ASAP what you think. I LOVE OLLI. Bring on the bugs!

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