From the Director

Great news for Jo Ann Tufo fans! After a brief break, she’s back, stronger than ever. She will begin by offering two wonderful lectures on Thursday, Feb. 21 to prepare everyone for CCU’s performance of Steel Pier (performances Feb. 21 – 23, Feb. 27 – March 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 2, at 3:00 p.m.). At 1:00, her lecture “Strolling the Boards” will focus on some of America’s most celebrated amusements by the sea, and at 2:00, she will present “Dancing ‘til they Dropped: The History of Dance Marathons in the 1920s and 30s.” If you are planning to see Steel Pier, either with the OLLI excursion or on your own, Jo Ann is offering you a wonderful chance to learn about the period in which this story is set. Look at the class list below to see the wide variety of short courses that Jo Ann has added to enrich our spring curriculum: from women’s history to children in the White House to Rockwell, Old Glory and Mother’s Day! Call and register for these gems today!

Kofie Montgomery and Sheila Rudesill are also starting something new this semester: Dining Club Central (XCLB 703 C02). With record numbers of you enrolled in Dining Clubs North and South, they saw the need to offer a club for those of you in the middle of the Grand Strand Geographically. Their club will meet on Monday evenings, March 11, April 8 and May 13. Register for the club and they will be in touch about the times and destinations.

Looking ahead, I want to call special attention to our lecture series and health fairs. The Litchfield Series, Welcome to the Grand Strand, ends this Friday at 1:00 with Sam Hodges talking about “Weather All Year ‘Round,” and the Conway Lecture Series will begin March 2 with Ron Green explaining the practices and beliefs that make esoteric Buddhism unique. After traveling to Japan as a student with Ron and seeing sites connected to this sect of the Buddhist tradition, I can guarantee that you will find Professor Green and his topic fascinating! Lisa Rickenbrode and Kelli Barker have done a remarkable job in lining up a wealth of medical experts for the Health Fairs in Litchfield (March 15) and in Conway (March 22), so please make an effort to get to these special events as well. The next two “Make the Best of the Rest of Your Life” lectures on Friday mornings are sure to fascinate as well: Bert Hayslip’s “Keeping a Sharp Mind” and Sherer Royce’s “Health Tourism.”

Finally, it is time for all of us to begin spring cleaning! Don’t forget to bring your gently-used items (not clothes) to either of our centers so that we can have a gigantic yard sale in Conway on April 5. We will begin accepting items now if you are eager to get your junk (and someone else’s treasure) out of the house.

Hope to see you all soon! Carol
What’s Coming Up in the Next Two Weeks (that you should not miss!)

Saturday, Feb. 16, 10 a.m.—Great Decisions in Foreign Policy Lecture: **The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested**, Abelardo Rodriguez, Universidad Iberoamericana. Johnson Auditorium, CCU

The U.S. and Mexico have a long, intertwined history, with both countries prominently featured in each other’s politics and agendas. The war on drugs, immigration and trade issues have taxed the relationship over the years. What impact will new leadership in both countries have on this crucial partnership? (Overview courtesy of Michael Shifter and Bruno Binetti)

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2 p.m.—CCU Department of History’s War & Society Film Series: **“A Thousand Months”**, Salma Oubkkou. Conway Education Center

“A Thousand Months” is a stark but lovely evocation of the many melodramas that simultaneously haunt and enliven a Moroccan village in the Atlas Mountains during the month of Ramadan in 1981.

Thursday, Feb. 21, 1 p.m. – **Strolling the Boards**, J. Tufo, Conway Education Center

In preparation for CCU’s production of Steel Pier, we will explore some of America’s most celebrated amusements by the sea.

Thursday, Feb. 21, 2 p.m. – **Dancing ‘til They Dropped: the History of Dance Marathons in the 1920s and 30s**, J. Tufo, Conway Education Center

In preparation for CCU’s production of Steel Pier, we will investigate the fascinating post-WWI fad of dance marathons in the United States.

Friday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m. – Make the Best of the Rest of Your Life Lecture Series: **Keeping A Sharp Mind**, Bert Hayslip, CCU. Conway Education Center

Learn strategies for keeping your brain charged and ready to go!

Friday, Feb. 22, 1 p.m. – Welcome to the Grand Strand Lecture Series: **Weather All Year ’Round**, Sam Hodges. Litchfield Education Center

Everything you need to know about how handle hurricanes, flooding and ice storms.

Saturday, Feb. 23, 10 a.m.—Great Decisions in Foreign Policy Lecture: **State of the State Department and Diplomacy**, Will Stevens, U.S. Department of State. Johnson Auditorium, CCU

During the Trump administration, the usual ways of conducting diplomacy have been upended. Many positions in the State Department have never been filled, and meetings with foreign leaders such as Kim Jong-un and Vladimir Putin have been undertaken with little advance planning. What effect are these changes having now, and how will they affect ongoing relationships between the United States and its allies and adversaries? (Overview courtesy of Nicholas Burns)

Friday, March 1, 10 a.m.-- Make the Best of the Rest of Your Life Lecture Series: **Health Tourism**, Sherer Royce, CCU. Conway Education Center

Have you heard of friends traveling abroad for medical procedures to reduce their cost? Come hear the latest information about this phenomenon from Dr. Royce, professor of Health Services.

Saturday, March 2, 10 a.m. – Perspectives from a Variety of Religions Lecture Series: **Esoteric Buddhism and the Environment (Internal and External)**, Ron Green, Religious Studies, CCU. Conway Education Center

Learn about the ideas and practices that make esoteric Buddhism unique. Discover how the tradition views the body, the mind, the world and the universe as mirror images of one another, each containing all of the elements of the other.

Monday, March 4, 11 a.m. -- Litchfield Lunch and Learn: **South Carolina’s First 100 Years**, John Navin, Department of History, CCU. Litchfield Education Center

Our OLLI students have been clamoring for more local history. Well, here’s your chance with one of our favorite professors from CCU.
There is still time to enroll in these OLLI classes beginning soon.
Enroll today to guarantee your spot before class begins
Please visit our “Current Courses” page on the OLLI website for more information.

Conway:
- Estate Planning & Elder Living (XFINC 731 C01) Wed., 2/20
- Middle East Current Events (XGOVT 415 C01) Wed., 2/20
- Iran in Syria, Lebanon and Iraq (XGOVT 480 C01) Wed., 2/20
- Lay This Body Down (XHIST 608 C01) Wed., 2/20
- Metal Detecting in S.C. Overview (XSKIL 752 C01) Wed., 2/20
- Strolling the Boards (XTHRA 637 C01) Thurs., 2/21
- Dancing ’til they Dropped (XMUSC 604 C01) Thurs., 2/21
- Keeping a Sharp Mind (XPER 201 C05) Fri., 2/22
- Digitize Your Past (XCTEC 304 C01) Sat. 2/23
- Knitting: Beginners to Advanced (XART 182 C02) Mon., 2/25
- Fabric Painting and Wax Work (XART 195 C01) Mon., 2/25
- Insights into Ourselves (XLITR 531 C01) Mon., 2/25
- Grammatical Errors (XLITR 532 C01) Mon., 2/25
- Nia Dance (XMUSC 707 C02) Tues., 2/26
- World Affairs Club (XCLB 403 C01) Wed., 2/27
- Metal Detecting in S.C. (XSKIL 752 C02) Wed., 2/27
- The Science of “The Martian” (XSCI 932 C01) Thurs., 2/28
- Girls Gone Wild West 1750-1850 (XHIST 607 C01), Thurs., 3/7
- Women in Aviation 1750-1900 (XHIST 605 C01), Thurs., 3/7

Litchfield:
- Arts Scene: Great Britain (XHIST 614 L01) Fri., 2/22
- Weather All Year ’Round (XPERS 202 L04)
- Weaving a Seaside Angel (XART 124 L02) Mon., 2/25
- Basics of Sweetgrass (XART 123 L02) Tues., 2/26
- CPR/AED & First Aid Training (XSKIL 691 L01) Tues., 2/26
- Driftwood/Shell Nativity (XART 263 L01) Wed., 2/27
- Insights into Ourselves (XLITR 531 L01) Thurs., 2/28

Would you like to have an OLLI student photo ID?
Current OLLI students will have an opportunity on Wednesday, February 20th (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) to come by the Litchfield Education Center where we will be issuing OLLI photo ID cards. These cards are useful when taking advantage of the benefits listed with our OLLI Community Partners as well as receiving student discounts at various locations. Students who are visiting our Conway campus may continue to stop by the CINO Card Office to have an OLLI ID made during regular business hours year-round.
We still have vacancies on the following excursions:

- **Christopher Artisan Chocolatier-Pâtissier, Charleston**
  (XEXC 100 C08) Thurs., 2/28

- **Indigofera Suffruticosa**
  (XEXC 100 C28) Tues., 3/5

- **Florence, S.C.**
  (XEXC 100 C12) Tues., 3/19

- **Middleton Place**
  (XEXC 100 C13) Thurs., 3/21

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**Public Service Messages**

**Attention all Veterans**

The Coastal Insider, the area’s largest independently owned and operated community publication, wants to tell your story for their monthly readership of 100,000 people. Any veteran from any branch of service who is currently residing in Myrtle Beach is eligible. Contact Latoya Grayson at community@tcioffice.com or call 843-232-0000 with questions. She will set up an interview and you can share your experiences and be acknowledged by the community for your service to our country.

**Free Lecture**

The Social Justice Research Initiative and HTC Honor’s College present “How Benign Difference Becomes Devastating: Disability and What to do about it” Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 3 p.m. in Johnson Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. Isaac J. Bailey, journalist and author of *My Brother Moochie: Regaining Dignity in the Face of Crime, Poverty, and Racism in the American South*, will be the featured speaker.

**Hobcaw Barony Invitation**

Hobcaw is offering an in-depth tour of a former African American village, once home to 100 slaves and lived in by black employees until 1952. Lee Brockington, a senior interpreter, will lead the program on Thursday afternoon, February 7, from 1:30-3:30 and offer a comprehensive exploration of Friendfield Village. Leaving the Discovery Center by bus and then guided on foot inside several of the cabins and the 19th century church, Lee will share information gleaned from
documents, photographs, oral histories and visits from former residents. There will be discussion on SC lowcountry rice and its connections to West African agriculture, the Gullah culture preserved in many ways due to slaves’ autonomy and geographic isolation of plantations and their residents. Exertion level: Moderate impact, bus ride, some walking, standing for long periods. Rain or shine. Photography allowed. $20/person. Reservations required by visiting online at hobcawbarony.org and by phoning the Discovery Center at 843.546.4623.