From the Director

I hope that all of you can attend our winter festival celebrations on Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to noon at both the Conway and Litchfield Centers. Come enjoy the company of your peers, refreshments, crafts, contests and performances we are planning just for you. Dress in your most festive apparel and vie for the “ugliest sweater” award, or bid on several items in our silent auction and take home special gifts donated by classes, clubs, partners and supporters.

Between now and Dec. 31, we are hoping to complete the fundraising goal for 2018. Heartfelt gratitude to all who participated in the February Fiver Day and the October Tener Day. Thanks to your generosity earlier this year, we have collected $9,436 in charitable donations so far. If you have it in your heart and in your means to give more so that we can reach our goal of $15,000, we will be so appreciative. Coastal Carolina University contributes the lion’s share to our budget each year (55-60 percent), and the Osher Foundation endowments generate another 10 percent, but both institutions want to see that OLLI members also value what we offer and are willing to contribute. See a member of the staff to make your donation.

The spring 2019 OLLI catalog went to the printer last week after much planning, editing, and revising. Special thanks goes to Ellen Jampole, who handled the brunt of the writing and editing; Kelli Barker, who planned the excursions while recovering from surgery at home; the rest of the staff, who checked and rechecked times, dates, and locations; Lisa Rickenbrode, who put it all together; Melanie Smith, the University editor, who found all of our mistakes; and Barnie Slice, who donates his paintings to adorn all of the OLLI catalog covers. It takes a village! We will have a special catalog launch for all volunteers and donors on Friday, Dec. 14. By Dec. 17, when registration begins, the catalog will be available in our centers and at various locations around the Grand Strand.

I’d like to take this opportunity to welcome the two newest members of the OLLI Board of Advisors, Sheila Rudesill and Bert Hayslip. You can meet them and the other members of the board at several upcoming events: the Winter Festival, the Taste of OLLI on Jan. 8 (Conway) or Jan. 10 (Litchfield), and the Town Halls we are holding at 10 a.m. on Jan. 22 (Litchfield) and Jan. 25 (Conway).

Congratulations to Gloria Barreto-Kaufman for organizing two fantastic Veterans Celebrations. If you haven’t seen the bulletin boards recognizing those among us who have served, please notice them next time you visit a center. Very impressive! And much gratitude to our speakers: Rod Gragg, Jeremiah Hust, Gregory Nance, and the Coastal Carolina Chanticleer Company Color Guard.

Finally, on a sad note, Cindi Hall, excursion planner extraordinaire, has accepted a job at the Registrar’s Office, joining Nicole Candelori in being yet another star lured away by my colleagues on the credit side! She will begin her new responsibilities in December, but I am asking her new boss for permission for her to attend Winter Fest to say goodbye to everyone. I know you all join me in wishing her well and in thanking her for all she has done for us.

Carol
**Come celebrate with us!**

We will be celebrating the end of our semester with a winter festival held at the Conway and Litchfield centers on Friday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to noon.

- **9:00** Socialize, snack, sign up for crafts and pose for pictures
- **9:30** Enjoy opening ceremonies with ugly sweater contestants’ parade
- **9:45** Crafts (take home what you make)
- **10:30** Holiday contests (with prizes)
- **10:50** Holiday games
- **11:20** Performances, prizes awarded for ugly sweater and snowflake contests; silent auction winners announced; and cookie exchange open

Please be sure to register by Wednesday, Dec. 5 so that we know which location you will attend.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

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**Home Instead Senior Care**

Students can pick up an ornament tag at our Litchfield or Conway centers and gift a senior during the holiday season. You will need to write your name on the gifting clipboard next to the recipient’s name when you pick up a tag.

We will need the ornament tags along with unwrapped gifts returned to one of our centers by Wednesday, Dec. 5. (No used items, please.)

Home Instead will host a wrapping party where all gifts are wrapped and placed in bags decorated by local schoolchildren. The party will be held at the Inlet Square Mall Meeting Room on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 11 a.m.

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**Please show your love for the children of Horry and Georgetown counties this holiday season and help Toys for Tots bring a smile to their faces.**

We will be accepting unwrapped toys (infant to teenage) at our OLLI centers until Wednesday, Dec. 12.
There is still time to enroll in these OLLI classes beginning soon. Enroll today to guarantee your spot before class begins.

Conway:
- Dancin’ & Prancin’ 4 (XMUSC 715 C04) Thurs., 11/29
- 1941 (film) (XFILM 700 C04) Wed., 12/5
- Civil Wars in the Middle East (XGOVT 475 C01) Wed., 12/5
- Fifth C.I.B. Symposium (XGOVT 455 C01) Thurs., 12/6
- OLLI Winter Festival (XOLLI 802 C01) Fri., 12/7
- Getting More from Your Financial Plan (XFINC 716 C02) Wed., 12/12

Litchfield:
- Islam Lost Its Brakes in 1979 (XGOVT 474 L01) Tues., 11/27
- Civil Wars in the Middle East (XGOVT 475 L01) Tues., 12/4
- Poets of the Piano (XMUSC 723 L01) Tues., 12/4
- OLLI Winter Festival (XOLLI 802 L01) Fri., 12/7
- Getting More from Your Financial Plan (XFINC 716 L02) Mon., 12/10

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**OLLI@CCU Holiday Cookie Exchange**

If you wish to participate in the holiday cookie exchange during the OLLI Winter Festival on Dec. 7, bring at least one dozen cookies, packaged in 3 sets of 4 cookies, with the recipe included in each package.
- Drop the cookies at the designated spot in each center between 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- You will receive one ticket per dozen cookies
- At noon, we will draw tickets and each person who contributed will be allowed to select three bags of cookies for every dozen contributed

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**OLLI Silent Auction Nov. 28-Dec. 7**

Come by our centers **between Wednesday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Dec. 7** and bid on the following items:
- Baskets of goodies from the writing club, the book clubs, Ellen’s card-making and ornament-making classes, the Italian club and Barbara Brooks
- Contributions from some of our best art and craft instructors
- Tickets to Brookgreen Gardens, Legends, Atlantic Stage and other local attractions
- Pine cone fire-starter baskets, hand made by our board member, Anita Brooks
- Certificates for Frank’s Outback, Hackler Golf Course, and other local hot spots
- Holiday decorations, food and more!!!

The silent auction ends at 11:20 on Dec. 7. Items distributed at the closing ceremony of Winterfest!

P.S. If you plan to donate an item for the silent auction, please bring it to our centers by Tues., Nov. 27
CCU Department of History’s War & Society Film Series

Wednesday afternoons, 2 to 4 p.m.
Conway Education Center, 290 Allied Drive, Conway

Dec. 5: “1941,” Thomas Castillo and Samih Baalbaki

1941 is a 1979 American period comedy film directed by Steven Spielberg. It features an ensemble cast that includes Dan Aykroyd, Ned Beatty, John Belushi, John Candy, Christopher Lee, Toshiro Mifune and Robert Stack. The story involves a terror in the L.A. area after the December 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor with panic-stricken Californians preparing for a Japanese invasion. Although not as financially or critically successful as many of Spielberg’s other films, it received belated popularity after an expanded version aired on ABC and its subsequent home video reissues, raising it to cult status.

Call for Volunteers

- We need baked goods and help with set up and refreshments for the OLLI Winter Festival, Dec. 7 at both the Litchfield and Conway Centers. Please contact Gloria (gbarret1@coastal.edu) if you are willing to help us celebrate the end of the semester.
- If you are part of a class or a club, join your peers in creating an activity, planning a performance or contributing a basket for our Winter Festival.

Mark Your Calendars!

Taste of OLLI is Coming Soon!

We will be holding our next Taste of OLLI events on Tuesday, Jan. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Burroughs & Chapin Center in Conway.

On Thursday, Jan. 10 we will be hosting the event at the Litchfield Education Center and Georgetown Education Center from 9 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. respectively.

Do you play bridge? The leader of the Gilles Bridge Club has resigned. OLLI@CCU is actively seeking someone to revive the bridge society since it was Dr. Gilles’ wish to sponsor bridge players long after his death. Contact a staff member if you are interested.
Members of OLLI@CCU are invited to join OLLI at the University of Richmond for a 12-day trip to explore Alaska as the guests of Lifelong Learning at the University of Alaska – Fairbanks (UAF). See OLLI@CCU staff for more specific information and links to the registration site if you are interested.

**Dates:** July 12-23, 2019  
**Rates (subject to change):**  
- Total cost per person, double occupancy: $3,500  
- Total cost per person, single occupancy: $4,400

**Additional Details**  
- Deposits for the trip are due upon signing up ($500).  
- Total payment due April 12, 2019.  
- Deposit is kept if an individual cancels before total payment is due UNLESS there’s a waiting list and a substitute can be found at that time OR the trip does not meet minimum and is canceled.  
- Because this is a domestic trip, UR does not provide travel insurance. Trip insurance may be purchased during the sign up process; we also recommend getting quotes from Allianz and Travelex to make an educated decision.

**Highlights**  
- Fairbanks  
- Morris Thompson Cultural & Visitors Center  
- Large Animal Research Station (Musk Ox Farm)  
- Creamer’s Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge  
- Trans-Alaska Oil Pipeline  
- Chena Hot Springs  
- Alaska Mining Hall of Fame Museum  
- Chena Riverboat Cruise  
- Museum of the North  
- Denali National Park  
- Talkeetna & Anchorage  
- Alaska Native Heritage Center  
- Alaska Railroad  
- Alaska SeaLife Center  
- Exit Glacier

This program begins in Fairbanks and ends in Anchorage. It is designed for individuals who can easily walk up to one mile a day. The program fee includes airport transfers, hotels, three meals a day, educational programs, entrance fees, transportation for program and tipping. It does not include transportation to and from Alaska, liquor, laundry, and luxuries (souvenirs).