Important Information for OLLI Members

We need your feedback as we plan our program for 2020. Please take a few minutes to complete a short survey of 8 questions by clicking here. All responses are anonymous.

Everyone who has registered for OLLI this semester and everyone who was on our listserv in the past is receiving this newsletter. We value this means of communication with our students so that we can keep you aware of updates to our program. However, if you do not want to hear from us (usually no more than twice a month), you can easily unsubscribe by sending an email to majordomo@coastal.edu and, leaving the subject line blank, writing in the body of the email: unsubscribe ollidist

Don’t miss the upcoming special events next week!

Local Celebrities’ Life Stories, Tuesday, Sept. 24, 10:00 (CEC)
David A. DeCenzo XPERS 203 C02
This is your chance to hear from CCU’s outgoing president. Please come out in full force for this lecture. Dr. DeCenzo has been a great supporter of lifelong learning and we would like him to meet as many of you as possible.

CCU History and Traditions, Friday, Sept. 27, 9:00 (CEC)
Nick DeStefano XHIST 100 C01
Over 40 of you want to go on the campus tour, and we want to take you, but don’t miss this golden opportunity to learn even more about Coastal Carolina University. Our students have raved over Nick in the past and if we don’t have good numbers, it may be hard to get him to return. It’s a free class....so take advantage of it!

South Carolina Critters, Friday, Sept. 27, 10:00 (CEC)
Derek Crane (Fish) XNAT 959 C01
It’s not always easy to get CCU professors to take time from their students and research to share their expertise with us. Show Dr. Crane and the fish some love!

War and Society Colloquia, Friday, Sept. 27, 1:30 (CEC)
Anna Oldfield XGOVT 489 C01
Another wonderful professor sharing her knowledge of the folklore of Azerbaijan: don’t miss the first part of this series sponsored by the Department of History.
Instructor Spotlight
Debbie Mundie – Lover of Things with a Twist

Debbie Mundie was born in Richmond, Virginia and lived in that area most of her life. She also lived in Alexandria, Virginia and Hanover, a rural county north of Richmond. She and her family lived on “five acres of land that was partly wooded and was just perfectly private.”

She practiced pharmacy for 33 years prior to retiring in January 2014. Debbie worked as a retail pharmacist (Rite Aid and CVS), civilian pharmacist and supervisor at the outpatient and inpatient pharmacy of a military hospital on an army base (Ft. Belvoir, VA), an ambulatory care pharmacist, an investigational pharmacist for the VA hospital in Richmond (McGuire VA Medical Center) as well as a clinical pharmacist at the Myrtle Beach VA Primary Care Clinic.

Most interesting for her was the 10 years she spent as the investigational pharmacist at the Richmond VA. Debbie was tasked by the Chief of Research to build a pharmacy independent of the hospital pharmacy and develop a program where the pharmacist was an integral part of the Human Research Protection Program. She was responsible for the accountability of all investigational medications used in clinical trials ongoing at the medical center as well as monitoring the informed consent process to ensure that all potential subjects enrolling in drug studies were aware of the potential risks involved. It was rewarding to recognize many investigational drugs involved in studies at the VA as they became FDA approved and brought to market.

Debbie does not have a pet now but at one time had three dogs. One was a purebred Rottweiler. Two were “lab-like” rescues which she adopted “after failing miserably as a humane society volunteer safehouser” as both dogs were only supposed to stay with her temporarily until they were adopted. She realized after adopting the second one that she should volunteer in some other capacity, which she did successfully.

Her hobbies include golf, yoga, Nia dance, beach walks and beach combing (shark tooth hunting), bicycling, wine tasting, reading and singing with the Long Bay Threshold Singers, a local Threshold Choir. Threshold Choirs sing songs of peace and comfort softly in small groups at the bedside of people who are at thresholds of life.

Debbie loves to read and says, “I can’t really think of a favorite book, but I love anything with a twist or surprise ending.” One of her favorite movies is “Sixth Sense” and TV show favorites include “Breaking Bad,” “House of Cards,” “Orange is the New Black” and “Scandal.” Do you see a theme here?

Debbie feels like her time in college was very focused on the sciences and the intensity of the required courses for her pharmacy degree. She now enjoys the opportunity to take other kinds of courses in the OLLI@CCU program, ones that would have been electives during her college years. It gives her a chance to pamper the right side of her brain (arts and creativity) and to satisfy her curiosity about subjects on which she may not be well informed.

Because she felt that Nia Dance would appeal to the OLLI population and age group, she began offering the class. Nia dance routines are choreographed with the primary principle of joyful movement so they are perfect for anyone who likes the precision of learning the steps and choreographed moves coupled with the freedom to modify and express them in their own body’s way. Debbie says, “my students are so inspiring to me – I love their enthusiasm for Nia!”

Inside Scoop on Classes:
If you didn’t read the fine print, you may have missed the fantastic opportunity these two classes provide: outside speakers, experts who will enhance your learning. There’s still time to register!
Write for Fun and Profit (Wed, 9, LEC) XWRT 555 L01. Linda Waterman will be having guest authors attend her classes, so any of you who love to read or write would benefit from this class.
Introduction to Our Teal Waters (Fri, 10, CEC) XNAT 957 C04. For years, Sue Ann Whittick has had waiting lists for her club. Don’t miss her class this semester; Angelos Hannides, Dan Abel, the NMB Turtle Patrol, and Goffinet McLarin will be joining Sue Ann to discuss sand, sharks, turtles, plastic and seashells!
From the Director’s Desk

Welcome to the many new members who have joined OLLI@CCU this fall, and welcome back to our friends of many years. Kids Camp was fun this summer, but it is always nice to see our halls filled with more mature students when September comes along.

My free class, Inside OLLI@CCU, did not generate as much interest as I had hoped, so let me take this opportunity to highlight some important information. We are expanding the Litchfield Education Center, taking over the storefront that used to house Edward Jones. Renovations will begin as soon as the legal documents are complete. We have also added an art room to the Conway Education Center and we have installed mirrors on the wall in room 119 for our exercise classes. We are in the process of investigating a new online registration system (and hope that you will take the survey to help us in this process). The Board of Advisors has been busy approving a five-year strategic plan, creating a volunteer handbook and organizing catalog delivery, outreach presentations and drivers, and creating an instructor’s handbook and supporting materials. We are also developing new ways to collaborate with the faculty and students on CCU’s main campus.

The folks who did attend the class were surprised by the information I shared about the OLLI budget and suggested that I share these figures with a wider audience. Annually, our expenses run between $800,000 and a million. These include staff and instructor salaries, equipment leases, supplies, transportation and admission costs for excursions, food, technology upgrades, advertising, printing, leases and the maintenance of our centers. Our income, which ranges from $400,000 to $450,000, comes from the interest on the Osher Endowments ($105,000), membership fees ($50,000-$60,000), course and excursion fees ($200,000-$300,000), and fundraising ($11,000-$19,000). Coastal Carolina University has been extremely generous in the past in making up this difference. Most other OLLIs do not get financial support from their institutions and many are required to make a profit for the university. We ask for donations so that we can help defray expenses and still keep our membership and class fees low. So far in 2019, we have received $7,453.28 in donations. We ask that you all give as much as you can so that we don’t have to raise our fees.

New Section of Mastering Your Cellphone Added.

Those of you who have met Jackie DiGiorgio in her Basic Computer class know what a treasure we’ve recruited for our tech classes. She agreed today to open a new section of the cellphone class (since the other is already full). This section will be offered on Tuesdays at CEC from 11 to 12:50 for 4 weeks beginning 11/12. The code for it is XCTEC 106 C02.

Enroll now in these classes so they aren’t cancelled!

Conway
Jewelry Making
Digital Democracy (CCU professor teaching!)
Difficult Conversations
Let’s Make Greeting Cards
Mesh Wreath—Fall

Litchfield
Beach Art: Candle Holder
Beach Art: Driftwood Nativity
Understanding Your Insurance
Pet Medication and Grooming Care
The Art of Deep Listening

We also need more members to sign up for the Kayaking and Captain Rod’s Excursions.

To those of you wishing to add to Joanne Tufo’s classes in Conway, we are trying to juggle the schedule to find a bigger classroom. Stay tuned!
Estate Planning: Decisions for Now and Tomorrow

Coastal Planned Giving Advisory Council

October 15, 16, 17, 2019
4:00 - 6:00 pm
Conway Education Center
290 Allied Drive, Conway, SC 29526
843-349-5002

How do you keep up with changes in tax law, a shifting economy and changes in personal circumstances that impact your financial future? What should you consider in making decisions that will affect you and your loved ones? Learn from professionals who work in the business daily.

Total Cost for All Three Days
$45 OLLI Members
$50 Non-Members

Tuesday, October 15
Power of Attorney and Health Care Power of Attorney (Dundee Carter)
Wills and Probate (Deirdre Edmonds)

Wednesday, October 16
Investing Strategies and Wealth Protection for an Aging America (BJ Bryant)
Planning for and Living in Retirement (Alison Hamilton)

Thursday, October 17
Tax Issues When Planning Your Estate (Mike Munden)
Planning for Healthcare (Cary Rowell)

Registration
OLLI Members go to:
https://www.coastal.edu/olli/currentcourses/

Non-OLLI Members go to:
https://www.coastal.edu/endowment/givenow/estate

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