

\*Indicates some teaching services, in addition to A Taste of OLLI presentations, are donated to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

**Lisa Aprea** has an MBA and is a retired entrepreneur with 30 years of experience in animal care, dog training and education as the owner of Happy Dog Training and Happy Dog Pet Resort. Her experience includes teaching certificate programs to work in the pet care industry.

**Gary Assadourian** is a resident artist in musical composition with the South Carolina Arts Commission. A performer who records his own arrangements, he has taught art and music for 20 years, and his students have won numerous awards. Assadourian plays a number of instruments and has an in-depth understanding of the musical experience. He attended Rutgers College and Columbia University in New York City.

**\*Samih Baalbaki** was born and raised in Lebanon and spent the last 17 years of his career in the Middle East before retiring in the U.S. in early 2012. His legal consulting work took him to more than 20 countries in the Middle East. Through formal and informal discussions as well as observation of the business, social and religious aspects of life in the area, Baalbaki gained a deep insight

into the dynamics of the Middle East. Personal experience and extensive reading (in English, French and Arabic) enhanced his thorough understanding of the people and the problems of the area.

**\*Lydia Barrows** is a graduate of Philadelphia Biblical University, and she spent a year studying at the Jerusalem University College in Israel. With 35 years' experience in the study and teaching of the Scriptures, her background, education, life experience and passion for biblical understanding motivates her to share not only the context of the Scriptures but also personal benefits and life skills from their message.

**Priscille Boisvert** owned a studio in Massachusetts for 30 years, teaching all forms of needlework and art classes (tole and decorative painting, oils, acrylics, watercolors and pen-and-ink). She also owns Priscille's Stencil Company, which sells throughout the U.S. and Europe.

**Barbara Brittain** is a coal-miner's daughter from Pineville, Ky. She received degrees in English and library science from the University of South Carolina and is a retired librarian. Calligraphy has been her passion since 1978.

**Phil Bruschi** has had a long career in the entertainment business. Over

the years, he has played all types of music from jazz to rock. As a result of his teaching, Phil has created a variety of musical programs that are sometimes referred to as "Edu-Tainment." Bruschi shares information about careers of the artists and performs their songs. He continues to study voice.

**Donna Carr** has been teaching yoga since 2000, sharing the gentle Viniyoga tradition of respecting and opening the body, allowing yoga to meet you and your needs. Certified as an RYT with the Yoga Alliance, having studied restorative, elder, low mobility and meridian yoga, she completed Reiki Level III certification in 2012.

**Judy Chamberlain** is a volunteer instructor for the AARP Driver Safety Program.

**Helen Christman** graduated from a university in Russia. She has taught English at universities in Russia and the Ukraine as well as worked as a translator at international scientific conferences.

**Lillian Cotton**, currently residing in Myrtle Beach, is a transplant from Philadelphia. She received her B.F.A. in painting and drawing from the University of the Arts. Her artwork has been on exhibition in various galleries and shows throughout Philadelphia, including permanent

collections, such as the Rohm and Haas and the University of the Arts.

**Danny Cross** began studying martial arts in 1979 and reached the rank of sixth degree black belt. He operated his own dojo (karate school); is certified to instruct self-defense, rape-prevention classes and hostile environment training, and defensive tactics; and taught specific martial arts classes for the development of children. He is now retired in Myrtle Beach but continues to instruct and help seniors.

**Christine Davis** has an Ed.D. in instructional technology and distance learning. A retired school administrator and university faculty member, she now focuses on the use of technology for genealogical applications. She is a member of the National Genealogical Society and the South Strand Genealogy Club.

**George Devens** spent 30 years in Manhattan as a studio musician recording with Frank Sinatra, Barbra Streisand, Burt Bacharach and Barry Manilow. He's played on many records ("People," "Stand by Me," "Alfie," "I Think I'm Going Out of My Head," "Mandy," "Our Day Will Come"). Since moving to the South, he's taught and performed his musical shows at colleges, museums and supper clubs throughout North and South Carolina.

**Carl DiLorenzo** is a retired information technology management consultant. He worked for IBM for 33 years. Featured in a local newspaper, his iPhone/iPad course has been a success in the Murrells Inlet International Club.

**Joe DiSabatino** is a self-taught artist. His work has sold internationally and he has had one-man shows in Chapel Hill, N.C., Washington, D.C., and Myrtle Beach, S.C. He has painted as a hobby since the 1970s and full-time since 2010. He has an M.Ed. and has been writing and reading his poems at poetry events since the 1980s. He recently won an Honorable Mention prize in the West Virginia Writers 2015 Spring Competition.

**Susan Duke**, an award-winning watercolorist, has been an art instructor for nearly 30 years, the past dozen at the Franklin G. Burroughs-Simeon B. Chapin Myrtle Beach Art Museum and the past decade for the adult education program (now OLLI). Her loose, flowing style, applied to florals, landscapes, still-lives and abstracts, can be seen in area galleries.

**Patricia Dunning** has a Ph.D. in communications and a B.S. in psychology from the University of Pittsburgh, with a focus on interpersonal communication and counseling. She has taught this class and other communication courses at

the University of Pittsburgh, George Washington University, University of Maryland and Goucher College. She has several certifications in yoga, yoga therapy, Pilates, meditation and Ayurveda. She is a registered member of Yoga Alliance at the 500 level and the International Association of Yoga Therapists and has more than 30 years of teaching experience.

**Ralph Edwards** is a volunteer instructor for the AARP Driver Safety Program.

**Charlie Engle** has had an interest in technology for quite some time. In addition, he has been involved in community education and adult learning for several years.

**\*Darlene Eichler** is a long-time instructor of memoir writing for lifelong learning classes. A graduate of Radford University and the University of South Carolina and a retired teacher/librarian, she is the author of 13 published books.

**Simone Esquibel** is a mosaic artist from the mountains of the Southwest who is now enjoying the ocean life of the Southeast. She creates an array of mosaic art, both functional and fine art, including mandalas, tabletops, landscapes and medallions for home installation.

**Alice McInvaill Estes** is a juried and award-winning artist and art instructor; she has taught drawing, painting, batik, sculpture and needlework over the past 30 years in South Carolina. She taught children and adults at local recreation centers, churches, schools and colleges. Estes helped paint the exterior wall murals at two Myrtle Beach recreation centers. As a native of Myrtle Beach, she has served as past president, vice president and secretary of the Waccamaw Arts and Crafts Guild, and has belonged to Seacoast Artist Guild leading art demos and workshops for both groups.

**Kathleen Fair** has a master's degree in medieval English history from Brown University. She taught history and geography to middle school students for 41 years. She is passionate about almost all aspects of history. Before moving to South Carolina, she participated in and presented courses at BCLIR, a learning in retirement organization located in Providence, R.I. She enjoys sharing her insights on history with others. Certified in yoga, yoga therapy, Ayurveda, Pilates and mediation. Fair is a registered member of Yoga Alliance at the 500 level and International Association of Yoga Therapists and has more than 30 years' teaching experience.

**Becky Fairley** holds an M.S. in special education and counseling from Lewis and Clark College and the University of Oregon. She served for 18 years as a guidance counselor and educator in international schools in Tanzania and Honduras and for 14 years as a secondary school principal in Tanzania. She served on the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Tanzania for many years and is currently a member of the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Conway.

**Greg Farmer** worked under the secretary of commerce, Clinton administration. He managed senate and congressional races and ran a political consulting firm; in addition, he spent 20 years as an executive in the high-tech industry. He has a master's degree from Florida State.

**David Fattaleh** has been a professional photographer for more than 30 years. His images have appeared in several publications, including Newsweek, New York Times, Louisville Magazine, Wonderful West Virginia, Time-Life Books, National Geographic Adventure, and many newspapers and magazines through the U.S. and abroad. In 2009, he retired from the state of West Virginia as the photography manager for the West Virginia Division of Tourism and moved to Pawleys Island. Fattaleh has taught photography classes and workshops for many years.

**Karen Fedor** is a recent retiree from education and has taught grades K-12. She has been a quilter for 25 years and has taught various quilting classes. She especially enjoys teaching beginning quilting and sharing her enjoyment of the hobby/art.

**Eleanor Ferrar** received her doctorate from New York University. She taught acting, directing and playwriting in the Department of Fine and Performing Arts at City University of New York and also at La Sapienza (University of Rome) (in Italian) and a private, professional acting school in Rome.

**\*Stephen Firsing**, Ph.D., M.P.A., is an assistant professor of public health in the Department of Health Sciences at Coastal Carolina University. His research areas include the management of chronic disease, measurement of health outcomes, and science of teaching and learning public health.

**\*Joseph Fitsanakis**, Ph.D., specializes in intelligence and national security with an emphasis on international espionage. He has taught and written extensively on the subject. His work has been translated into several languages and referenced in media outlets including The Washington Post, BBC, ABC and Newsweek. Before joining Coastal Carolina

University in 2015, Fitsanakis built the security and intelligence studies program at King University, where he also directed the King Institute for Security and Intelligence Studies.

**Janice Garber** has been an art teacher and professional artist for more than 25 years. She holds a B.F.A. in graphic design from Boston University as well as an M.S. in studio art and art education from the College of New Rochelle in New York.

**Larry Gates** earned a Ph.D. in psychology at the Peabody College of Vanderbilt University and for 27 years was a professor of psychology at the University of Southern Mississippi. He did additional study at Colgate Rochester Divinity School.

**Michael Gay** studied drawing, painting and printing at CCU and earned his degree at USC-Columbia. He works in several media (even digital art and photography) but primarily enjoys pencil, pen-and-ink and watercolor.

**\*Luz Greene** holds an advertising and social communicators degree and brings extensive experience in leading and training large and diverse workforces. An advocate for the Spanish community, she speaks English and Spanish fluently. Her teaching experiences include graduate-level courses, executive seminars, and professional

workshops for adult education and children. Greene was awarded the 2004 Horry County Literacy Tutor of the Year.

**Jessica Handy** is a graduate of CCU with a B.A. in history and an M.A. in education. She is currently enrolled at Norwich University for an M.A. in history.

**\*Bert Hayslip, Ph.D.,** is a regents professor emeritus at the University of North Texas. He is an adjunct faculty member at CCU in psychology and teaches courses in gerontology and death and dying.

**\*Elizabeth Hileman** is an accredited CIT instructor with the Taoist Tai Chi Society of USA in South Carolina. She has been studying Master Moy Lin Shin's Taoist tai chi for more than 22 years, teaching and guiding students through its gentle graceful movements for 18 years.

**\*Austin Hitt** is an associate professor of secondary science education at Coastal Carolina University.

**Richard (Dick) Hull** is a professor emeritus of plant sciences at the University of Rhode Island and adjunct professor of environmental horticulture at Clemson University. During his seasonal residency in Pawleys Island, Hull has offered several illustrated courses on great

gardens of North America and on the botany and ecology of gardening.

**Donna Hutter** has 75 years of life experience – the good, bad and ugly – plus 10 years of teaching at the senior high school level has prepared this instructor to lead people through a topic generally considered depressing. Work as a human resource manager has placed this instructor in every situation possible; including telling an employee her husband has just been killed. She is an expert at facilitating the class participants to learn from each other.

**Keith Jacobs** was born in Fayetteville, N.C., and moved to Myrtle Beach in 1994 to work as a photojournalist at The Sun News. Transitioning to commercial photography 10 years later, Jacobs has shot for many of the best known newspapers and magazines in the U.S., including The New York Times and FHM Magazine.

**Vivian R. Jacobson** has been a lecturer on Marc Chagall since 1978 in 22 states, Europe and Israel. She was the president from 1978-1982 of the American Friends of the Chagall Biblical Museum, Nice, France and the Chairman of the Chagall Tapestry Project, Chicago, Illinois. Jacobson was privileged to work with Chagall the last 11 years of his life. All these

experiences are related in her book "Sharing Chagall: A Memoir."

**\*Ellen Jampole**, Ph.D., loves learning, teaching, reading, dancing, hula hooping and laughing. She became a teacher when her younger brother (lucky him) was born and has never looked back. She's studied various styles of dance, mostly belly dancing, for more than 30 years and has taught belly dance for several years for OLLI.

**Scott Johnson** is a volunteer instructor for the AARP Driver Safety Program.

**William Jordan** has a master's degree in social work from the University of North Carolina. He has worked more than 40 years in a variety of settings, including health care, undergraduate education and industry, conducting lectures and workshops across the United States and at international conferences.

**Lloyd Kaplan**, professor emeritus from the Community College of Rhode Island, has taught numerous music literature courses throughout the years and co-authored three books. He has been a professional musician since 1953 and currently leads his own jazz group. He teaches for OLLI at the University of Rhode Island when he is not snowbirding on the Grand Strand.

**Sarah Kelly** holds a master's degree in liberal arts and music history from the Universities of Richmond and Virginia. She has lectured and taught classes and seminars at various universities and is the author of several published and upcoming historical novels.

**Cathy King** has been studying and practicing yoga for the past 10 years. She began teaching in 2009, following certification as a Hatha Yoga teacher.

**Vicki Kron** is an experienced mah jongg player and teacher. She has been playing this exciting game since 1970 and has taught it since 2000. She teaches basic mah jongg as well as advanced strategy and techniques. She also plays in regional and local mah jongg tournaments.

**Bobbie Lawson** is an "evangelist" for art (including architecture) who is retired from a 25-year career teaching art history and art appreciation courses at Coastal Carolina University. She is a docent at and ardent fan of the Franklin G. Burroughs-Simeon B. Chapin Myrtle Beach Art Museum.

**Sandy Lempert** is a volunteer instructor for the AARP Driver Safety Program.

**Sandra Lucas-Hyde** has studied tap, ballet, jazz, modern, shag,

contemporary and ballroom dancing for many years. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and brings her passion and enthusiasm for dance to each student. Her strong belief in education is one reason she is involved every year with the "Dancing with the Horry County Stars" benefit.

**Richard Lutman** has an M.F.A. in writing from Vermont College. He has taught fiction and composition classes in Connecticut and Rhode Island and won awards for his short stories, nonfiction and screenplays. He has published more than 24 stories and two novellas. His first novel is due out this year.

**\*Regina Markland** is the compliance and planned giving officer at the Coastal Education Foundation. Her work emphasis includes writing gift agreements and educating potential donors about planned giving. She loves helping others fulfill their philanthropic desires while also educating them about the many options for planned giving. She has a background in coaching, teaching and administration. She also has several years' experience as a financial adviser and is presently working on getting certified as a financial planner.

**Robin McCall** has turned her love for history and her hometown into a

career, serving as a Georgetown city tour guide, leading Grayline tours from Myrtle Beach, as well as OLLI Lowcountry excursions to interesting places such as Southport, N.C., Charleston, S.C. and Savannah, Ga.

**\*Carol Meldrom** has been teaching mah jongg in New York and at OLLI@CCU since 2012. She moved to Murrells Inlet from Rhinebeck, N.Y., where she taught elementary school.

**Barbara Pavilack Melenik** has been teaching group education for several years. She has taught Zumba Gold, Zumba Gold Toning, and all current Zumba. She was personally trained by Zumba creator Beto Perez and was on stage with him during his master class at the 2013 Zumba convention.

**\*Kate Middleton** is a graduate of Marshall University with an undergraduate degree in psychology and a master's in counseling. She has taught courses at both levels and is retired from private practice and school counseling. She has been in the Myrtle Beach area since 2013.

**Gina Montori** is a life coach and entrepreneur who specializes in helping men and women get "unstuck," create the results they want to see and live the life they yearn to have. After 20 years of working and coaching in the corporate arena at a Fortune 500 company in Ohio, she is



now a resident of Murrells Inlet where she does personal development coaching, facilitates workshops, and writes an inspirational and motivational monthly blog.

**Sue M. Myers** brought her years of study and experience in history, political science, biology and geology to the South three decades ago. As a transplant and a master gardener, she has taught these subjects to area newcomers through the lifelong learning program.

**\*Gary M. Newman** has a B.S. with a concentration in insurance and financial management from the Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania, 1954. He has five decades' experience in life underwriting, financial guidance, estate planning and administration support, and fiduciary services. He is a columnist for The Sun News and has drafted mini-books about managing late-life, end-stage and incapacitated living, and the estate.

**Paul Ondrus** is a CCU graduate who has been playing keyboards professionally for several years. He has played for multiple theaters and shows across the country, and has taught for OLLI for several years.

**Angela O'Sullivan** has been an instructor of Windows classes for many years, teaching in

Williamsburg, Va., and in South Carolina. Originally from England, she has lived and worked in many countries.

**James O'Sullivan** holds a bachelor's degree (physics) from the University of London and an MBA in international economics from the University of Notre Dame. An early developer of artificial intelligence neural network technology for the financial markets, he is retired from decades of strategic planning, investment banking and pension fund management.

**Tibby Plants** has published fantasy/horror and children's books. Currently, she is working on two romance/suspense novels. She is the outgoing president of the South Carolina Writers' Workshop, [www.myscww.org](http://www.myscww.org). She lives with her sports junkie husband in Murrells Inlet, S.C., where she writes, knits and creates video book trailers for authors.

**\*Robert Poirier** has a bachelor's degree in European history from Norwich University and a master's degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. A decorated officer of the Vietnam War, he completed advanced intelligence courses and was designated a Foreign Area Officer for Western Europe. His distinguished career in the CIA's National

Photographic Interpretation Center brought awards for the discovery and publication of the 1944-45 Auschwitz aerial photographs. Author and teacher of military history, Soviet military analysis and Civil War battles, he leads battlefield tours for the Civil War Education Association.

**Hank Pulkowski** is a watercolor artist and teacher who lives and works in Myrtle Beach. Most of his paintings are derived from his photographs. Mostly self-taught as a watercolorist, his paintings have been juried into and appeared in numerous shows and exhibitions both in Pennsylvania and South Carolina. He also teaches intermediate and advanced classes in watercolor painting. Samples of his art can be seen on his website at [www.hankpulkowski.com](http://www.hankpulkowski.com).

**Ron Revere** is a retired physics/astronomy educator who spent more than 30 years teaching “science as exciting.”

**Gail Reynolds** is a retired teacher from Rochester, N.Y. She has been researching her family history for more than 25 years. She co-founded the Grand Strand Genealogy Club and is a past president and treasurer of that organization. She has been teaching genealogy courses for the adult education program (now OLLI) since 2000. She also consults with individuals on their family history

research and speaks on the topic of family history at local service organizations.

**\*Ed Robidoux**, a retired mechanical engineer, relocated to Murrells Inlet in 2003 to pursue his hobbies in photography, cooking, and Apple computers and devices.

**Paige Sawyer** opened his photography business in 1974 and specializes in portraits of children, families and brides. Winner of numerous state and national awards, he is a past president of the South Carolina Professional Photographers Association.

**\*Barnie Slice** is a self-taught artist who has been painting for 50 years and teaching art for more than 40. He has taught more than 5,000 students and sold 3,500+ paintings around the world. For the past decade, he has taught water media techniques for OLLI and creates the OLLI catalog covers each term.

**David Soma** is a historian of the American West, having served as a historical tour guide and actor for the National Park Service; a living history actor portraying Wyatt Earp, Doc Holiday and “Wild Bill” Hickok; and a western character actor, stuntman and extra in films, television and documentaries. Author of “The Yellow Doll” (a historical novel about the death of

Hickok) and a monthly newspaper columnist, he brings 40 years of extensive travel and research in the American West to the American South.

**Jane Stenglein** has been a member of the American Federation of Astrologers and the Staten Island Astrologers Guild (where she served as president and many other offices) for more than 30 years. Certified to teach by the AFA, she conducted classes and lectured in and around the New York City area for 25 years.

**\*Terri Stephens** and father **\*Stan Stephens** are co-owners of AHI Agency, dedicated to providing important information to seniors and Medicare recipients.

**Jef Sturm** has a degree from the Cleveland Institute of Art. He has been designing, painting and teaching for the past 55 years. He is currently teaching and exhibiting in Myrtle Beach, Brookgreen Gardens and Charleston, S.C.

**Pat Thompson** loves the game of mah jongg, attending and placing “in the money” at various mah jongg tournaments, both locally and nationally. She conducts classes for both beginners and those players wanting to improve their mah jongg skills and strategy. Her enthusiasm and love for the ancient game comes into play in her classes, making them

fun and informative for all her students.

**Daphne Trent** is a certified health coach and wellness consultant and is certified under the Sears Wellness Institute, which is one of the top wellness institutes in the country.

**JoAnn Tufo** is a historian, lecturer and performer who has worked for more than 20 years presenting on a variety of historical subjects. A former Philadelphia tour guide and professional actor, she is the president of Senior Class: American History Programs for Mature Audiences, presenting her one-woman performances as “The Good Wife, Mrs. Benjamin Franklin” and “The Eternal Wife, Mary Lincoln” along the East Coast.

**\*Holly Uzun** is a native of Virginia and studied art history at Virginia Commonwealth University. She began studying Taoist tai chi in 1998 and was first certified to instruct in 1999. Sharing the many benefits of Taoist tai chi remains one of her greatest passions.

**Bill Warner** is a retired lawyer with extensive experience in cases involving both free speech and religious policy and practice. He is also an active layman in the Episcopal Church and its affiliated ministries, as well as other churches,

including those whose advocacy often seeks the public square.

**Kathy Welde**, a former math teacher, has taught stained glass for more than a decade and creates complex window designs, nautilus shell sun catchers and stained-glass angels on commission.

**\*Norm Whiteley** retired in 1994 as president and CEO of Global Environmental Solutions Inc., following 32 years in various technical and management positions. Originally educated as an engineer and businessman, he pursued studies leading to a degree in biblical history after retirement. In addition to teaching for OLLI, he publishes an investment newsletter, is a frequent contributor on the subject of investing to the Prime Times publication and serves as an arbitrator for the Better Business Bureau.

**\*Sue Ann Whittick** has retired to Myrtle Beach after being an art teacher in the Pittsburgh public schools for 32 years. She is a craftswoman who specializes in basketry, seashells and miniatures. She loves tea parties and exploring life.

**Clark Wilburn** served as a middle and high school history teacher in suburban schools just outside Rochester, N.Y. More recently, he

has led tours to Great Britain, Ireland and North American destinations for Collete Vacations. Locally, he has designed and led a variety of day trips for Tea & Tradition Tours. Wilburn is a graduate of Oberlin College (B.A.), Nazareth College (M.S.) and The Drama Studio.

**\*Pam Wilk** is a certified nutrition educator with the Sears Wellness Institute. She is passionate about helping others take control of their health through lifestyle, exercise, attitude and nutrition. Wilk is a holistic nutrition coach certified through the Institute of Integrative Nutrition. She believes food has the power to heal and nourish the body.

**Jolene Stinson Williams**, a retired school teacher, graduated from the University of Oregon with a bachelor's degree in art education and completed graduate studies in art therapy. For five years she instructed art and piano classes for community centers in Oregon.