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CENTRAL OREGON—Attack on Yamamoto

Thursday, December 6, 1:30–3:30 p.m., UO Center

From Culver to Guadalcanal to Bougainville and into history we commemorate December 7, 1941 by honoring one of our former neighbors, Colonel Rex T. Barber. Our program, *Attack on Yamamoto*, shows with original footage how this Air Force mission was staged and carried out and how it helped turn the tide of World War II. By focusing on one event, we include and credit all those who answered the call in 1941 without complaint or protest. Our young people in that day went to the far corners of the world, came home and changed America.

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EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD—OLLI Holiday Party

Friday, December 14, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Mexico-Mayan culture will give this year's holiday party a south-of-the-border flavor. What a great opportunity to display your mementos from travels to Mexico and Central America. If you have any wall hangings, pottery or other items, please bring them.

- Come to enjoy entertainment and refreshments, take a break from holiday preparations, and spend a delightful afternoon with OLLI friends.
- We will have a barrel for Food for Lane County again. Please bring nonperishable items and let's fill the barrel.

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PORTLAND—Winter Social

Tuesday, December 18, 1:00–2:30 p.m.

There is something about chilly weather that seems to bring people together—usually over food. The harvest is over, and it's finally cool enough to use the oven. Friends and family get together for the holidays, for parties or for football, and the menu (or at least the eating) is always central to the event. Rest assured, our OLLI-UO Winter Social will be no different.

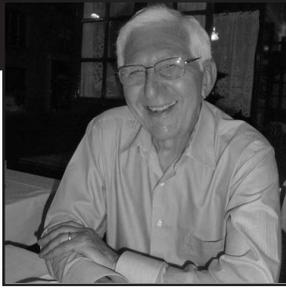
Last year's social turned out to be far funnier than anyone had anticipated as each member was given five minutes to share something—a story, memory or something from their history. Boy, did we find out a lot.

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President's Note: Central Oregon

After a year of being in temporary quarters, OLLI-CO started fall in our new home at the UO Center located in the new Duck Store building. After

rectifying some initial AV issues, all is running smoothly and we now have a great meeting venue.

In keeping with new beginnings, we elected three new Council members: Bonnie Corley, Elizabeth Farwell, and Lee Meyer at our annual meeting this past week. We look forward to having their perspective on various issues concerning OLLI-CO. We offer thanks for their service on the Council to outgoing members: Roger Aikin, Ed Lee, Russ Hopper, and look forward to their continued participation in committees and facilitating programs.

Fall programs dealing with the framing of the constitution, forensic science, and oceanography are underway. Our courses and speakers are the glue that holds the group

together. I urge you as members to participate actively in helping to guide our group's programming. OLLI is a member driven organization. As such, there is no reason to feel left out in terms of program interests. If you have a burning desire to have a topic discussed, either in a single session or as an extended course, or a place you think the group should visit as a field trip, bring the topic to the program committee or better still, become a member of the program committee and help guide the group's activities.

Finally, I want to thank all the committee members and member facilitators who made my term as Council President this past year such a success.

Burt Litman,
Council President OLLI-UO,
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Imagine a flight of 18 P-38G Lightning fighters outfitted with Navy ship's compasses and drop tanks of extra fuel waves hopping fifty feet above the open Coral sea for 600 miles at radio silence to intercept two Japanese Betty bombers. One of these bombers carried Admiral Yamamoto who departed Rabaul on New Britain Island for Bougainville on an inspection tour after being defeated on Guadalcanal.

One of the four pilots selected for the "killer" flight was 1st Lt. Rex T. Barber from Culver, Oregon. They took off from Guadalcanal on April 18, the first anniversary of the Doolittle Raid. Two of the four Lightnings assigned to the killer flight had to drop out at the start but Lt. Barber and Captain Thomas Lanphier, Jr. continued. Our program will detail how the two Betty bombers were shot

down over the jungle in Bougainville and how credit for this was debated for years before being given to Rex Barber.

Facilitating our program will be **Lee Flegel and Rex Barber, Jr.** Lee was instrumental in getting the legislature to name the Crooked River Bridge on Highway 97 the *Rex T. Barber Veterans Memorial Bridge*. He was also a driving force with Dick Mathiason in getting Highway 97 within Oregon named the *WWII Memorial Highway*. Rex Barber, Jr. has many anecdotes and memories of his father's remarkable life.

January Book Group

Making Our Democracy Work:

***A Judge's View*, by Stephen Breyer**

Tuesdays, January 8 and 22,

10:00 a.m.–noon, UO Center

The OLLI-CO Book Discussion

Group will not meet in December, but

that should give members more time to prepare for the January sessions, by reading *Making Our Democracy Work: A Judge's View*.

"Charged with the responsibility of interpreting the Constitution, the Supreme Court has the power to strike down laws enacted by our elected representatives. Why does the public accept the Court's decisions as legitimate and follow them, even when those decisions are highly unpopular? What must the Court do to maintain the public's faith? How can it help make our democracy work? Justice Stephen Breyer tackles these questions and more, offering an original approach to interpreting the Constitution.

"Justice Breyer, who was appointed to the Court in 1994, looks at how the Supreme Court evolved historically and defined its role largely

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in relation to the willingness of the public to embrace its decisions. Readers may be surprised to learn that in many democracies, parliaments are not bound to accept decisions by their court; similarly, the U.S. Constitution doesn't give the Supreme Court final say.

"Breyer tells the story of President Jackson's grudging acceptance of a Court decision protecting the treaty rights of the Cherokee nation, only to seize their land using federal troops. In the Dred Scott decision, the pro-slavery Court violated the right of free states to outlaw slavery. And in *Brown vs. the Kansas Board of Education*, President Eisenhower used the Army to back up Court decisions against segregated education.

"Breyer discusses recent Court decisions in favor of rights for Guantanamo detainees and examines the limitations of a President's power as commander-in-chief, even in wartime, contrasting this to the failure of the Court, Congress, and President Roosevelt over internment camps during WWII. An accomplished writer, Justice Breyer's absorbing stories offer insight into how a democracy works, and sometimes fails."

(Review from *Publishers Weekly*)

The Ethics of Journalism:

Joel Preston Smith

Thursday, January 31,
10:00–11:45 a.m.

Join OLLI-CO and freelance writer and photographer **Joel Preston Smith** for a discussion of the ethics of journalism. A freelance writer and photographer based in Portland, he served as a U.S. Army journalist/photojournalist from 1987-1991. His talk

puts an emphasis on questions regarding the nature of propaganda, the ethics of objectivity, and the role photojournalism in particular plays in defining or directing public perceptions of "the enemy," and of conflict primarily related to the war in Iraq.

Smith is a photography instructor/mentor at Newspace Center for Photography in Portland and a con-

and is currently doing fellowship training in Integrative medicine at the Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine at the University of Arizona, founded and directed by Andrew Weil, MD.

Join OLLI-CO and Dr. Uri to learn more about the natural, alternative changes that you can make in your diet to enhance your health.

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tributing writer for *Sound Consumer*, *In Good Tilth*, and *The Bear Deluxe* magazines. He is a former Conversation Project Scholar for the Oregon Council for the Humanities, lecturing on the humanitarian dimensions of conflict in the Middle East. He also works as a communications consultant for academic and non-profit institutions.

Save the date for this exciting program. Location: TBA.

Nutrition with Lisa Uri, MD

Tuesday, January 15,
1:30–3:30 p.m., UO Center

Dr. Lisa Uri of High Lakes Health Care practices family medicine, with emphasis on preventive healthcare and wellness. She received Certification in Nutritional Therapy through the Nutritional Therapy Association

New Study Groups Coming in January

Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do? with Prof. Michael Sandel

Beginning Wednesday, January 2,
10:00 a.m.–noon, UO Center

"Is torture ever justified? Would you steal a drug that your child needs to survive? Is it sometimes wrong to tell the truth? How much is one human life worth?

"JUSTICE is the first Harvard course to be made freely available online and on public television. Nearly a thousand students pack Harvard's historic Sanders Theatre to hear Michael Sandel, 'perhaps the most prominent college professor in America,' (*Washington Post*) talk

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4 Tuesday

Noon—Round Table Luncheon at Tethrow Golf Club [discussion group] For reservations, contact Harlie Peterson, harliepete@hotmail.com or call the OLLI-UO office at 800-824-2714.

5 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Great Debate: Advocates and Opponents of the American Constitution [DVD Study Group] Disputing Separation of Powers, Parts One and Two. Facilitator: Bob Clautice (UOC)

6 Thursday

1:30 p.m. Attack on Yamamoto [lecture/film] Presenters: Lee Flegel and Rex Barber, Jr. (UOC)

7 Friday

10:00 a.m. Trails of Evidence: How Forensic Science Works [DVD study group] Traces of Hair and Fur; Soil, Protist, Plant and Animal Traces. Facilitator: Carolyn Hill (UOC)

Noon—January Newsletter Submission Deadline

1:00 p.m. Oceanography [DVD study group] Rogue Waves and Tsunamis; Tides in Theory and Practice. Facilitators: Russel Hopper and Bob Clautice (UOC)

10 Monday

1:30 p.m. Membership Outreach Committee Interim Chair: Russel Hopper (UOC)

12 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Great Debate: Advocates and Opponents of the American Constitution [DVD Study Group] The Supreme Court and Judicial Review; The Bill of Rights. Facilitator: Bill Sugnet (UOC)

14 Friday

10:00 a.m. Trails of Evidence: How Forensic Science Works [DVD study group] Serology—Blood and Other Body Fluids; The Forensic Analysis of DNA. Facilitator: Carolyn Hill (UOC)

1:00 p.m. Oceanography [DVD study group] Marine Life, Energy and Food Webs; Tiny Plankton—The Most Abundant Life on Earth. Facilitators: Russel Hopper and Bob Clautice (UOC)

21 Friday

10:00 a.m. Council Meeting (UOC)

1:00 p.m. Oceanography [DVD study group] Soft-Bodied Life in the Dark, Open Depths; Swimming—The Many Fish in the Sea. Facilitators: Russel Hopper and Bob Clautice (UOC)

25 Tuesday

UO Closed for Christmas Holiday

28 Friday

10:00 a.m. Trails of Evidence: How Forensic Science Works [DVD study group] Forensic Toxicology of Drugs and Poisons; The Forensics of Substance Abuse. Facilitator: Carolyn Hill (UOC)

1:00 p.m. Oceanography [DVD study group] Marine Birds, Reptiles, and Animals; Whaling, Fisheries, and Farming the Ocean. Facilitators: Russel Hopper and Bob Clautice (UOC)

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Locations

University of Oregon Center in Bend
80 NE Bend River Mall, Bend

Bend Senior Center
1600 SE Reed Market Rd., Bend

Touchmark at Mount
Bachelor Village
19800 SW Touchmark Way, Bend

DesChutes Historical Museum
129 NW Idaho Ave., Bend

Key

UOC = UO Center in Bend
BSC = Bend Senior Center
DHM = DesChutes Historical Museum
TMA = Touchmark Auditorium
TMRL = Touchmark River Lodge
TBA = To Be Announced

Renewals

Mail renewals and membership applications to:

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Learning Circle

Monthly Schedule

Tuesday

10:00 Book Discussion Group, no meetings in December.

Noon Round Table Luncheon: meets December 4 at Tetherow Golf Club.

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. The Great Debate: Advocates and Opponents of the American Constitution, weekly. No meeting on December 19 or 26.

Friday

10:00 a.m. Trails of Evidence: How Forensic Science Works: first, second and fourth weeks in December.

1:00 p.m. Oceanography Exploring Earth's Final Wilderness: weekly.

We welcome member proposals for study or discussion groups! Share your interests and expertise with other members, or explore a new topic together. Contact the OLLI-UO office, or the Central Oregon Program Chair, if you're interested in proposing or leading a new group.

For questions, call the OLLI-UO office at 800-824-2714.

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about justice, equality, democracy, and citizenship.

"Now it's [our] turn to take the same journey in moral reflection that has captivated more than 15,000 students, as Harvard opens its classroom to the world.

"In this twelve-part series, Sandel challenges us with hard moral dilemmas and invites us to ponder the right thing to do—in politics and in our everyday lives" (<http://www.justice-harvard.org/about/course/>).

Join OLLI-CO for this next Wednesday morning series.

Masterworks of American Art

Mondays, beginning January 7, 1:30–3:30 p.m., UO Center

"A nation's identity is expressed through its art. Great painters capture the essence of a culture's brightest hopes, deepest anxieties, and most profound aspirations. They provide an aesthetic road map to a nation's history, recording the lives of its citizens and reflecting the personality of an entire people.

"But all too often, Americans themselves are unfamiliar with the great artistic legacy of our own country. Many of us study the great artists of Europe—Leonardo, Rubens, Degas and Monet—but neglect the remarkable painters of our own national tradition. And yet the tradition of American art is filled with spectacular masterpieces" (from *The Great Courses*, <http://bit.ly/QN12hg>).

This Teaching Company DVD course is guided by Professor William Kloss, who we met in *World's Greatest Paintings*. Facilitator for the course is OLLI's own professor of art

history, **Roger Aikin**, emeritus of Creighton University.

Join us on Monday afternoons beginning in January for this exploration of great American art.

Call for Volunteers!

Are you comfortable using the Internet? Do you ever wish you could watch OLLI lectures from the comfort of your home?

This past summer, economist and educator Richard Winters held a five-part lecture series in Portland called "Limitless Wants and Limited Resources." We recorded the lectures and created a website (using www.CourseSites.com) where OLLI members can access the videos and the handouts. The site also includes a discussion blog where participants can post questions to Dr. Winters and other members.

The video recordings are not of professional grade, and this website is in development. Therefore, we are looking for volunteers who are willing to try the course online and give us their feedback. Graduate Teaching Fellow, Shannon Jones, is available to answer questions and assist you in participating in this pilot course. If you are interested, please e-mail her at ShannonJ@uoregon.edu. Thank you!

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Special Announcement



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'Tis the Season to be Jolly,
Time to Make a Gift to
OLLI!

The end of the year is an
excellent time to make a
tax-deductible gift and to

take advantage of the IRS charitable deduction while it remains. Gifts to OLLI assist in keeping our membership dues low, defray some program operating expenses, help OLLI members who cannot afford the entire amount of annual dues, and increase the OLLI Eugene/Springfield endowment, whose earned interest provides a steady income stream each year.

Toward the \$100,000 goal for the Campaign for OLLI, we have raised \$30,000. A new sign at the membership badge table tracks our progress. Look for a letter with a gift form and return envelope in the mail.

So, in this season of giving, make a gift to OLLI online at <http://osher.uoregon.edu/support.php> or mail in the form with your gift made payable to: UO Foundation-OLLI, ES Endowment.

Thank you and cheers!

Pamela McClure-Johnston
Campaign for OLLI, Co-Chair

Paul Holbo, UO Vice Provost, Emeritus
Campaign for OLLI, Co-Chair

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Holiday Film: A Christmas Carol

Monday, December 3, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

“I wish to be left alone,” said Scrooge. “Since you ask me what I wish, gentlemen, that is my answer. I don’t make merry myself at Christmas and I can’t afford to make idle people merry. I help to support the establishments I have mentioned—they cost enough; and those who are badly off must go there.”

“Many can’t go there; and many would rather die.”

“If they would rather die,” said Scrooge, “they had better do it, and decrease the surplus population. . .” (Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*).

It’s the time of year to visit again with Scrooge, Marley, the Cratchit family, and Old Fezziwig. Curriculum Committee presents a special showing of George C. Scott as Scrooge in

Charles Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol*.

Will Tiny Tim live?

Let’s all find out together!

Jane Austen Meets the GPS: Traditional Places and Modern Spaces

Wednesday, December 5,
1:30–3:30 p.m.

Imagine the cozy world of a Jane Austen novel, and compare it with the abstract numbers locating you on a GPS. The device tells you where you are without telling you where you are. It offers no social or bodily or landscape details, just a point on a grid. A map may be added, but this still does not put you in a place with a history and social meaning.

Some philosophers distinguish “place” (a rich bodily meaningful location that affirms historical identity) with “space” (a location on an

abstract geometrical grid). They worry that we are more and more treating our locations as spaces, not places. We clear the site and abolish history. In this talk, David Kolb will examine this contrast and try to show that we are always living in a mixture of the two, and that it is a mistake to insist on a sharp opposition between concrete, traditional, and abstract modern lives. Jane Austen knows that the issues are more complex.

International Relations

WWII Series: Do You Remember Pearl Harbor?

Friday, December 7, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

December 7, 1942, a “Date Which Will Live in Infamy.” Many OLLI members remember that Sunday and the attack that plunged us into the

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3 Monday

10:00 a.m. Creative Writing [study group]
Facilitator: Livvie Taylor-Young (CN)

1:30 p.m. A Christmas Carol [film]
Introduced by Dina Wills (AK/MX)

3:30 p.m. Exploring German [study group]
Contact: Paul Holbo (CN)

3:45 p.m. French Language [study group]
Facilitator: Elaine deMartin Webster (BZ)

4 Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Membership, Promotions and Awards Committee
Meeting Chair: Betty Hosokawa, 541-683-1907 (CN)

10:30 a.m. Understanding Science [DVD study group] Oceanography: Heavy Weather—Storms and Hurricanes; The Gulf Stream to Gyres—Vast Surface Currents. Facilitator: John O'Brien (AK)

1:30 p.m. Art History [DVD study group] The Cathedral: What is a Cathedral? Early Christian Architecture. Facilitator: Ray Staton (AK)

3:00 p.m. Interpretive Play Reading [study group] Facilitator: Esther Erford (CN)

5 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. International Relations [discussion group] International Water Issues. Facilitator: Linda Harris (CN)

1:30 p.m. Jane Austen Meets the GPS: Traditional Places and Modern Spaces [lecture] Presenter: David Kolb (AK/MX)

6 Thursday

10:00 a.m. Thinking Allowed [discussion group] How Will the "Fiscal Cliff" Affect You? Facilitator: Chuck Adams (CN)

3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation [study group] Facilitators: Nancy Richey and Stan Cook (CN)

7 Friday

9:30 a.m. Curriculum Committee Meeting Chair: Dina Wills, 541-687-4784. (AK)

11:00 a.m. Intermediate Spanish [study group] Facilitator: Bonnie Fromhold (BZ)

Noon—January Newsletter Submission Deadline

1:30 p.m. International Relations WWII Series: Do You Remember Pearl Harbor? [lecture] Presenters: Kitty Meredith, Claude Offenbacher and Jeanette Kingery (AK/MX)

10 Monday

10:00 a.m. Philosophy Salon [study group] Free Will. Presenter: Dennis Lawrence. Facilitators: Byron Chell, Lorraine Ironplow and Dennis Lawrence (CN)

1:30 p.m. Eugene Opera: Get Ready for Swashbuckling [lecture] Presenters: Andrew Bisantz and Mark Beudert (AK/MX)

3:30 p.m. Exploring German [study group] Contact: Paul Holbo (CN)

3:45 p.m. French Language [study group] Facilitator: Elaine deMartin Webster (BZ)

11 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Historical Novels [book group] *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*. Facilitators: Corinne Hunt (CN)

1:30 p.m. Classics/Philosophy [book group] *Virgin Land: The West as Symbol and Myth* by Henry Nash Smith. Facilitator: Paul Holbo (CN)

12 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Short Story Discussions [study group] "The Courtship of Mr. Lyon" by Angela Carter; "The House Behind" by Lydia Davis. Facilitator: Shiela Pardee (CN)

1:30 p.m. Martha Washington [lecture] Presenter: Kay Huston (AK/MX)

13 Thursday

10:00 a.m. News and Views [discussion group] Facilitator: Jack Meacham (CN)

1:30 p.m. Music Appreciation [DVD study group] Thirty Greatest Orchestral Works: Rimsky-Korsakov, Scheherazade; History of Jazz. Facilitator: Dennis Lawrence (CN)

3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation [study group] Facilitators: Nancy Richey and Stan Cook (CN)

14 Friday

11:00 a.m. Intermediate Spanish [study group] Facilitator: Bonnie Fromhold (BZ)

1:30 p.m. Holiday Party [social] (AK/MX/CN)

17 Monday

10:00 a.m. Activities and Travel
Committee Chair: Veronika Walton, 541-344-1565 (AK)

10:00 a.m. Creative Writing [study group] Facilitator: Livvie Taylor-Young (CN)

1:30 p.m. "Good Grief! A Selection of Original Art from Charles Schulz's Peanuts" [lecture] Presenter: Ben Saunders (AK)

3:30 p.m. Exploring German [study group] Contact: Paul Holbo (CN)

3:45 p.m. French Language [study group] Facilitator: Elaine deMartin Webster (BZ)

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18 Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Understanding Science

[DVD study group] Oceanography: Upwelling, Downwelling, and El Niño; The Deepest, Slowest River—Polar Bottom Water. Facilitator: John O'Brien (AK)

1:30 p.m. Art History [DVD study group]

The Cathedral: Romanesque—A New Monument Style; Vaulting—A Look at Roofs. Facilitator: Ray Staton (AK)

3:00 p.m. Interpretive Play Reading

[study group] Facilitator: Esther Erford (CN)

19 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. International Relations

[discussion group] Burma (Myanmar). Facilitator: Jean Carley (CN)

20 Thursday

10:00 a.m. Thinking Allowed [discussion group]

The Media: Information or Propaganda? Facilitator: Chuck Adams (CN)

Noon—Poetry Writing [study group]

Facilitator: Gloria Wells (CN)

3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation [study group]

Facilitators: Nancy Richey and Stan Cook (CN)

21 Friday

11:00 a.m. Intermediate Spanish [study group]

Facilitator: Bonnie Fromhold (BZ)

25 Tuesday

UO Closed for Christmas Holiday

27 Thursday

10:00 a.m. News and Views [discussion group] Facilitator: Jack Meacham (CN)

1:30 p.m. Music Appreciation [DVD study group] Thirty Greatest Orchestral Works: Strauss, Thus Spoke Zarathustra; History of Jazz. Facilitators: Dennis Lawrence (CN)

3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation [study group] Facilitators: Nancy Richey and Stan Cook (CN)

28 Friday

11:00 a.m. Intermediate Spanish [study group] Facilitator: Bonnie Fromhold (BZ)

30 Sunday

2:30 p.m. Eugene Opera: *The Pirates of Penzance* [performance]

Reservations required, contact Hazel Jones, 541-345-7812.

Locations

All meetings held at Baker Downtown Center, 975 High Street, unless otherwise stated.

Key

AK = Alaska Room
MX = Mexico Room
CN = Canada Room
BZ = Belize Room
TBA = To Be Announced

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Second World War and changed our world and our country forever.

Kitty Meredith will give the historic background accompanied by slides and videos. **Claude Offebacher**, KLCC newscaster, will provide a dramatic narrative. **Jeanette Kingery**, who was eleven-years-old and living on the heights above the harbor when the Japanese planes swooped in, will relate the experiences of her family and her interviews with others who underwent this attack. Jeanette also offers excerpts from diaries and shows some of the material she has collected, including a book she has been writing.

Get Ready for Swashbuckling

Monday, December 10, 1:30–3:30 p.m. Eugene Opera will present Gilbert and Sullivan's comic masterpiece *The Pirates of Penzance* on December 28, 30, and 31, with a stellar cast. The cast of this hilarious work will be led by operatic baritone Mark Walters, called "a force to be reckoned with" by Opera news, as the Pirate King. Eugene favorites Curt Olds and Anne Allgood return as Major general Stanley and Ruth. Mabel is sung by exciting young soprano Angela Theis, who is also making debuts this season with Michigan Opera Theater and Syracuse Opera" (<http://www.eugeneopera.com/season.html>).

Eugene Opera's Music Director **Andrew Bisantz** and General Director **Mark Beudert** will join us at the Baker Center for a preview, just as they are going into final rehearsals. All who attended their talk last year will recall how enjoyable and informative it was. They will also preview

the March production of Jake Heggie's opera *Dead Man Walking* (March 15 and 17, 2013) and bring us up to date on the supporting local events for this opera, which include a visit from Sister Prejean, the important figure who wrote the true story on which the opera is based. A movie on the topic starred Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn.

"Good Grief! A Selection of Original Art from Fifty Years of Charles M. Schulz's Peanuts"

Monday, December 17, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Professor **Ben Saunders**, UO English, the curator of this fascinating exhibit that is now at the Jordon Schnitzer Museum of Art, will show selected strips and talk about cartoonist Charles Schulz in this presentation. The JSMA exhibit is a series of revealing snapshots from all five decades of Peanuts, producing a "time-lapse" effect that lets the viewer see the origins, maturation, and final years of this American masterwork.

Professor Saunders, director of the new comic studies minor, will talk about how Schulz felt about his characters, how the children and Snoopy changed over the years, and why the last Sunday strip lingers long in one's mind. The exhibit will remain at the museum until December 30; see it before or after you hear Professor Saunders' talk.

Pirates of Penzance Matinee

Sunday, December 30, 2:30 p.m.

Join an OLLI opera party by signing up to attend a matinee performance of the Eugene Opera's production of *Pirates of Penzance*. As in year's past, OLLI member Hazel Jones is organizing a group ticket purchase for the opera, and a post-performance social for those who attend. For more information, contact Hazel Jones at 541-345-7812.

Martha Washington

Wednesday, December 12, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Martha Dandridge Custis Washington led an interesting and eventful life. She was born on a Virginia plantation and went on to marry George Washington, her second husband, and to serve as the new country's first First Lady with grace and dignity.

Talking about her life and family, Mrs. Washington will enjoy remembering her husband, her children and grandchildren, life on a Virginia plantation, and especially her memories of the American War for Independence. Martha, or Patsy—as her family and friends called her—was a warm, dignified, and fine Southern lady whose life led her in directions and distances she had never imagined as a young woman. She is well worth the knowing and I hope you will join her for a friendly visit!

Eugene/Springfield

Kay Huston has enjoyed a thirty-plus year career as a teacher and librarian in the Oregon school system. She received her bachelor's degree from Cal State at Los Angeles and her master's degree in history from the University of Portland. She has been teaching various classes about the American Revolution for more than fifteen years.

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The video recordings are *not* of professional grade, and this website is in development. Therefore, we are looking for volunteers who are willing to try the course online and give us their feedback. Graduate Teaching Fellow, Shannon Jones, is available to answer questions and assist you in participating in this pilot course. If you are interested, please e-mail her at ShannonJ@uoregon.edu. Thank you!

Coming in January: Alternatives

Alternatives, a new discussion-study group originally explored in a late summer planning session, will begin regular meetings during winter term, on second and fourth Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Look for more information in the January edition of *The Oregon Sage*.

Learning Circle

Monthly Schedule

Monday

10:00 a.m. Creative Writing: first and third weeks
Philosophy Salon: second and fourth weeks
3:30 p.m. German Conversation, weekly
3:45 p.m. French Language: weekly

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Historical Novels and Nonfiction: second and fourth weeks
10:30 a.m. Understanding Science: first, third and fifth weeks
1:30 p.m. Art History: first and third weeks
1:30 p.m. Classics/Philosophy: fourth week
3:00 p.m. Interpretive Play Reading: first and third weeks

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. International Relations: first and third weeks.

Thursday

10:00 a.m. Thinking Allowed: first and third weeks
News and Views: second and fourth weeks.
Fifth Thursday Discussion: fifth week
Noon Poetry Writing: third week
1:30 p.m. Music Appreciation: second and fourth weeks
3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation: weekly

Friday

11:00 a.m. Intermediate Spanish: weekly

Portland



Program Coordinator's Note: Portland

In November, OLLI-UO Director Ruth Heller and I had the opportunity to travel to Colorado Springs, CO for the annual Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

National Conference. Not only was I able to converse with other OLLI directors and coordinators, I had the opportunity to speak with members from around the country about their programs, curriculum, and experiences. While our program certainly has much to boast about, I came away from the conference armed with new curriculum ideas and strategies. Are you excited yet?

As our fall programs wind down this December, it is important to think to the upcoming year to shape programs for the winter and spring terms. I've already received a few suggestions, including a field trip to the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum in McMinnville, OR.

Remember, OLLI-UO is here to meet your needs! If you don't see courses or events of interest to you in the schedule, please let me know. If you are unable to make it to our Snack and Yak Curriculum Meetings, Course Proposal forms are in the office and on our website, osher.uoregon.edu, under "Teach for OLLI." Don't worry—you do not need to teach the lecture, class, or field trip you propose! Sometimes all it takes to get the ball rolling is an idea.

Our next curriculum meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, at 12:30 p.m., and we'll be placing Course Proposal forms in the classrooms for your convenience. We hope to see you there!

Adrianna Mahoney, Program Coordinator

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This year, we encourage you to submit your favorite family recipe, a photograph from your past or present that includes food in some way, or a memory (What is the most exotic thing you've eaten? or What was your biggest cooking mishap?).

We will compile these submissions, including photographs, to publish in our very own OLLI-UO cookbook.

Please register for the Winter Social by Friday, December 14. Submissions for the OLLI-UO cookbook are due by noon on Tuesday, December 11. We hope you can join us!

Public Education in America

Tuesdays, December 4 and 11, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Surprising findings in both the history and in the newest research on public education in America challenge the political and economic rhetoric we have heard from candidates and the media over the past thirty years.

Join **Richard Winters** for parts three and four of this four-part series and learn about the history of public education, including why the earliest states to have compulsory school attendance wanted it. This course will cover current research in teaching and learning and review the challenges to the traditional configuration of public schools. Current alternatives, such as charter schools and vouchers, will be discussed, and Winters will explore comprehensive reform for the system in place today.

Richard Winters (*Limitless Wants and Limited Resources—The Dilemma of Economic Thought and Policy*) has his PhD in education and is currently working on a book about education.

If you've missed the first two presentations in this series, but still wish to attend, let us know! DVD recordings of Winters' lectures are available to watch in the OLLI-UO suite.

Wednesday Morning DVD Study Group

Wednesdays, December 5 and 12,
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

In December, our Wednesday morning DVD study group, Ancient Greek Civilization, will wrap up with two final lectures, “Athens in Decline?” and “Philip, Alexander, and Greece in Transition.” This will leave the group with an open Wednesday session before the OLLI-UO winter break.

During this session, we will enjoy two new lectures from American Identity, the series we enjoyed this past summer. At this session, we will choose our next course to begin in January 2013. Cast your vote!

Chinese Culture

Thursdays, January 10–February 28,
2013, 10:00 a.m.–noon

Almost one-fourth of the world’s population derives its cultural heritage from China. Despite great variation in this population, there are common elements that can be identified.

This class covers:

- Chinese language and history: a selective overview.
- Family and Food: the core of Chinese social life.
- Religious beliefs and values.
- The impact of Western countries in the nineteenth and twentieth century: the humiliation of China. The Communist Revolution followed by the opening to global capitalism.

Instructor and OLLI-UO member **Philip Silverman** is professor emeritus from California State University Bakersfield. He retired from teaching in 2001.

This class will be held offsite at the Elsie Stuhr Center of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, 5550 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton. This class is free for OLLI-UO members, however, registration is required by January 7, 2013. To register, call the OLLI-UO office at 800-824-2714.

Further Explorations— A Call to Action

Thursday, January 10, 1:00–2:30 p.m.
Our fall class, Wisdom Circle: The Journey from Age-ing to Sage-ing, was a big hit for those who attended. Facilitator Ken Pyburn led members through the steps of starting a Wisdom Circle, which is comprised of a group of “peers who come together to discuss and learn from each other; a discussion that focuses on issues that concern maturing, aging, and the changing role of elders in our society.”

Many of our members have expressed interest in starting a new discussion group that focuses on these important issues related to life experiences, proactive aging, and wellness—in short, conversations of substance. Topics and questions that are often addressed include:

- What is “change,” and why are we resistant to it?
- What do we believe about life after death?
- What books, poems, and movies have shaped us?
- What personal stories about death/dying do we want to share?
- What is grace, and how does it show up in my life?

Using the Wisdom Circle model as a guide, we hope to be able to form

and organize this group beginning in January 2013.

An exploratory session is planned for Thursday, January 10, at 1:00 p.m. In this session, we hope to identify goals as a group, select topics for future discussions, and finally, participate in our own discussion.

If you are interested in this new discussion group, contact the OLLI-UO in Portland office at 503-412-3653.

The topic for our first discussion will be announced in January. If you would like to propose a topic for consideration, please call the office at 503-412-3653 or e-mail osher@uoregon.edu.

OLLI-UO Winter Break and Office Hours

The OLLI-UO office will be closing for the winter break beginning on Thursday, December 20, and will reopen on Wednesday, January 2. To speak with an OLLI-UO staff member during this time, please contact our main Eugene office at 800-824-2714.

The main Eugene office will maintain regular office hours during winter break, however, the Eugene office will be closed on Tuesday, December 25, and Tuesday, January 1.

When possible, any changes to these schedules will be reflected in the weekly E-minders. For questions, contact the OLLI-UO in Portland office at 503-412-3653 or the main Eugene office at 800-824-2714.



Portland

4 Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Trails of Evidence: How Forensic Science Works [DVD study group] Police Sketches and Reproductions; Interview, Interrogation and Intelligence. Facilitator: Mike Ellis (346J)

12:30 p.m. Brown Bag Lunch [social] All members welcome to attend. (150)

1:30 p.m. Public Education in America [short course, session three of four] Presenter: Richard Winters (150)

5 Wednesday

10:30 a.m. Ancient Greek Civilization [DVD study group] Athens in Decline? Philip, Alexander, and Greece in Transition. Facilitator: George Davidson (346J)

11 Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Trails of Evidence: How Forensic Science Works [DVD study group] Forensic Profiling—Who, How, and Why; Applications—Mass Disaster Forensics. Facilitator: Mike Ellis (150)

Noon—Submission deadline for the Winter Social OLLI-UO Cookbook. See page one for details.

12:30 p.m. Brown Bag Lunch [social] All members welcome to attend. (152)

1:30 p.m. Public Education in America [short course, session four of four] Presenter: Richard Winters (152)

12 Wednesday

10:30 a.m. The American Identity [DVD study group] William F. Buckley, Jr.—The Conservative Betty Friedan—The Feminist (150)

12:30 p.m. Snack and Yak Curriculum Planning Meeting [meeting] All current members welcome to attend. Refreshments provided. (150)

18 Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Trails of Evidence: How Forensic Science Works [DVD study group] Nobody's Supposed to Get Hurt; Killers of One: Killers of Many. Facilitator: Mike Ellis (150)

1:00 p.m. OLLI-UO Winter Social Please register for our annual social by Friday, December 14. Call the OLLI-UO in Portland office at 503-412-3653. (150)

25 Tuesday

UO Closed for Christmas Holiday

Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow

We are well aware of how quickly and unexpectedly our winter weather can change here. The snow and ice, while beautiful, can make travel treacherous, even within our local community. We certainly hope that cancellation of a presentation or discussion/study group will not be necessary, but it may be inevitable.

The University of Oregon rarely closes for inclement weather. Should you hear on the radio or television that local public schools have cancelled classes, it is possible that a group leader, course manager, or presenter may also need to cancel their event. Please call the OLLI office, 800-824-2714, for the most up-to-date OLLI event information.

As always, please use your best judgment as to whether you feel the roads are safe for your travel.

Location

UO in Portland White Stag Block
70 NW Couch Street, Portland

Unless otherwise specified, all programs are:

- 1) Held at the White Stag Block.
- 2) Open only to OLLI-UO members.

Key

105=WSB, Room 105
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152 = WSB, Room 152
148C = WSB, Room 148C,
OLLI Office Suite
TBA = To Be Announced

Series Information

Some program series and short courses may continue in the coming months. Information on those upcoming topics should be available from the OLLI-UO office and/or the course leader. Schedule information provided in the next newsletter.

Questions?

Call 503-412-3653

Grid calendars available in the office or online at <http://osher.uoregon.edu>

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Parking and Transportation Tips

Finding parking can often seem like a challenge for OLLI members attending events at the Portland White Stag Block. To make that task a little easier, we would like to share the following information:

On-Street Parking

There are over 7,000 on-street parking spaces in the downtown area. The White Stag Block is surrounded by ninety-minute parking meters; however there are five-hour meters just blocks away, near NW 3rd and Flanders. The parking meter rate is \$1.60 per hour. Parking meters operate 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sundays.

Garage Parking

Another option is to park in the Smart Park Garage at NW Naito and NW Davis, just one block north of the White Stag Block. Smart Park Garages offer affordable parking at \$1.60 per hour.

Public Transportation

Both the Red and Blue Tri-Met Max lines run right past the White Stag Block with a convenient stop at Old Town/China Town just one block north. Honored citizens (those 65+) can purchase a two-hour ticket for just one dollar.

Safety First

A security guard is available upon request to escort you to the MAX or your vehicle. For more information on this service, please call 503-412-3653.



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