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CENTRAL OREGON—New Member Welcome

Monday, May 2, 10:30 a.m.

It's time again for a New Member Welcome! We hold these events quarterly to meet new faces and learn more about our members. It is open to anyone who joined OLLI-UO in Central Oregon in 2016. The New Member Welcome is an opportunity to get to know each other and to learn what OLLI-UO is all about. We not only learn about the Osher Foundation, but we discuss our relationship with UO Academic Extension and the connection between the Eugene-Springfield and Central Oregon program sites. We highlight Central Oregon OLLI programs, meet the committee chairs, review some Frequently Asked Questions, and illustrate resources offered to Central Oregon members, including navigating the OLLI-UO website.

This is an informal meeting; we just want to make you feel welcome. And of course, to enjoy goodies while doing so! Please join us at the UO Bend Center classrooms this first Monday in May.

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EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD—Brown Bag Opera: *Little Women*

Monday, May 2, noon–1:00 p.m.

Mark Beudert, director of the Eugene Opera joins to preview *Little Women*. Based on the beloved novel by Louisa May Alcott about four sisters and their lives in nineteenth century New England, modern music has been composed by Mark Adamo.

Polar Bears

Monday, May 2, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

In 2014, **Paula** and **David Pottinger** went on two trips to view polar bears in their natural habitats. The first was to Svalbard, Norway, the second was to Churchill, Canada. David writes, "Our Arctic photography tour with Travel Wild Expeditions began in Oslo, Norway, and continued on the island of Spitsbergen. The primary focus was finding polar bears as we cruised along the pack ice—prime habitat for bears as they hunt seals. Along the way we spent time taking in other wildlife and the majestic Arctic scenery of glaciers, fjords, and soaring mountains."

"The same year, we made a trip to Churchill Manitoba, Canada. The polar bear viewing was in uniquely designed Polar Rovers. *continued on page 7*

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OLLI-CO Editor's Note

I would like to introduce myself as the new newsletter editor of the Central Oregon section of *The Oregon Sage*. I picked up the reins from Jeanne

Freeman, who had been the editor for the past six years. I joined OLLI in January of this year upon my retirement from a 42-year-long career in California and Oregon in natural resources management. I was seeking activities in retirement that are healthy, fun, and intellectually stimulating and was so glad to discover OLLI-UO in Central Oregon.

When I signed up to become an OLLI member, I checked off a few boxes on activities within OLLI I would be willing to help with. Before I knew it, I had agreed to become the Central Oregon newsletter editor! I told Council President Steve Hussey, "That train was coming fast!" I encourage others to volunteer to help OLLI.

Please check with Heather Inghram, or committee chairs

Helen Pruitt, Linda Redeker, and Terry Schwab as to what the specific needs are.

As a new OLLI member—and a freshly-minted retiree who now has time to read books for pleasure during the day—I wanted to learn how the two book groups work. I pass on what I learned under each book group description (see pages 3 and 6).

On another note, OLLI member **David Costello** was so moved by a great job done by **Dr. Bob Harrison**, presenter of "Imperial Russia: Land of the Czars," that he wrote and read a limerick dedicated to Bob at the final session (see page 6).

Jeanne has left me a hard act to follow, but I will do my best to prepare a quality monthly newsletter for the membership. Now who knows where to sign up for Pickleball lessons?

**Suzanne Butterfield, OLLI-UO
in Central Oregon Newsletter Editor**

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Tour of Round Butte Dam and Fish Ladder

Monday, May 9, 7:00 a.m.–noon

Our trip to Round Butte Dam near Madras allows members to see the fish passage facility, the handling of fish, and the hydroelectric facility. The dam was built in the 1960s for power generation by Portland General Electric (PGE) and The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (The Tribes). As a result of the dam being built, salmon and steelhead were blocked from making their normal migrations up and down the Metolius, Crooked, and upper Deschutes rivers. Through a unique partnership, PGE and The Tribes restored fish passage around Pelton Round Butte Hydroelectric Project, the largest hydroelectric

project contained entirely in the state of Oregon, in December 2009. With false starts along the way, the new Round Butte Fish Passage appears to be providing adequate passage for fish.

We will meet at the UO Bend Center at 7:00 a.m. and carpool from there with maps for each car. There is some walking but nothing too strenuous or long. Please call the UO Academic Extension offices to sign up, or watch for the online registration link. We may need to contact participants with further logistics before May 9. Field trip release forms are required.

Alternative and Complementary Medicine

Tuesday, May 10, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Western medicine is best defined as "sick care" rather than "healthcare"

due to the focus on the treatment of disease rather than its prevention. Eastern medicine addresses preventative care and a holistic, "whole-body" state. "The Western approach clearly divides the health from the disease, yet the Eastern approach considers health as a balanced state versus disease as an unbalanced state. The Western approach tends to change the environment and the Eastern way to adapt to the environment." (West J Med. 1978 June, "Eastern and Western Approaches to Medicine" Julia J. Tsuei, MD)

Join **Lisa Uri, MD**, at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship for an OLLI talk that focuses on the value of alternative and complementary medicine for wellness and healing. Dr. Uri will discuss the role of supplements,

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sleep, stress reduction, and nutrition in disease prevention.

Dr. Uri works at High Lakes Health Care with a focus on lifestyle and preventive care and comments, “I truly enjoy being an integral part of my patients’ lives and communicating with them in a direct, open, and honest manner. I want my patients to fully participate in their care by understanding the impact that lifestyle choices have on their health, and to be aware of all treatment options for any health issues. I feel it is important that they benefit from the knowledge of preventive health care.”

In 2012, Dr. Uri completed her certification in Nutritional Therapy, which she feels is an important part of her patients’ health. She completed a two-year fellowship program through the University of Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine in 2014. Dr. Uri is board certified in both family and integrative medicine. She is also trained in medical acupuncture and utilizes it in her practice.

Preregistration for this presentation is required and opens Friday, April 29. Dr. Uri’s talk will be held at the **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 61980 Skyline Ranch Rd, Bend, OR 97702.** Members are invited to arrive at 1:00 p.m.

The Science of Information: From Language to Black Holes

Thursdays, May 12–July 28,
1:30–3:30 p.m.

If you are interested in a meaty science course, this offering may be for you. Our Science Thursday course embarks on a journey with a new 24-lecture series from The Great Courses kicking off May 12. Professor

Benjamin Schumacher, PhD, professor of physics at Kenyon College, explores the assertion that the science of information is the most influential—yet perhaps least appreciated—field in science today. Never before in history have we been able to acquire, record, communicate, and use information in so many different forms. Never before have we had access to such vast quantities of data of every kind. This revolution goes far beyond the limitless content that fills our lives, because information also underlies our understanding of ourselves, the natural world, and the universe. It is the key that unites fields as different as linguistics, cryptography, neuroscience, genetics, economics, and quantum mechanics. And the fact that information bears no necessary connection to meaning makes it a profound puzzle that people with a passion for philosophy have pondered for centuries.

Facilitator: Russ Hopper

Nonfiction Book Group

Tuesdays, May 3 and 17,
10:00 a.m.–noon

Joyce Pickersgill is the chairperson of the nonfiction book group. Joyce tells our recently-joined Newsletter Editor Suzanne that the group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month for approximately two hours from September through May. Each book is discussed for two sessions. There are usually eight to 12 people at each meeting. The group selects books through a nominating and voting process. There is a lot of lively discussion in the meetings. Any one can join the group at any point during the year and does not have to attend all the sessions.

May Selection: *The Good Spy: The Life and Death of Robert Ames* by Kai Bird

Kirkus Reviews has the following to say about *The Good Spy: The Life and Death of Robert Ames*:

“A poignant tribute to a CIA Middle East operative who helped get the Palestinians and Israelis to talk to each other—and died for it.

Accomplished, wide-ranging author Kai Bird (*Crossing Mandelbaum Gate: Coming of Age Between the Arabs and Israelis, 1956-1978, 2010, etc.*) has great sympathy for Philadelphia native Robert Ames (1934-1983), who came of age in the late 1950s, became a CIA agent and worked efficiently in building trust between Palestinians and Americans. In the late '60s, the CIA, headed by Richard Helms, worked with Henry Kissinger’s National Security Council and President Richard Nixon in managing the tense situation in the Middle East, where Jordan was on the brink of civil war, squeezed by Yasser Arafat’s PLO and Israel. Keeping ‘back channels’ open during the Iran hostage crisis occupied years of Ames’ career. Moving from CIA operations to intelligence under William Casey, Ames was appalled by Secretary of State Alexander Haig’s tacit support for Israel’s invasion of Lebanon in 1982 and worked ‘desperately to unchain Washington from its rote support of Israeli behavior.’ He would be sacrificed in the conflagration, one of numerous victims of the terrorist truck bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut on April 18, 1983.”

Facilitator: Bob Harrison

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2 Monday

10:30 a.m. New Member Welcome
[member event] Facilitators:
Steve Hussey and Linda Redeker
(UOBC)

3 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Nonfiction Book Group [book group] *The Good Spy: The Life and Death of Robert Ames* by Kai Bird. Facilitator: Bob Harrison (UOBC)

Noon—Round Table Luncheon—Greg's Grill in the Old Mill District
[social] For reservations, contact Harlie Peterson, 541-593-2015 or harliepete@hotmail.com. Space is limited.

4 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. History's Greatest Voyages of Exploration [DVD study group] The Enigmatic Christopher Columbus; Magellan and the Advent of Globalization. Facilitator: Pat Ackley (UOBC)

5 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Writers' Bloc [study group] Facilitator: Carolyn Hammond (UOBC)

1:30 p.m. Understanding the World's Greatest Structures [DVD study group] The Incredible Lightness of Tension Structures; Strategies for Understanding Any Structure. Facilitator: Russ Hopper (UOBC)

6 Friday

No OLLI-UO in Central Oregon Events Scheduled

9 Monday

7:00 a.m. Tour of Round Butte Dam and Fish Ladder [field trip] Coordinator: Russ Hopper (Meet at UOBC)

10 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Page-turners Book Group [book group] *The Martian* by Andy Weir. Facilitator: Mike McAllister (UOBC 105)

1:30 p.m. Alternative and Complementary Medicine [lecture] Presenter: Dr. Lisa Uri, MD (Unitarian Universalist Fellowship)

11 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. History's Greatest Voyages of Exploration [DVD study group] The Ruthless Ambition of the Conquistadors; Henry Hudson—Death on Ice. Facilitator: Joe Stevens (UOBC)

12 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Writers' Bloc [study group] Facilitator: Carolyn Hammond (UOBC)

1:30 p.m. The Science of Information: From Language to Black Holes [DVD study group] The Transformability of Information; Computation and Logic Gates. Facilitator: Larry Weinberg (UOBC)

13 Friday

8:15 a.m. Wildflower Hike to Whychus Canyon Preserve [field trip] Coordinator: Russ Hopper (Meet at UOBC)

10:00 a.m. Membership Committee [monthly meeting] Chair: Linda Redeker (UOBC 105)

16 Monday

No OLLI-UO in Central Oregon Events Scheduled

17 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Nonfiction Book Group [book group] *The Good Spy: The Life and Death of Robert Ames* by Kai Bird. Facilitator: Bob Harrison (UOBC)

18 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. History's Greatest Voyages of Exploration [DVD study group] The Jesuits on a Global Mission; Captain Cook Maps the World. Facilitator: Jerry Roslund (UOBC)

19 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Writers' Bloc [study group] Facilitator: Carolyn Hammond (UOBC)

1:30 p.m. The Science of Information: From Language to Black Holes [DVD study group] Measuring Information; Entropy and the Average Surprise. Facilitator: Russ Hopper (UOBC)

20 Friday

10:30 a.m. OLLI-UO in Central Oregon Governing Council [monthly meeting] President: Steve Hussey (UOBC 105)

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23 Monday

No OLLI-VO in Central Oregon Events Scheduled

24 Tuesday

1:30 p.m. Program Committee [monthly meeting] Chair: Helen Pruitt (UOBC)

25 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. History's Greatest Voyages of Exploration [DVD study group] Alexander von Humboldt-Explorer Genius; Jefferson Dispatches Lewis and Clark. Facilitator: Bill McCann (UOBC)

26 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Writers' Bloc [study group] Facilitator: Carolyn Hammond (UOBC)

1:30 p.m. The Science of Information: From Language to Black Holes [DVD study group] Data Compression and Prefix-free Codes; Encoding Images and Sound. Facilitator: Russ Hopper (UOBC)

27 Friday

No OLLI-VO in Central Oregon Events Scheduled

No Staffing at UO Bend Center

30 Monday

VO and OLLI-VO Closed in Observation of Memorial Day

31 Tuesday

No OLLI-VO in Central Oregon Events Scheduled

Locations

All meetings are held at the UO Bend Center, 80 NE Bend River Mall Drive, unless otherwise stated.

Key

UOBC = UO Bend Center
TBA = To Be Announced

Parking at the UO Bend Center

OLLI-VO members and their guests may use the shopping mall parking spaces adjacent to the UOBC when attending OLLI meetings and classes. Please note that the parking lot in front of the Duck Store should be left open for the store's customers.

OLLI attendees needing accessible parking may use the designated space in front of the Duck Store.

During the winter months, OLLI members and their guests may park in the Duck Store lot if snow and ice have not been plowed from the shopping mall parking lot.

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Guest WiFi Upgrade: UO Bend Center

To better serve its noncredit patrons, the University of Oregon has created a new "self-sponsored" guest WiFi access. Once created, your guest access will last for seven days at *all University of Oregon run locations*.

This will provide a much more robust and secure network connection than currently supplied at the UO Bend Center.

At this writing, our older guest WiFi system is still available, but it will be phased out over the next two months.

You will find the new system is easy to use, and can be accessed as you need it. Fliers will soon be posted in the UOBC classrooms to assist you in these steps. Give it a try!

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Learning Circle

Monthly Schedule

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Page-turners Fiction Group: second week.

10:00 a.m. Nonfiction Book Group: first and third weeks.

Noon First Tuesday Luncheon at Greg's Grill in the Old Mill District

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. History's Greatest Voyages of Exploration: weekly.

Thursday

9:30 a.m. Writers' Bloc: weekly.

1:30 p.m. Understanding the World's Greatest Structures: first week.

1:30 p.m. The Science of Information: From Language to Black Holes: second, third, and fourth weeks.

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.

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Page-turners Fiction Book Group

Tuesday, May 10, 10:00 a.m.–noon
In Newsletter Editor Suzanne Butterfield's fact-finding interviews, she discovered that **Kelly Arnoldus** is the chairperson of Page-turners, our fiction book group. Kelly says that this group meets the second Tuesday of the month, about six people usually participate, and all are welcome. This group dedicates one session per book.

In May's book *The Martian* by Andy Weir, astronaut Mark Watney finds himself wounded and abandoned on the surface of the planet Mars. Armed only with his wits and grim will to survive, the book logs his efforts to get by minute by minute and then day by day. It is an easy read filled with thoughtful speculation about the human ability to adapt to an environment despite the most daunting challenges. As the book proceeds, it expands to the perspective of the mission crew who left him on Mars and the dilemmas of the space program leaders back on Earth.

The Martian is peppered with the technology needed to survive on and explore new worlds. Watney's description of how he uses basic science to modify the available equipment to stay alive may be challenging for some readers, but his sense of humor and stoic resolve in the face of adversity is inspiring. Be prepared for some street language and potty (literally) humor. Tension mounts steadily to the final pages.

This work was self-published online as a serialized novel, then purchased by Crown Publishing in 2014. The printed version was awarded the Goodreads Choice Award for science

fiction in 2014; it is now a very successful movie.

Facilitator: Mike McAllister

The book groups do not meet in summer, but rest assured we will name the September book selections in the July edition of the newsletter so you can do your summer reading!

Limerick on the Theme of Imperial Russia: Land of the Czars

*At history I'm not a great star
There are others more learned by far
With total recall
Bob taught us all
'Bout dumas, Czarinas and Czar*

*With raza and toothbrush and comb
Czar Peter had plans of his own
From near and from far
He called the Boyar
Transforming his slag to gemstone*

*Old Catherine had kinks and her curls
She found fun, but unlike other girls
To the stable she went
With unwholesome intent
And wound up with horseshoes not pearls*

David Costello

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OLLI-ES President's Note

Have you had this experience? You are talking to a friend or neighbor about an intriguing lecture or exciting discussion at OLLI. Your friend replies

"What's OLLI? I've never heard of it."

Despite our successful Day of Discovery events, open public lectures, and advertisements, the word about OLLI is not getting around enough.

Sometimes people get confused by OLLI's connection to the university and think participation involves scary on-campus registration, class requirements, and grades. Tell them it isn't so. Better yet, bring them along and show them what we're doing at OLLI-UO and how straightforward it is.

Bring a friend to an event you think they would enjoy. Pick up a supply of OLLI information/business cards to carry in your wallet. We hope that some guests might

become members, but even if they don't, you will help spread awareness of OLLI-UO.

Guests do need to sign in at the Reception and Information desk in the Academic Extension office, where they may pick up an information packet, visitor's name badge, and, if needed, a parking pass. Also, it would be unfair if someone came repeatedly as a guest as a way of avoiding becoming a member. Bring your friend once or twice, but not every week.

What we do together can improve the lives and expand the minds and the experiences for many people who are now unaware of OLLI's possibilities.

Help us find ways to increase that awareness.

Speaking of awareness, have you noticed the OLLI-UO Facebook page, or the blog that offers interviews with members and news about events?

David Kolb, OLLI-UO in Eugene-Springfield Council President

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From the warmth of our vehicle, we saw mothers with cubs, young males play-fighting, and the occasional lone bear ambling over the tundra."

David Pottinger has a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a master's degree in education. He taught physics and chemistry at San Diego Community College and worked for Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) for 20 years.

Paula Pottinger has a bachelor's degree in psychology from San Diego State University. She worked for 30 years at San Diego Community College, retiring as a supervisor in Admissions and Records.

After retirement, the Pottingers relocated to Eugene, where they have become active community volunteers.

Armchair Traveler: Cycling the Loire Valley—450 miles through the Heart of France

Tuesday, May 3, 12:30–2:00 p.m.

Ruthy Kanagy will present photos of her June 2015 bike trip to France along the Loire River—the longest river in France. She began her journey in Le Puy en Velay, a medieval town in the Massif Central Mountains near the source of the Loire. For two weeks she and a friend pedaled over mountains and gorges to the Loire Valley, stopping in picturesque villages, farms, cathedrals, and castles. She traveled light and stayed in B&Bs and small hotels. A bike demo is included. Come see her adventure!

Kanagy is convinced that the best way to visit and explore another culture is at the speed of a bicycle. Traveling by bike opens up opportunities to

connect with ordinary people. Since she discovered cycling 15 years ago, she has pedaled from Eugene to Vancouver, B.C. (not all at once), ridden Cycle Oregon, and has toured many regions of Japan.

In 2006, she founded Japan Cycle Tours LLC, offering personalized tours of Japan, while introducing others to the joy of bicycle touring. Her book, *Living Abroad in Japan* (Avalon Travel, 3d ed., 2013) is recommended for armchair travelers as well as those planning to go.

Before the Big One

Wednesday, May 11, 1:00–2:30 p.m.

What is Eugene's risk from a Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) Earthquake? **Matt McRae**, who works for the City of Eugene as the climate and energy

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2 Monday

9:30 a.m. Creative Writing Critique
[study group] Facilitator: Livvie Taylor-Young (CN)

Noon—Brown Bag Opera: *Little Women* [interest group] Guest speaker: Mark Beudert Facilitator: Phyllis Villec (CN)

12:15 p.m. Beginning Spanish [study group] Contact: Sara Michener (BZ)

2:00 p.m. Polar Bears [lecture] Presenter: David Pottinger (AK/MX)

3:15 p.m. French Language [study group] Facilitator: Elaine deMartin Webster (CN)

3 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Understanding Science
[DVD study group] The Nature of Matter: Understanding the Physical World—Resistance is Futile: Superconductors; Resistance is Useful: Semiconductors. Facilitators: Barbara Nagai and Mike Rose (AK/MX)

Noon—Interpretive Play Reading
[study group] Facilitator: Esther Erford (CN)

12:30 p.m. Armchair Traveler: Cycling the Loire Valley [lecture] Presenter: Ruthy Kanagy (AK/MX)

2:30 p.m. China: A Cultural Odyssey
[short course session 6 of 8] New Women and Female Writer. Instructor: Qing Ye (AK/MX)

4 Wednesday

9:30 a.m. International Relations
[discussion group] Foreign Policy and Presidential Candidates. Presenters: John Attig and Howard Schuman (CN)

1:30 p.m. Dipping Into the Digital World [lecture] Security. Guest Presenter: Kirk Taylor (AK/MX)

5 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Poetry on Wheels [study group] Facilitator: Charles Castle (BZ)

10:30 a.m. Classics/Philosophy [book group] *The Conquest of Peru* by William Prescott. Facilitator: Paul Holbo (off-site)

11:30 a.m. Thinking Allowed [discussion group] What Would Police Reform Look Like? Interim Facilitator: Jerry Brule (CN)

1:30 p.m. Short Story Discussions
[study group] "Dirt Angel" by Jeanne Wilmot, "The Green Man" by Jeanette Winterson and "Helix" by Banana Yoshimoto, from *The Art of the Story* ed. Daniel Halpern. Facilitator: Shiela Pardee (CN)

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

6 Friday

9:30 a.m. Membership, Promotions and Awards Committee
[monthly meeting] Chair: Betty Hosokawa (BZ)

Noon—June Newsletter Copy Submission Deadline

9 Monday

9:30 a.m. Philosophy Salon [study group] *The Just City*. Presenter: David Kolb. Facilitators: Byron Chell, Lorraine Ironplow, and Dennis Lawrence (CN)

11:45 a.m. Solutions [discussion group] Political Polarization. Facilitator: Jerry Brule (CN)

12:15 p.m. Beginning Spanish [study group] Contact: Sara Michener (BZ)

1:30 p.m. Faith and Religion in Film [film series] *Amazing Grace*. Introduced by Andy Walcott (AK/MX)

3:15 p.m. French Language [study group] Facilitator: Elaine deMartin Webster (CN)

10 Tuesday

2:30 p.m. China: A Cultural Odyssey
[short course session 7 of 8] Love and Revolution. Instructor: Qing Ye (AK/MX)

11 Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Program Committee [monthly meeting] Co-chairs: Randall Donohue and Steve Koller (MX)

10:00 a.m. Historical Novels and Nonfiction [book group] Selection TBD. Facilitator: Corinne Hunt (CN)

1:00 p.m. Before the Big One [lecture] Presenter: Matt McRae (AK/MX)

12 Thursday

9:30 a.m. News and Views [discussion group] Facilitator: Craig Starr (CN)

1:30 p.m. Music Appreciation [DVD study group] Bernstein: The Unanswered Question. Facilitator: Dennis Lawrence (CN)

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

16 Monday

9:30 a.m. Creative Writing Critique
[study group] Facilitator: Livvie Taylor-Young (CN)

12:15 p.m. Beginning Spanish [study group] Contact: Sara Michener (BZ)

1:30 p.m. Lane Transit District for OLLI-UO Members [lecture] Presenters: LTD Representatives (CN)

3:15 p.m. French Language [study group] Facilitator: Elaine deMartin Webster (BZ)

17 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Understanding Science
[DVD study group] The Nature of Matter: Understanding the Physical World—Out of Many, One, Composites; The Future of Materials. Facilitators: Barbara Nagai and Mike Rose (AK/MX)

Noon—Interpretive Play Reading
[study group] Facilitator: Esther Erford (CN)

2:30 p.m. China: A Cultural Odyssey
[short course session 8 of 8] Post-socialist Chinese Film and Music. Instructor: Qing Ye (AK/MX)

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18 Wednesday

9:30 a.m. International Relations
[discussion group] Russia's Inferiority Complex vis-a-vis the West. Presenter: Tim Hanley (CN)

Noon—Spring Box Lunch Social [all member social] (AK/MX)

2:30 p.m. Dipping Into the Digital World [discussion] Series Feedback Session: Where Do We Go From Here? Facilitators: Jan Moursund, Gordon Nagai, and Larry Leverone (CN)

19 Thursday

9:30 a.m. Poetry on Wheels [study group] Facilitator: Charles Castle (CN)

11:30 a.m. Thinking Allowed [discussion group] Whatever Happened to Unions? Interim Facilitator: Jerry Brule (CN)

1:30 p.m. Short Story Discussions [study group] Selections TBD, Facilitator: Shiela Pardee (CN)

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

23 Monday

9:30 a.m. Philosophy Salon [study group] *The Just City*. Presenter: David Kolb. Facilitators: Byron Chell, Lorraine Ironplow, and Dennis Lawrence (CN)

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1:00 p.m. Faith and Religion in Film [film series] *Going My Way*. Introduced by John Attig (AK/MX)

3:15 p.m. French Language [study group] Facilitator: Elaine deMartin Webster (CN)

24 Tuesday

1:30 p.m. Raising the Barre: Big Dreams, False Starts, and My Midlife Quest to Dance the Nutcracker [lecture] Presenter: Lauren Kessler (AK/MX)

25 Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Historical Novels and Nonfiction [book group] *TBD*. Facilitators: Corinne Hunt (CN)

11:00 a.m. Governing Council [monthly meeting] President: David Kolb (MX)

1:30 p.m. Ten Most Famous Buildings and How They Got That Way [lecture] Presenter: Helene-Carol Brown (AK/MX)

26 Thursday

9:30 a.m. News and Views [discussion group] Facilitator: Jack Meacham (CN)

1:30 p.m. Music Appreciation [DVD study group] Bernstein: The Unanswered Question. Facilitator: Dennis Lawrence (CN)

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

30 Monday

UO Closed for Memorial Day

31 Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Understanding Science [DVD study group] New Topic: Music and the Brain—Music: Culture, Biology, or Both? Seeking an Evolutionary Theory of Music. Facilitators: Barbara Nagai and Mike Rose (AK/MX)

2:00 p.m. History in Context—The Twenties: From Ballyhoo to Bust [lecture series] Presenters: Olivia Taylor-Young and Kirk Taylor (AK/MX)

Locations

All meetings are 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

Renewals

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analyst and the natural hazards mitigation specialist, will overview the City's evaluation of CSZ risk, share the lessons learned from it, and identify some high priorities for mitigation. He will also discuss the recently completed *Eugene/Springfield Climate and Hazards Vulnerability Assessment* involving experts in the fields of electricity, drinking water, storm water, waste-water, housing, food, fossil fuel, public safety, transportation, and communications. The presentation will touch on "resilience thinking" and strategies for solving many problems at the same time.

McRae's work is focused on implementing the City's Community and Internal Climate Action Plans and the Eugene/Springfield Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Prior to his work for the City of Eugene, Matt worked for the National Park Service for nine years. He has a BS degree from the College of Natural Resources at Utah State University.

Lane Transit District for OLLI-UO Members

Monday, May 16, 1:30–3:30 p.m. You probably know that we have a great transportation resource in Eugene in the form of the Lane Transit District. But you may not be as familiar as you would like with using the bus, with its routes, how to plan a trip, and all the great ways that LTD specifically serves and supports us, the retired and senior community.

So, come meet representatives from LTD at a presentation designed for OLLI members and intended to better inform us about:

- The history of LTD in Eugene and Lane County
- Current routes and services and how to make the best use of the bus in Eugene-Springfield
- Programs and services of specific interest to retired persons and seniors, such as the Half-Fare Pass for persons on Medicare or with disabilities and the Honored Rider Pass, which entitles customers over age 65 to ride free
- Future LTD plans—what is in store for bus routes and services in the coming months and years?

This is a great opportunity for you to share your thoughts, concerns, and suggestions. LTD is always happy to hear ways to improve bus service from its customers, and the representatives welcome your input on how service can be improved or made more useful for you.

As a special service for eligible OLLI members, LTD representatives will sign you up and take your photo at this presentation for an Honored Rider or Half-Fare card. Remember to bring your photo ID and proof of age. For the Half-Fare card, you will also need your Medicare card, *or* proof that you have a disability and are receiving SSI or SSD, *or* proof that you are receiving Veteran's benefits for a 50 percent or greater disability. There is a one-time \$3 application fee for either pass. Completed cards can then be picked up at the downtown Eugene station.

Whether you are already a frequent bus user, or are just now thinking about how you can use your car less and still get around town easily,

this will be a very informative and valuable presentation.

Spring Box Lunch Social

Wednesday, May 18, Noon–1:30 p.m. Join us at the UO Baker Downtown Center for a spring box lunch social. Select your choice of sandwich when you make your reservation. The charge is \$7 per person, OLLI will provide drinks. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, May 11; advance payment required. <http://bit.ly/23Co13A>

Raising the Barre: Big Dreams, False Starts, and My Midlife Quest to Dance the Nutcracker

Tuesday, May 24, 1:30–3:00 p.m. What did you dream of becoming when you were a child? **Lauren Kessler** wanted to be a ballerina. When she was very young she took dance lessons and dreamed. Then her teacher told her mother that Lauren would never become a ballerina, so she stopped dancing. He was wrong. She did it! Come hear how she learned to dance the part of "Aunt Rose" in the Eugene Ballet Company's *Nutcracker*.

Professor Kessler is director of the Writing Initiative at the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication. She has created two innovative programs: The Literature Nonfiction Master's Program in Eugene and the Multimedia Journalism Master's Program in Portland. She is the author of 13 books, including Oregon Book Award winner *The Stubborn Twig*.

Many of her books describe how she immerses herself in a culture and lets her readers see and understand

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that culture as she lives it. Hear her tell her how it felt to become “Aunt Rose,” after much struggle and a lot of help from her friends!

The Ten Most Famous Buildings and How They Got That Way

Wednesday, May 25, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Be prepared to take a visual trip with **Helene-Carol Brown** around the world in our quest to find the 10 most famous buildings (structures) people everywhere recognize as awe-inspiring. Eight different countries are involved in the exploration. Can you guess which buildings qualify? What defines a building? Does it need a roof and four walls?

Members will write their own best guesses on a 3x5 card, and then we will begin our exploration with number 10 and work our way to number one. The back stories of who designed these buildings/structures, and how they were built will interest architecture aficionados and novices alike.

Along the way, you can ask questions or give your opinions. Would you want to visit the building, own the building, or have designed the building yourself? If you were to make changes, what would they be? Would you like to build something similar, or just be thankful you don't have to wash the windows? Come join our tour of the 10 buildings everyone recognizes as masterpieces of engineering, and learn the behind-the-scenes facts of craftsmanship and construction.

History in Context

Tuesdays, May 31–June 28,
2:00–4:00 p.m.

Back by popular request, History in Context is a thought-provoking,

educational and entertaining walk down memory lane—both ours and our parents. This scripted, live, five-part series of PowerPoint documentaries chronicles the twentieth century from the roaring '20s through the 1950s.

The series is the brainchild of OLLI's Creative Writing facilitator **Olivia Taylor-Young** and her creative partner husband, **Kirk Taylor**, who compiled, Photoshopped, and worked his techno-magic on more than 1,000 slides.

An author, columnist, and retired PR professional, Taylor-Young is also an historian by avocation. Taylor is a former Silicon Valley guru who has taught computer programming all over the world. When they decided, to combine their talents to create History in Context, as a fun retirement project, they had no idea would happen. But so far, the presentations have been presented at numerous venues throughout Lane County, as well as in Portland and Bend.

Those who remember the series from its initial 2012-13 debut will find it's worth seeing another time. New additions including innovative photography and live music have been incorporated into each presentation. With all the twists and turns in this current election year, many of the retrospective events take on new meaning... and the theme of history repeating itself takes on startling new life.

Philosophy Salon: Building a Just City

Mondays, May 9 and 23,
9:30–11:30 a.m.

If we started from scratch, designing an ideal educational system

and government, could we create a city where all people, male and female, were given equal opportunity to develop into the best persons they could be? Could we create a city devoted to pursuing excellence for all its citizens? This was one of the questions Plato asked when he composed his *Republic*. Recently, Jo Walton wrote *The Just City*, a novel where some lovers of Plato's ideas (and a few Greek gods) try to build Plato's Republic. Told from several points of view, Walton pictures the debates among the founders, the experiences of the children growing up in the city, its problems, and what happens when Socrates enters the city. Her characters discuss equality, technology, justice, feminism, and education today. After an introductory presentation of Plato's ideas, **David Kolb** and the Philosophy Salon members will read the novel and discuss the questions it raises in our May sessions.

Poetry on Wheels

Thursdays, May 5 and 19,
9:30–11:30 a.m.

With a new name, and a new schedule, OLLI's poetry writing group continues with a new focus: writing and speaking your inspiration and craft. Members share poems they have written, provide each other with supportive feedback, and delve into their own creative process in a like-minded group. All voices and levels of experience welcomed. Come as you are. Prompts are provided if wanted. Opportunities for reading in front of an audience will be discussed.

Facilitator: **Charles Castle**

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Learning Circle

Monthly Schedule

Monday

9:30 a.m. Creative Writing Critique:
first and third weeks
9:30 a.m. Philosophy Salon: second
and fourth weeks
11:45 a.m. Solutions: second and
fourth weeks
12:15 p.m. Beginning Spanish: weekly
3:15 p.m. French Language: weekly

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Understanding Science:
first, third, and fifth weeks
Noon Interpretive Play Reading:
first and third weeks, during
Spring term.

Wednesday

9:30 a.m. International Relations:
first and third weeks
10:00 a.m. Historical Novels and
Nonfiction: second and fourth
weeks

Thursday

9:30 a.m. Classics/Philosophy:
first Thursday
9:30 a.m. News and Views: second
and fourth weeks
9:30 a.m. Poetry on Wheels: first
and third weeks
11:30 a.m. Thinking Allowed: first
and third weeks
1:30 p.m. Short Story Discussions:
first and third weeks
1:30 p.m. Music Appreciation:
second and fourth weeks
3:15 p.m. Spanish Conversation:
weekly

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Understanding Science: Music and The Brain

Tuesday, May 31, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Even though music is intimately woven into the fabric of our lives, it remains deeply puzzling, provoking questions such as:

- How and why did musical behavior originate?
- What gives mere tones such a powerful effect on our emotions?
- Why does music with a beat give us the urge to move and dance?
- Are we born with our sense of music, or do we acquire it by experience?

In the last 20 years, researchers have come closer to solving these riddles thanks to cognitive neuroscience, which integrates the study of human mental processes with the study of the brain. This exciting field has not only helped us address age-old questions about music; it also allows us to ask entirely new ones.

Facilitators: Barbara Nagai and Mike Rose