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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute  
at the University of Michigan

Celebrating  
OLLI's 30th  
Anniversary

## *2018 Open House*



*Friday, January 5, 2018  
10 a.m. — Noon  
Morris Lawrence Building  
Washtenaw Community College*

4800 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor

**Join us to celebrate OLLI's 30th year!**

**Learn about OLLI Winter Spring 2018.**

**Enjoy refreshments!**

**Announcing: Friends of OLLI  
Endowment Fund. See pages 6 - 7**



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## Director's Note: Get Involved with OLLI

OLLI-UM is excited to share our winter/spring programming with OLLI members at our January 5th Open House! Join OLLI members at Washtenaw Community College from 10 a.m.-noon at the Morris Lawrence Building as we commemorate OLLI's 30th anniversary and announce new OLLI study groups, After Five events, OLLI Out of Town travel opportunities, and share our upcoming lecture themes. Registration will begin on January 10th at 9:30 a.m., in person and online.



We are excited (pages 6-7) to announce the newly endowed OLLI Friends Fund, a fund that was begun by OLLI members Bill Roberts and Fran Weinstein to plan for OLLI's long-term sustainability. Read what inspired Fran and Bill to launch this fund!

Have you met OLLI's new Assistant Director yet? Ben joined us in July - check out his program update on page 15 and drop by the office anytime to say hello.

OLLI is always looking for volunteers to join our active committees- please email [olli.info@umich.edu](mailto:olli.info@umich.edu) or call 734-998-9351 for further information. We wish you a happy holiday season!

Best Wishes,  
Lisa Barton  
OLLI Director

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# *Winter Open House And OLLI 30th Anniversary*

Celebration Time!

You're invited to OLLI's Winter Open House and 30th Anniversary Celebration Friday January 5, 2018, at Washtenaw Community College Atrium in Morris Lawrence Building – 10:00 a.m.– 12 p.m.

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: Socializing and refreshments

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.: Program and visitors

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Birthday cake and remembrances

OLLI members can take a real trip down memory lane through displays of pictures, brochures, and catalogues from archives of the UM Bentley Library and the OLLI office. Written work and visual arts produced by OLLI members over the last 30 years will be on display. Remembrances of OLLI members will be shared. A lottery for free registrations to events in the Winter Catalogue will be available.

Before and after the program there will be opportunities to join OLLI and to:

- Meet study group instructors and learn about coming classes
- Talk with committee members about upcoming lecture series, day trips, and after five events
- Join a committee
- Drop off registrations for winter and spring program opportunities – for processing on January 10

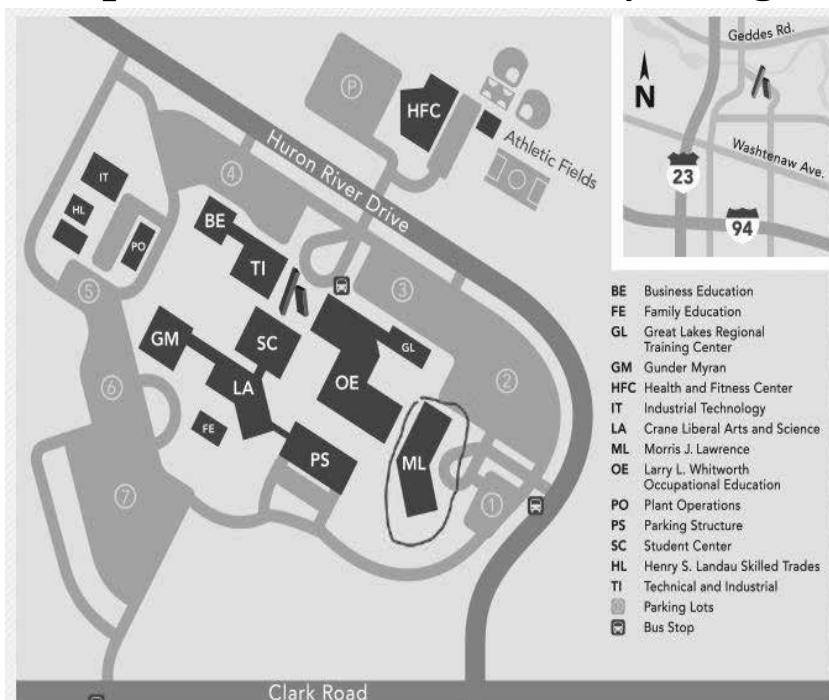


Friendly faces at WCC!

Julie Haines, Administrative Assistant and  
Maureen Stein, an active OLLI Volunteer

## *Join the Fun!*

# Map of Washtenaw Community College



Please contact the office or see our website for more detailed directions.

## **Located at Towsley Auditorium,**

Home of OLLI Open House and OLLI Lectures!

*Washtenaw Community College*

*Morris Lawrence Building*

*Towsley Auditorium*

*4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor, MI*

Towsley Auditorium in the Morris Lawrence Building is a safe, accessible, fully-equipped 500-seat auditorium that will be perfect space for our lecture series and provides plenty of space for socializing before and after the lectures. It is accessible via bus and senior cab.

## **We hope to see you at our Open House!**

# ***Consider a Gift to OLLI's New Friends of OLLI Endowment Fund***

Former OLLI Leadership Council presidents Bill Roberts and Fran Weinstein are so grateful for OLLI's impact on their lives that they wanted to do something to give back.

They recently created the Friends of OLLI Endowment Fund, which will help make sure OLLI continues to enrich the lives of others well into the future. They each made a major pledge of \$25,000 to kick off the Fund.

"The friendships I've made at OLLI have truly contributed to the sustainability of my life and led me to set this fund up," Bill said. "The personal connections I've made at OLLI and the events I go to every week moved me to do this."

Now Bill and Fran are asking other OLLI members to consider a donation to



Fran Weinstein and Bill Roberts

their Endowment Fund. They consider this particularly important since OLLI at UM has reached the maximum endowment funds available from the Osher Foundation. The goal of the Fund is to provide additional funding for wish-list items or future unforeseen challenges, such as:

- OLLI space challenges
- Permanence for OLLI to ensure its future
- Dedicated funds exclusively for growth/future needs and welfare of OLLI-UM

The new Endowment Fund gives members a second way to support OLLI, in addition to OLLI's Annual Sustainability Campaign. The

annual campaign supports OLLI's annual budget, while the Endowment Fund looks to future needs.

OLLI will be receiving \$12,500 in matching funds from Pfizer as a result of the new gifts by Bill and Fran. In addition, OLLI is pleased to continue to receive matching funds from both Pfizer, Inc. and The Dow Chemical Co. in our annual fundraising efforts.

“OLLI has encouraged me to grow in a way that I never had to do in my regular work life,” Fran says. “OLLI represents the essence of life--that we can grow, change, and be challenged in new ways as we age. OLLI is different because it is created by its members.”

*For more information or to give, please contact Lisa Barton, OLLI Director, at 734-761-2540.*

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## ***After Five at Literati Bookstore***



Mike Gustafson, owner of Literati Bookstore, spoke to the OLLI members on November 8th at an After Five event entitled “How can the Independent Bookstore Survive and Prosper?” They discussed pursuing their vision of success and what motivates them to take on the big box and internet booksellers and what strategies they are exploring to create relationships in our Ann Arbor community.

2017 Honor Roll of Donors  
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Michigan

# *Fund for Sustainability*

We thank all donors to this 2017 OLLI Fund for Sustainability for their willingness to help close the gap between OLLI revenues and expenses. Continual support of this annual fund will help ensure ongoing growth in programming while maintaining reasonable fees. Donors of gifts of \$100 or more received from January 1 through November 21, 2017 are in this Honor Roll.

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Total gifts  
 from individuals  
 January 1 – November 7, 2017  
**\$23,282.00**

*Legacy gifts  
 for OLLI*

Like all University of Michigan units, OLLI-UM wants to encourage its constituents to consider legacy gifts as a meaningful way to support OLLI into the future. There are variations on this process, but the two most common means are bequests and charitable remainder trusts.

To learn more about legacy gifts, the OLLI office is happy to provide a copy of "The Future Begins Now." This guide to legacy gifts will answer most questions. Please contact Lisa Barton at libarton@umich.edu or (734) 761-2540 for further information.

<p><i>Gifts</i></p> <p>"in memory of" or "in honor of"</p> <p><b>In Memory of Judith Aufhauser</b> Fran and Jack Weinstein</p> <p><b>In Memory of Eric Warden</b> Sherry Warden</p> <p><b>In Honor of Rolf &amp; Harriet Amsler</b> Stu and Ronnie Simon</p> <p><b>In Honor of Michael Lasinski</b> Fran and Jack Weinstein</p> <p><b>In Honor of Ginny Rezmierski</b> Al and Judith Gourdj</p>	<p><b>In Honor of Sherry Root</b> Maureen and Leon Stein</p> <p><b>In Honor of Sherry Root and Roger Craig</b> Carol Friel Dottie and John Moreno Maureen and Leon Stein Fran and Jack Weinstein</p> <p><b>In Honor of Leo Shedden</b> Fran Weinstein</p> <p><b>In Honor of Fran Weinstein</b> Marian Cohen and Sheldon Ginns Al and Judith Gourdj Ann and Tony Tai</p>
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# ***OLLI Sustainability Fund Donor Event***

OLLI honor roll donors enjoyed our annual donor thank you event for their contributions of \$100 or more to OLLI's seventh annual Fund for Sustainability Campaign. These contributions are especially appreciated as we continue to experience annual growth in membership and programming.

Michele Hall served as committee chair for our donor event, and members of the OLLI Fundraising Committee helped finalize the details for another successful event that was enjoyed by all. Janet Fogler welcomed donors on behalf of the Fundraising Committee, and OLLI Director Lisa Barton gave an update on donations received and OLLI's fundraising goals and fiscal health. Lisa shared that these annual donations continue to fill an important need in our annual budget to help fund the expenses that come with a growing program, such as increased space and technology needs.



Janet Fogler, Fundraising  
Committee Member

Janet Fogler introduced Cynthia Kortman Westphal and Chelsea Packard, Associate Professors in UM's Musical Theatre Department, who presented: "One Voice - Many Styles: How a Musical Theatre Student Learns to Sing Everything from Classical to Country; Rock to Rap; and Everything in Between." Members enjoyed the social event and light supper, and raved about Cynthia and Chelsea's performance.

OLLI at UM is very appreciative of all donor gifts, including those made In Honor of and In Memory of someone special. All gifts made in 2017 to date are listed on page 8 - 9.



Cynthia Kortman Westphal and Cheslea Packard were the hit of the evening.



Lisa Barton, OLLI Director



Michele Hall, Donor Appreciation Event Chairperson and Marie Vitale, Fundraising Chairperson



Harris and Margaret McClamroch, OLLI Donors

Article photos courtesy of Janice Stickney

# News and the Populist Movement Day Trip

by Ruth Primas, OLLI Out of Town Chair

On November 10, OLLI Out of Town traveled with 32 members on a day excursion to explore *News and the Populist Movement – Real and Fake via Ann Arbor and Detroit*. Our first stop was at the Ann Arbor Wallace House where we were welcomed by Lynette Clemetson, Director. During our visit, the OLLI members on this tour got to hear John Shields of the BBC, one of the current Knight-Wallace Fellows. Mr. Shields spoke to us about “addressing and mitigating the



loss of public trust in broadcast media.” The walls of the house are lined with editorial cartoons capturing world leaders, some



by the renowned cartoonist, Oliphant. The tour group left the Wallace House entertaining a major question of whether we could top the morning’s experience there. Top it, we may not have done but, match it, as you are about to learn, we did!

Our first stop in Detroit was for lunch at the recently reopened Caucus Club, which preceded a visit to the Detroit Free Press, where our tour group was seated in a conference room named in honor of Stevie Wonder, the world-renowned Motown musician and singer. The first half of the visit consisted of a presentation by a staff photographer whose major focus was the transition in her role from just snapping still





photos to becoming a videographer, producing documentaries, and accomplishing much of this task by simply using her i-Phone. The second half of the presentation was a Q&A session with four Free Press staff members, John Gallagher, James Hill, Kristen Shamus and Mike Thompson. The overriding message from the panel that we were sent away with was the unrelenting attempt of The Free Press staff to assure the readers that the news they are receiving



is as accurate as possible.

We found ourselves, once again, on the bus and headed for the Tuxedo Project. The Project is a non-profit effort by Stephen Henderson, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and Editorial Page Editor for the Detroit Free Press, and Marygrove College to re-purpose Stephen's childhood

home into a literary arts center to improve the quality of life for the people who live around the home. Stephen provided us with a very detailed description of his motivation for undertaking the Tuxedo Project and its future in the neighborhood. Once inside the house, we were all impressed by its nicely refurbished and inviting interior. A Residential Fellow for the Tuxedo Project Literary Center has been appointed and actually resides on the second level of the house. The Center hosts workshops, book readings, author visits, and other events.

With the stop at the Tuxedo Project our day trip may have come to an end, but our incredible enjoyment of and appreciation for the trip have not subsided. It has, however, left the OLLI Out of Town Committee with the challenge of being able to surpass it in terms of appeal and satisfaction in the future. Let's see how the Committee deals with the challenge.



Special thanks to OLLI Out of Town lead organizer on the trip, Downs Herold.

# Save the Date!

## May 17

# Big Hearts for Seniors Fundraiser



Big Hearts for Seniors is excited for our 5th movie anniversary event at the Michigan Theater.

**For more information, call (734) 998-9353 or visit [www.med.umich.edu/geriatrics/BHS](http://www.med.umich.edu/geriatrics/BHS)**

### *Meet the New Assistant Director*

OLLI at UM – what a program! My experience at OLLI has been a fulfilling one. I've never seen such a dedicated group of volunteers do such amazing work. The breadth and depth of programming that is offered is second-to-none and truly provides the community with opportunities to be social, learn, and thrive. I look forward to supporting the work of OLLI's committees and getting to know OLLI members better.

The upcoming year will have more programming than ever before, with added "After Five", an expansive Summer Lecture

Series as well as multiple OLLI Out of Town travel events. Our Study Group topics range from an

in-depth discussion on Hercule Poirot to Women and Aging Through Literature and Reflective Writing. It will be a exciting start to the new year!

Wishing you a happy holiday season and a joyous new year.

Kind Regards,  
Ben Richards



## *Meet the OLLI Leadership Council and Staff*



*The OLLI Leadership and Staff Team:* Back row (Left to Right): Lisa Barton (Director); Ben Richards (Assistant Director); John Dorcey (Treasurer; Finance Committee Chair); Julie Haines (Administrative Assistant); Kay Hodges (Leadership Council); Bill Roberts (Past President); Craig Ramsey (President of the Leadership Council); Jerry Gardner (Leadership Council); Darlene Racz (Associate Director, Geriatrics & Community Outreach). Front row: Arnetta Burroughs (Leadership Council); Ruth Primas (Out-of-Town Committee Chair); Lynn Boyer (Social Interaction Committee Chair); Carol Maccini (Leadership Council); Sharon Quiroz (Leadership Council); Marie Vitale (Leadership Council); Twila Deigert (Lectures Committee Chair); and Bill Furtwangler (Vice President of the Leadership Council).

Not pictured: Laurie Barnett, Peyton Bland, Mildred Denecke, Alfred Gourджи, Leo Shedden, and Stu Simon.

### ***In Memoriam***

Joan Badgley Innes was born in Ann Arbor in 1929, the daughter of Florence Chandler and Dr. Carl Egbert Badgley. Joan's family lived on Hill Street. The family kept horses at Huron Stables (now Racquet Club of Ann Arbor), and she and her father often rode from the stable to their home on Hill Street. Joan attended the University of Michigan, earning a Bachelor's Degree in French with a Teaching Certificate. Joan and Perry Innes were married in 1953. Joan is survived by her husband and four children: Sarah, Jay, Claire,



Cameron and six grandchildren. A person with many interests and pursuits, Joan cultivated "town and gown" relationships, making many new friends while cherishing the old. Her life was enhanced by classes at OLLI, where she led a Current Events group until mid-September. Joan was happily surprised that something she so enjoyed had come along late in life. Proud of her service at the Housing Bureau for Senior, the Ladies Library Association, and the U of M Museum of Art, Joan also loved golfing (which she took up at age 50), playing piano, and her book club. On the night before she died, November 16, 2017, Joan sent her daughter out for an Anthony Trollope that she had never read.

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