



The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Connecticut is an academic cooperative that provides older adults with opportunities for intellectual development, cultural stimulation, and social interaction

OLLI REMEMBERS ALLYNE “PIJ” KADISH

Allyne “Pij” Kadish was a serene woman who never sought the spotlight but whose quiet leadership brought people together to make sound decisions regarding the fledgling OLLI at UConn program that will resonate for years.

Her capacity for leadership coupled with her intellect and interests as diversified as mathematics, gardening and knitting made her an incredible asset when the OLLI program was in the formative stages.

“Pij” as she was known, died June 24, 2015, at the age of 89.

Nancy Via, founding president of OLLI at UConn, recalled meeting Pij in October of 2006. “Dr. Brian Chapman had the herculean task of putting together an OLLI program and Pij and I were two of his early recruits.”

“We worked well together and crafted the Guidelines (Bylaws) document for this newly formed learning institute. Pij’s contribution to this task was outstanding. She had a marvelous grasp of what to write, how to word it and what worked best for all.”

“Pij is dearly missed by all of us who worked side by side with her through the formative years of our beloved OLLI at UConn, Waterbury. Her legacy to our organization lives on and we all have lovely and loving memories of this remarkable,



precious woman,” Nancy recalled.

Dr. Chapman, who serves as director of outreach for UConn at Waterbury and also director for OLLI at UConn, clearly remembers those early days. “Pij got us grounded; she was a steadying force.”

He remembers Pij as being a “big picture person,” who “always presented in a professional way.” When serving on the Nominating Committee for the Leadership Council at the beginning of the OLLI program, he recalled Pij observing that candidates not only had to be good but also good at working collaboratively so things would get done. “She never lost sight of the overall objectives.”

At meetings, Dr. Chapman remembers, Pij would sit quietly, listening to all points of view. At the end, she would summarize the discussion. She would help bring about a synthesis of opinion that would lead to good decisions. “People were influenced by her work because she made sense.” As a faculty member once put it, Dr. Chapman recalled, “Pij Kadish always gets it right.”

Apart from her efforts to help launch OLLI in Waterbury, Pij is remembered as a strong woman who deeply loved her family and was a dear friend. “The word that really described her is *Strong*. She was one strong lady,” her daughter Merle Arcovio recently recalled. Merle said that her mother and father, the late Milton Kadish, did everything together.

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3. Parking is often available at the private, street level parking lot between 141 East Main Street and the UConn campus (on the east side of the campus near the bookstore). The lot has reasonable daily rates.

Please Note: You will be required to obtain an official parking decal. Parking Services will be contacting you over the next few weeks for vehicle information in order to provide a decal. Please respond swiftly to their request.

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OLLI BOOK CLUB

Contact: **Nancy Via** at nvia@sbcglobal.net

All meetings of the book club will be held in room 102D, UConn, Waterbury at 1:00 PM 3rd Monday

September 21 The Boys in the Boat Daniel James Brown

October 19 Olive Kitteridge Elizabeth Sprout

November 16 When Lions Roar Thomas Maier

OLLI TRIP TO OGUNQUIT, MAINE

It was June 7th and a bus full of OLLI members came together on a Friendship Tour to Ogunquit, Maine which culminated in a Friendship experience. Our tour director Bob Read and tour bus driver Bob Black are well known by prior OLLI travelers as a well-oiled machine that delivers experience and professionalism. After a smooth ride which included ample comfort stops and a delicious lunch at the Weathervane Restaurant in Kittery, Maine, we were but a few miles from our resort when we unexpectedly were treated to a stop at Yummies Candy and Nuts establishment. This further displayed our driver's first hand personal knowledge of the tour route.

After reaching the beautiful Meadowmere Resort and our luggage was promptly handled, we were treated to a wine and cheese welcome to the Meadowmere. What warmer welcome is there than wine and cheese. After time was provided to relax and settle in, we walked a short distance to Jonathan's Restaurant where we enjoyed a delicious dinner. We then returned to our comfortable resort.

At the beginning of day two we enjoyed a continental breakfast, however, we were informed by our tour director that the Finestkind Cruise to the Nubble Lighthouse was cancelled by the Coast Guard due to rough seas. With ease and precision an alternate activity was provided by Bob---and we all enjoyed a historic literary experience at the Henry Wadsworth Longfellow home in Portland. We later had time to explore Perkins Cove, have lunch and either walk back to the resort on beautiful Marginal Way or ride our tour bus back. Later we were all taken to Fosters Lobster Bake for a wonderful dinner with entertainment including voluntary performances by our own OLLI members.

On day three after breakfast we said goodbye to the Meadowmere and were transported to Portsmouth, New Hampshire where we experienced a self-guided tour of the old seacoast neighborhood at Strawberry Banke Museum. This fascinating experience included costumed role players which provided an opportunity to test their knowledge of time past and your own. After lunch on our own at Market Square, Portsmouth we returned to the, "Captains Hook," our Peter Pan ride and were transported to where it all began.

If any OLLI members are interested in a well-planned stimulating travel experience consider the OLLI offerings.

Bob & Nancy Verno



OLLI CAFE

Sept 11 **THE NEW ENGLAND
ACCORDION MUSEUM: "Boxes
of Memories Paul Ramunni**

Join us in learning about the NEAM, a Connecticut – based accordion museum. This presentation will include a display of accordions and memorabilia dating back to the early 19th century, featuring a live performance playing some of the instruments in the collection. You will find the presentation both informative and entertaining!

Sept. 25

THE LONG JOURNEY HOME FOR ALBERT AFRAID OF HAWK

Nick Bellantoni, former State Archeologist

Age does not diminish the extreme disappointment of having a scoop of ice cream fall from the cone.

-Jim Fiebig

Upcoming OLLI Travel

9/16/2015 – NY Botanical Gardens (Frida Kahlo's Garden) - \$75pp (sold out)

9/27 - 30/2015 – Niagara Falls NY (overnight) - \$510pp dbl

10/21/2015 – 9/11 Museum – NYC - \$74pp (sold out)

6/20-22/2016 – Lancaster PA (Sight & Sound Theatre (overnight) -\$427pp dbl

9/17-19/2016 – Washington DC/ChantillyVA/Mount Vernon – price TBA

All prices are member prices. Non-members are charged a slight surcharge. Call Friendship Tours for information and reservations. (1-800-243-1630). Mention OLLI Travel

News from the Travel Committee by Evelyn Marshak

The weather people have labeled this coming winter as an El Nino winter. This usually means colder weather and more snow. Even when it is a La Nina winter, there is usually lots of snow and below freezing temperatures.

The OLLI Travel Committee is planning what could be a light at the end of the winter tunnel- three trips.

The Overnight section of the Travel Committee is offering a trip to the Lancaster, PA area which is near Amish communities and the Sight and Sound Show which advertises that it "Brings the Bible to Life."

This trip leaves on June 20th and returns on June 23, 2016.

Plans for the one day trips in May and June are indefinite as of today. The May trip will be a chance for you to visit one or more of the four museums that comprise the Springfield Quadrangle. There are two art museums, a science museum and the Springfield History Museum

In the middle of the quadrangle is the salute to Springfield native, Dr. Seuss. These famous statues include some of Seuss' most famous characters including Yertle the Turtle, the Lorax, the Cat in the Hat and the Grinch.

The June trip will be a trip to New York's Mohonk Mountain.

OLLI trips start at the St. Anthony/ DOT lot in Prospect where there is ample free room for parking. Once you board the bus, everything is taken care of. Usually the bus stops at a highway rest stop for coffee and snacks. Some OLLI travelers bring their own coffee and something to read.

There is always an experienced tour guide with up to date information on each trip.

From my experience, I have become used to being brought very close to the entrance of the John F. Kennedy Memorial or the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens.

You might want to talk to others who have traveled with OLLI and Friendship Tours.

Interested in a coming trip? For the latest news, read about it in the newsletter or pick up a flyer at the OLLI desk in the main hallway. You might want to put aside a small sum of money to pay for the pending trips.

Yes, there are three fall trips coming including one to the New York Botanical Gardens and the recreation of artist Frida Kahlo gardens. Another day trip will start at New York City's Little Italy and then move on to the 9/11 Memorial. The fall overnight trip to Niagara Falls still has seats but the two day trips are all filled.

OLLI POETRY COFFEE HOUSE

2nd Thurs at John Bale Bookshop –10:00am

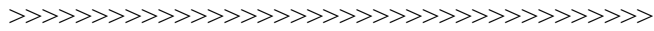
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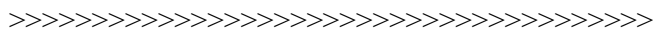


Some guy bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he put it in his front yard and hung a sign on it saying: 'Free to good home. You want it, you take it.' For three days the fridge sat there without anyone looking twice. He eventually decided that people were too mistrustful of this deal.

So he changed the sign to read: 'Fridge for sale \$50.' The next day someone stole it!
They walk amongst us!



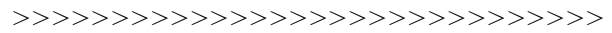
While looking at a house, my brother asked the Real Estate agent which direction was north because He didn't want the sun waking him up every morning. She asked, 'Does the sun rise in the north?' My brother explained that the sun rises in the east And has for sometime. She shook her head and said, 'Oh, I don't keep up with all that stuff.....'
They Walk Among Us!



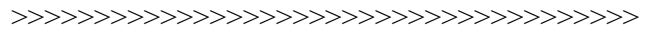
My colleague and I were eating our lunch in our cafeteria, when we overheard an admin girl talking about the sunburn she got on her weekend drive to the beach. She drove down in a convertible, but said she 'didn't think she'd get sunburned because the car was moving'.

They Walk Among Us!

 My sister has a lifesaving tool in her car which is designed to cut through a seat belt if she gets trapped. She keeps it in the car trunk.
They Walk Among Us!



A man was driving when he saw the flash of a traffic camera. He figured that his picture had been taken for exceeding the limit, even though he knew that he was not speeding... Just to be sure, he went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed. Now he began to think that this was quite funny, so he drove even slower as he passed the area again, but the traffic camera again flashed. He tried a fourth time with the same result.. He did this a fifth time and was now laughing when the camera flashed as he rolled past, this time at a snail's pace... Two weeks later, he got five tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt..
You can't fix stupid.



While working at a pizza parlor I observed a man ordering a small pizza to go. He appeared to be alone and the cook asked him if he would like it cut into 4 pieces or 6. He thought about it for some time then said 'Just cut it into 4 pieces; I don't think I'm hungry enough to eat 6 pieces.'
They Walk Among Us! Cont. by Bob Blake

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The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) programs are centered around classes developed and taught by members who volunteer their time and talents to share their knowledge, life passions, and interest with other members. The OLLI program also sponsors special events featuring noted authors, scholars, and experts in respected professional fields.

OLLI Leadership Council

Council Members

OLLI officers are part of the Leadership Council, which is the principal representative body of the OLLI membership.

Council Officers

President - Chuck Miceli
 1st Vice President - Mary Lou Reignier
 2nd Vice President - Delma Way
 Secretary -Toni Escott
 Assistant Secretary - Joyce Conlan



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Her mother worked in the family accounting firm with Milton, a CPA who was active in the Waterbury political community as well as in B'nai Shalom Synagogue, the center of the family's religious life. Longtime neighbor Evelyn Marshak said Pij was "content to be Milton's support team." After her dad's death, Merle said, the family was concerned about Pij but she adapted and found ways to continue leading a full and productive life.

Pij loved her children, Merle and Gene, and adored her four grandchildren. Pij was "in her glory" when her great-grandchild, a toddler, visited near the end of her life, Merle said. Pij also was an "adoptive grandparent" to pre-school children attending the local Yeshiva K'tana school for pre-K through eighth grade. Their actual grandparents lived too far away to come to school events. Many of the children's Jewish Orthodox parents moved to Waterbury to enroll their children in this school.

Merle said her mother was a happy woman. "When I retired, she was my best friend." Her mother took Merle to OLLI, exercise class – "everything." Pij herself took many classes at OLLI in a variety of subjects, including poetry. She indulged her love of mathematics in classes taught by Rosalie Griffin, a creative teacher who believes that studying that subject should be fun. Her last OLLI class was chair yoga.

She strove to stay active. Pij herself did weight training for fitness into her mid-80s, according to Evelyn Marshak, her neighbor of 58 years. An avid knitter, Pij knit with a group at St. John's Episcopal Church, Waterbury, making prayer shawls for cancer patients. After she moved to the Village at East Farms, Pij began a knitting group there. She

often visited the Yeshiva K'tana children in her role as honorary "bubby" (grandmother).

Evelyn remembers having many conversations with Pij "over the fence" in their backyards "where we would solve the problems of the world." A devoted gardener, Pij loved to share her abundance of produce, including her blueberries, cucumbers and tomatoes.

When OLLI opened its doors, Pij constantly recruited new members to benefit from the array of lifelong learning opportunities that bring so much intellectual stimulation to so many lives.

"When I retired from being a hospital volunteer, she saw her chance to lure me into the wonderful classes and activities at OLLI," Evelyn said. "When are you going to join?" Pij would ask. OLLI with its mission of providing lifelong learning opportunities meets an important need for intellectual stimulation, Evelyn noted.

Evelyn also spoke of her friend's courage during chemotherapy treatments. "I never knew how she could handle the numerous treatments, the hospitalizations, the doctor visits and the loss of use of her hand which meant no more knitting. I cannot say she ever complained", said Evelyn who often drove Pij to treatments.

While Allyne "Pij" (Cohen) Kadish is deeply missed by those who cherished her, she will be remembered as one who achieved many goals in life. "My mother finished everything she wanted to do," Merle said.

–Mary Ann Martin

FROM THE OLLI PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hello fellow OLLI at UCONN members. As the incoming OLLI President for the 2015/16 Academic Year, I wanted to take the opportunity to say hello and share some of my thoughts with you. First off, I would like to express what an honor it is to have been offered this position and to thank all of you who recommended me for it. I am humbled at the opportunity and committed to giving the marvelous OLLI program the time and energy it requires and deserves. I have already met a number of times with Brian Chapman, Aleta Staton and other OLLI staff to identify priorities and goals for the future, which I

would like to share with you now.

As I begin my duties, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous contributions of those who made this program possible and most of all right now, of Allyne "Pij" Kadish. I was not a member of OLLI at the beginning. Members like Pij worked with UCONN and OLLI administrators and staff and did the hard work of developing the program from a concept to a reality and we have all benefited from their hard work. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and loved ones as we remember what she has done for us. >>>pg. 6

There are three overall goals that will shape OLLI's future for some time to come, increasing the number and >variety of quality OLLI courses and instructors, the number of OLLI members and the amount of OLLI funding. Let me say a little about each here and the role you can play.

Increasing the number and variety of quality OLLI courses and instructors:

Certainly, OLLI courses and instructors are the lifeblood of the organization. It is what drives us to come to OLLI and compels us to stay. There are many other adult education and lifelong learning opportunities in our state. What I believe distinguishes our program from the rest is the depth and breadth of topics we offer, the expertise and quality of our instructors, and the tremendous infrastructure supplied to the program by UCONN Waterbury. We cannot hope to sustain this program without maintaining and expanding upon our course offerings and instructor pool and that is where you come in.

Is there a course you have been anxious to see offered but haven't? Tell us about it. Describe it as best you can or point it out in a catalog, newsletter or course syllabus you have seen. Please don't assume we should know, because without you telling us, chances are we won't.

Are there instructors you have had at an adult education course, library or senior center who you think were wonderful? Approach them and tell them about OLLI. Give them a course catalog and ask them to contact us or tell us about them and give us the contact information. Don't worry about feeling like you are "stealing" them from someone else's program. Most likely, they will have the time to do both and will be happy for the opportunity.

Increasing the number of OLLI members: If we are offering a large variety of quality courses taught by experienced and talented instructors that will make the OLLI program worthy of people's attention, but only if they hear about it. The OLLI administrators and staff spend a great deal of time putting together press releases, speaking engagements, responding to interview requests, and creating quality advertising and marketing materials, but the best advertising remains word-of-mouth, and that is where you come in again.

What happens at OLLI Doesn't stay at OLLI. Do you frequent places where active and engaged mature learners frequent, be it a business office, school, library, or medical or professional office? If so, you could ask about dropping off OLLI catalogs or informational brochures.

Each One Reach One. Do you know people who might enjoy taking an OLLI course? Give them information on the program and discuss your experi-

ences. For most of us, that is how we found out about OLLI. Better yet, if you are taking an OLLI course you are enjoying and there are empty seats in the room, ask the instructor if you can invite your friend(s) to sit in on one of the classes (I have already discussed this with Brian and Aleta and they are supportive of the idea.) OLLI currently has over 700 members. If each of us got one additional person to join, we would double that number and help ensure the program's future.

There is Strength in Our Diversity. Over the next year, we hope to reach out to the wider community and offer courses to currently underserved populations. We welcome your suggestions on how we can accomplish this important initiative. You will also hear about opportunities to collaborate with the UCONN student populations on cross-generation initiatives. This is exciting stuff!

Increasing OLLI funding: Few people like to talk about fundraising and that includes me, but the reality is that quality programs like OLLI require money to survive and membership dues do not cover all of the expenses involved. If they did, the cost would be prohibitive. For evidence of this, all you need do is to look toward the on-going debate over college tuition. By any measure, OLLI is a bargain. In fact, you could pay for your annual membership, take multiple courses, attend all of the OLLI Café presentations and special events and still pay less than many people do for a single month's cable television bill!

No one at OLLI / UCONN would want someone to be denied the opportunity to attend because of financial hardship, but the reality is that some of us are better off financially than others, at least at times. If you are fortunate enough to be in that position, please thoughtfully consider when you receive an offer to contribute to the UCONN foundation. If possible, make as generous a donation as practical within your means and direct all or part of your contribution to the OLLI program. In that way, we can keep the costs affordable for everyone who wants to attend OLLI now and in the future.

Important: The attainment of these goals are also linked to the possibility of additional funding through the Osher Foundation, which, in turn, will help assure the growth and development of the program.

And Finally: I and the other members of the OLLI Leadership Council are OLLI members, just like you. We represent your interests to the college administration and staff and we need and welcome your input. Talk to us. Share your thoughts, ideas and recommendations. Working together, we can keep OLLI vibrant and growing well into the future. I look forward to serving you toward achieving that goal. Warmest Regards, **Chuck Miceli**