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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

OLLI

CELEBRATING TEN YEARS

AND

LOOKING FORWARD TO MANY MORE!
PHILOSOPHY

GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:
1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:
1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jello to a tree.
2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD
1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

"Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
Life is beauty, admire it.
Life is a dream, realize it.
Life is a challenge; meet it.
Life is a duty; complete it.
Life is a game; play it.
Life is a promise; fulfill it.
Life is sorrow; overcome it.
Life is a song; sing it.
Life is a struggle; accept it.
Life is a tragedy; confront it.
Life is an adventure; dare it.
Life is luck; make it.
Life is life; fight for it."

~ Mother Teresa

Contributed by Delma Way

"Find what you love and do it."

The Newsletter wishes to thank all its readers and contributors for their comments and suggestions. We would remind those who may have missed an issue to go online to find it. OLLI newsletters are available on our web page at http://olli.uconn.edu/weekly-newsletters/ We are always looking for contributions.

Voices and Visions suggests those who wish to contribute to the 2017 edition should do so before June 15. Forms are available in the office.
April 28

10th Anniversary Celebration!
12:00 - 1:00: Food/Refreshments & Music (Live Band - Raging Gracefully)

1:00 - 1:30: Acknowledgements & Announcement of Leadership Council members

1:30 - 2:15: Keynote Presentation: Dr. Laura Donorfio

2:15 - 2:30: Final Remarks

So Many things to Take In on a Trip to Lake George and Saratoga Springs
Sept. 22nd – 24th, 2017, Member Price- $463pp – double/triple

Celebrate the first day of Fall (Sept 22nd) by traveling north with OLLI on an overnight trip to upper NY state. Venture into the heart of the Adirondack Mountains to enjoy a plethora of activities, scenery, and history on land and water – and an excellent chance of seeing it during peak foliage season for the area.

On our way to Lake George, we will make a stop in Albany, the state capital, to visit the NY STATE MUSEUM. Originally the museum, founded in 1836, was started by Governor William Marcy for the purpose of conducting “a grand and comprehensive collection of the natural productions of the State of New York to exhibit under one roof its animal, mineral and vegetable wealth”. It has morphed into a major research and educational institution with collections dedicated to preserving New York State’s rich artistic, social, historical, and environmental legacies under the leadership of the New York State Education Department. It houses exhibits on Native Americans of the area, animal life, Paleontology, Archaeology, and more modern exhibits on various aspects of the World Trade Center Disaster of 9/11 to name only a few.

Our trip continues to Lake George where we stay for 2 nights at the Comfort Suites Hotel with a Welcome Dinner on our first night. The next day we rise bright and early to take in the 6:30am launch of 90+ colorful hot air balloons at the ADIRONDACK HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL. Make sure to have your cameras ready! At the field there will be various vendors from which to choose your breakfast fare while you are watching the breathtaking site. As afternoon arrives, enjoy lunch and shopping in quaint Lake George Village and join our local guide for a TOUR OF LAKE GEORGE learning about its history, geology, and French Indian War. In the evening we will enjoy a leisurely cruise on the steamboat LAC DU SAINT SACREMENT for a view of Lake George and the Adirondacks from the water all while having a hearty dinner and entertainment onboard.

On Day 3, on our southbound trip home, we will stop at Saratoga Springs where we will have a HEALTH, HISTORY & HOUSES CITY TOUR OF SARATOGA SPRINGS by a local guide. Our guide will highlight the famous sites of the Saratoga Race Track, Congress Park and Broadway. Learn the history of these sites and of the “Great Ladies” (the original name for Victorian Houses) and the families that built them. Taste test two world-famous mineral springs. Enjoy time on own to explore downtown Saratoga for lunch and shopping before we head for home with memories of our colorful weekend.

For more information on this trip, flyers are available at the OLLI Information Table. For reservations, call Friendship Tours at 1-800-243-1630 and ask about OLLI at Waterbury UCONN’s overnight trips. Non-members are also invited at an added charge of $20pp. Hope to see you there!
It's my wife's birthday tomorrow. Last week I asked her what she wanted as a present. "Oh, I don't know," she said. "Just give me something with diamonds."
That's why I'm giving her a pack of playing cards.

Lawyer: "Now that you have been acquitted, will you tell me truly? Did you steal the car?"
Client: "After hearing your amazing argument in court this morning, I'm beginning to think I didn't."

Little Johnny's teacher asked, "George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted doing it. Do any of you know why his father didn't punish him?"
Little Johnny replies, "Because George was the one holding the ax?"

A second-grader came home from school and said to her mother, "Mom, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The mother more than a little surprised, and trying to keep cool. "That's interesting," she said, "how do you make babies?"
It's simple," replied the girl. You just change Y to I and add ES."

A shopkeeper was dismayed when a brand business much like his own opened next door and erected a huge sign which read BEST DEALS.
He was horrified when another competitor opened up on his right, and announced its arrival with an even larger sign reading LOWEST PRICES.
The shopkeeper panicked. But then, he put the biggest sign of all over his own shop. It read MAIN ENTRANCE

A woman and her husband interrupted their vacation to go to the dentist. "I wanted a tooth pulled, and I don't want any Novocain because I am in a big hurry," she said. "Just extract the tooth as quickly as possible, and we will be on our way." The dentist was quite impressed. "You're certainly a courageous woman," he said. "Which tooth is it?" The woman turned to her husband and said, "Show him your tooth, dear"

I was at the pub the other night and overheard three very hefty women talking at the bar. Their accent appeared to be Gaelic, so I approached and asked, "Hello, are you three lassies from Ireland?"
One of them angrily screeched, "It's Wales, Wales you bloody idiot!"
So I apologized and replied, "I am so sorry. Are you three whales from Ireland?"
And that's the last thing I remember!

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OLLI artBeat

Summer in the City

By Mary Fitzpatrick Peitler

Well, with a combined sense of sadness and relief I write my last OLLI artBeat column for this academic year. While I have confined my musings mostly to Connecticut, I want to leave you with some ideas for things to do in New York City this summer while we are on break. I am a native New Yorker and admit that after I moved to New Milford in 1975 I didn’t go back for many years. Now, however, I relish my visits for plays, museums, restaurants, and even TV tapings. New York is much cleaner and safer than it was 40 years ago and I encourage you to visit. During the summer it is less crowded as city dwellers flee to the Hamptons, etc. By all means, check out the many internet sites on things to do in New York. Here are a few of my suggestions:

Kids (and other animal lovers): The Bronx Zoo – take the grandchildren (or great grandchildren!) If you haven’t been in decades you are in for a treat – much cleaner, expanded, many more special exhibits for all ages.

Art: The Metropolitan – there are always multiple temporary exhibits at the Met – an interesting one right now is “Paradise of Exiles: Early Photography in Italy,” a display of Italian photographs (1839-1871). Some of photography’s earliest practitioners traveled to Italy to capture its monuments and topography. At the same time Italians themselves adopted daguerreotypes and paper negatives to represent their culture and society during a period of political upheaval. Also at the Met this summer is “Age of Empire” Chinese Art of the Qin and Han Dynasties (221 BC – 222 AD).

Drama: Shakespeare in the Park – “Julius Caesar” May 23 – June 18, and “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” July 11 – August 13 are this year’s offerings. FREE! The 1800 seat open air Delacorte Theater in Central Park features day of ticket distribution beginning at 10 am as well as an online lottery (night before) for tickets. Or, if you have recently won the Connecticut lottery, I recommend getting Broadway tickets to see Sally Field in “The Glass Menagerie” and/or Bette Midler in “Hello Dolly.”

Dance: Midsummer Night’s Swing at Lincoln Center’s Damrosch Park from June 21 – July 9. Your evening begins with dance lessons from the masters, then live music fills the open-air plaza and you can try out your smooth new moves! Dance genres vary by night from big band swing to disco to Latin.

Music: “Mostly Mozart” celebrates 50 years this year at Lincoln Center with an ambitious roster of 50 premieres. The Mark Morris Dance Group will return August 24-27 to perform its Mozart Dances.

International: Calling all Francophiles! Celebrate the 228th anniversary of Bastille Day on Sunday July 9. This festival of French food and culture takes place at 60th Street between Fifth and Lexington.

Of course, there are the de rigueur tourist attractions like Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick’s Cathedral, The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Boat Trips, and now the 9/11 Memorial. All are great summer day or weekend trips. And from street vendors and food carts to Irish pubs to Four Star restaurants, you won’t go hungry in New York!

Enjoy your summer, and keep me in mind for columns for the fall. If you find something wonderful which I can preview for OLLI members, please email me at berryfitzp@gmail.com. It’ll be September before we know it!
Music has been an important part of Richard Fogg’s life since his mother sent him and his younger sister to dancing lessons when he was a child.

The Fogg siblings “really took to it” and soon performed as a dance team in a major recital at the old State Theater in Manchester. They even appeared on black and white TV in a local show called Kitdoodle.

The show was on WNHC Channel 6, the first television station in Connecticut that later became WTNH, Channel 8. Richard’s sister Donna continues to dance and appears on-stage in recitals in the Tolland-Vernon area.

Richard also took private singing lessons which he so enjoyed that he sings to this day in area musical theatre productions as well as in his church, the First Congregational Church of Watertown.

Non-singing roles included playing “the butler” in the Sound of Music, produced by the former Civic Theater of Waterbury at Kennedy High School. He was cast as a butler again in a production of Charlie’s Aunt, also a Civic Theater production.

While those were non-singing roles, Richard has been in the chorus of several musicals produced in the area. He remembers fondly his song and dance routine when he performed in “Once in Love with Amy” as part of a 2004 production, Showstoppers, at Seven Angels Theater. The show celebrated Broadway musicals that had been performed on the Seven Angels stage in Waterbury.

Richard is a graduate of the University of Connecticut, where he met his wife Joan. He also holds a master’s degree from Western Connecticut State University.

In the summers of his college years, he worked at various jobs. One was selling encyclopedias. After trying this briefly and making one sale, Richard decided the world of sales wasn’t for him.

He had a better experience during two summers working for the U.S. Forest Service in Wyoming. This required him to learn how to use a double bit ax to cut down trees but he was working in a place that was “truly beautiful; God’s country.”

The Forest Service sent him to Carbon County, Hanna, WY. Hanna is an old mining town, once used as a coal supply location for the Union Pacific Railroad. When Richard worked in the area, the streets were still laden with coal dust.

The job Richard had entailed marking out an area where certain trees in the forest were to be left to grow eight feet apart. Trees and brush in the intervening spaces were to be cut down. Thus, the double bit ax as a tool. Loggers weren’t allowed to touch trees that were identified as trees to be left to grow.

After college, Richard taught elementary school pupils in Waterbury from 1964 through 1995. Eventually, encouraged by his friend Bob Blake, he took a class at the newly-founded OLLI. Classmates watched silent films featuring Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplin and brought in jokes to amuse each other.

Among his favorite OLLI classes were those taught by Sue Matuski, a noted cabaret singer who has performed at such places as Birdland and the Village Gate in New York. She taught acting and cabaret singing at OLLI for several years. “Sue said I was her medley man,” Richard recalls.

Richard is very proud of being a member of Mensa, which is open to people who score at the 98th percentile or higher on a standardized, supervised IQ or other approved test, according to Wikipedia. Its mission includes fostering intelligence for the benefit of humanity and encouraging research into the nature and uses of intelligence and providing stimulating intellectual and social environment for members.

He also is proud of having served on the OLLI Leadership Council, including two years as President. He hopes to continue to encourage more people to join OLLI and benefit from its exciting programs.

–Mary Ann Martin