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## MONTHLY MEETING

### Offshore Outposts

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

MOVED ONLINE



The most desolate duty stations for lighthouse keepers were in the middle of the Great Lakes, marking underwater mountains that rose up from the

depths to snag unknowing schooners and steamers. Marking these obstructions took innovation and unprecedented amounts of money, and men had to stay on post to make sure the lights were lit at night. Ric Mixer, a former president of the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association, provides insight into the crews that stayed at Stannard Rock, Spectacle Reef, Huron Island and DeTour Reef. He shares incredible stories of rescues, including the explosion at Stannard that took one Coast Guardsman's life. Also included is video of how the lights look today, and what their current mission is.

Must RSVP/register online at [svsu.edu/olli](http://svsu.edu/olli) for access via Zoom. Free for members.

## NOTES & NEWS

- OLLI continues to strive to keep everyone engaged, for a complete list of up to date programming and events, please check our website or call the office. For community events, please check online for information.
- While the weather is still warm, check out the Art and About Seward Johnson Sculptures in Downtown Saginaw. Meet 11 life-size sculptures of people in their daily activities. For a map of locations visit the Art and About Facebook Page.
- Local farmer's markets are currently in full swing with lots of produce and locally made products. Check out the Saginaw, Midland, Frankenmuth or your local market.
- 9/1 OLLI Fall Semester Begins.

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## WEIRD LAWS

In Connecticut a Pickle  
Must Be Able to Bounce.

## IMPORTANT DATES

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|------------------------|---|
| August 20              | Fall Registration Begins—New Registration Day!<br><i>Keep an eye on the OLLI website for details.</i> |
| Wednesday, September 9 | Monthly Meeting: Steve Thaxton of the Osher National Resource Center<br><i>Online</i>                 |
| Wednesday, October 14  | Monthly Meeting: Greg Bodaker on Birding<br><i>Online</i>   |

## CHAIR'S NOTE



“Hello and greetings to OLLI members and friends. It is GREAT to see all of you for our August monthly membership meeting.” That is

how I planned to greet you at our first meeting of the new year as I begin my two-year term as Advisory Board Chairman. However, you and I will not be in person at the August meeting. But please join us online for a wonderful presentation by a personal friend of mine, Ric Mixer. Be sure to sign up for the meeting and you will receive a zoom invite. Ric has lived a life of adventure and I know he will have some exciting stories for us. It seems that last March COVID-19 entered our lives and it has been a different world. To those that have wondered what has happened to OLLI, I can tell you that OLLI is alive and moving forward thanks to our staff. Sue Brasseur, who oversees the Continuing Ed and OLLI, has worked regularly with our staff, Dr. Katherine Ellison, director, Shelly Wegner, associate director, and our two office managers, Debbie and Connie. Thank you, thank you, thank you for keeping us all together in these uncertain times. There is no doubt that OLLI is changing, but one thing for certain OLLI is not going away. Under the leadership of these five people along with the many volunteers that give so much time to OLLI, the future is in good hands. Let me encourage all of our members to remain positive and supportive.

We have one very tangible way that we can all show our support for our OLLI. The year ahead is our 20th anniversary year. Prior to March plans were being made for a great year of celebration. Those plans are being adjusted but not forgotten. Do you want to invest in our future and celebrate with us? OLLI is sponsoring a \$20 for 20 campaign. If all members could contribute \$20 as an anniversary celebration gift, it would help

with the financial burden that this crisis has created for OLLI. All you need to do is go to the OLLI web site where you sign up for classes and find the \$20 for 20 spot. Sign up for it like you would a class. And if you are feeling extra generous you can scroll down past the \$20 spot and select an amount that you would like to give. OLLI needs your support now. Our program is self-supporting. We do not receive funds from the University. And obviously our income has been cut with the cancellation of trips and classes for the past five months. We have the chance to show our staff, the University, the national OLLI Foundation, our community, and each other just how important OLLI is to all us. Join me at the \$20 for 20 donation site. We enter our 20th year with a bit of confusion. How we end our 20th year and move into the future is up to all of us. From your advisory board, thanks for your support.

—Roger Spann, Advisory Board Chair



## HELP YOUR OLLI

OLLI's look and feel may have changed this fall, but we are still the member-driven, volunteer-based organization that you know and love! At OLLI, we continue to value high standards of program excellence with an emphasis on educational and social enrichment, volunteerism, fiscal sustainability, a diverse membership, mutual respect, and member safety. This includes a full slate of exciting classes and opportunities this fall with new options just for you—in-person or online to fit your needs.

In today's environment, so many things have changed, but OLLI remains *your* organization dedicated to providing educational and social opportunities for all our members aged 50 and better. We need your support. Consider renewing your membership online, via phone, or through our new curbside service, available from 10 a.m. until Noon on weekdays in front of Curtiss Hall. We would love to see you and answer any questions or address any concerns you may have.

See the included flier for all the details on renewal and donations.

## CAMPUS SAFETY PRACTICES



When you return to campus this fall you will see several signs posted around buildings and classrooms to remind you of safe social distancing and cleanliness practices.

*Be sure to follow the 5 required practices to keep our campus safer:*

- 1. Daily Health Screening**—Each day before you leave home, check your temperature, assess for symptoms (chills, cough, sore throat, etc.) If you have a fever, display symptoms or have been in close contact with a confirmed/probably COVID-19 case, do not come to campus. Seek medical attention.
- 2. Masks/Face Coverings**—Masks/face coverings are required to minimize the spread of COVID-19 within the Cardinal family.
- 3. Physical/Social Distancing**—Always maintain a distance of at least 6 feet between you and others, both indoors and outdoors.
- 4. Hand Washing/Sanitizing**—Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water several times a day. Use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available. Keep your hands from touching the front or inside of your mask and do not touch your face.
- 5. Be Considerate of Others**—Remember we are all in this together and must share responsibility for keeping each other healthy. Please follow these practices.

## OLLI GOES LOCAL

Many of you enjoy our OLLI day trips, but with things still unpredictable as far as travel, capacity, and performances are concerned, we decided to keep it local for fall.

Enjoy the same standards as a regular OLLI day trip but with local “meet and learn” options that focus on bringing the magic of your own backyard to life. Visit Great Lakes Bay Region locations, organizations, and events in a whole new way—with OLLI! If you have participated in our “Opening Doors” series, you are already familiar with this popular format.

Keep an eye on your fall schedules for these special local trips and join us for an adventure in your own community.



## FLEXIBLE FALL

You won't be receiving your regular fall catalog in the mail this year. Instead, look for inserts in your OLLI newsletters and on our website for fall classes—month by month.

This fall, we are introducing our “flexible fall” programming on a month by month basis so that members and instructors can be rest assured that OLLI can change as needed with the current circumstances and guidelines. We want you, our instructors, and our staff to be safe!

Most of our classes will offer both traditional in-person classes in smaller numbers, following social distancing guidelines, and an *online option*.

*This is YOUR OLLI*—learn the way you want to.

Registration for September opens on August 20th—courses will be desig-



nated as “in-person” with a room number, “online,” or *both*. If there are multiple options for a class, they will be listed under separate course numbers.

## ADVISORY BOARD

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## MEMBERS ONLY PROGRAMMING

Here at OLLI we know our members are a special group of people. That's why this fall we are offering programming for *members only*. You will not see the “non-member” rates listed for our courses or trips. During quarantine, we decided to take a step back and *really* focus on our members. We wanted to make sure that valuable class and trip space was reserved for you! What happens if your friend wants to take a class with you and isn't a member? Online options on many fall courses allow friends and family to join as OLLI members even if they don't live close and still access much of our programming, so we suggest they join us! There's really no reason not to join our OLLI now!



## NEWSLETTER

“The Adventurer” is published monthly for SVSU-OLLI members at Saginaw Valley State University. Reprints of this newsletter may be obtained by calling 989.964.4475.

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## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

It's hard to believe that it's already August and time to renew your OLLI membership! The staff here has worked *very hard* from various locations—home, office, car—to make this fall *not only happen*, but maintain the same high quality OLLI standard as previous, ordinary semesters. We all know this is no ordinary year—but that just made us want to make our programs that much better. We have lots of options for fall. This is YOUR OLLI—do it your way! Choose to take classes in person or online; choose what you do one month at a time; enjoy programs with other members *only*; and feel safe and secure in the fact that OLLI and SVSU has your safety and health in mind in everything we do. We're excited to introduce this new and improved semester and get your feedback. Hope to see you soon!



## CLASS HIGHLIGHT

### (317) Accessibility Tools

Do you have trouble using your computer because of a disability? Windows offers several accessibility tools to make your computer easier to utilize. Magnification, narration, on screen keyboards, and speech recognition are just some of the tools available for the user in need. Join us for this introductory class to learn how to use these tools and more.

**Instructor: Gary Holik**  
**Monday • 8/31**  
**6 p.m. via Zoom**

**Price: \$24 for members**  
**\$44 for non-members**

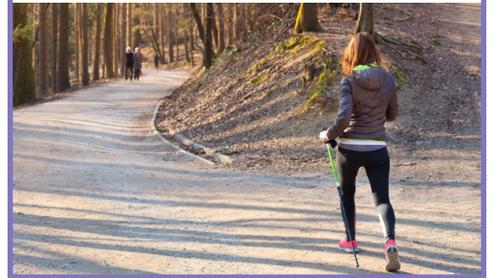


## TRAVEL HIGHLIGHT

### Walk with OLLI

It may not be the type of day trip that you are used to, but it is a chance to get out and socialize with your OLLI friends in a safe, outdoor environment! Join OLLI every Thursday for a walk with friends. Get a chance to see what other people have been doing during their time at home. Staff will lead the walk for varied distances depending on participant capability. Please check weekly emails for that week's location and time and be sure to pre-register online or by calling the OLLI office.

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