

the Adventurer



Continuing this *Adventure* called *Life!*

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Monthly Highlights

■ All our Winter day trips still have room, but don't delay because our trips usually fill up. Call 964-4475 to reserve your spot. Details about our February trips are inside this newsletter.

■ OLLI is planning a seven-day trip to Charleston, Savannah & Jekyll Island in mid-October. Look for complete details in our March newsletter!

■ OLLI's Tai Chi instructor, Jim Bush is hosting a Tai Chi Festival on Saturday, February 6. The program is suitable for beginners and more advanced practitioners. It costs only \$30 and that includes lunch. Check the OLLI website for details or call 964-4475.

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SVSU OLLI Monthly Meeting Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms, Saginaw Valley State University

Social Networking: Should You Jump on Board?

Presented by: Terry King, CEO of Action Leaders, Inc.

8:45 a.m. Registration, Socializing & Continental Breakfast
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Announcements & Program

Do you think Twitter, Facebook, MySpace and YouTube are just for kids? Consider this statistic: the fastest growing segment on Facebook is females 55 plus, and the reason is they want to engage with their sons and daughters and also their grandchildren. Here are some other interesting facts from the video "Social Media Revolution":



- One out of every eight couples married in the U.S. in 2008 met via social media.
- 80% of companies use LinkedIn as a primary tool to find employees.
- Ashton Kutcher and Ellen Degeneres (combined) have more Twitter followers than the population of Ireland, Norway, or Panama.
- 78% of consumers trust peer recommendations and only 14% trust advertisements.
- 35% of book sales on Amazon are for the Kindle, when available.



So how do these sites work? Should you make the leap? At our February meeting, you will learn more about social media and how it may improve your ability to connect and reconnect with family and friends. This will be an informative, and humorous look at social networking.

Our speaker will be Terry King, CEO of Action Leaders, Inc., a consulting, training and coaching organization that helps individuals, boards, and small businesses transform themselves into vibrant, self-confident, values-driven achievers. Before establishing his company, Terry spent nine years in human resources, as well as five years as a paramedic. He also has nine years experience in customer service management.

*Meeting Sponsor: Gardey Financial Advisors
Community Volunteer Spotlight: CAN Council*

Upcoming Monthly Meetings

Wednesday, March 10

The Michigan Film Office:
You Bring the Story - They'll Take Care of the Rest
Presented by Ken Droz, Communications Manager

Wednesday, April 14

Michigan in the Civil War
Presented by Al & Dave Eicher, Program Source International

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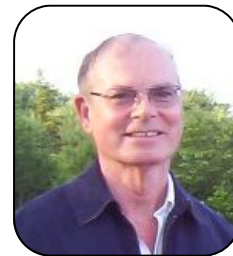
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Greetings Fellow OLLI Members

What is there to say about February--our shortest and most snow-bound month of the year? Even its pronunciation gives us pause: feb-you-ary is just as acceptable as feb-ru-ary according to most dictionaries. If we can blithely drop that first "d" in Wednesday when we speak, it should come as no surprise that we casually drop the first "r" in February as well.



We celebrate two of most revered presidents in February by combining their birthdates into a business holiday and call it President's Day. Also, we have St. Valentine's Day although the saint part has been largely forgotten. But Groundhog's Day on Feb. 2 is the highlight of the month--at least for me.

For the past several years I have been mulling over why this day captures my interest. Is it because my college major decades ago was zoology? Is it because so few animals are accorded a day of their own? (Albeit we do have "Turkey Day.") Is it because Puxatawny Phil has become elevated to the status of nature's soothsayer? Maybe it is the quixotic aspect of this special day--all those reporters and Pennsylvanian gentlemen huddled over an opening in the ground waiting for a fur ball to appear and blink dazedly in the snow-cast gloom.

None of these reasons measures up. For me Groundhog's Day foreshadows things to come--a promise of what the future can be--sunlit pathways, vitality and growth. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at SVSU holds that same sort of promise--sunshine in our lives if we venture out of our burrows to try new activities, meet new people and become more imaginative.

Learning is so much fun because it is never-ending--a process--not a destination. Take advantage of your OLLI membership. Resolve to avail yourself of more OLLI opportunities whether they be classes, travel, interest groups, or getting to know your neighbors at monthly meetings. Hibernation during grim winter weeks need not be your fate. Enlightening experiences in the OLLI-SVSU community await. Welcome!

Yours truly in our mutual lifelong learning journey,
 Bob Enszer, OLLI Advisory Board chairperson

New Members

Linda Carey	Midland
Ida Coonan	Saginaw
Mary Kay Knoerr	Freeland
Lyle Knoerr	Freeland
Anne Kukla	Bay City
Nancy Lee	Saginaw
Betty Marx	Saginaw
Sara Miller	Midland
Jacqueline Morse	Midland
Anne Olson	Essexville
Jane Peters	Saginaw
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Robert Van Auken	Saginaw
Betty Vargas	Saginaw
Pat Washburn	Saginaw
Liza Webb	Saginaw
Margie White	Saginaw
Laura Witczak	Pigeon

Curriculum Committee



The curriculum committee meets quarterly and helps plan OLLI classes. Members are currently planning the OLLI Spring class schedule.

Curriculum Committee Members:
Beth Ann Young (Chair), Tom Bingham, Joe Bogar, Pat Bourdow, George McPeak, Rosemary Kohut, Maggie Kempf, Dan Kempf, Jim Lee, Barb Mitchell & Roberta Selman

Winter Escapes with OLLI Friends

Gourmet Food Trip

Our stops will include Nino Salvaggio's in Troy, Papa Joe's and the Whole Foods Market in Rochester, and Trader Joe's in Rochester Hills. We'll enjoy lunch at The Hills Bar & Grill which is located in Papa Joe's Plaza. There will be plenty of room under the motorcoach for all your purchases, and since the weather will likely be chilly in February, you won't even need a cooler. The trip includes lunch, and deluxe motorcoach transportation from SVSU.

Date: Wednesday, February 17 • 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
\$69 Members; \$89 Non-Members



This nostalgic and energetic musical will take you back to the 1958 Springfield High School prom where we meet the Wonderettes - Betty Jean, Cindy Lou, Missy and Suzy, four girls with hopes and dreams as big as their crinoline skirts and voices to match. As we learn about their lives and loves, we are treated to the girls beautifully arranged renditions of classic 50s songs. Our package includes main floor seating for the 3 p.m. show; dinner after the show at the Century Grille Restaurant; deluxe motorcoach transportation from SVSU and snacks on the bus.

Date: Saturday, February 27 • Noon - 9 p.m.
\$109 Members; \$129 Non-Members

Toledo Museum of Art

The Toledo Museum of Art collection of more than 30,000 works of art ranks among the finest in the United States with more than 35 galleries. Our visit will include a docent-led tour of both the art gallery and the glass pavilion. You will also enjoy a glassblowing demonstration, and your choice of one of the museum's gourmet box lunches. Our package includes admission to the museum and the docent-led tours; lunch; deluxe motorcoach transportation from SVSU and snacks on the bus.

Date: Wednesday, March 17 • 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
\$74 Members; \$94 Non-Members



Interest Groups Activities

The **Dinner Group** will meet at the Lucky's Restaurant, 2864 E. Wilder Road, Bay City on Thursday, February 4 at 5:30 p.m. Contact Luci Martin at 684-6997 or imlmbcm@earthlink.com. The **Lunch Group** will meet on Friday, February 19 at Oasis Lounge, 1913 Kosciuszko Avenue, Bay City at 12:30 p.m. Contact Beth Ann Young at 793-7003 or bayreaderus@yahoo.com.

The **Writing Group** will meet on the third Thursday, February 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the OLLI Conference Room (C142). Contact Lew Drake at lewdrake@chartermi.net or 792-1314. The **Knitting Group** meets every Wednesday morning at 10 a.m., except when there is a monthly meeting. Contact Barb Weadock at 792-8839.

The **Board Games and Cards Group** meets at 2 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Contact Jan Sage for location at (989)871-3758. The **Bridge Group** meets on Fridays at 1 p.m. in Curtiss 143. Contact Alice Webster-Wood to learn more at 684-7802 or websterwood@hotmail.com.

The **Pickleball Group** is currently trying to schedule indoor play in the Ryder Center for winter. Contact Gary & Lynn Johnson for additional information at (989)895-5649. The **Flora and Fauna Group** will meet on Tuesday, February 16, contact Rosemary Moon for time & details at 781-0921 or roseron@sbcglobal.net.

The **Theatre Group** will go to the Van Buren Theatre in Bay City on February 20 for dinner and to see the comedy *Sylvia* about a couple who are having disagreements over their dog. Contact Bonnie Rowell at bjrowell43@yahoo.com or call her (989)799-3102 for information. The **Digital Photography Group** will meet on Friday, Feb. 5. Watch for updates on the OLLI website message board or contact Jim Eckerman jim71170@yahoo.com or 781-0038.

The **Buddhist Psychology Group** will meet on Friday, February 5 at 10 a.m. in C140. Dr. Eric De Vos, SVSU psychology professor leads the discussion. The **Gardening Group** will not meet in February, for group information contact Crystal Kauer at cmkauer@chartermi.net or call 792-6874.



2009 Bridge Group Award Winners:
Jim LaRue, Melvin Van Ochten, Shirley McCutchen and Betty Ujevich for recognition of achieving the highest weekly Bridge score (4) times in 2009.



OLLI's Follies

The new OLLI singing group debuted at the Bridge Christmas lunch. Members singing included Phyllis Shlein, Nona Simnitch, Elizabeth Nutt, Bev McFarland, Elaine Embrey, Ron Embrey, Arlene Maczik, Kathy Tinglan, Leonard Lusk-haitis, Priscilla Kreh, Marilynne A. Gauthier, Linda Rebney and leader Rosemary Kohut.

SVSU-OLLI Adverse Weather Policy

Remember - if the SVSU campus is closed, our OLLI classes, trips and meetings are also cancelled! Either listen to the radio or television, or call the SVSU weather line for updates: 964-4477, or from Midland, 695-5325, ext. 4477.

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