**Monthly Highlights**

- There are still a few spots left for our January, 2015 trip to San Diego. Call the OLLI office at 964-4475 if you would like to be sent a brochure.

- Look for the OLLI Fall Catalog in your email the evening of August 1. The office will be open for registrations Monday, August 4 at 8 a.m.

- On July 14 the OLLI Gardening Interest Group had the pleasure of judging the individual gardens which are tended by different groups or families at the Saginaw Children’s Zoo.

- There is still room on our May, 2015 Great Rivers of Europe river cruise which travels from Amsterdam to Vienna. Call the OLLI office for details.

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**SVSU Gerstacker Fellows Examine Education Systems in High-Performing Nations**

*Moderators: Dr. Robert Maurovich and Mrs. Carolyn Wierda, Co-Directors of the Gerstacker Fellowship Program*

**OLLI Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 20, 2014**

**SVSU, Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms**

8:45 a.m. Registration, Socializing & Continental Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Welcome, Announcements & Program

Each summer approximately twelve top K-12 educators from across Michigan travel overseas and visit schools in a high-performing nation. The trip, and leadership training beforehand, is funded by an endowment from the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation of Midland. The program is administered by SVSU and the participants are called Gerstacker Fellows. At our August meeting, a panel of Gerstacker Fellows will discuss their experience and how the schools they visited differ from American schools.

Panel members will include:

- Mr. James Bailey, Principal, Hemmeter Elementary School, Saginaw Township Community Schools
- Mr. Craig Carmoney, Superintendent, Meridian Public Schools
- Dr. Robert Shaner, Superintendent, Rochester Community Schools
- Mrs. Adele Martin, Principal, Frankenmuth Elementary School, Frankenmuth School District
- Mr. Patrick Schultz, Teacher, Bay Arenac Career Center, Bay-Arenac ISD

**Meeting Sponsor:** Saginaw Art Museum

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**Upcoming Events & Monthly Meetings**

- **August 29**: Friday Movie: *Forrest Gump* (1994) @ 2 p.m. C100
- **September 6**: SVSU Football Game and Tailgate *(Tailgate begins at 5:30 p.m.)*
- **September 10**: September Monthly Meeting & Fall Kick-Off
- **October 8**: Monthly Meeting: Maximize your Medicare
- **October 31**: OLLI Technology Conference
Greetings Fellow OLLI Members!

Welcome fellow lifelong learners to the August Adventurer. As your new chair for the 2015-2017 term I would like to introduce myself.

I was born in Bay City, graduated from SVSU (BS Biology/Chemistry). I think there were only two or three buildings on campus at the time I attended. After graduation, my wife and I moved to Louisiana where I worked for Dow Chemical. There we started our family but eventually moved back to Michigan to raise them in Midland. We have three grown sons and four of the smartest and handsomest grandsons there ever was.

Just before retiring (37 years) from Dow Chemical, I obtained a Masters Degree in Humanities from Central Michigan University to round out my education and pursue subjects of interest. Soon after retiring, I was asked by an OLLI member to teach a class. The rest is history. I enjoyed the effort so much that I continued to offer classes and was asked to sit on the Advisory Board as a Member At Large and as a member of the Curriculum Committee. I was honored when I was asked to serve as Vice Chair, then Chair of this wonderful organization.

Our OLLI is one of the best in the nation and our members are all above average. Our OLLI offers so much and is member and volunteer driven, which is why it works so well.

Lifelong learning which includes: classes, travel, socializing and healthful activities is essential to a bright and lively lifestyle. Without it, we succumb to the day to day and just accept what comes at us. After we have built our lives, and have often times sacrificed our own desires and talents in the name of that effort, it is now time to be a little selfish and pursue our interests. It is also a time to be grateful for all that we have accomplished and a time to give back by volunteering and participating in life around us. OLLI is a excellent vehicle to do that.

I am looking forward to serving you as Chair of the Advisory Board and participating in the continued growth and excellence of our OLLI organization.

Yours in Lifelong Learning,
Steven Parkhurst

Welcome New Members

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OLLI Memorial Garden Taking Shape

Thanks to the hard work of a number of our members, the OLLI Memorial Garden is starting to come to life! In the past year, 276 native flowers, bushes and trees have been planted on our half-acre site. In addition, a mulch path has been laid and water has been piped to the site. Within the next few months, we plan to erect a pergola, signage and plant a few more trees.

So where is the garden? If you park at the northeast corner of Lot H, you will notice a dirt path which begins there and goes directly east toward campus housing. The path takes you through fields which include a number of native plants and ponds. The OLLI garden will be on your left near a bench. It’s about half way between the parking lot and student housing.

The purpose of our garden is two-fold. It will serve as a pleasant place to go and think about loved ones who have passed away. It will also serve as an educational resource. Members from the community will be able to see examples of native plants and consider how they might incorporate them into their own gardens.

Please keep in mind this is a work in progress! Later this year, you will learn more about giving opportunities to support our garden.

The chair of the Memorial Garden Committee is Vicki Shrope and other members include Crystal & Lynn Kauer, Jane Acker, Karen Howell, Barb Mitchell, Allan Larsen and John Walter. SVSU staff include Steve Hocquard, Shelley Wegner and Jo Brownlie.

If you would like to assist with the garden, please contact Vicki Shrope at 989-615-0317 or email her at vshrope@yahoo.com This does not have to be an ongoing commitment, you just assist when you have time or when the task suits your fancy.
A Century of Progress: The 1933 World’s Fair (356)

1933 might easily have been one of the darkest years in the history of mankind. Hitler came to power and the Depression was at its deepest point. Still, hope loomed for a brighter future. Forty million people found the money and the time to visit “A Century of Progress” on the waterfront just south of Navy Pier in Chicago. There, science aided by industry and government predicted a better tomorrow. Our tomorrow was modeled for all to see. Cars would drive themselves, homes would be transformed, pictures would come through the airwaves into every home, and trains would get you from Denver to Chicago in one day. This will be a riveting class with media to add to the excitement. The class, led by OLLI member Fred Welsh, will be a follow-up to his previous class on the Columbian Exposition. 

*Thursdays: August 7, 14, 21 & 28 • 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.*

*Price: $27 Members; $54 Non-Members*

*Room: C129*

SVSU Football Game and Tailgate
Saturday, September 6, 2014

The fall season wouldn’t be complete without our annual tailgate and SVSU football game. Join us as we cheer on the Cardinals at their first home game of the season as they battle Indianapolis. Members will receive general admission tickets to the game and also a tailgate-style dinner prior to the game. The tailgate will run from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the east end of the Ryder Center, and the game starts at 7 p.m. Although there is no charge for members, please call us at 964-4475 to register no later than August 28 so we have a food count. Non-Members and family members are welcome to join you for a nominal charge. *Price: Free for Members; $15 for Non-Members*