

## Monthly Highlights

■ There is still space available on the Chicago Garden & Nursery Tour scheduled for September 14-17. This trip is offered with Dow Gardens and will be led by Dow Garden's horticulturist, Chuck Martin. Registrations can be made through the OLLI Office.

■ Our Ireland Trip scheduled for May 14-27, 2016 is full. Please call the OLLI office if you would like to be placed on the waitlist (989)964-4475.

■ There are still spots available for the Senior Fitness Test designed for ages 60-90. Test date: Monday, June 8, from 10-11 a.m. OR, from 2:45 - 3:45 p.m.

■ Due to a class date change for the *World Political Update* class led by Jim Johnson, there are now a few seats available. The class will now meet on Tuesday, June 9 from 1-5 p.m., and again on Wednesday, June 10 from 1-5 p.m. Call the OLLI office to register.

### SVSU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Center for Business &  
Economic Development  
7400 Bay Road  
University Center, MI 48710  
Office 964-4475

[www.svsu.edu/olli](http://www.svsu.edu/olli)  
[olli@svsu.edu](mailto:olli@svsu.edu)



June, 2015  
Volume 14, Issue 9

## OLLI Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

### Climate Change and Its Implication for Agriculture

*Presented by Phil Robertson, MSU Distinguished Professor of Ecosystem Science*

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

**9:30 a.m. Announcements & Program**

**SVSU, Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms**

Climate change is expected to have major implications for agriculture in the Midwest in general, and in the Great Lakes States and Michigan in particular. Warmer, shorter winters with less snow cover have implications for soil fertility, greenhouse gas fluxes, and agricultural pests. Hotter summers will reduce average field crop yields and affect evapotranspiration.

More frequent early spring warm-ups will threaten bud set in fruit crops, and more variable rainfall will complicate planting schedules and increase soil erosion. In this talk I'll focus on these trends and some of the ways that farming is changing and will likely change in response to climate change over the next 30 years, and as well some of the ways that farming can combat climate change by mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and producing cellulosic biofuels.

Robertson is an MSU Distinguished Professor of Ecosystem Science in the Dept. of Plant, Soil, and Microbial Sciences. He has been studying the biogeochemistry of agriculture and climate change for over 20 years at MSU's W.K. Kellogg Biological Station near Kalamazoo with funding from the National Science Foundation, Dept of Energy, and USDA. He is a lead contributor to the recent U.S. National Climate Assessment, and has published extensively on sources and sinks of greenhouse gases in Michigan field crops.



**Corporate Sponsor: Mobil Medical Response**

## Upcoming Events & Monthly Meetings

|         |                                                                                                              |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| June 8  | Senior Fitness Test - Call office to register 964-4475<br>Monday, June 8 from 10-11 a.m. OR 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. |
| June 23 | Technology Tuesday: Smart Home Technology<br>Banquet Room C, Curtiss Hall                                    |
| July    | No Monthly Meeting in July                                                                                   |

**SVSU-OLLI**  
 Osher Lifelong Learning Institute  
 7400 Bay Road  
 University Center, MI 48710  
**Shelley Wegner**  
 Newsletter Editor  
 Office 964-4475  
 Midland Line 695-5325 ext. 4475

## ADVISORY BOARD

**Steve Parkhurst, Chair**  
 (989)631-3253

**Sue Zelinko, Past Chair**  
 (989)642-2845

**Barb Mitchell, Chair**  
**Curriculum Committee,**  
 (989)684-7737

**Rosemary Kohut, Secretary**  
 (989)790-1883

**Leslie Sanders, Chair**  
**Membership Committee**  
 (989)686-2542

**John Walter, Chair**  
**Finance Committee**  
 (989)631-5403

**Karen Howell, Chair**  
**Travel Committee**  
 (989)684-6598

**Terry King, Chair**  
**Technology Committee**  
 (989)714-4408

**Vicki Shrope, Chair**  
**OLLI Memorial Garden**  
 (989)615-0317

**SVSU Faculty Representative**  
**Marilyn Skrocki**  
 (989)964-7394

**At Large:**

**Carol Gohm (989)574-5862**

**SVSU Representative:**  
**Jo Brownlie**  
 (989)964-4310

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.

## Hello OLLI Members,

Where does the time go, already half way through the year? With June upon us I hope you have your summer solstice parties planned and your bonfires ready to remind the sun to stick around. Be on the look out for solstice celebration notices if you don't want to plan your own.

I hope your classes are going well and you are enjoying the many trips the Travel Committee has planned.

There is one policy issue I need to mention. When bringing guests to the monthly OLLI meeting, please let them know that the first visit is free and we hope they join us. The second and subsequent visits will cost \$10.00 unless they join OLLI, which we hope they do.

I would also like to remind you that there is no monthly meeting in July, we are just too busy enjoying and sharing all that we have. Have a wonderful summer!

Yours in continued learning,  
 Steven Parkhurst, OLLI Advisory Board Chair.



## Class Highlight Food Safety for Consumers (330)

So how long should you keep leftovers? Should you toss food when it reaches the "sell by" date? Food-borne diseases common in the United States will be discussed in this class led by SVSU biology professor and former USDA food safety research scientist Jim McEvoy. Topics will include: signs and symptoms of diseases, disease treatments, causes of food spoilage and contamination, prevention strategies, and recent research findings.

***Mondays: June 8, 15, 22 & 29 • 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.***

***Price: \$28 Members; \$56 Non-Members***

***Room: C129***



*The Zoo Comes to OLLI* class, led by OLLI Member Roger Spann, visited the zoo for a behind the scenes tour for its final class. Roger, a zoo volunteer, was also able to bring unique animals from the zoo to the OLLI classroom.

## Welcome New Members

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Peter Anders        | Midland    |
| Ann Arnold          | Bay City   |
| Jeannie Bissonnette | Mayville   |
| Richard Bukowski    | Bay City   |
| Fran Greicius       | Auburn     |
| Jim Matherne        | Essexville |
| Marlene Patterson   | Saginaw    |
| Clara Pinkston      | Saginaw    |
| Edward Popielarz    | Saginaw    |

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Sue Prezzato    | Mayville  |
| Linda Reid      | Bay City  |
| Greg Rohle      | Saginaw   |
| Jan Sanderson   | St. Louis |
| Susan Sanderson | St. Louis |
| Dennis Schwartz | Bay City  |
| Don Sugg        | Saginaw   |
| Karen Tighe     | Bay City  |
| Eddie Wicks     | Munger    |

## Technology Tuesday

In place of having an annual technology conference, we are now going to offer one or two technology keynote presentations a semester. These will be held on Tuesday afternoons and be free-of-charge to OLLI members. There is no need to register for the program. Details about our first one follows below:



### Smart Home Technology

**Mike Erdody, Home Depot**

Today mobile devices can manage our lives more easily by remotely operating appliances, including light bulbs, computers, sprinklers, security cameras, water heaters, and much more. "Smart Homes" is the term commonly used to define residences that have systems capable of communicating with one another and that can be controlled remotely. Remember *The Jetsons*? In this session, you will see how the evolution of home automation is starting to closely resemble the futuristic home (2062) of George and Jane Jetson.

**Tuesday, June 23: 4 - 5 p.m.**

**Room: Banquet C, Curtiss Hall**

**This program is free to OLLI Members.**

## Ernie at the MSU Pasant Theatre

Join us for a trip to East Lansing to see Mitch Albom's hit play, *Ernie*. Albom, the hugely successful author of *Tuesdays With Morrie*, has written a story of 20<sup>th</sup>-century Americana and a love affair with baseball. Ernie went through the Great Depression, World War II, and the desegregation of sports. He also called some of the grandest moments ever witnessed on the ball field. The play features historic baseball moments and many unmistakable Harwell calls. Our package includes a three-course lunch at Bravo Cucina Italian prior to the show, tickets to the 2 p.m. matinee, and motor-coach transportation from SVSU.

**Saturday, August 22: 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**Price: \$89 Members; \$109 Non-Members**



## Interest Group Contacts

|                     |                                                                 |                     |                                                         |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Board Games         | Ted McLaughlin, (989)790-9587<br>tshorty@chartermi.net          | Lunch               | Rita Grasso, 781-4725<br>ritaolli11@yahoo.com           |
| Bridge              | Alice Webster, (989)684-7802<br>Matt Skowronski, (989) 684-6402 | MahJongg            | Catherine Young, (989)327-1050<br>clyoung00@yahoo.com   |
| Buddhist Psychology | Eric Devos<br>devos@svsu.edu                                    | Pickleball          | Pam Hendrick, (989)793-1179<br>whend55555@hotmail.com   |
| Choral Singing      | Rose Kohut, (989)790-1883<br>obsessedreader@hotmail.com         | Ping Pong           | Carol Lagalo, (989)752-9857<br>lagaloc@yahoo.com        |
| Current Events      | Carol Gohm, (989)574-5862<br>cgohm47@gmail.com                  | Readers Theatre     | Rose Kohut, (989)790-1883<br>obsessedreader@hotmail.com |
| Cycling             | Linda Ackerman (989)781-2961<br>lmackerman50@gmail.com          | Recreational Biking | Vicki Shrope (989)615-0317<br>vshrope@yahoo.com         |
| Dinner              | Deborah Bula, (989)781-1126<br>dbretired610@gmail.com           | Stamp Collecting    | Robert Bula (989)781-1126                               |
| Euchre              | Ruth Skeebo (989)631-1183<br>rskee42@charter.net                | Technology          | Terry King<br>terry@actionleaders.com                   |
| Kayaking            | Dan Dauer (989)753-6038<br>dauerhome@juno.com                   | Theatre             | Bonnie Rowell, (989)799-3102<br>bjrowell43@yahoo.com    |
| Knitting            | Barb Weadock, (989)792-8839<br>barbweadock@weadock.net          |                     |                                                         |



## OLLI Dinner Dance Highlight Photos



facebook

Find us on Facebook:  
Search for OLLI at SVSU

Saginaw Valley State University  
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute  
7400 Bay Road  
University Center, MI 48710



Nonprofit Organization  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Saginaw, MI  
Permit No. 142