

Monthly Highlights

■ We still have room on two of our fall day trips. This includes the Sunday, December 6 trip to Ann Arbor for Handel's *Messiah* and the Wednesday, December 23 trip to the Fisher to see the Michigan premier of *Newsies*.

■ Please note that if you don't renew your 2015-16 membership by the end of November, this will be your last newsletter. Your membership offers unique learning and social opportunities-- **Renew Today!**

■ Since we do not have a meeting in December, we will not have a December newsletter, however we will continue to send informational emails.

■ Look for your Winter Class Schedule around the first week of December.

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OLLI Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

Wingman: The Life of Retired General David M. Hall

Presenter: Ricardo Verdoni, President of Verdoni Productions, with special guest General David Hall

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

9:30 a.m. Welcome & Announcements

SVSU, Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms

Born during the period of Jim Crow laws, General David Hall overcame many obstacles throughout his life to become a success on many levels. Influenced by his father's positive attitude and his own determination and perseverance, he not only rose to the rank of Brigadier General in the Air Force, but later as a civilian, had a distinguished career in industry and education. Hall served for 30 years in the military and then worked for General Motors for 10 years. In 1993, Hall left the corporate life to teach for Northwood University and later was Executive in Residence for the business school at SVSU. Our November meeting will begin with the viewing of a 30-minute documentary about General Hall's life entitled "Wingman." The documentary was produced by Ricardo Verdoni, with input from General Hall and his wife Jackie. It is expected that General Hall will attend the presentation and be available for questions and answers following the film.



Volunteer Spotlight: United Way of Saginaw, VITA Program

Monthly meetings are an SVSU-OLLI member benefit. Guests are welcome to attend one OLLI monthly meeting without a charge. This gives a non-member a chance to check out our program. If you come more than once you either need to join OLLI or pay a \$10 fee per meeting.

Upcoming Events & Monthly Meetings

November 4 New Member Orientation, 1-3 p.m., C129

November 17 Technology Tuesday: How to Track Activity with the FitBit
Presented by Meghan Baruth, Asst. Professor of Health Sciences

December No monthly meeting

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Hello OLLI members,

November is here and this is the last newsletter for the calendar year. I was looking at last months newsletter and reviewing the Annual Report. The list is amazing. All the things we do are incredible. And those listed were just the highlights.

What this brings to my mind is the work that goes into making our OLLI program so successful. That work is accomplished by selfless volunteers that participate on our committees and the various activities we produce. Without those committees and volunteers, we would not have the vibrant program that we do. To the Advisory Board, Curriculum, Membership, Finance, Travel, Technology, and Memorial Garden committees, I give a grateful thank you. To all the other volunteers, a heartfelt thank you. To the OLLI staff, you're wonderful.

The holiday season is upon us so take the time to enjoy friends and family, they are the most important part of life. And please remember those who have served and are serving our country in all capacities.

Steve Parkhurst
 OLLI Advisory Board Chair

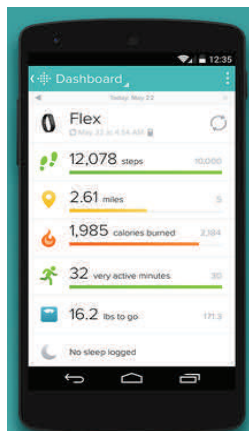


Welcome New Members (Since September 2015)

Lynnette Albosta	Saginaw	Richard Hausler	Saginaw	Cheryl Revard	Saginaw
Elaine Allred	Saginaw	Brian Hayes	Midland	Nancy Richey	Midland
Mark Allred	Saginaw	Tyler Haynes	Saginaw	Sirkka Riselay	Saginaw
Robyn Androl	Akron	Deborah Hentschell	Au Gres	Kay Rochlitz	Midland
Mary Arvidson	Midland	Clint House	Midland	Jill Rood	Freeland
Peter Bagley	Saginaw	Sandy House	Midland	Diane Russell	Saginaw
James Blum	Chesaning	Cynthia Hughes	Saginaw	Ursula Slaggart	Saginaw
Rich Bofferding	Saginaw	Virginia Hutter	Bay City	Frank Smekar	Freeland
Diane Bofferding	Saginaw	Donna Jacobs	Essexville	Margaret Smekar	Freeland
Barbara Bond	Linwood	Sharon Jehnsen	Bay City	Susanne Smokoska	Saginaw
Clark Bond	Linwood	Alric Jones	Saginaw	William Spinning	Kawkawlin
Pat Caufield	Bay City	Janis Jones	Saginaw	Shelly Sprygada	Saginaw
Craig Chamberlain	Saginaw	Nancy Kincade	Saginaw	Mary Ann Stange	Saginaw
Joanne Chamberlain	Saginaw	Sharon Koberstein	Saginaw	Norm Stange	Saginaw
Il-Hyung Cho	Saginaw	Nancy Kurn	Saginaw	Sue Sulfridge	Freeland
Susan Dinninger	Saginaw	Nancy Latty	Merrill	Patti Turner	Saginaw
Janice Dise	Saginaw	Richard Lebsack	Midland	Bill Vance	Saginaw
Jan Doerr	Bay City	Jackie Liddell	Saginaw	Joyce Vescio	Saginaw
Judith Donahue	Midland	Ellen MacLaughlin	Midland	Ching Wang	Saginaw
Thomas Donahue	Midland	Manjula Madala	Saginaw	Jane Ward	Mt. Pleasant
Betty Dork	Saginaw	Jeanne Martin	Saginaw	Mary Ellen Warmbier	Freeland
Jean Farrington	Saginaw	Jackie Martin	Saginaw	Ruth Wegener	Midland
Bryan Forrest	Saginaw	Barbara Mertens	Midland	Tom Wegener	Midland
Catherine Forrest	Saginaw	Joan Meyer	Saginaw	Sherry Zamora	Saginaw
Carol Goffnett	St. Louis	Norman Moore	Bay City	William Zehnder	Frankenmuth
Joe Goffnett	St. Louis	Cathy Ososki	Bay City	Jean Zessin	Saginaw
Carolyn Goodchild	West Branch	Mary Pawloski	Bay City	Bonnie Zissler	Saginaw
Barb Gustafson	Saginaw	Harold Peterson	Linwood		
Patti Hartman	Saginaw	Jean Phillips	Midland		
Gary Harvey	Saginaw	Ann Prime	Reese		
Barb Harvey	Saginaw				

How to Track Your Activity with the Fitbit

Have you heard people talking about their FitBit or have you seen one in a store and wondered how they work? A FitBit is a small, easy-to-use technological device worn on your wrist (or carried in your pocket) that tracks physical activity. Tracking physical activity has been shown to be effective for increasing and maintaining physical activity levels. This session will provide information about the FitBit, including how it works, what type of information it tracks, and how you can view and interpret the information. FitBit users will be on hand after the presentation to provide one-on-one assistance to attendees. This program will be led by Meghan Baruth, an assistant professor in the Department of Health Science at SVSU.



Tuesday: November 17 • 4 - 5 p.m.

Room: Banquet C, Curtiss Hall

Price: Free for Members and \$10 for Non-Members

New Registration Procedure for Day Trips

As most members know, many of our day trips fill very quickly. In fact, this past fall two of our trips were full by 11 a.m. on the Monday morning after the schedule was released. Some registered online over the weekend, and some called us early Monday morning.

Since we send the schedule via bulk mail, our members who elect not to receive our emails may not have received the paper version of the schedule until after some of the trips were full. Obviously, this created a great deal of frustration. Our classes do not fill this fast, only the day trips.

We are trying something new for the Winter 2016 day trip offerings. Approximately two weeks prior to the release of the catalog, we will send a first-class mailing to all current members which will list our Winter 2016 day trips. It will also explain how the registration process will work. One week later, on November 23, registration will open for day trips only. This will give all current members an equal chance to register and will give members a priority over non-members.

3rd Annual Saginaw Valley Student Speaker Series Thursday, November 19, 4:00 p.m. in C129

The SVSU History Club would like to invite OLLI members to hear student presentations on the following history topics. The purpose of the history club is to promote the study of history at SVSU and throughout the Great Lakes Region through the encouragement of historical research and open intellectual exchange among students and professors, as well as student body engagement. For more information about this event contact Jeremy Killion at jakillio@svsu.edu.

“Cages of Münster” - Presented by Ingrid G. Hoskins

The Münster Rebellion of 1534 was the climax of the Anabaptist religion. This lecture will include an overview of the Protestant Reformation that started the turning point of modern history and the Munster Rebellion. There will be an in depth look at the significance that the rebellion had on the Anabaptist faith.

“The Mystery behind the Winchester Mystery House”

Presented by Hannah Meyer

A maze of Victorian craftsmanship, the Winchester Mystery House has become a marvelous, baffling, and eerily eccentric destination for those visiting San Jose, California. There are staircases that lead to nowhere, windows built into the floor, doors that open to brick walls. Legends that surround the house that belonged to Sarah Winchester, wife to the heir of the Winchester rifle fortune. Once unfurnished, Mrs. Winchester spent the next thirty-eight years producing the sprawling complex that can still be seen today. So why did this house come to be? Myth becomes reality in the Winchester Mystery House.

“Evolution of Long Distance Communication: From Ancient Times to the Present” - Presented by Whitney Kreft

This talk documents progress of long distance communication across the world. It will give a brief overview of different tactics and technological advancements ranging from signal usage to Morse Code and beyond. The slow progress of improvements and inventions brought us the quick and easy communication we enjoy today.

Understanding Architecture (103)

This new class will explore the fundamental thinking that shapes the design and building of structures and buildings we use and live in. By focusing on some of the definitions and theories that have developed in various cultures and societies over time, we can move from a loose understanding to one that is more complete and helpful in forming the basis of our perceptions. This will allow us to have a more complete understanding of architecture today. The four sessions will cover understanding architecture, pure architecture, architectural style, and conclusions. Our instructor is Hugh Gershon, who holds a master's degree in architecture from Columbia University. He has worked with many building types and has experience teaching design and a host of other architectural classes.

Thursdays: October 29, November 5, 12 & 19 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

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

Room: C129



On September 14 - 17, a group of 35 garden enthusiasts visited eight unique gardens in the Chicago area. Here they are posing in front of the "bean" in Millennium Park. The trip was offered by OLLI in conjunction with Dow Gardens. Highlights included touring a Rick Bayliss Garden, the Chicago Botanic Gardens, the Lincoln Park Conservancy, and the Ball Horticultural Company.

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