

## Monthly Highlights

■ OLLI will be offering a trip to see *Ernie - The Play* at the Wharton Theatre in August. Watch for details coming soon.

■ Jim Bush will be offering the opportunity to try Tai Chi again this spring at no cost. The sessions will meet on Mondays from 11 a.m. - noon on May 4, 11 & 18 outside Founders Hall (weather permitting). There is no need to pre-register, just show up.

■ Save the date! OLLI Members are invited to a presentation on June 15, at the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Museum presented by Mary Kamidoi, a Japanese American, who will be offering a discussion on the special exhibition, *Manzanar: The Wartime Photographs of Ansel Adams*. More details will follow in the June Newsletter.

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## OLLI Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

*SVSU, Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms*

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

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

## Michigan's Ghostly Beacons

*Presented by Dianna Stampfler*

*President, Promote Michigan*

What is it about lighthouses that attracts ghostly spirits? Maybe it's simply a passion that will not go away. Lighthouse keepers were known to be extremely dedicated to their profession and it seems that many were never able to give up -- even after death! Nearly two dozen lighthouses in Michigan are rumored to be haunted. From the smell of cigar smoke at Seul Choix Point Lighthouse to the mysterious housekeeping at White River Light Station, and the antics at Waugoshance Shoel, these stories will be sure to entertain.

Our speaker is Dianna Stampfler, a passionate professional speaker and freelance writer. Since 1997, Dianna has been presenting lively and upbeat programs about the area's historic lighthouses, ghost towns, islands and other unique destinations and activities in her home state of Michigan. She is also president of Promote Michigan, a company dedicated to communicating Michigan history, and the wonderful sites and events that the state offers.



## Upcoming Events & Monthly Meetings

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| June 10 | Monthly Meeting: Climate Change and Its Implication for Agriculture<br><i>Presented by Phil Robertson, MSU Distinguished Professor of Ecosystem Science</i> |
| June 23 | Technology Tuesday: Smart Home Technology<br><i>Presented by Mike Erdody, Home Depot</i>  |
| July    | No Monthly Meeting will be held in July   |

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## Hello fellow OLLI members,

May! I write this on a cold and windy April afternoon, hoping May will live up to its reputation. The Spring/Summer 2015 class schedule is out and there are a bunch of items to make decisions on. Nine day trips are scheduled, nine opportunities to travel, meet new friends (and old), and to visit some great places this summer. As for classes; we have everything from Super Novas to Centering Prayer. There just has to be something in that spectrum for you. Don't forget to bring that reluctant friend along to join OLLI, they will thank you.

I continue to be amazed (not really, they're pretty good at what they do) at the jobs our curriculum and travel committees do for us. Actually all of our committees do a spectacular job. Tell them thank you.

We have some interesting speakers lined up for spring/summer. May will be about ghostly lighthouses followed by climate change and beer. What a diversified and interesting offering. Be sure to attend and as always bring a friend.

On a personal note, May is Motorcycle Awareness month, (among other awarenesses too, I'm sure), so watch out for those two wheelers. Look twice and drive safe. The life you save may be your chairperson's. (That would be me).

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



## Cross Country Skiing and Snow Shoeing Highlights



Despite our cold winter this past season the OLLI Cross Country skiing and snow shoeing group was very active. The group participated in nine snow shoeing events, and fifteen skiing events. Karol Walker, group coordinator, remarked that conditions were ideal this year for these activities, and the group enjoyed several outings that included day trips to Grayling, West Branch, Mio and Traverse City.

## Welcome New Members

Sarah Alton	Freeland	Diane Murphy-Kilbourne	Auburn
Nancy Baird	Saginaw	Sally Meyer	Saginaw
Barbara Davis	Owosso	Freda Nader	Essexville
Cindy Foor	Linwood	Viola Ramseyer	Freeland
Vivian Gamez	Saginaw	Sandra Sheridan	Owosso
Gloria Gonzales	Bay City	Terry Shevchenko	Saginaw
Amy Grimaldi	Saginaw	Gail Sype	Saginaw
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Garey MacDonald	Bay City	Greg Sowulewski	Saginaw
Gloria MacDonald	Bay City		



## A Day of "Heavy Metal" in Ann Arbor (01)

On this unique trip you will see and hear "heavy metal" on two unique organs and the Charles Baird Carillon. The organs will include the 1985 organ by Karl Wilhelm at the First Congregational Church which has 2,700 pipes, and the 1893/1927/1955 Frieze Organ in Hill Auditorium which has 7,500 pipes. These two instruments show different approaches to organ building while retaining "heavy metal" pipes of lead, tin, zinc, as well as wood. We'll also listen to the Charles Baird Carillon, the third largest carillon in the world. It has 53 bronze bells and the largest one weighs 12 tons! We will be allowed into the bell chamber and see and hear the instrument while it is being played by our performer/host Kipp Cortez, Director of Music and Organist at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Ann Arbor. The trip also includes lunch at the Cottage Inn in downtown Ann Arbor, and motorcoach transportation from SVSU.



**Wednesday, July 8: from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.**  
**Price: \$69 Members; \$89 Non-Members**

## Featured Summer Class Chinese Culture and Language (343)

Does Chinese culture and language seem interesting to you? Want to know more about Tai Chi, Chinese painting, and china? Planning a trip to China and want to talk to the locals? If so, this class is for you. You will be introduced to the Chinese Mandarin language, and the culture behind the language.

You will also learn about Chinese history, arts, places to visit, traditional Chinese food, and traditional Chinese holidays. The instructor is Ge Yin (Ge), a native Chinese speaker with a vast amount of teaching experience who has a master's degree in education from SVSU.

**Thursdays: May 28, June 4, 11, 18 & 25, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.**  
**Price: \$45 Members; \$75 Non-Members**



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*Jim Hohmeyer and friends, Dexter and Laura Brigham, entertained OLLI members at the April monthly meeting with “Lullabies of Broadway”. (above & left)*



*Pearl Vasher enjoyed a unique dining experience at the Texas de Brazil steakhouse following the OLLI “Merry Widow” opera day trip in April. (right)*



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