

# Sixty Plus – OLLI at San Francisco State University

## Highlights

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SIXTY PLUS – OLLI A Program for Lifelong Learning November, 2017

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13: "SONG & DANCE MEN OF THE SILVER SCREEN: FRED ASTAIRE"

#### Bonnie Weiss, Musical Theater Historian

In this program you'll learn all about Fred Astaire's early life and stunning career. You'll find out why great songwriters like Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, and Cole Porter loved to have Fred sing their songs.

And you'll be viewing memorable moments of dance and song from such great Fred and Ginger flicks as "Flying Down to Rio," "Top Hat," and "Swing Time."

You'll also see clips of Fred's remarkable gifts as a solo dancer and in delightful duets with other illustrious dancers such as Joan Crawford, Eleanor Powell, and Cyd Charisse. And you'll even learn who Fred's *very favorite* dancing partner was. (Hint: It wasn't Ginger!)

The meeting will be held in **The Rosa Parks Room, Cesar Chavez Student Center** at 1:00 p.m. Social time will follow. Sixty Plus members whose last names begin with the letters **Bir – Cha** are requested to bring treats. If you not attending, make sure you contribute or arrange to have someone bring something for you.



### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27: "BOSWICK THE CLOWN"

#### David Magidson, Professional Clown

David Magidson is a former clown with Ringling Brother and Barnum & Bailey Circus. He has been entertaining families for more than half his life; he's appeared at over 5,000 family events. As Boswick the Clown, his world-famous balloon animals have appeared in publication and on TV shows. Even his big clown feet were used in a promotion for the Disney Channel!

David Magidson was crowned world's fastest balloon maker by the International Juggling Association; he set the world record in the balloon animal relay by running 20 yards, blowing up a balloon, and making a balloon dog, all in 9.6 seconds (Whew!)

Boswick is one of the original cast of the show, "The Speakeasy," playing in San Francisco. He is also an Artist in Residence at Ruth Asawa School of the Arts in San Francisco, teaching clowning and circus skills in the acting department.

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**Shuttle Bus Times:** Pick-up time for each program is at 12:15 p.m. at the Lake Merced parking lot at the foot of Sunset Blvd. A second bus will be available if necessary. The return trip leaves at 3:00 p.m. from in front of the Creative Arts Building on Holloway Avenue.

## President's Message – September, 2017

My apologies for missing the deadline for the Highlights last month. I promise to do better in the future. So much is going on in the world and our own backyard this month and last, that it is hard to stay away from the phone and the television. I want to personally thank the brave members of Sixty Plus who came to the meeting on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. We had about 35 attendees who were brave enough to leave their houses in the smoky conditions caused by the Wine Country fires. We are a hardy bunch! I myself have been coughing all week. We just aren't used to this level of pollution in our fair city. But in the end it is a mere inconvenience compared to the loss of one's home or livelihood. My thoughts and prayers are with the people of the North Bay.

As of this writing, our group is preparing for the trip to Ashland, Oregon for the Shakespeare Festival. Everyone must be excited to go on this extended excursion. Unfortunately, my daily life doesn't leave me much room to leave on trips right now. I hope everyone comes back with a happy tale to tell.



I plan to have the official roster ready for distribution to our membership by November's meeting. Eileen has still been receiving membership applications as of this past week. To have a complete and correct roster for the year, we must wait until all names have been added and former members dropped. Thank you for your cooperation and patience in the endeavor.

Please think about bringing treats for the meetings. Everyone loves the coffee, tea and cookies, and it helps if everyone takes a turn to bring things to share. Actually, you are always welcome to bring a treat, even if no one calls you. Bring a treat, eat a treat!

**Chris Malfatti, President, Sixty Plus – OLLI at SFSU: 415-585-4811; cmalfatti@sbcglobal.net**

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## Membership

### NEW MEMBERS, 2017 – 2018

A warm welcome to all of our new members from all of us continuing members! Please feel free to approach any of us at any meeting, and we'll be delighted to make your acquaintance. We hope your membership is productive of new friendships, fun, and adventures.



We'll be looking out for you and hope to welcome you personally.

**Mary Clare Bennett, Membership chair: marycbennett@gmail.com**



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## Hospitality Committee

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Members are asked to provide refreshments such as cookies, fruit, or other finger food for general membership meetings according to alphabetical order. Please make a note of your turn and bring refreshments on your assigned day. In case you cannot attend your assigned meeting, please exchange with someone in another alphabetical group.

Oct. 9: Ab – Bai	Nov. 13: Bir – Cha
Oct. 23: Bar – Ber	Nov. 27: Che - Di

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## Arts and Entertainment

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It's nice to be back with Sixty Plus on the move. I'm hoping to add to that motion. I have planned for our 2017 – 2018 season a very diverse set of offerings that I hope you will also find interesting.

First off is a question: how many of you would like to see “Avenue Q” on a Sunday in January? Let me know quickly – get on my answering machine or drop me a line. Tickets will be \$30 or less.

For 2018 we have planned with the Tour Committee two trips with a docent who is a friend of mine to the Botanical Gardens and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA). We will also take in an event at the newly opened Opera Laboratory. Finally, we will attend a rehearsal of the New Century Chamber Symphony Orchestra. And as a bonus, (by special request) I'm working on an evening at the Jazz Center. So watch this space for specifics.

**Erwin Kelly, Arts & Entertainment Chair: 4006 – 18<sup>th</sup> Street, SF, CA 94114; 415-552-9435**

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## Tours

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### War Memorial Opera House Tour Wednesday, November 29, 1:00 p.m.

Join us for an exclusive “behind the scenes” tour of the War Memorial Opera House featuring a different view of the building’s facilities than is seen by members of the audience, a view of the areas devoted to the production of major operas.

Space is limited to ten guests. To make a reservation, please call Doug Roberts at 415-681-8845. If we are not at home, please leave a message. After confirmation, please write out a check payable to “University Corporation – S.F. State” and mail it to Doug Roberts, 2670 – 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, SF, CA 94116. The cost of the tour is \$20.



The Opera House is located at 301 Van Ness Avenue, between Fulton and Grove Streets. Traffic and parking are impossible due to construction. Take BART or MUNI to Civic Center station or #5 Fulton or #21 Hayes to Van Ness. We will meet at the Grove Street entrance of the Opera House, by the taxi ramp. Look for the door with the sign that says “Tours.”

**Doug Roberts, Tour Committee: [dougrob47@lycos.com](mailto:dougrob47@lycos.com)**

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### S.F. State's On-campus Booksale Room

The S.F. State Friends of the Library's Booksale Room is located in the J. Paul Leonard Library on campus, LIB 120A. It's on the first floor, just to the left of the Peet's coffee bar. The Friends Booksale Room sells used books, recordings, art prints, etc. A few books are superseded volumes or cast-offs from the Library, but most are donated by friends and colleagues. During Fall and Spring semesters, the Booksale Room is staffed by volunteers Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. and Friday 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Paperbacks cost \$1.00; hard cover books are \$2.00.

Donations of books, records and CDs are welcomed and may be tax deductible. You can drop off small donations of books at the store or you can call 415-338-2408 or email [fol@sfsu.edu](mailto:fol@sfsu.edu) to arrange a donation pickup. You may arrange (in advance) to bring your larger donation to the Library's loading dock. A volunteer will be at the door to receive your donation.

### S.F. Public Library Programs

**Donation Program:** Donate your books and media to Friends of the S.F. Public Library. Each year nearly a million donated books are in turn resold to the public through Readers Bookstores and book sales. Donations are tax-deductible and help provide critical support to the San Francisco Public Library.

**Location:** 1630 17th Street, between Carolina & Wisconsin Streets

**Hours:** Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. & Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Donation Center One-dollar Book Sale:** The second Saturday of each month, rain or shine, the Book Donation Center opens its doors for a massive \$1 sale. Selection changes each month, random treasures abound.

**Location:** Donation Center: 1630 17th Street between Carolina & Wisconsin Streets

**Hours:** second Saturday of every month, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**One-dollar Steps Sales:** Check out the \$1.00 Step Sales every Wednesday in front of San Francisco's Main Library! Proceeds from the Steps Sales support the San Francisco Public Library. *Steps Sales are cancelled in the event of rain and inclement weather.*

**Location** Main Library, 100 Larkin Street

**Hours:** 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Donation Center Info Line:** (415) 522-8600

Jeanne Glennon, Communications chair: [jfglennon@comcast.net](mailto:jfglennon@comcast.net)

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## Sixty Plus – OLLI Goes to Ashland

From Tuesday, October 17 until Friday, October 22, Members of Sixty Plus, joined by friends from The Sequoias, traveled to Ashland, Oregon, to attend the annual Shakespeare Festival. Led by intrepid tour director Eileen Ward, some 25 theater enthusiasts journeyed by bus and enjoyed lodgings at the Plaza Inn and Suites in Ashland.



**Theater Lovers Make Pilgrimage to Shakespeare Festival in Ashland**

While there they attended four shows: “Henry IV, Part I,” “Hanna and the Dread Gazebo,” “Shakespeare in Love,” and “Julius Caesar.” Several resolute Shakespeare fans also added “Henry IV, Part II.” All agreed that the performances were excellent. Strong, frequently brilliant, acting, combined with superb staging, made all plays memorable. The group generated enough controversy about various sets to make discussions interesting.



**Dr. Mark Ratner and Eileen Ward at Dinner**

The group had two lectures by Dr. Mark Ratner, Professor Emeritus from Southern Oregon University, and hosted him and his wife Margie at a farewell dinner. The lectures added greatly to appreciation of the plays. This far-from-simple enterprise was directed by Eileen Ward, who did a wonderful job of guiding her charges on and off busses and into performances on time. Not an easy job – and she did it wonderfully.

So join the group next year for excellent theater and the next installment of the War of the Roses.

**Brown Bag Lecture: Fashion - How it Shapes Our Lives**

**Wednesday, November 1, 2017 – 1:00 p.m.**

**Kamille Hitz**, chair of the fashion department at City College of San Francisco, also fashion designer and illustrator, speaks about the history of fashion, especially its dramatic changes in the 20th-century. She will talk about how much fashion shapes our lives as our major means of silent visual communication and self-expression. In addition she will share some of her own experiences working for the fashion industry.

Hitz, who has taught at City College for 11 years, earned a B.F.A. in fashion design at Parsons School of Design in New York while also working at the women's blouse company Flatiron Workshop, where she learned every aspect of fashion manufacturing. She then joined the Eileen Fisher Studio as assistant designer and colorist, also illustrator, and has designed for the Travelsmith Outfitters catalog.

**Interest Group: Caring Community**

**Wednesday, November 8, 2017 – 1:00 p.m.**

*Topic to be announced!*

We work primarily by sharing events from our lives and the lives of friends and relatives, and by sharing useful information and guidance. Everyone is welcome.

We are a supportive group: sharing information, concerns, and resources, including our own issues and experiences with giving and needing help, and we help each other with difficult problems, choices, and plans. We talk about issues that are not easy to discuss elsewhere.

**Interest Group: World Affairs Discussion**

**Wednesday, November 15, 2017 – 1:00 p.m.**

The group discusses issues of world and/or national importance. Often one member gives a short report on a topic, and then the group discusses it. We invite Sixty Plus and OLLI members, who like to read and keep up, to listen, and share ideas to join us.

**Interest Group: Share A Book**

**Tuesday, November 21, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.**

Instead of a typical book club, participants discuss books they have read recently and share recommended reading. We meet monthly.

*All OLLI interest groups are free to all Sixty Plus and OLLI members. Bring a guest!*

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

November 1	Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	OLLI Brown Bag Lecture: “Fashion – How it Shapes our Lives”
November 8	Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	OLLI Interest Group: Caring Community
November 13	Monday	10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Executive Board & Committee Chairs, Rosa Parks Room D General Program Meeting, Rosa Parks Room Cesar Chavez Student Center, SFSU
November 15	Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	OLLI Interest Group: World Affairs Discussion
November 21	Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	OLLI Interest Group: Share a Book
November 27	Monday	11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Tour Committee meeting, Rosa Parks Room D Program Committee meeting, Rosa Parks Room D General Program Meeting, Rosa Parks Room Cesar Chavez Student Center, SFSU
November 29	Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	Tour of SF Opera House, 301 Van Ness Avenue

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