We have succeeded!!!

Yes, the Council, the Executive Committee, YOU, and me. We have fulfilled our goals. In fact, we have exceeded our goals thanks to the support of everyone in Osher at UCSD.

Let me explain:

- We set a goal of 1000 members by the end of our membership (school) year—August 31. We have exceeded that goal and as of August 17 we have 1,012 members. That breaks down into 578 annual members, 153 quarterly members, 27 monthly members, and 254 affiliate members. Let me explain how this community has accomplished this:

  - **Open houses**: We have had a robust Open House process developing over the past two years. We have advertised these open houses in the La Jolla Light coastal newspapers, on KPBS radio, in the Extension catalog, with brochures placed in various business and community facilities around the area, and also with the dissemination of an electronic brochure and the help of our members who have invited their friends to attend the event to learn more about Osher. The enrollment of new members has allowed us to more than make up for and to exceed the approximately 20% annual attrition rate (which is at the low end of the national average for OLLIs).

  - **Affiliate Membership and Retirement Center Partnerships**: Our video library has allowed us to offer affiliate memberships to people who no longer can physically attend Osher, friends and associates who hear our comments about our programs and want to see and hear these lectures but cannot attend (many living far from campus), as well as these Retirement Center Partnerships. These partnerships have been developed during the last 18 months. With some trial and error, a solid process for developing these partner relationships began to evolve under the leadership of Steve Clarey and Carol Roberts. See their report on page 4.

  - **The excellent program of lectures and seminars arranged by our Curriculum Committee**: see Steve’s Look Ahead on pages 2 and report on page 3.

- We set a fundraising goal of $15,000 for our fiscal year (ending June 30). The Fundraising Committee, chaired by Marlese Pinney, established an annual fundraising campaign for several reasons: to keep our annual membership dues affordable for all lifelong learners who wish to join our Institute, to fortify our financial reserves and allow them to grow, and to improve our video library and audio-visual systems. Since this fundraising effort began, members of our community have donated over $32,000, and during our fiscal year (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015) we raised more than $25,000.

- Under the leadership of Carol Roberts, Activities Chair, we increased the number of activities we offer, including trips, tours, the San Diego Neighborhood programs, and by starting new annual/quarterly activities such as the Craft Fair and Poetry Café (under Candy Gietzen’s leadership). See Steve’s Look Ahead page 2.

I want to thank all the volunteers who have worked to support the excellence of this program and all of YOU who have participated in supporting all aspects of Osher at UCSD. I also want to give special thanks to Amy Patterson, always there with her incredible skills, and James Forcier, Managing Director of Extension, who has guided us through the various systems and procedures of the university.
Our fall quarter begins on 28 September, when we resume our regular Monday-Friday schedule. Please remember to renew your membership.

Our two Master Classes again highlight our fall program. We are pleased to welcome back Michael Caldwell, a favorite Osher lecturer, who will discuss four Shakespeare plays: *Comedy of Errors*, *Twelfth Night*, *Coriolanus*, and *Taming of the Shrew*.

In our second Master Class, we also welcome back David Miano, a scholar of ancient history, who will present five lectures on The Historical Context of the New Testament. Registration for our two fall Master Classes is required and begins Wednesday morning September 16th.

The fall quarter features multi-lecture Premier Classes on “UC San Diego: A University for Tomorrow”; an art history series by Cornelia Feye, “From Cubism to Surrealism”; and profiles of four historical figures from the 60s by UCSD history professor Jeremy Prestholdt. The fall catalog provides details of both the Master and Premier classes.

Our regular schedule resumes our popular bi-weekly discussions in Al Korobkin’s “Inside Politics” and Burt Levine’s “Current Events”, as well as Reed Sullivan’s marvelous “Live Music” bi-weekly performances and Darlene Palmer’s “Wednesdays at the Movies”. This fall we feature a new discussion group on education issues led by experienced educators Osher members Barbara Leondar and Elaine Olds. Theater World’s performances also resume and are sure to entertain us all.

Our regular series in Social Sciences, Science and Engineering, Medicine and Life Sciences, International Relations, Humanities, and Law and Society will feature a wide range of preeminent speakers, and our small classroom seminars will again entertain and stimulate their loyal participants. We will also hear from a number of Osher Distinguished Lecturers and our accomplished colleagues as Osher Presenters.

Osher’s energetic Activities Chair Carol Roberts has planned an ambitious schedule of Osher outings: an Osher tour of the pop artist Wayne Thiebaud exhibition at the USD galleries, a visit to the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena, a San Diego Neighborhood walking tour of Kensington, and a visit to the New American Museum at Liberty Station. Not to be missed are the Osher Poetry Café and Osher’s second annual Craft Fair on Friday, 13 November.

Steve Clarey, Chair Curriculum Committee
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

These are the people who work very hard to provide our program and their areas of responsibility.

I. Curriculum Committee Responsibilities

   Chair – Steve Clarey – Master Classes – ssclarey62@gmail.com
   Vice Chair – Reed Sullivan – Centerfold, Catalog and Live Music coordinator
   Emerita Chair – Marsha Korobkin - #128 Peer-led seminars coordinator, Master Class and
                  Premier Class coordinator
   Humanities/Literature – Linda Shirer and Pat Ford
   Social Sciences/History – Candace Gietzen and Eileen Coblens
   Science and Engineering – Jerry Kent and John Kroon
   Osher Presenters – Doug Webb
   International Relations and Economics – Steve Clarey and Steve Jenner
   International Center Student Panels/Science – Dick Dahlberg
   Earth Sciences – Steve Jenner
   Wednesday at the Movies – Darlene Palmer
   Medicine and Life Sciences – JoelDimsdale and Steve Wyte
   Law and Society – Mark Evans and Jack Carney
   Art History – Steve Clarey and Mary Moore
   Distinguished Lecturers – Jim Wyrtzen, Dick Dahlberg, Ira Nelson, Lyle Kalish

II. Catalog Sub-Committee

   Jim Wyrtzen/Steve Clarey/Reed Sullivan
   Candy Gietzen
   Linda Shirer
   Mary Moore
   Amy Patterson

III. Activities Chair – Carol Roberts (w/ assistance from Jan Miller) and Steve Clarey

IV. Theater World – Marcia Wyrtzen and Jeff Earnest

V. Inside Politics – Al Korobkin; Current Events – Burt Levine; Town Hall (summers only) – Pete Rodman
This is an outline of the work that is being done with Senior Living Communities in our area. We have had an increasing involvement in the Affiliate Members program and continue to work with several communities as the program expands and makes our Video Library available to more people.

1. The Vi at La Jolla Village (440 apartments)
   - Plans to renew partnership in September
   - Will promote September 12 Open House
   - Friday, September 18 Fall Preview and registration – Linda Blair – guest speaker
   - Care Center Director invited to Fall Preview to discuss bringing Osher videos to her Assisted Living center
   - Monthly Osher Ambassadors (Osher Presenters) continues: John Kroon and Jim McCall next up.

2. Casa de Mañana in La Jolla (150+ apartments)
   - Became a partner in May 2015
   - Weekly community viewings of Osher videos (Helen Dale – oversight)

3. Seacrest Village Encinitas (115 apartments)
   - Agreed to partnership
   - Fall Preview and Affiliate Membership, Wednesday 26 September

4. Ocean View Country Club (1500+ individual residences)
   - Seeking Homeowner Association approval to Osher program and both regular and affiliate memberships
   - Will promote Open House in September newsletter
   - Comparable demographics to Osher
   - Will consider partnership during next fiscal year (April 2016)

5. La Vida Del Mar Senior Living Community
   - A member introduced Jim Wyrtzen to the Director of Programs, who is very interested in our Affiliate Program
Following a delicious and plentiful Pot Luck lunch, Jim Wyrtzen, President of Osher, honored many people who made a difference to Osher. He thanked Stanley Faer, Past President and Treasurer for the last two years, Outgoing Council members Kay Bodinger and Grace Lee and Al Korobkin, coordinator of Theatre World for their valuable contributions. In addition, he recognized Reed Sullivan for incredible music programs, Jay Berman for his musical accompaniments, and Jack Holtzman who brought medicine and science programs for several years.

Our program is richer for the participation of Peer Presenters and lecturers who deserve our thanks:

Peter Fedders
Allan Kleinman
Dick Dahlberg
Fran Zimmerman
Jim McCall
Al Korobkin
Burt Levine
Darlene Palmer

Neil Heyman
Candace Geitzen
Jane Jellinek
Esther Dobrin and Howard Hyman
Hank William
Francoise Shah
Pete Rodman

The wonderful day ended with the fabulous music of the Chamber Group Trio Amoroso.

OSHER HITS A HOMER WITH PADRES

Monday, August 10, a group of Osher baseball fans attended a Padres game enjoying hot dogs, peanuts, popcorn and cotton candy. Susan Page arranged for a lovely suite, where we were close to the home run action. The Padres defeated the Cincinnati Reds 2-1 so everyone was glad to see we broke their losing streak.

Maybe they should ask us to come more often!

By Carol Roberts
On Saturday, March 14, 35 members met Gabe Selek at the Alcazar Gardens, then walked to the Plaza de Panama, ending the tour at the International Cottages. Gabe had wonderful stories and interesting facts to share with everyone.

We learned about how the park continued to develop in 1935. We explored the gardens, Plaza de Panama, and ended up at the International Village.

Gabe told us the tales of Sally Rand visiting and of the electric lights being turned on by President Roosevelt in the White House. Everyone truly enjoyed Gabe’s view of 1935 at Balboa Park.

San Diego Neighborhoods series continued with the Mission Hills neighborhood walking tour on Saturday, April 18. Leader Kiley Wallace started the walk explaining how the Mission style developed alongside the Craftsman style in this area of San Diego. We walked by many beautiful homes and began to recognize the different styles that were built in the early 20th century. It was a fascinating look at a beautiful old neighborhood.

In November we will have the next installment of San Diego Neighborhoods, focusing on the Spanish architecture of Kensington.
"There's no business like show business" and Theater World is working hard to make that a reality for Osher members. Three productions are already in the works for the fall quarter. Veteran director and actor Reed Sullivan is at the helm of a series of one-act comedies by Rich Orloff and a short Chekov play called "A Marriage Proposal," which comments on the superficial silliness of us all. Following auditions, rehearsals are now in full swing for the 10/21 performance. In mid-November (11/18), a new collaboration between the Memoirs/Next Chapter class, headed by Paul and Germaine Markowitz and Bob King, and Theater World will highlight the storytelling gifts of lives richly lived and shared by the participants. Rounding out the fall schedule on 12/02, we will be treated to a multi-layered and provocative award-winning play by Alfred Uhry, "The Last Night of Ballyhoo," spearheaded by the talented Ilene Hubbs. Be on the lookout for upcoming auditions.

A special treat will be provided by Kristianne Kurner's lecture on 11/16. As Executive Artistic Director of New Village Arts theater in Carlsbad, she, along with some of San Diego's most talented actors, plans to explore the process of how the actor goes from "page to stage" in bringing that special spark that ignites between actor and audience.

News Flash! We need backstage volunteers willing to lend their time and energy. Your involvement greatly contributes to the success of each and every performance!
—Marcia Wyrtzen and Jeff Earnest, co-coordinators

Ray Spencer died August 14th. The following is an interview by Janice Alper that was printed in the winter 2011 Osher Observer.

RAY SPENCER is easy to spot with his tall frame and colourful headscarf. Ray, a swimmer, is a newcomer to the Senior Olympics. He has only been involved for the last two years and has managed to snare his share of medals in this short time. This year he came in second place, beaten by a younger man of 85. The irony, as he explains it, is that he was 3 seconds faster this year than he was two years ago.

Ray, who came to California from Iowa in 1952, has always stayed in good shape. When he was still gainfully employed, mostly as a subdivision engineer for the City of San Diego, he would run after work. At age 50 he joined the Masters Division, a senior level tier, of the San Diego Track and Field Club where for 22 years he competed internationally in world championships as a hurdler. Then he called it quits as a competitor until he joined the Senior Olympics a few years ago. Ray likes to compete and is in it for the satisfaction of competing and winning.

An Osher member for the last five years or so, Ray also spends time copying master paintings for pleasure. Once a year he goes on a ski trip with his daughter. When Ray competes, he brings his own cheering section, comprised mostly of Osher members, led by long-time companion Bella Attix, Jack Schaps and Marcia and Jim Wyrtzen. Maybe next year more of us will turn out to cheer him on!
The Executive Committee and the Council has gone through a process, led by Vice-President Bob Morgan, of building a vision, mission, core values, and goals. This is the product:

VISION

Enrichment through lifelong learning

MISSION STATEMENT

To build a community on the campus of UC San Diego in an atmosphere of intellectual growth and cultural enrichment through offerings, and group activities.

CORE VAULES

Tailor programs that encourage lifelong inquiry
Offer programs that promote intellectual inquiry and discussion
Operate to the further enrichment of the UC San Diego community

2015-216 GOALS

Operate within the limits of the annual budget
Maintain and increase 1000+ members
Add three new organizations to the Affiliate Member Program
Upgrade the audio-visual systems
Redesign the OLLI website