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Dear OLLI Members and Friends,

We are meant to be together. Sharing ideas, conversation and cookies. Unfortunately, this pandemic has changed the way we go about doing business.

Cancelling many spring classes was heartbreaking, but around every dark corner is a new opportunity. We are committed to delivering on OLLI's promise of lifelong learning through a variety of creative means, while supporting our instructors and all of you during this trying time.

May Courses Now Online

Thanks to the can-do spirit of our OLLI faculty, we are bringing several of our May courses to an online format, including: "Before Stonehenge: Ancient Megaliths," "California's Future with Fred Keeley," "David Jacks: Scoundrel or Benefactor?" "Deep Sea Secrets with Dr. Ed Clifton," "Dr. Todd Talks Tunes," "Evolution of American Society," "Giving Oneself - Buddhist Rituals," "Introduction to Writing Poetry," and "Photography in the 20th Century."

Cancelled May Courses

Unfortunately, some May courses had to be cancelled. We thank the instructors for their thoughtful preparation and look forward to presenting these offerings in the future. Courses include: "A Cinema of Politics," "Art and Philosophy in Medicine," "Artists by the Sea," "Bach, Broadway and the Art of Escher," "Celtic Noir and the Catholic Church," "Charles Moore: Architectural Innovator," "In Search of the Ideal Government," "Julia Morgan, Architect of Asilomar," "Migratory Birds of Palo Corona," "Mixology," "Modern Jazz Icons," "Robert Louis Stevenson and Treasure Island," and "Where the Earth Splits Open."

Summer Online Offerings

We are creating a new slate of summer courses featuring some of your beloved instructors. Look for an announcement in mid-May.

Refunds

We have begun processing our first wave of refunds for all of the courses that we couldn't deliver in-person in March, April and May. We are committed to having all refunds for these courses in your hands by June 30. We appreciate your patience. For those of you who have chosen to forgo your refund, we send our deepest thanks. Your generosity is helping sustain us through these difficult times.

Our website is your most up-to-date source for staying abreast of this ever-changing landscape. Visit us at olli.csumb.edu for daily updates.

I hope that you and the ones you love and care for are navigating this time as well as possible. We are missing you.

Be safe and be well,
Michele