

# GRAY MATTERS

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## Summer is coming...

It's time to enjoy the sunshine and the great outdoors! Dip your feet in the ocean, take a hike through the redwoods, read a few great books, have a barbecue, visit a Farmer's market, enjoy time with family and friends, tend your garden, and while you're at it, take a few OLLI à la Carte classes! Ten great, two-hour classes on "All things California" are available. With these courses, you can learn about surf music, visit a local museum, explore Sonoma County's natural beauty, discover local food producers and brush up on California politics. Classes are in-person at SSU and on Zoom this summer, from June 28 through August 4, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. Explore California with OLLI, and don't miss out on the FREE summer classes opportunity!

**Leslie Brutocao**

**Director**

**NOTE: CLASSES ARE FREE** to OLLI members that paid membership fees for fall 2021, winter and spring 2022. Register in advance by phone at 707-664-2691 for your free classes. Bring a friend with you to an OLLI class (in person or on Zoom), and you will both receive the summer class for free. Register in advance by phone at 707-664-2691 for your free class.

For SSU summer food options and hours of operation, Go to SSU culinary services at <https://culinary.sonoma.edu/>.

Registration opens June 8 at [olli.sonoma.edu](https://olli.sonoma.edu) or 707-664-2691

## Golden State Summer Adventures with OLLI

**June 28 – August 4**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 – 11:50 a.m.**  
**(In-Person at SSU or on Zoom)**

**\$25 per class**

### Course Offerings

**June 28 (Zoom)** – *California's Surf Music: How it enraptured a Generation* with Richie Unterberger

**June 30 (at SSU)** – *What a Bounty! The Bay Area's Artisanal Foods and Producers* with Carlos Torres

**July 12 (Zoom)** – *Hollywood: From the Silents to the Seventies* with Cary Pepper

**July 14 (at SSU)** – *Women War Correspondents* with local author, Jeane Slone

**July 19 (at SSU)** – *A Stroll through the California Redwoods: Cultivating the Eye of the Beholder* with Bruce Elliott

**July 21 (at SSU)** - *In Sonoma Vino Veritas – A Short History of Wine in Sonoma County* with David Sandri

**July 26 (at SSU)** – *A Private Viewing of the Leissing Gallery, Santa Rosa* with Linda L. Reid

**July 28 (at SSU)** – *Hiking and Paddling in the North Bay* with Warren Wiscombe

**August 2 (Zoom)** – *California Politics: How We are the Driver of the National Political Scene* with David McCuan

**August 4 (Zoom)** – *How Geology Formed California* with Nicole Myers

*Classes at SSU will be held in Darwin 103 in Darwin Hall. There is a \$5 parking fee at SSU.*

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## ARE YOU READY TO TRAVEL?

Gather a group of OLLI friends and consider... Trips hosted by Collette with the Rohnert Park Chamber of Commerce

Price includes airfare from SFO\*, lodging, some meals, a guided tour & transportation to & from SFO Best insurance program – cancel up to the day before for any reason!

*\*Travelers can depart from anywhere and receive the same benefits*

Learn more about traveling with Collette & our trips - [Watch Video](#)

Trips are open to everyone - Not just Chamber Members

### Click on trips for details and booking info

*Please note the deadline to book to secure this pricing*

#### Nashville & the Smoky Mountains

**Holiday** Dec 9 – 16, 2022

\$3,299 per person double *if booked by June 9, 2022*

#### London & Paris - New Year's Eve in Paris

Dec 26, 2022 – Jan 2, 2023

\$3,799 per person double *if booked by June 27, 2022*

#### Spotlight on the French Riviera

Mar 18 – 26, 2023

\$2,999 per person double *if booked by September 19, 2022*

#### Tuscan & Umbrian Countryside

Apr 22 – May 2, 2023

Small Group Tour

Just 12 – 24 passengers

\$4,299 per person double *if booked by September 23, 2022*

For details on Travels with the Rohnert Park Chamber, go to: <https://www.rohnertparkchamber.org/travel>

*Want more information on a trip, email: [info@rohnertparkchamber.org](mailto:info@rohnertparkchamber.org)*



If you are planning to travel this summer, here is some helpful travel advice to avoid scams:

<https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/avoid-scams-when-you-travel>

## Message to OLLI members!

**We need your help!** The past two unprecedented years have created challenges for many OLLI members. So, we are making OLLI available to everyone with in-person and Zoom classes. Our goal is to offer hybrid courses in the future, but they aren't easy to produce due to technology and equipment challenges. Please be patient with OLLI as we explore options to provide a quality experience for students and faculty. We will be experimenting with hybrid technology over the next few months. So, if you are tech-savvy and would like to lend a hand, let us know! We could use your help. Contact OLLI at [olli@sonoma.edu](mailto:olli@sonoma.edu) if you would like to participate in this new technology adventure with OLLI.

Thank you,

Leslie and Grace

## IN MEMORIAM

### OLLI Ambassador Berni Altman, 1924 – 2022

Berni Altman has been a fixture at OLLI since 2010. In fact, OLLI is one of the things that prompted her to retire from her job at the Rohnert Park Senior Center in order to attend classes.

Berni was born in Brooklyn, New York, where her parents owned several candy and ice cream stores. She attended high school with Susan Hayward (she was a few years ahead of Berni) and studied fashion design. She designed many of her own outfits and continued sewing for many years. She joined the Navy as a WAVE during World War II and worked as a nurse in Florida. She met her husband, Herb, at work, in New York. In the late 50s, they moved with their daughters, Abbe and Sue, to Columbus, Ohio, where their third daughter, Lisa, was born. After many years she and Herb moved back to New York. When their first grandchild, Marissa, was born, Berni and Herb moved to the Bay Area, where their daughter, Abbe, and her family lived to be close to their *eynikl* (Yiddish for 'granddaughter'). Once Berni retired, she and Herb moved to Rohnert Park, where she could be even



closer. She was not ready to retire, so she began working at the Senior Center.

Berni loved OLLI from the start and was delighted when she was asked to be an ambassador. She attended most classes every session and went on some of the European adventures. Besides her family, friends, and OLLI, Berni also loved dancing; she was a regular at Zumba classes in Rohnert Park. In fact, the instructor decided to learn how to teach Zumba Gold (for seniors) because of Berni.

We will miss Berni's smile, her dedication to OLLI and her friends in the community and certainly her laughter.

**You are invited to attend a Celebration of Life in Bernie Altman's honor:  
Sunday, June 5, 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

Rancho Grande Mobile Home Park - Clubhouse 5099 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park

**Register in advance for the Celebration of Life at:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celebration-of-life-of-berni-altman-tickets-333720796887>



### Please join family and friends for a Memorial Service for Brian Lloyd

**Saturday, June 4, 2022**

**Glaser Center** | 547 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa

*Service begins at 2:00pm followed by a reception*



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