

# CLASSES

If you think OLLI classes are like traditional school, you'll be surprised to learn that we take a different approach. Imagine learning only about the topics you choose, taught by engaging instructors, on a college campus, with people your age, and no tests or grades. Add time for socializing, and you have a sense of what we love to do!

**WEDNESDAYS,  
October 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2019**

**COFFEE: 8:30-9:00 a.m.  
BREAK: 10:00-10:30 a.m.**

**8:30 – 10:00 a.m.**

### 1. Don't Look Under That Bridge! The Psychology of Online Trolls

Two related thoughts drove the development of this OLLI class. First, are we as nasty in person as we appear to be in our troll personas on the internet? Second, why do we continue to fall for this online behavior? This OLLI class is designed to help answer those two questions using recent research from the social sciences. Class instructor is Marjorie Getz, professor of arts and sciences at Methodist College. (RI/NC)

### 2. Media Literacy in the Age of Social Media and "Fake News"

Information is more accessible than ever on the internet and social networks like Facebook and Twitter. The amount of information and the speed at which that information circulates, however, make it difficult to separate fact from fiction. This complex landscape calls for new forms of media literacy or the framework to access, analyze, evaluate, and create messages. Media literacy inspires independent thinking and positive relationships with civic life and is particularly important for people over 50 years old, who may be less comfortable evaluating digital information. This class will trace the pre-internet developments that led to a world of "fake news," detail how misinformation is created and spread across the digital sphere, and give participants a toolkit for improving their own media literacy. Class instructor is Cory Barker, assistant professor in the Department of Communication at Bradley University. (NI/NC)

### 3. Hajj — The Philosophy, History, and Meaning

The Hajj is a six-day, once-in-a-lifetime event in which every able Muslim male and female must travel to Makkah, Saudi Arabia to complete specific religious rites

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following the tradition of God's prophets and messengers. In this class, Imam Burhan, Director of Islamic Affairs for the Islamic Center of Peoria, and three other members of the Center will present an overview of the Hajj, discuss its meaning and philosophy, and detail specific aspects of the journey while sharing personal insights from their own experiences. (NIs/NC)

**9:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

### 4. 20th Century – Age of Uncertainty in Europe

After World Wars I and II, the Great Depression, and the loss of most of its colonies, Europe was devastated, demoralized, and fearful of a Russian invasion at mid-century. We will look at the issues and activities that lead Europe to virtually self-destruct: malignant nationalism, the rise of Fascism and the World Wars, and the exploitation of colonies. We will also focus on how Europe's quick recovery, with significant help from the United States, was more rapid and substantial than anyone anticipated. Despite the need for significant rebuilding of basic infrastructure and major internal political quarrels, the European countries began to look to the future with hope and optimism. Within a few decades, the early cooperation that led to the current European Union produced a strong and united Europe that again took its place among the major world powers. Class instructor is Dr. Gregory G. Guzman, emeritus professor of history at Bradley University. (RI/NC)

### 5. Collaborating to End Hunger

For many years, the Peoria area response to the hunger crisis has relied on traditional methods, in which food is distributed by organizations such as food pantries, food banks, and similar nonprofits. Although an important part of the local emergency food system, this approach has not resulted in a decrease in food insecurity in our community. In 2019, the Community Foundation of Central Illinois decided to take a different approach by developing the "Ending Hunger Together" grant program to foster collaboration among food-related organizations to seek a comprehensive approach and more permanent solutions. This class will review the scope and nature of the problem and the kinds of solutions being developed to address the systemic issues that lead to hunger in our community. Speakers include Mark Roberts, CEO, Community Foundation of Central Illinois; Amy Fox, administrator, Tazewell County Health Department; Dr. Leslie McKnight, director of community health policy and planning, Peoria City/County Health Department; and Tory Dahlhoff, director of communications and outreach and rural development coordinator, Greater Peoria Economic Development Council. (RI/NI/NC)

**6. The Die Is Cast: The Beginning of the End of the Roman Republic**

Most people know that Julius Caesar was assassinated on the Ides of March. Many people know that Caesar’s crossing of the Rubicon River started a civil war which led to his dictatorship, his assassination, and ultimately, the fall of the Roman Republic. But what led to his assassination? And what started the demise of one of the most powerful and longest lasting republics of all time? This class will address this question by discussing the wars of Marius and Sulla, the conspiracy of Catiline, the gang wars of Clodius and Milo, and the civil war of Pompey and Caesar. We’ll also discover more about the writings of the people of that time: Cicero, historians Sallust, Asconius, and Plutarch, and modern author Steven Saylor. Class instructor is Janene Mattingly, past OLLI secretary, retired Latin teacher at East Peoria Community High School, and avid Italy traveler. (RI/NC)

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**7. If It’s In a Frame, Is It Art?**

The answer, of course, depends on the eye of the beholder and the help of experts! Enjoy learning the answer to this perennial question from two working artists with expertise in matting, framing, art history, and art appraising. Learn how to use color and design to enhance the art; how to preserve a work of art with proper framing and matting while also learning how to cut a mat; how to combine different sizes of art to make your own gallery wall; and when and how to work with a certified appraiser. Class instructors are Barbara Milaccio, owner of Exhibit A Gallery and Framing, who is a graduate of the School of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia; and Theresa McDade, who works at Exhibit A, is a painter, and is also a member of the International Society of Appraisers. (NIs/NC)

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**8. Invasive Plants, Weeds, and Native Plant Alternatives for the Landscape**

This class will explore many invasive plant species found in our landscape, weeds, and alternative use of native plants. We will explore why some plants end up becoming invasive, discuss some invaders that are still in the ornamental trade, and review ways to influence the surrounding natural landscapes through planning decisions. Weed control is a necessary evil that can be back breaking, so we’ll discuss various weed control methods and gardening practices. We’ll also learn how you can do your part in your own backyard designing your landscape with Illinois native plants that nurture and feed the little friends that bring you joy and require minimal care. Class instructor is Lee Maki, class category coordinator for gardening, agriculture, and environment. (RI/NC)

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**9. Peoria County Sheriff’s Office: An Overview**

The Peoria County Sheriff’s Office provides a wide range of programs and services to protect residents of the County. This class will review the duties and responsibilities of the Sheriff, including patrol, corrections, court security, and civil process. Instructors will also focus on self-protection issues, including situational awareness, a way to assess your surroundings, identify potential threats, and determine available options. We’ll also be updated on current frauds and how to protect yourself from them. Class instructors are Sheriff Brian Asbell, Chief Deputy Doug Gaa, and Victim Services Coordinator Aimee Shinall. (RIs/RC)

**10. You Need Estate Planning**

In today’s world few things are certain, but estate planning is one of them! Regardless of your net worth, most people want to control to whom and to where their assets end up going. Why leave Uncle Sam an extra share when you can pay only your fair share? Not all of your assets are treated equally for tax purposes, especially when they are passed on to your beneficiaries. Are you aware of changes in tax law? With easy-to-understand techniques on how to better organize your planning, we’ll learn the pros and cons of different estate plans, how to avoid costly mistakes, and feel comfortable with this complicated topic. Class instructor is Daryl Dagit, CFP™, CRPST™, CEP™, a financial advisor with Savant Capital Management. (RI/RC)

**BREAK: 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

**10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

**11. Creating Abstract Expressionism**

Tap into your expressive artistry with this multifaceted art class! We’ll start with a brief history of abstract art to establish an understanding of events in history that played a part in shaping this major art movement. We’ll then be guided to develop our own expressive strokes through gestural drawing exercises. We will develop an understanding of artists who sometimes say very little – in other words, the art of minimalist expressionism – while working with Sumi ink and bamboo brushes to create “Sumi Literati.” We’ll dig in deep with paint and paper to work through “short thoughts,” and experience creating as an expressionist. Finally, we’ll create our own paintings on canvas using gestural drawing, music, and acrylic paints – perfect for experiencing the art of creating abstract expressionism! Participants will be given a list of required supplies before the class begins. Class instructor is Jessica Ball, an abstract expressionist painter and former owner of The Art Garage Studio and Gallery. (NI/NC)

**12. Flourishing After 50: Nutrition for the Golden Years**

Properly nourishing your body in your 50s and beyond can

help you prevent disease, slow down the aging process, and help you better manage chronic conditions. Research shows that eating a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, beans, nuts, and seeds can help keep us healthy and feeling good throughout our golden years. Join registered dietitian Ashley Thomas as she walks you through what good nutrition looks like during this life stage and provides you with a simple framework to help you make healthy food choices every day. (NI/NC)

**13. The Gifts and Fruits of The Holy Spirit**

In the Christian faith, the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit are given to Christians to better equip them to share “good news” with others. In this class, author Clairann Nicklin will discuss how, despite her challenge with dyslexia, she wrote the book *Christ in Our Midst* by exploring the meaning and application of those fruits, gifts, and charisms. She will also explain how, combined with prayer, listening, waiting, and writing, they can intertwine in our daily lives to help our search for meaning in life. (NI/NC)

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**14. Introduction to Sociology**

What is sociology? How can it help us understand ourselves, other people, and other societies? Class participants will enjoy fun activities, group discussion and sharing, but with no written work. We will examine how free we are and why, how social groups make us who we are, how and why we police each other, how social change happens, and why it is such a challenge, especially for senior citizens. Class instructor is Michael Yoder, a retired sociology professor who taught at three private Midwest colleges for more than 30 years. (RI/NC)

**15. Madrigals 101: Step Back in Time**

What was European “popular” music in the 1500s? What was life like in a Medieval or Renaissance castle? What do



*Alan Lonn demonstrates his weather forecasting skills during a learning trip to the WTVP studios.*

May poles, nosegays, wassail, pavaues, and yule logs have to do with secular choral music? What is a madrigal dinner and what does it have to do with Christmas? Oh, and did you know the Sheriff of Nottingham is presently a woman? The answers to these questions and more will be answered in this class. Class instructor is Toni Redlingshafer, a retired choral director, former state choral vice president and director of professional development for the Illinois Music Educators Association, and director emeritus of the Arclight Theater Madrigal Dinners. (NI/NC)

**16. Math and Music**

Why do some notes and chords sound good and others don't? What is the mathematics of harmony? This class will investigate the math behind the music. (Or the music behind the math?) From ancient musical instruments to modern versions, and from Pythagoras to Beethoven and Mozart, the math and music mix and match. Class instructors are Julie Frank, long-time educator, and Mary Jane Sterling, math lecturer emeritus at Bradley University. (RI/NI/NC)

**17. Poof! It's Magic!**

Char Gott is back to teach you magical skills! Mystify your friends, family, and yourself with your ability to perform entertaining magical effects. We'll learn magical history and ethics while we discover the fun of the art of magic. No prior magical experience is required – find the magic you already possess! Class instructor is Char Gott, a longtime member of the Society of American Magicians and the International Brotherhood of Magicians who has performed in Central Illinois since 1964. (RI/NC)

**25 18. Shakespeare's Cymbeline**

We will examine Shakespeare's lesser-known play *Cymbeline*, which has the chaotic, tragicomical-historical-pastoral, romantic, absurdist feel of a Quentin Tarantino film. The play takes place in ancient Britain and is filled with hidden identities, extraordinary schemes, and violent acts. Class instructor is Thomas Palakeel, who joined the English department at Bradley in 1993 after earning a master's in creative writing from Eastern Washington University and a doctorate in English renaissance literature from the University of North Dakota. (RI/NC)

**19. Weather Explained with NOAA**

**October 2 - Are Severe Storms Getting Worse?**

Patterns of severe weather and tornadoes appear to be shifting. Is Illinois in tornado alley or does it just seem like we've had more severe weather lately? We will look at the data, talk about possible causes, and explore the impacts of some of nature's worst storms. Class instructor is Chris Miller, warning coordination meteorologist, National Weather Service (NWS). (RI/NC)

**October 9 - Measuring and Modeling Climate**

Weather and climate are related, yet very different topics. This class will explain the differences, explore the tools used by climatologists to evaluate climate, and provide a brief overview of global climate models. Climate data specific to Illinois will be analyzed, and future climate and weather impacts will also be discussed. Class instructor is Llyle Barker, science and operations officer, NWS. (NI/NC)

**October 16 - NWS Weather Observing Programs**

The NWS Lincoln office relies on weather data from hundreds of volunteer observers in central and eastern Illinois. Learn about these different programs, the equipment that is used, and how you can help make an impact as a “citizen scientist”. Class instructor is Scott Baker, meteorologist, NWS. (RI/RC)

**October 23 - NWS River Forecasting and Decision Support for Historic Flooding**

Water information and prediction in today’s world is becoming more and more important, with implications that span many different sectors. Through integration and interpretation of numerous data types and sources, the NWS can produce river forecasts to meet the needs of their users. With that come many quality control challenges as well as coordination and collaboration considerations. Darrin Hansing, service hydrologist, NWS, will discuss the NWS water mission and take you through the river forecast process and how water information is used for short- and long-term prediction. You will also learn how this process came into play ahead of and during the historic Mississippi River and Illinois River flooding of 2019. (RI/NC)

**20. The Whole Person: Body, Mind, and Spirit at End of Life**

The hospice philosophy recognizes that every person deserves to live out his or her life with respect and dignity, alert and free of pain, in an environment that promotes quality of life. From its beginning, hospice has focused on the whole person – body, mind, and spirit – with an understanding that serious illness impacts the patient and family and loved ones. Medical personnel, social workers,

*OLLI’s men in plaid: study group facilitators Randy Wilson, left, and Gary Nelson are all smiles after leading a cinema study group last spring.*



and a chaplain from Hospice Compassus of Peoria will explain and discuss the services available to clients involved in the day-to-day care of a hospice patient, as well as care for family and loved ones. (NI/RC)

**21. Women and Wealth**

Women are a powerful economic force, controlling more than half of all investable assets in the United States. Living longer on average and representing more than half of the population, women face unique financial challenges due to the many roles they often play – including money manager, scheduling, and wellness manager. This class will present the fundamentals of investing, estate planning, and long term care needs, and provide information on how to create a wealth strategy that meets your true needs. Class instructor is Hiral Hudson, a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley and frequent OLLI instructor and facilitator. (RI/RC)

**LUNCH: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

During the lunch hour, you can dine at one of our neighborhood restaurants, the Student Center Marketplace, bring a sack lunch, or enjoy OLLI’s convenient buffet lunches.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**If you have dietary needs, contact the Continuing Education office at (309) 677-3900 by Wednesday, September 18 so we can meet your needs.**

**OLLI Buffet Lunches:**

**\$43 for all four days (register on p. 44)  
Lunches include coffee, water, and iced tea**

**October 2**

Roasted beef brisket with Rosemary potatoes, mixed greens salad, Greek pasta salad, vegetable soup, and angel food cake.

**October 9**

Chicken and cheese enchiladas, mixed greens salad, spinach salad, chicken tortilla soup, and chocolate cake.

**October 16**

Roasted pork loin with mashed potatoes and gravy, Italian chopped salad, Israeli couscous salad, Italian wedding soup, vanilla cupcakes.

**October 23**

Cheese tortellini with peas and alfredo sauce, mixed greens, Caesar salad, Minestrone soup, and pumpkin surprise.

**22. All the World's a Stage**

Combining her diverse background as a therapist, entrepreneur, professor, and now theatre owner, Abby Reel will use theatre, counseling, and psychology concepts to explore the many ways taking risks, pushing through uncomfortable feelings, and life changes can enhance mental health and bring about community change and entrepreneurship opportunities. In addition, we will look at the rebuild process of the Barn III (a local dinner theatre), and learn hands-on tips and tricks from the trade to increase confidence both on and off the stage! Class instructor is Abby Reel, co-owner of the Barn III. (NI/NC)

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**23. The Cyanotype Photograph**

This class will explore the history and making of the cyanotype, the historic blue-printing process. Participants will learn about the 19th century development of the process and spend time creating their own cyanotype images in the darkroom at Bradley's Heuser Art Center.

**A \$10 materials and chemistry fee is payable to the instructor on the first day of class.** Class instructor is Margaret LeJeune, Bradley University associate professor of art. **This class will be held on campus at Heuser Art Center; shuttle transportation provided.** (NI/NC)

**24. Green Chemistry Makes the World a Better Place to Live**

The idea of green chemistry is now a little more than 20 years old, but it has made many strides to make the world a better place. Major themes in the movement today include reducing our reliance on nonrenewable energy sources, reducing industrial carbon footprints, breaking down landfill waste, and taking advantage of abundant unwanted resources (waste). Dr. Udo Schnupf, assistant professor in the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department at Bradley University, will discuss the history of green chemistry, its major successes, its future, and how it relates to global warming, sustainability of resources, health care, and pollution. (NI/NC)

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**25. Lies, Damned Lies, and Statistics**

The quote "Lies, Damned Lies, and Statistics" is truer today than when Mark Twain made this observation over 100 years ago, largely because computers have made statistics (and lying) easier. This class will explore the fundamentals of how statistics can distort the truth and look at specific examples in finance, medicine, and the news. John Amdall, a frequent OLLI instructor and current OLLI Vice President, will share his learning journey and provide a handout to help participants continue their own learning journey to understand the linkage, if any, between statistics and the truth. (RI/NC)

**26. Literary Lions****October 2 – Ted Kooser**

Prolific American poet and essayist Ted Kooser has served as United States Poet Laureate, has won the Pulitzer Prize, and has a firm place in the hearts of new and old poetry readers with his warm and perceptive look at ordinary people and life. Class instructor is Jane Hense, a retired English teacher and school administrator, a frequent study group facilitator, and current OLLI President. (RI/NC)

**October 9 – Mark Haddon**

Mark Haddon, best known for his award-winning novel, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, is also the author of children's books, poetry, and short stories, often exploring the themes of family and difference using empathetic characters. We will sample from his body of work, including the book he compares to a "gold-plated ball and chain." Class instructor is Roberta Koscielski, deputy director of the Peoria Public Library. (RI/NC)

**October 16 – Emily Bronte**

Emily Bronte wrote just one novel, *Wuthering Heights*, and it became a classic in English literature. How did a shy, almost reclusive girl create such a powerful novel? Did her upbringing play a role in the creation of the characters? We'll explore her short life and delve into the book itself to see how her work became a classic. Class instructor is Cornell Carr, a retired senior account manager for Lincoln Office and an OLLI past president. (RI/NC)

**October 23 – Anne Morrow Lindbergh**

Anne Morrow Lindbergh was a very shy person who lived an adventurous, daring life. We'll learn more about Anne, her family, and her writing. Class instructor is Jennifer Bass, a retired teacher, an OLLI past president, and a frequent class instructor. (RI/NC)

**27. Look Where I Went**

Whether they traveled across the country or across the world, presenters in this class allow OLLI members to experience what the presenters did, saw, and learned as they share their trip photographs with all. (NI/NC)

**October 2 – Portugal and Spain**

Tim Bailey will summarize his adventure of traveling with OLLI members to Portugal and the Andalusia region of Spain. He will describe the historic hotels they stayed in and the picturesque villages, moorish palaces, gothic cathedrals, and UNESCO heritage sites they visited. (NI/NC)

**October 9 – Return to Vietnam**

After serving in Vietnam 48 years ago, Coke Mattingly, with his wife Janene, returned for two weeks, retracing many of the exact places he had seen during his Army tour of duty. Their amazing experience took them from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh city (previously Saigon), Hue,

Hoi An, and even the Mekong Delta. Travel with them on this exciting, emotional trip. (NI/NC)

**October 16 – Sicily and Malta**

Join Sharron Santure as she takes us to early Phoenician temples, Greek and Roman theatres, and the Middle Age fortifications of the Knights of St. John. She will also treat us to the highlights of the history of the ancient lands to Sicily and Malta in the Mediterranean Sea. (NI/NC)

**October 23 – California Wine Country**

Ted and Mary Jane Sterling will describe how their trip to California and back on a train added a completely new dimension to the wine country destination. The views from the train were spectacular; the sleep on the train was less so. The winery tours were each special, and memories of those times keep coming back as periodic deliveries are made. Are you up for this type of travel and this kind of adventure? Come to this class and find out! (RIs/NC)

**28. Muslim-Christian Relations**

This class will cast scholarly light on Muslim-Christian relations. We'll be introduced to texts that Christians and Muslims have written about each other from as early as the rise of Islam as a religion (in the 600s CE), up until contemporary times. The class will discuss the Qur'an, the Bible, and theology (doctrines), as well as political, cultural, demographic, and social factors that have influenced Muslim-Christian relations historically. Class instructor is Jason Zaborowski, an associate professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Bradley University. (RI/NC)

**29. The Opioid Crisis – How Did This Happen and What Can Be Done About It?**

Do you know that drug overdoses from opiates have overtaken car accidents as a leading cause of death in America? In 2018, over 200,000 deaths were linked to prescription opiates. This class will explore the many facets of this phenomenon, from the medical effects of the drugs to the aspects of addiction and its treatment and its causes. Specifically, we'll discuss medication-assisted treatment, harm reduction, and addiction counseling and recovery. Class instructors are Bonnie Howard, Chrissy Smith, Chris Schaffner, and Keely McKenna, staff members at the Human Service Center, a behavioral health care organization in Peoria. (NIs/RI/NC)

**30. Something Wonderful: The Story of Rodgers and Hammerstein**

Beginning with a brief biography of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II and an examination of their significant separate careers before teaming up in 1943, the class will survey the extraordinary body of works that made this team giants in the history of American musical

theater. We will see and hear excerpts from their well-known shows (*Carousel*, *South Pacific*, *The King and I*, and *The Sound of Music*) and their lesser known works (*Flower Drum Song*, *Cinderella*, and *State Fair*). Class instructor Stan Ransom, a retired teacher and frequent OLLI instructor, will share rare video recordings of Ezio Pinza and Mary Martin on stage in *South Pacific*, the original cast of *Flower Drum Song*, Agnes DeMille in an emotional explanation of *Oklahoma*, and the original cast of *Cinderella* (complete with mistakes). (RI/NC)

**BREAK 1:30-2:00 p.m.**

**2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**31. Film Noir: A Study in Black and White**

Film noir has become a distinct film category, with movies from the 1940s and 1950s (some of which were “B” movies at the time) elevated in importance. We won't waste time trying to categorize film noir, but rather will look to explore the category in terms of why these black-and-white crime movies (with their hard-boiled characters) have captured our attention. We'll survey the stars, the style, the sounds, and the settings for some serious fun. Class instructor is Steve Tarter, a retired writer and editor at the *Peoria Journal Star* and former president of the Apollo Theatre in Peoria. (NI/NC)

**25 32. The Globalists Versus the Nationalists: Understanding the Economic and Political Impact**

The 2016 election and events that followed have opened a discussion about not only the role of the United States on the world stage, but the perspective of how we see ourselves, how governments see us, and how those perspectives shape our government's policies. Much attention has been given to the perspectives of “globalists” and “nationalists” and the relationship to economics and politics. This worldwide discussion has been going on for quite some time, and the United States is not unique in questioning its priorities toward a more global or national perspective. In fact, the Brexit vote is often considered a preview in the United Kingdom of discussions now being held in the United States. Join us for a lively discussion of the issues that may help define national and global policies into the future and impact our economy and politics. Class instructors are Jim Foley, director of the Turner Center for Entrepreneurship and the Illinois SBDC International Trade Center at Bradley University, and Angela Weck, affiliate instructor and global education coordinator at Bradley University. (RIs/NC)

**33. Look What I Did**

**October 2 – A Colorful Life:**

**Adventures in the Art of Relief Printmaking**

Cathie Crawford is a professional artist specializing in reduction woodcut printmaking. Her work has been selected for hundreds of exhibitions in multiple countries and she has received more than 40 awards at the national and regional level. Her artwork has led her to extraordinary adventures in several countries. She will share her multi-step process, the inspiration for her artwork, and her amazing experiences living outside the United States. Join us for a session like none other! (NI/NC)

**October 9 – Pedaling into Retirement:**

**Coast to Coast on Bicycles**

Sam and Jean Glick decided to celebrate their retirements from long careers as teachers by bicycling from Oregon to New Jersey on their own (without a luggage wagon). They covered 5,000 miles in 15 weeks of pedaling, and learned that couples, especially retired couples, are very rare on coast-to-coast rides. Join us to hear about their adventures, the kindness of strangers, and the friendly people they met across the country. (NI/NC)

**October 16 – Private Rail Car:**

**Childhood Dream Come True**

Growing up near a railroad switching yard, Clark Johnson was fascinated by trains – how they worked and what made them go. A local railroad president took Clark to see the railroad’s business car and Clark was “hooked.” With his wife, Nona Hill, they operate the most-traveled, often considered to be the best, private railcar in the country – and you can rent it! Join us as we learn about owning, operating, and renting a private railcar. (NI/NC)

**October 23 – Carving a 44,000-Pound Ice Sculpture ... and Beyond**

With ice as his medium for sculpture, Jeff Stahl has earned a worldwide reputation for his unique creations. His four-person team won the World Ice Art Championship, working in an environment with temperatures reaching 40 degrees below zero. He has personally won the National Ice Carving competition three times, and competed in the Winter Olympics in 2002 and 2010. His sculptures require physical strength, artistic skills, structural design, specialized knowledge, and a tolerance for cold! Join us as Jeff explains these amazing sculptures. (NI/NC)

**34. The Many Facets of Economic Development**

Economic development is one of the most important services that a community can provide, as jobs drive everything else, from public safety to education. Learn about economic development efforts from a number of different perspectives, including state, regional, and city

officials. The class will be led by Chris Setti, CEO of the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council, and will include guest speakers from Tazewell County, Peoria County, and the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. (RI/NC)

**35. Peoria Park District: Past and Present**

The Peoria Park District (officially named the “Pleasure Driveway Park District”) has its roots in Peoria’s whiskey past and boasts a wide assortment of facilities and programs, including the Peoria Zoo and Luthy Botanical Gardens. In this class, we will review the history, structure, and management of the District, along with a discussion of modern issues, such as equity, the importance of play in our technological world, and challenges to operations and maintenance. Class instructors will include representatives from the Peoria Park District. (NIs/NC)

**36. Philip Jose Farmer - A Personal Perspective**

Three writers will share their points of view on befriending, interviewing, and collaborating with Peoria’s most arguably accomplished author, Hugo Award-winning Philip Jose Farmer. Besides summarizing his life and prodigious output over decades of writing, they’ll delve into Farmer’s career(s), his then-groundbreaking use of sex in science fiction, his love of (and use of) pulp heroes and religion, his popular series (such as *Riverworld*, *World of Tiers* and the *Wold Newton Universe*), and his global legacy, with comments from experts from the United Kingdom and the Netherlands via Skype. Suggested readings will be distributed each week. Class instructors are Terry Bibo Knight, Bill Knight, and Tracy Knight, all Peoria-area writers and authors. (NIs/NC)



*OLLI member Tom Gross, left, and Pat Sullivan, owner of Kelleher’s Irish Pub, chat during OLLI’s first after hours event.*

**37. Putting Markets In Perspective**

Investors are bombarded with information on a daily basis. Our financial markets will rise and fall on positive or negative news and trends. This class will touch on a variety of topics to benefit all investors. Join Jeremy Kellem, CFP®, Senior Financial Advisor with Merrill Lynch as he helps facilitate the conversation with leaders from JP Morgan Asset Management, Vanguard, PIMCO, and Merrill Lynch companies. (RI/NC)

**38. Sandy Calder – Kinetic Sculptor**

The son of a distinguished sculptor, Sandy Calder created a unique kinetic approach to sculpture that influenced those that followed. His prolific artistic output eventually spread worldwide. His wire portraits, mobiles, and stabiles were often touched with humor. Parisians loved his early toy circus! Peoria has moving examples of sculptors who were inspired by Calder’s work. This class will touch on his life and those who continue to explore Calder’s dynamic ideas. Class instructor is Bennett Johnson, retired architect and photographer. (RI/NC)

**You’ll Love Study Group #22**

**39. U.S. Grant: The Making of a General in the Western Campaigns**

U.S. Grant is considered the greatest Union general of the Civil War. He learned how to be a general in his western campaigns. In this class, we will learn about Grant’s early life, how he went from failure to great general, and the battles of the western campaigns of the Civil War. Class instructor is Bernie Drake, former president and interim executive director of the Peoria Historical Society and OLLI past president who has led several Civil War learning trips. (RI/RC)

**You’ll Love Study Group #8 and OLLI Original #1**

**40. Viruses, Friend or Foe?**

Most of us associate viruses with a variety of diseases ranging from the common cold to deadly ones such as Ebola and Zika. In recent years, however, viruses have also been harnessed for good: to conquer certain genetic diseases and to destroy bacteria. Dr. Elke Scholz-Morris, assistant professor at Methodist College and frequent OLLI instructor, will share the latest developments in virus research and explore the question: “Are viruses our friends or our foes?” (RI/NC)

**41. What’s Happening on the Hilltop: Championships, Convergence, and Community**

In this class, we’ll hear from Bradley University leaders and learn about recent accomplishments on campus. We’ll discover how Bradley’s athletics, academics, and facilities are improving, and get an in-person look at some of these wonderful achievements. Dr. Chris Reynolds, athletic director, will talk about the student-athletes at Bradley and how they are champions at sports and in the classroom. Dr. Lex Akers, Dean of the Caterpillar College of Engineering and Technology, will discuss Bradley’s partnership with NASA to develop technologies to build a habitat on Mars, and explain how students have worked on space suit designs. He’ll also host a tour of our newest campus building, the Business and Engineering Convergence Center. Nathan Thomas, Vice President for Student Affairs, will give us an in-depth look at how Bradley provides experiences outside the classroom and into our community. Class coordinator is Joe Emanuel, emeritus professor of industrial and manufacturing engineering at Bradley University. (RI/NC)

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*Doug Dillow, Executive Director of Wildlife Prairie Park, provides a private tour of the park and introduces OLLI members to some of the animals.*