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## MONTHLY MEETING

### Surviving the Holocaust

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

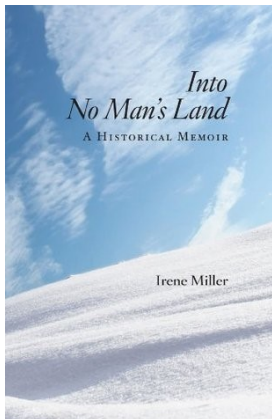
8:45 am—Registration, Light Refreshments

9:30 am—Welcome & Announcements



Irene Miller, a Holocaust survivor, author, speaker, and educator will take you on a survival journey little written and known about. You will sleep in the winter under an open

sky on the no man's land; you will freeze in a Siberian labor camp where the bears come to your door front. In Uzbekistan, you will live on boiled grass or broiled onions, and shiver with malaria. You will spend years in orphanages. When this is over you will wonder how a child with this background grows up to become a positive, creative, accomplished woman with a joy of living and love to share. Limited books will be available for purchase.



## NOTES & NEWS

- June 5 visit the OLLI table during the Art and Garden Festival at the Anderson Enrichment Center. Free.
- June 8 kicks off free fishing weekend! Join the events at the Bay City State Park. For more info call the Saginaw Bay Visitor Center.
- June 8-9 is also the Riverside Art Festival in downtown Bay City. Free.
- June 12 take your furry friend to the Dog Days of Summer at Ierman Memorial Park's "Bark Park." You may even win a doggy door prize! 6-8 p.m. Free for Saginaw County residents.
- June 15-16, enjoy the 10th annual Trash & Treasure Rummage Sales in Thomas Township. Grab a map the week of at the Thomas Township Office.
- Happy Summer!

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## OLLI WISDOM

*"Never, never, never, give up"*

## IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, August 14

100 Years of Michigan Parks

By: Anna Sylvester, Field Operations Chief

*Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms*

Wednesday, September 11

Fall Kickoff!

Wednesday, October 9

Great Lakes Islands

By: Maureen Dunphy

*Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms*

## CHAIR'S NOTE



Hello OLLI friends,

I recently ran across an article that speaks to a common belief among older adults about “kids today”. We know that kids today can instantly look up information on the web. They can instantly talk to and text their friends. They get instant gratification from video games, and on and on. Because of the state of the modern world, lots of us assume that kids today want instant gratification, that they have trouble waiting for rewards. Well a recent psychology study indicates that we'd better be cautious about making a comment like that.

The article describes how a group of researchers examined data from a series of “Marshmallow Test” studies. This test famously offers children 1 marshmallow now or 2 if they wait a while. It turns out that children in 2000 waited 2 minutes longer than those in the 1960's and 1 minute longer than those in the 1980's. Why would children now be able to delay gratification longer than children of the 1960s? The researchers speculate “that increases in symbolic thought, technology, preschool education, and public attention to executive function skills have contributed to this finding”. I find it very uplifting to think about children's fundamental thinking and behavior being so improved through explicitly applied effort.

—Carol Gohm, Advisory Board Chair



## AMERICAN SOUTH

OLLI recently took a trip of 26 travelers down to Nashville, Memphis, Natchez, and New Orleans for a 10 day adventure! The group had fun taking in all the music along Broadway, Beale, and Bourbon Streets as well as their evening at the *Grand Ole Opry*.



Members also got a chance to visit several antebellum mansions, such as Stanton Hall in Natchez and Oak Alley in Louisiana,

and get a look at what the South once was. One dinner was even accompanied by a piano recital and wine tasting beforehand.

New Orleans also allowed the opportunity for dining at the famous Arnaud's and Galatoires as well as enjoying the French Quarter Festival of free music. Members learned about how Hurricane Katrina changed the city and how it was rebuilt.

Several group members also took a look at the unique Louisiana bayou with an air boat tour. Many gators floated by and fun was had by all!



## CROATIA

In March twenty-nine SVSU-OLLI members traveled on a 15-day small ship adventure on the Adriatic Sea, to the Dalmatian Coast. They visited Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia & Herzegovina. They experienced the unique culture and traditional cuisine of this region that included much grappa and brandy. One of the trip highlights was the opportunity to experience a home hosted meal with a family in a nearby village of Dubrovnik. The family that Shelley's group visited had lived in their home for over 500 years, and shared what traditions were maintained and those that had changed over time.

Members visited Krka National Park, a magical place of waterfalls and gorges, near Sibenik in the Croatia interior. They also had the opportunity to visit Hvar, Split, and the walled city of Dubrovnik. These cities along the coast included markets, fishing villages and cultural centers that members explored.

OLLI members learned about the language, architecture and the economy along with some insight into the conflict that was experienced in this region in the 90's. They heard firsthand from individuals who had their homes bombed, and they shared how this impacted their lives. This was an amazing trip! The group experienced new cultures, cuisine, music, language and dance; and we made new friends overseas!



## CURRENT INTEREST GROUPS

- Bridge
- Buddhist Psychology
- Celtic Music
- Choral Singing
- Cross Country Skiing
- Current Events
- Cycling
- Dinner
- Esoteric Cosmology
- Games
- Gardening
- Guitar
- Kayaking
- Knitting
- Lunch
- Movies
- Music Collegium
- Pickleball
- Ping Pong
- Recorder (dojo)
- Recreational Biking
- Sharing the Great Courses
- Short Stories
- Stamp & Coin Collecting
- Theatre
- Women Active Multi-Interest

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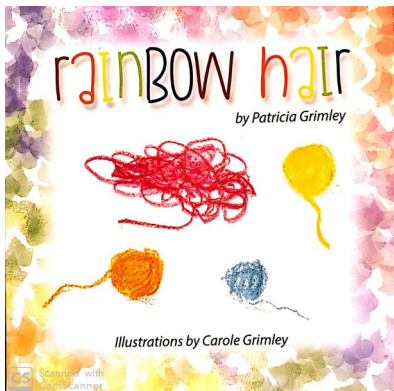
## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Patricia Grimley

I have been an active member of OLLI for over ten years! I retired from the St. Charles School District over 14 years ago, where I taught middle school English and social studies. The last years of my teaching career I was involved with Service Learning.

I wrote *Rainbow Hair* for my sister-in-law' Beth's grandchildren. Beth had ovarian cancer and was undergoing chemotherapy. At the time I thought that it must have been difficult for Beth's grandchildren to see Beth's baldness and to understand other effects of chemotherapy. *Rainbow Hair* approaches a difficult subject in a nonthreatening and lighthearted way. Beth lost her battle with cancer. She fought valiantly and was one of the strongest women I've known.

It's ironic that I underwent chemotherapy for breast cancer five years ago. It was my grandchildren's turn to see their grandma lose her hair and the energy to play with them for a time. I shared *Rainbow Hair* with them too. It is my hope that the book can help other children.



## STILL LIFE

*Still Life* is a community literary journal open to all Saginaw and Bay County residents—or to all visitors to the Saginaw Community Writing Center or Bay Community Writing Center.

As an art form, the still life takes familiar objects and helps us see them in a new way. Poetry, whether the focus is objects, places, or relationships, does the same thing, so send us your poems on any subject that help us see the world with new eyes!

Limit your entry to 3 poems, no more than 40 lines. Poems will be judged in the following categories:

*Age 12 and under*

*Age 13-18*

*Age 19+*

Prizes are to be awarded in each category. For more details on entering, please visit [svsu.edu/writingcenter/stilllife](http://svsu.edu/writingcenter/stilllife)

Deadline for entries is July 15, 2019.



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## GROUP FOCUS: WAMG & CELTIC MUSIC

Are you a woman looking to meet some new female friends or just do something with “the girls?” Then you may be interested in WAMG—the Women’s Active Multi-Interest Group! This new interest group will plan to meet the second and fourth Monday of the month to do a variety of fun and interesting activities based around member ideas and interests. If you’d like to join, please contact interest group leader Pat Sherbino at 989.798.6390.

If jamming out to or playing Celtic music is more your thing, you may be interested in joining the newly forming Celtic music interest group under Doug Baldwin. For more information contact Doug at [baldwind@sisd.cc](mailto:baldwind@sisd.cc)

## NEWSLETTER

“The Adventurer” is published monthly for SVSU-OLLI members at Saginaw Valley State University. Reprints of this newsletter may be obtained by calling 989.964.4475.

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## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

It's hard to believe that summer is right around the corner! At the end of July, OLLI will be saying goodbye to one of our biggest supporters here at SVSU, the executive director of communications and external affairs, my boss, Linda Sims. Linda is retiring from SVSU after serving in her role for four years and will be enjoying retirement with her husband who is also retiring from his position in June. They plan to spend more time at their cabin up north, and hopefully, they will spend some time with OLLI too, as a participant, on some of our upcoming adventures. Here in the OLLI office we are a little sad to say goodbye, but excited for what the future holds as well. Good luck continuing this adventure called life, Linda!



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## CLASS HIGHLIGHT

### U.S.S. Edson for Grandparents

On this three-hour tour, OLLI members and their grandchildren will get to explore the U.S.S. Edson, a retired Vietnam-Era naval destroyer at her home in Bay City. The Edson serves as the Saginaw Valley Naval Ship Museum, open to the public as a floating piece of history. Visitors will learn about her important role in the Vietnam War as well as her duties during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Price includes one grandparent and one grandchild.



Friday 6/28 \* Saginaw Naval Valley Ship Museum (U.S.S. Edson)  
Noon-3 p.m.  
\$12 Members/\$24 Non-Members

## TRIP HIGHLIGHT

### Crazy for You

A zany rich-boy-meets-hometown-girl romantic comedy, *Crazy for You* tells the story of young New York banker Bobby, who is sent to Nevada to foreclose on a theatre. In Deadrock, Bobby falls for spunky Polly, the theatre owner's daughter, but Polly takes an instant dislike to the city slicker. Bobby then vows - through razzmatazz, and a hilarious case of mistaken identity - to win Polly's heart and save the theatre. We'll enjoy lunch prior to the performance at the Fillmore Bar & Grill, a secret neighborhood place to dine. This trip package includes your ticket to the performance, lunch and motor coach transportation from SVSU.



Saturday 8/10  
9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
\$105 Members/ \$125 Non-Members

*We enrich.*



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