Fervor in Waterbury! From the Desk of Greg Knott

Downtown Waterbury is immersed in a flurry of excitement as large groups of area residents have engaged in public displays of affection.

Members of the local OLLI chapter have repeatedly been caught in the act since 2007. Specific allegations include publicly embracing OLLI programs, openly declaring "love" for OLLI, and contributing to the delinquency of a senior by recruiting unsuspecting new members.

Some members have been heard bragging unrepentantly. OLLI Executive Director, Brian Chapman, notes, "People love these programs. Our members are constantly telling me how much the programs mean to them."

In an effort to channel this raw energy into a healthy, intellectually stimulating forum for exchange with peers and the Waterbury community, area authorities have been encouraging members to consider helping to build on the OLLI foundation.

Friends of OLLI can provide opportunities for future students in many ways. A bequest, an annuity, or a retirement plan designation can have a tremendous impact on OLLI without affecting your lifestyle.

Donations help us provide additional opportunities to our members and are a wonderful way to honor the generosity of the Bernard Osher Foundation.

Friends interested in contributing to the OLLI legacy can learn more about supporting the OLLI Sustainability Fund by contacting Brian Chapman or Greg Knott, Director of Planned Giving at the UConn Foundation, at 800-269-9965.
Greg Knott - Director of Planned Giving

Funding the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Connecticut

OLLI at UConn is currently funded by endowment interest, membership and course fees, and in-kind support from the University.

How are we supported by the Bernard Osher Foundation?

As of Spring 2011, OLLI at UConn received a generous gift endowment to be invested by the University of Connecticut Foundation. A portion of the interest from this endowment will be used each year to continue funding operational expenses. Operational expenses are used to provide staffing, equipment, promotion, and other day-to-day expenses.

What are the advantages of an endowment?

Endowments provide long-term stable funding. Endowment principal can never be spent. Rather, endowment is invested and the Institute receives a pre-determined portion of the annual interest each year. Unused portions of the interest (if any) would be added back to the initial principal to increase the size of the endowment as a future hedge against inflation.

How can I help?

As we prepare for the future, we need to rely more heavily on individual donations from members and non-members who believe in the transformative work of lifelong learning and want to support its continuation and growth. You can help by making a tax-deductible donation of any size to our OLLI Sustainability Fund, and/or by remembering OLLI and UConn Waterbury in your estate planning ("Planned Giving"). Every individual who donates to OLLI at UConn demonstrates local community support for lifelong learning and reinforces the commitment of the Bernard Osher Foundation. We have created an OLLI family here at UConn and together we can proudly sustain an Institute that improves the lives of thousands.

If you have questions, please contact Brian Chapman, Director of OLLI at 203-236-9881 or brian.chapman@uconn.edu. To make a donation in support of the "OLLI Sustainability Fund" please use the adjoining form and mail with your check to the address indicated.

- To donate online go to UConn Foundation's website:
  
  www.foundation.uconn.edu – In the box provided, identify the Gift Designation by entering "OLLI Sustainability Fund (22682)."

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What is the OLLI Sustainability Fund?
Donations to the fund will benefit the general operation of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Connecticut – Waterbury Campus.

Why are all donations payable to "The University of Connecticut Foundation?"/ What is the role of the UConn Foundation?
The University of Connecticut Foundation is a tax-exempt corporation that operates exclusively to promote the educational, scientific, cultural, and recreational objectives of the University of Connecticut. As the primary fundraising vehicle for the University, the Foundation’s mission is to solicit, receive and administer gifts and financial resources from private sources to support UConn's pursuit of excellence in teaching, research and public service. Donations to OLLI and UConn Waterbury are invested by the UConn Foundation.

For more information about the UConn Foundation please visit: www.foundation.uconn.edu.