



May 2008

Greetings from Orange Coast College!

We're wrapping up another semester here, with the usual flurry of activities and events that mark the end of the school year. I hope many of you had the opportunity to participate in some of these activities, attend outstanding performances by our students, and cheer the accomplishments of all. Nearly 100 guests attended the Emeritus Institute's **Spring 2008 Luncheon**. President Dees welcomed our group, then spoke about the improvements to the campus such as the new library, landscaping, and the hiring of nearly two dozen new faculty to fill positions in all areas of study. He noted that several of the candidates for those positions had themselves been students at Orange Coast College at one time. They were inspired by their experience at OCC to choose a teaching career. That certainly underscores the fact that OCC can be a life-changing place!

Jose Costas brought his dance students to the stage to give us a sneak preview of "Fiesta Latina," a collection of dances from many Latin countries. From the opening tango to the exuberant finale, their enthusiastic performance was enjoyed by all.

In past years we have hosted our luncheon in the Horticulture Garden, surrounded by beautiful flowering plants. The weather could be challenging at times; you might remember last year's chilly breezes under gray skies! This year, instead of going to the garden, we brought the garden inside—in the form of Joe Stead, OCC's own "Garden Guru." He unveiled the mysteries of keeping those lovely flower baskets looking good, how to create the perfect potting container, and what to do with those skinny little tomato plants. (For those of you who couldn't attend: Pinch off the lower leaves and bury the tomatoes up to their necks!) Guests also were invited to take home an array of small vegetable plants donated by the Horticulture department. Mr. Stead encouraged Emeriti to stop by the garden whenever you are on campus. There's always something in bloom, and it's a great place to relax.

60th Anniversary Events

In celebration of the 60th anniversary of OCC, several events are planned for this fall. Wednesday, September 10, 2008, is the date for a birthday party in the quad. Join the entire OCC family at this BBQ lunch hosted by the Foundation, and witness the cutting of the 1,100 pound birthday cake!

The final event marking our 60th year will be the **Anniversary Gala** at the Westin South Coast Plaza hotel. An evening of fine food, dancing, silent auction, and entertainment (and maybe a few surprises!) is on the calendar for September 27, 2008. Tickets are \$125.00 per person, available through the Foundation office. All proceeds will benefit the Library Campaign. Put on your dancing shoes and kick up your heels as we celebrate our wonderful heritage!

The **Emeritus Institute Scholarship** was awarded at the Honors Night ceremony to Oriana McGee, a continuing student at Orange Coast College who hopes to graduate from medical school in 2015. In addition to maintaining an impressive grade point average, she devotes many hours to volunteer work here in the community. Our congratulations to this hard-working student! If you are interested in making a contribution toward next year's scholarship, please contact Doug Bennett in the Foundation office, 714-432-5126. Thank you to Pony Stevens for representing the Emeritus Institute at this notable event.

We are again staffing **Information Tables** for the first two days of summer session, June 2nd & 3rd, and also in the fall on August 25th & 26th. Just an hour or two of your time could help new students navigate their way across campus. (The fences are gone, the lawns are green, and the signs are up, so this job is a lot easier than it was last year!) Morning, afternoon, and early evening time slots are available. Please call Robbie at 714-432-5010 to sign up if you can volunteer on any of those days.

The **Archives Committee** has been busy organizing the Archives room in the new Library. Bob Clifton and his crew have done an extraordinary job getting 60 years' worth of treasures in order. They could use a bit of help, though—and who knows the history of Orange Coast better than all of you? With just a few minutes of instruction by one of the committee members, you can be a part of this valuable team. The committee will be working over the summer, usually on Wed. mornings, in addition to their regular meeting time (second Thursday of the month, 2 – 4 p.m.) Stop by to chat, sort a few items, and take a walk down "Memory Lane." The Archives room is located on the second floor of the new Library. Turn right at the top of the stairs (or exit the elevator) and go around the corner.

On the Calendar at OCC...

- 6/27 – 7/6 A Midsummer Night's Dream
Directed by Alex Golson.
OCC Amphitheatre (next to
Visual & Performing Arts bldg.)
Free – Bring your own chair.
7:00 p.m. (7/6 2:30 p.m.)
- 8/1 – 8/10 Little Shop of Horrors
Directed by Rick Golson & Beth
Hansen
OCC Drama Lab. 8:00 p.m.
(8/3 & 8/10 – 2:30 p.m. matinee)
\$15 advance, \$16 at the door

Steering Committee

The next Emeritus Institute Steering Committee meeting will be on August 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Admin. 108 conference room. All are welcome – bring your ideas, concerns, questions, and your enthusiasm for OCC!

You might be interested in...

Cognitive Neuroscience of Aging Research Study, Center for the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory, UCI

Volunteers are needed for studies that investigate brain activity and memory. In this project, you will have your brain activity monitored either through the recording of electrical activity (EEG) or through an imaging method called functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) while performing simple tasks. Studies involve either one or two visits to the laboratory, each taking between one and three hours. You will be reimbursed for travel expenses and receive compensation for your participation. In order to take part, you must be:

- between 63 -77 years of age
- a fluent English speaker
- right-handed
- in good general health

If you would like to take part or receive further information about the study, please phone or email us at 949-824-8861 / email fnim@uci.edu Dates and times for participating are FLEXIBLE.