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UT OLLI SAGE Enrichment Program Fall 2022

UT OLLI SAGE Enrichment Committee hosted the Fall Session Enrichment program at the H. J. Lucher Stark Center for Physical Culture and Sports on October 6. The Enrichment Committee invited members of the four UT OLLI programs to attend a lecture,

Amateurism and Lawsuits: The Downfall of the NCAA. The speaker, Dr. Ronald A. Smith, Professor Emeritus, Pennsylvania State University, shared his thoughts on the NCAA's

long time lack of interest in protecting its football players from serious injuries. In his latest book, *The Myth of the Amateur: A History of College Athletic Scholarships*, Dr. Smith explains why the NCAA is willing to settle huge injury lawsuits while not

admitting liability, but not doing enough to protect athletes from injuries. Dr. Smith is not opposed to outstanding "amateur athletes" receiving large sums of money from



(L-R) Mr. Leon Whitney, Dr. Jan Todd, Dr. Ronald A. Smith, Dr. Phil Barnes at the H. J. Lucher Stark Center for Physical Culture and Sports

Fall Enrichment Program *continued*:

sponsors while they play college athletics. We will get used to seeing Aston Martins and Lamborghinis driving near campus. He asked for a show of hands on whether college coaches should be paid huge salaries while the amateur athletes receive no more than a scholarship. There was a difference of opinion on this question, but on the next question about large buyouts for coaches who are not performing to the expectations of the fans, there was no disagreement. He answered several questions from the audience before we adjourned to the nearby Stark Center in the football stadium.

Dr. Jan Todd, Stark Center Director & Chair, Dept. of Kinesiology and Health Education, welcomed us with refreshments and adult beverages. Dr. Todd

and other Stark Center staff members led small groups through the Center's archives and museum, one of the lesser known treasures on the UT campus. We learned the history of the Stark Center and H.J. Lutch Stark who did so much to promote all sports on campus in the early 1900s. When World War One ended, Stark led the fund drive to raise the money to build the original portion of today's D.K. Royal Memorial Stadium.

This was an amazing learning experience for OLLI members who attended this event. We thank the H.J. Lutch Stark Center and UT OLLI for sponsoring this enrichment program.

Submitted by Phil Barnes, Chair, SAGE Enrichment Committee, and Leon Whitney

Save the Dates for the Winter Enrichment Program!

Be sure and "save the dates" for **UT OLLI SAGES's 2023 Winter Enrichment program**, a new six-week series of interviews with noted presidential historians, produced in cooperation with the Friends of the LBJ Library.

This year's virtual program will feature **"Presidents and Decisions for War and Peace."** *Beginning at 4pm on Thursday, January 12 and continuing at that time each Thursday through February 16*, Dr. Mark Lawrence, the director of the LBJ Presidential Library, will have a 45-minute conversation with the participating scholars

followed by a 15-minute Q&A with our on-line audience.

These discussions on presidential decision-making will include, among others, Lyndon Johnson and Vietnam; Lincoln and peacemaking at the end of the Civil War; Reagan and the end of the Cold War; and the road to the Iraq War, 2001-2003.

In December, we will publish the official announcement with the complete program and the invitation to our members to sign up and join the conversation. Watch your email!

SAGE Field Trip to the Moody Center



October 12 was a sunny and crisp Fall day, when 21 SAGE members enjoyed a special private tour of the new Moody Center which opened in April 2022 on the UT Campus.

Designed specifically for concerts, this modern arena provides state-of-the-art amenities and top-tier hospitality for artists and fans. A \$375 million dollar, 15,000+ seat unique venue, it features the biggest and best names in the music industry while also hosting UT's Women's and Men's basketball games, family shows, and other sporting and local events.

Moody Center features interesting and unique art created by Austin artists and celebrates the talent that flourishes in the area today.

Moody Center is named in honor of a \$130 million dollar grant given to the University of Texas from the Moody Foundation which has supported museums, libraries, universities, and hospitals throughout Texas for over 75 years. <https://moodyf.org>

After a wonderful tour led by a vivacious and very informative Special Event Manager, Alex Katz, some of the SAGE members adjourned to Hyde Park Bar & Grill to share in more camaraderie and a good lunch. A perfect ending to a really interesting and rewarding experience. Hopefully, we can offer another tour of the Moody Center at a future date.

by Laurie Golding, Events Committee Co-Chair

**More photos of the Moody Center Field Trip
continued on the next page**

Photos from Moody Center Field Trip *continued*:



SAGE Speaker Series Field Trip to the Harry Ransom Center:

Debra Kress arranged a docent-led tour for SAGE members of the special exhibit of famous writers' portraits by noted photographer Laura Wilson on October 10.



(Above L-R): Shelley Luskey, Jim Lewis, Bobbie McCarron, Gail Sofer, Bill Sofer, Debra Kress, Janice Longridge, Deborah Marks, Rhonda Hollander, Ellen Dorsey, and Margaret DuMont

Two photos from *First Day Back Happy Hour*

October 3 at Curra's Hyde Park



Nancy Buford (L) and Susan Driver



Arlette Lisansky

UT OLLI SAGE End-of-Session Brunch, November 8



Fall 2022 Seminar Directors, Speakers, and Curriculum Coordinators in attendance:

(L-R) Jim Kerkhoff, Charles Edwards, Romalda Allsup, Eva Gayle Gibbs, Harvey Burg, Marsha Kelman, and Margaret DuMont

The SAGE End-of-Session Brunch was held at the Great Hills Country Club, and everyone agreed it was a wonderful success. The well lit venue is new and extremely pleasant with views of rolling greens. The sumptuous buffet brunch offered a lovely variety of breakfast and luncheon items. Each table showcased a Fall centerpiece of flowers, leaves, copper teapots and pumpkins.

Several of the session's Seminar Directors, Speakers, and Coordinators were present, recognized, and thanked. This is a primary purpose of the function: letting these vital contributors know their efforts for another successful seminar session for SAGE are greatly appreciated.

Guest Speaker Neal Spelce entertained the group with stories from his years of journalism, broadcasting and his association with numerous U.S. presidents and politicians, especially President Lyndon B. Johnson, whom he knew and worked for over many years. He ended his presentation with his version of the Whitman UT Tower shooting in 1966

which he reported live nationally from the scene as it unfolded. Neal sold and signed copies of his recently published book, "With the Bark Off," and many members happily carried their copies as they left the club.

The SAGE Events Committee, co-chaired by Karen Bluethman, planned and executed another great event with the support of all the committee members. The wonderful occasion was enjoyed very much by all who attended.

by Laurie Golding



**Guest Speaker
Neal Spelce**

See more photos of the End-of-Session Brunch on the next pages.

More photos of the End-of-Session Brunch



(L-R): Harvey Burg, Sondra Burg, Marsha Kelman, and Ron Zagarri

(L-R): Bruce Young and Robert Bluethman



Tom Holzbach and Mary Kevorkian

More photos from the End-of-Session



**(L-R): Deborah Marks,
Chuck Michalik, Sheryl Horan,
and Linda Berezin**

**New SAGE members:
Cindy and Paul Wood**



George Gibbs and Terry Blankenship

More photos from the End-of-Session



**(L-R): Marsha Kelman, Ron Zagarri,
and Denise Reneau**



**(L-R): Ragu Raghavan
and David Heath**



**(L-R): Bill McCarron, Barbara White,
Kay Whitney, and Leon Whitney**

More photos from the End-of-Session



**Our Events Committee Co-Chairs:
(L-R): Mary Hilliard, Karen Bluethman
and Laurie Golding (front)**



**(L-R): New SAGE members
Philip Sands and Kathleen Taylor
with David Hartsell,
SAGE Membership Co-Chair**



Ann Hanna and Bill Estes

More photos from the End-of-Session



Rob Martin and Trish Roach, SAGE Treasurer



(L-R): Sheryl Horan, Mary Hilliard, Linda Berezin, Melissa Leech, and Karen Bluethman



**(Back row), L-R:
Beryl Milburn, Julie Williams,
UT OLLI Director Julie Martenson, and
Laurie Golding (front)**

More photos from the End-of-Session



Beryl Milburn and Susan Driver checked in the brunch guests.



Chuck Michalik and Deborah Marks, SAGE Chair



Laurie Golding provided the lovely table decorations for each table.

*Very special thank you to our photographers:
Denise Reneau, Darrell Hanshaw, Margaret DuMont, and Karen Bluethman*



Rose Ann Roth (L), seminar director of “Live from New York - It’s 50 Years (almost) of SNL” and OLLI staff dressed as SNL characters: Pam Revise (Killer Bee), Julie Martenson (Mary Catherine), Kimloan Nguyen (Stephan), and Jeri Kolesar (Church Lady)

Members’ Travel Photos

Sandy and Camille Kress
exploring the beautiful city
of Lisbon, Portugal



Please send travel photos anytime to the newsletter editor, Nancy AufderHeide naufder@gmail.com.

Photos must include a SAGE member, a caption with identifying locale and names. Photos will appear in the next newsletter.

Members' Travel Photos



Sandy and Camille Kress
enjoying Lake Maggiore
(which is divided between
Italy and Switzerland) and exploring
the canals of Amsterdam



Dorothy Reiser, SAGE Chair Elect, and husband, John in NYC last summer
enjoying a meal with former neighbor Ty Lei, who shares Dorothy's birthday

One last Member's' Travel Photo

**Karen and Robert
Bluethman crossing the
Sahara Desert in Morocco
astride dromedary camels**



Our incredible Events Committee has many events in the planning stages for SAGE members and their guests in the coming months. Please be on the look out for announcements of these events.

See the email sent via UT OLLI from Laurie Golding November 12 about the next best event on the horizon:
SAGE Holiday Luncheon.

A graphic with a blue border. The top half features a close-up of blue and silver Christmas ornaments and white pine branches. Below this, the text "SAVE THE DATE!" is in large, bold, blue capital letters. Underneath that, "SAGE" is in large, bold, red capital letters with a slight shadow. Then "HOLIDAY LUNCHEON" is in bold, red capital letters. Below that, "at Maggiano's" is in blue, italicized font. Then "Wednesday, December 7th" is in bold, blue capital letters, followed by "11:30 am to 2:00 pm" in bold, blue capital letters. At the bottom, "* Watch for the Email *" is in bold, red capital letters with asterisks on either side.

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HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
at Maggiano's
Wednesday, December 7th
11:30 am to 2:00 pm
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Snapshots of new/recently new members: Please welcome them warmly to SAGE.



Amy Weldon



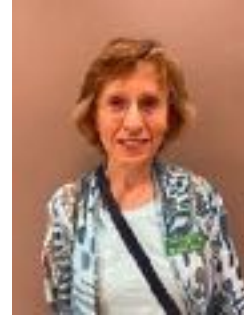
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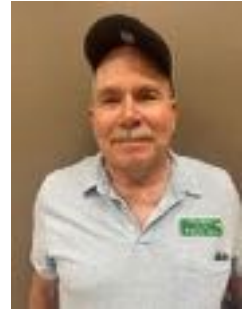
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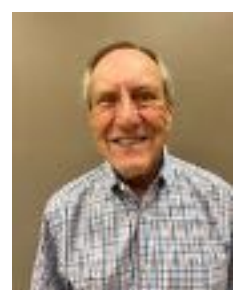
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Frank Jackson



Gary McBrayer



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Gerald Clarke



Glenda Oakley



Helen Young



Jane Chenevert



Arlette Lisansky



Janet Mortenson



Jeanne Marietta



Jesse Conrad



Jim Lewis



John Freedman

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More Snapshots of new/recently new members: Please welcome them warmly to SAGE.



John Marietta



Judy Johnson



Judy Sanders



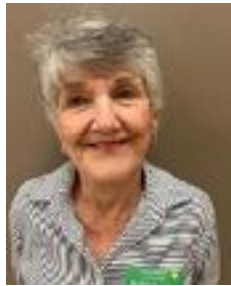
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Kathleen Taylor



Kathryn Reed



Kay Alfonsi



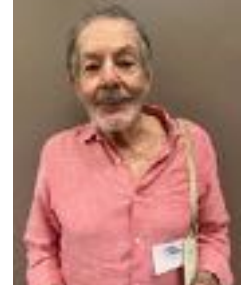
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Maria Price



Mark Fries



Mark Stewart



Mark Williams



Mark Tate



Mary Wilbur



Sherry Melecki



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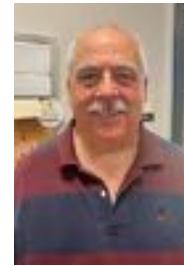
Molly Bennett



Naomi Tate



Ouida Wright



Paul Wood



Paul Kline



Richard Gorcyca



Stephen Wright



Susan McBrayer



Suzanne Stewart



Tucker Bonner

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Curtis Hitt



Maryellen Heggen



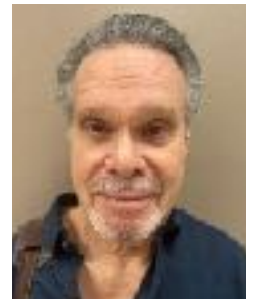
Jane Belazi



Mary Kay
Hemenway



Brenda Rudd



Philip Sands

The photos below are OLLI Scholars (members of all 4 OLLI groups) and also new/recently new members of SAGE. Please welcome them warmly to SAGE.



Charlotte Aceituno



Clyde Bennett



Faith Cantrell



Carol Ginn



Marc Gomillion



Barbara Harris



Ross Hemphill



Frank Johnson



Livleen Kahlon



Swarn Singh
Kahlon



Nancy Oakland



Pete Roche



Kimberly Reid



Nancy Rosenau



Lynn Schnitzer



Jerry Shackelford



Larry Targosh



Edwin Terry



Susan Terry



Doris Van Dusen

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IN MEMORIUM

Dr. Mark Houston

1944 - 2022

On July 30, 2022, SAGE members lost a respected and beloved teacher, volunteer, mentor, and friend to all. We join Mark's beloved wife Eileen, his daughters, and his many friends and family members in grieving his loss while celebrating his life.

Mark and Eileen joined SAGE in 2014 following Mark's retirement from a long and distinguished career in oceanography and marine geophysics. Mark immediately became an active volunteer, joining the Curriculum Committee and arranging seminars; he served the next several years as Co-Chair of that committee, and was instrumental in creating and leading seminars that have become SAGE institutions, such as Great Decisions and Hot Topics. He conducted a very successful art auction as a fundraiser for SAGE's Excellence Fund. At the time of his cancer diagnosis, Mark was beginning his tenure as Chair of the SAGE Executive Committee, an office that reflected the esteem with which he was held by his colleagues.

Mark was approachable, friendly, and eager to help others, always with a shy smile on his face. He retained a boyish inquisitiveness and wonder at the world. A true Renaissance man, he was also a true lifelong learner. Those who knew him will never forget him, and his influence on the quality of the SAGE program will long remain.

Rest in Peace, dear friend.



by Margaret DuMont

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UT OLLI website
(CampSite) and SAGE
home page often for the
latest up-to-date info.**

***You'll need your UT username &
password. If you've forgotten either of
these, contact the UT OLLI office.***

**Please welcome our new
SAGE members warmly.**

**Consider becoming a volunteer
on one of our many
committees.**

**UT OLLI SAGE works
because we all
contribute.**

**Consider being a *class*
assistant during the
next session. It's easy, fun, and
a great way to meet people.**

**SAGE cannot
work without
volunteers!**



**Upcoming
for 2022-2023**

12/7

***SAGE Holiday
Luncheon
11:30am-2:30pm
Maggiano's***

**Jan-Fall
2023**

***Many Events
Coming
Soon!***

***Watch for
emails from
UT OLLI SAGE***

***Events
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Please include & identify at least one SAGE member and locations. Please suggest captions for your photos, too.

Thank you.