

## **Growing OLLI Program Hosts Free Winter Open House**

The free event featured instructors previewing winter courses, which run from January 14 to March 17, 2014. [OLLI](#) offers a wide variety of liberal arts classes to community members aged 50 and older.

This winter, OLLI will welcome a new faculty member, Jerry Frohmader, who will teach a course “Jazz and the Pop Song 1900-1960” on Tuesdays. Among the most unusual courses offered is Fern Prosnitz’s “Swigging, Slurping and Sipping through the Ages” on Mondays.

In the past three years, OLLI’s total membership has grown from 651 members to 1,159. In addition, membership from the fall of 2012 increased 21 percent to this fall, from 591 to 715.

Recently, after OLLI surpassed its goal of 1,000 new members, it received [a \\$1 million grant from The Bernard Osher Foundation](#) in San Francisco.

The winter program offers classes on five sites: Dominican University in San Rafael; Congregation Kol Shofar in Tiburon; Villa Marin in Terra Linda; the Tamalpais in Greenbrae; and the Dance Palace in Point Reyes.

About half of all OLLI courses are now taught off-campus, said Katherine Henderson, Program Director.

“The quality of programming has been the major driver of growth, but expanding to sites off campus also has resulted in significant growth,” Henderson said.

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