



## Farewell, Clancy

Clancy Borns, chair of the Curriculum Committee and member of the Osher Council, passed away on March 24. Many members attended his memorial service at El Camino Mortuary Chapel on March 30, where Stanley Faer and Susan Gonick spoke of his extensive contributions to the Osher program.

Friends and colleagues gathered again on April 6 in the Osher lecture hall for a farewell tribute. Many spoke movingly of their warm friendship over many years, and expressed their admiration for the vitality he brought to all his activities. Several asked that the details of his life be described in the *Observer*.

Clarence Borns, affectionately known as Clancy, was a trial lawyer and civic leader. Born in Chicago in 1931, he was an Army veteran and a graduate  
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## ELECTIONS BRING CHANGE

A new administration, to take office on June 1<sup>st</sup>, was elected by the Osher membership at the Council meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Chosen as President for a two-year term was Dick Dahlberg, currently Vice President for Administration. Also elected to the Executive Committee were Reed Sullivan, Vice President Administration; Joyce Quintana, Vice President Planning; and Marlene King, Secretary. James Mayfield was reelected to the Treasurer's post.

Five new Council members were selected from a field of twelve nominees. The winners, in alphabetical order, were Ilene Hubbs (currently Chair of the Diversity Committee), Lyle Kalish, Marsha Korobkin, Elaine Olds (now on the Executive Committee as Secretary) and Hubert Ralls. Each will serve a three-year term.

## *Thirty-Fifth Anniversary Gala*

*May 22, 2009*

*Price Center*

*Tickets are now available.*

*See details on page three.*

Announcements of the forthcoming elections were mailed to all eligible voters a month in advance of the event. Announcements included the names of all nominees and their prepared statements. Results were made public immediately following the voting by Darlene Palmer, Chair of the Nominations and Election Committee. The Committee extended congratulations to the newly elected officers, and wished them success in office. They also thanked all nominees for their willingness to serve.

Members of the Council who will complete their terms in office on May 31<sup>st</sup> are Valerie Elkon (who continues as coordinator of hospitality), Hyman Gaylis, Myron Joseph, Robert Matzner, and Bill Saltman. All were warmly thanked for their service by the Nominations and Election Committee.

## Committee Updates

### **Curriculum Committee**

**Barbara Leondar**

The spring quarter, now underway, features a variety of classes on subjects new to Osher. A Master Class on degenerative diseases is examining the structure and function of the brain, a field in which UCSD is a national leader. Another on journalism looks at the future of a rapidly evolving field. A premiere class on Native Americans will introduce San Diego's earliest residents. And our favorite honorary member, Professor Sandy Lakoff, will help us understand the new president's first days in office.

The summer quarter promises a return of that matchless maestro Gustavo Romero, who has filled

seasons past with glorious music. This year he will turn his attention to the extraordinary piano sonatas of Beethoven, illuminating his analysis with breathtaking performances – a treat not to be missed. History buffs will enjoy an in-depth visit with America's native genius, Benjamin Franklin. And those who think they know how to watch a movie may find themselves surprised at what they have been missing when they learn "The Art of Watching Film."

The Extension Program, of which Osher is a part, will invite us to participate in making art under the tutelage of a gifted teacher. The popular diversion of improvisational drama will return, as will a superb array

of distinguished lecturers. As always, the Curriculum Committee welcomes your comments and suggestions for class topics and speakers.

### **Diversity Committee**

**Ilene Hubbs**

The new Diversity Committee has begun action on its plan to reach out to leaders of the many ethnic groups in San Diego to suggest how Osher can serve more diverse populations.

It is too early to expect to report concrete results, but we have made a strong beginning and hope to see interesting new faces and to hear interesting new opinions in our classes.

### **Finance Committee**

**Jim Mayfield**

The Finance Committee is at work on an annual budget which, despite the current economic difficulties, will allow us to mount the high quality program that Osher is proud of. When completed, the budget will be presented to the Council for review.

### **Membership Committee**

**Elaine Olds**

The Membership Committee is seeking volunteers to assist with the Membership Book. This book contains a photo and background information on every member of Osher. At present it is urgently in need of updating. Volunteers will find this project an interesting way to learn about the impressive array of talents in this organization and to get to know classmates whom they have not yet met. An email to [oldsca@earthlink.net](mailto:oldsca@earthlink.net) will get you started.

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of the University of Michigan and Indiana University Law School. He was a lecturer at Indiana University Medical School (Northwest) and was board certified as a Civil Trial Advocate. He also served as Director of the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association.

Clancy was the founder and senior partner of Borns Quinn and Lindquist of Merrillville and Indianapolis for more than thirty years. During his career he tried more than 145 jury trials. He was a long-time member of Rotary International and was the youngest person to serve as president of the Greater Gary Chamber of Commerce and the Gary Industrial Foundation.

**Praise Song in Remembrance**

By Donna Dinan

It always came to one  
the gentleness of this dear man.  
The quiet smile accompanying  
a clearly stated fact.

How did this come to him  
Raised in Midwest soil?  
The rock-steady gaze from his ethical heart.  
The "knowing" he dispersed.

His outright joy in life's delights  
from life's absurdities.  
How careful his unraveling  
the complexities  
the contradictions  
the challenges  
the compromises  
the communions  
the countings  
the classes  
the connections  
the civilities  
the cuckoos.

These were life's rhythms and he was in the  
flow.  
He was a gentle man.  
It was a wholeness he gave to community.

After moving to San Diego, Clancy continued to consult in medical legal matters and was active in the arenas of nursing home and mental health reform. He continued his legal career by establishing Borns and Steele in Portage, Indiana.

Clancy was a lifelong devotee of contemporary jazz and music going back to his days as a disk jockey and television producer while in the military service.

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*A book of remembrances is being compiled for Clancy's widow Barbara. Friends and acquaintances are invited to stop in the Osher office to add their own thoughts.*

**Osher Gala 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Friday, May 22, 2009  
12:30-3:30 P.M.  
Price Center East Ballroom  
UC San Diego

Hors d'oeuvres  
Hosted Wine

Salad  
Roasted Turkey with a Cranberry Glaze  
Cornbread Stuffing with Golden Raisins and Pine Nuts  
Roasted Asparagus  
OR  
Penne Pasta with Sun Dried Tomatoes and Pine Nuts  
Spinach and Asiago Cheese

Dessert and Coffee

Music by David Borgo Quartet

Honored Guests

Keynote Speaker  
UC San Diego Chancellor Marye Anne Fox

Parking available or campus shuttle bus  
Directions to parking and ballroom available in office

*Please RSVP by May 15  
with luncheon choice and \$42.00 per person  
to [gsmith@ucsd.edu](mailto:gsmith@ucsd.edu) or 858-534-7030*

## Discovering Ourselves

*Discovering Ourselves is an occasional column which introduces a unique member or a special feature of the Osher Institute.*

In the Senior Olympics last summer **Ray Spencer**, then a robust 85 years old, captured a gold medal for freestyle swimming in the 85 – 90 age division. Although it was his most recent triumph, it was not unique. Throughout a lifetime of athletic competition Ray repeatedly proved himself a world class track and field star.

He has competed in 25 national track championships. Building upon this superb record, he moved on to international competition. In that arena he entered eight world championship meets in eight different countries, winning three gold, two silver, and five bronze medals. Just to show he still had the right stuff, he ran the Boston marathon at the youthful age of 60.

Triumph has not turned his head. A quiet, slender man, Ray is an Iowa native who grew up in the small town of Urbana. In high school, encouraged by his parents, he played all sports. He now encourages his own children to continue in track and field.

In 1942 he enlisted in the army which sent him to Europe as an infantryman. Returning home, he rode the G.I. Bill through Iowa State Teachers College, then entered a high school teaching career. Two years later he moved to San Diego, taught for another year, and then began a twenty-year career with the San Diego County.

Here he joined the San Diego Track Club and started training four days a week. Now retired, he hasn't stopped yet, although now he trains for swimming. Although last summer's triumph was his first in the water, he says it will not be his last. He intends to continue in swimming competition. At age 86 he smiles as he says "Look out, Michael Phelps."

## Outside the Classroom

Holocaust survivors living in San Diego will tell their stories at Geisel Library on May 6 and May 20 as part of the *Discovering History* event. The programs take place in Room 274 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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The new Conrad Prebys Music Center will hold an Open House on May 9 from noon to 4:00. On view will be the 400 seat concert hall and other performance spaces. Demonstrations and free concerts will be performed at noon, 2:00, and 4:00 p.m.

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At the Faculty Club on May 12 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. will be a "Greenovation Forum," free and open to the public. The discussion, titled "The Water We Eat," will discuss the use of water in the production of food.

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A blood drive is planned for the Price Center on June 2, 3 and 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily.

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