

## **MEET THE CANDIDATES 2024**

#### **Mark Troester**



Across the country most
OLLIs offer national and
international educational travel
classes. One priority for my
third term on the OLLI Yavapai
Governing Council will be to
explore the option of adding

this type of class to our curriculum.

In my five years with OLLI, I've facilitated half a dozen different tech related classes with my favorite being "Zoom for Beginners." Chairing the Tech Committee and working with the Marketing Committee, Social Committee and the Jane Reti Speaker Series, I've learned how to contribute within the committee structure.

For the last four years, Lynn and I have facilitated the OLLI Moderate Hiking group. The best place to learn about OLLI members is on the trail.

But my favorite contribution to OLLI is when Tricia asks me to help with a banner for the weekly newsletter. There is nothing better than coming up with a design that might make people smile.

### Mary Ann Schaffer



I took my first OLLI class in 2011 and it was the start of a love affair that continues to this day.
The opportunities it has presented to me to be

active, to learn new things and to meet new friends are unsurpassed. I currently serve on the Curriculum, Governing Council and Member Engagement Committees along with taking many classes and facilitating. As you can see I love being involved, and would welcome the opportunity to serve on the Governing Council to help OLLI grow and thrive in these challenging times.

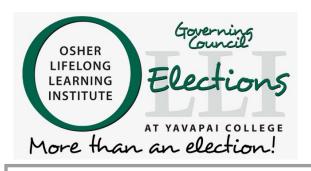
### **Becky Gunn**



OLLI has been a lifeline for me since I moved to Prescott almost nine years ago. It wasn't long after I began attending classes that I started to facilitate classes. Then six years

ago I was asked to be on the Curriculum Committee. I have served in several capacities there and for a year I was the Chair of the Committee. Two years ago, I was elected to the Governing council where I assumed the role of Finance Chair.

It has always been my philosophy that if you benefit from an organization, you should give back to it. I would be honored to be on the Governing Council for a second term believing that I can offer both energy and perspective to help ensure that OLLI continues to be the incredible resource it is in Prescott for ongoing learning but also creating social connections.



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## **Dicy Apperson**



I couldn't wait to retire in 2007 to join OLLI and learn so much I didn't know as well as travel ideas and new friendships. OLLI has made a

wonderful addition to my life and I hope to continue by helping on the OLLI Council. I enjoy telling everyone I know about how much I love OLLI and helping to build the membership base.

Thank you for your consideration.

### **Mary Trost**



I have been a member of OLLI since 2021 and have enjoyed many classes, both on Zoom and in-person. The Prescott area has a large and diverse population of

life-long-learners, many who look to OLLI for a variety of educational and social opportunities. As more learners become aware of the value OLLI offers, membership can only increase. I would like to contribute my experience and knowledge as the Council explores creative and exciting ways to ensure that OLLI continues to thrive into the future.

### **Dirk Stringham**



"Paying it forward" in OLLI is very important to me. As a member for six years and a facilitator for five of those years, I would like to continue

involvement in the program. My experience as a retired chemical engineering production and construction manager, as well as president and treasurer of the Granite Oaks Waters Association, and board member and treasurer of CWAG (Citizens Water Advocacy Group) should be attributes to serving on the Governing Council. Currently, I serve on the Curriculum Committee and will appreciate the opportunity to also serve on the Governing Council.