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Osher gift memberships enhance life

According to a Forbes’ Next Avenue nationwide study, the metro Milwaukee area is ranked as the ninth best place to pre-retire in the nation. Programs offered by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) represent why giving Osher memberships this holiday season is the perfect way to keep Milwaukee a desirable retirement destination.

OLLI is part of the School of Continuing Education, at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, which is cited for its breadth of quality noncredit programming.

“Adults age 50 and over who share a love for learning and meeting new “friends” will be thrilled to experience the world of Osher. Whether a pre-retiree or full retiree, receiving a year-long membership provides access to hundreds of OLLI programs as well as privileges to resources at the UWM Golda Meir Library and endless social activities,” said Kim Beck, executive director of the Institute.

Members enjoy innovative and enriching programs in a congenial setting with others who share similar interests. They are drawn by stimulating conversation and challenging learning without tests or grades. Other benefits include short courses in the arts, literature, history, politics, ethics and religion taught by UWM faculty and noted experts; Special Interest Groups; and Go Explore excursions to local places of interest.

This unique learning community of over 900 members welcomes people from all educational backgrounds. The only requirement is a keen desire to learn. The cost is $45 a person and $80 for couples or individuals living at the same address.

According to Michael Roller, a retired business executive and president-elect of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, “Membership gifts enrich people, enabling them to be more vibrant.”

To discover why Milwaukee is the ninth best place to pre-retire in the nation, go to:

To purchase Osher memberships as holiday gifts, visit sce-osopher.uwm.edu.
For more information, contact Kim Beck, Executive Director, Lifelong Learning Institute kcb@uwm.edu, or 414-227-3219.

**About the School of Continuing Education:** As one of 14 schools and colleges that comprise the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, SCE offers participants an assortment of over 1,500 programs and 600 practitioner instructors. With nearly 20,000 participants each year, SCE is the largest provider of noncredit continuing education in southeastern Wisconsin. Its mission is to generate knowledge and learning opportunities for those interested in developing professional skills in business, technology and human services, enriching their lives with classes in arts and humanities or those who are simply looking for a new intellectual challenge.

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