



## Evenings with OLLI (formerly After 5) (All events below are free to OLLI members in their first year)

"Evenings with OLLI" provides informal learning in a congenial group setting. Local personalities present programs in the early evening to encourage attendance by pre-retirees as well as retirees.

### Discover Ann Arbor Area Kit Homes

Did you know that, if you lived in Ann Arbor from 1906 until WWII, you could order your own kit house from a catalog (Sears, Wards, or various others)? You would have the kit picked up at the Ann Arbor railway station, delivered to your site, and assembled yourself, or with the help of local craftspeople. This was the ultimate do-it-yourself project. There were roughly 200 of these homes built in the Ann Arbor area. The kit home industry was centered in Bay City, MI, with over a half million kit homes assembled around the country. Come to this fascinating presentation to learn the history of kit homes, and see a virtual tour of local properties.



Our presenters are **Andy and Wendy Mutch**, owners of a 1926 Sears kit home in Novi, Michigan. Their hobby is the researching and the documenting of kit house homes. Check out their website at [kithousehunters.com](http://kithousehunters.com) and their blog at [kithousehunters.blogspot.com](http://kithousehunters.blogspot.com)

**Wednesday, August 21, 7:00 – 8:30pm, Cost: \$5**

**Location: Kellogg Eye Center Auditorium, 1000 Wall St., Ann Arbor**

### *Shores Beyond Shores: From Holocaust to Hope* with Irene Butter

**Irene Butter**, a Holocaust survivor and longtime peace activist and a UM emerita professor of public health, is the co-founder of the Raoul Wallenberg Medal and Lecture at UM and co-founder of Zeitouna, an Arab-Jewish women's dialogue group in Ann Arbor.

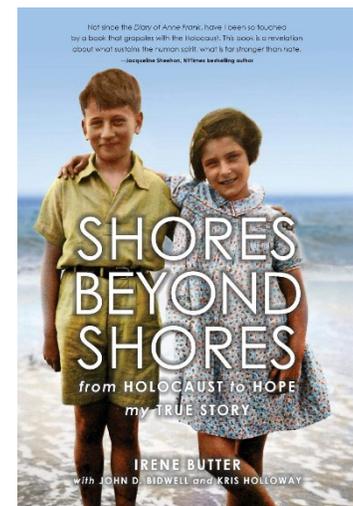
Her first-person memoir, *Shores Beyond Shores*, is an account of how the heart keeps its common humanity in the most inhumane and turbulent of times.

Ms. Butter will share her life experiences. She grew up as a Jewish child in Nazi-occupied Europe and survived two concentration camps.

"I didn't ask to go through the Holocaust, but I was saved through the miracles of luck and the love and determination of my Pappi. I owe it to him and everybody who suffered to talk about what I learned because suffering never ends, so our work must continue," Ms. Butter said. **Her book will be available for purchase.**

**Wednesday, September 18, 7:00 – 8:30pm, Cost: \$5**

**Location: Kellogg Eye Center Auditorium, 1000 Wall St., Ann Arbor**



## Ypsilanti – 1800 to the Present – A Rich & Unique History

Begin the evening with a guided tour of the Ypsilanti Historical Society Museum and Archives to learn about the complex history of Ypsilanti first founded as a trading post. Then we'll take a short walk to the Ypsilanti Ladies Literary Club to hear former City Councilman and Ypsilanti historian **Bill Nickels** tell the story of the unique university and manufacturing town. Finally, Ypsilanti Mayor **Beth Bashert** will describe Ypsilanti today – its growing economy and downtown, new industries with a focus on tech and the arts, changes on the Huron River, and a future built on a rich and unique history.

**Wednesday, October 2, 7:00 – 8:30pm, Cost: \$5**

**Location: Ypsilanti Historical Society Museum & Archives, 220 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti, MI (event begins here)  
Ypsilanti Ladies Literary Club, 218 N. Washington St., Ypsilanti, MI (event ends here)**

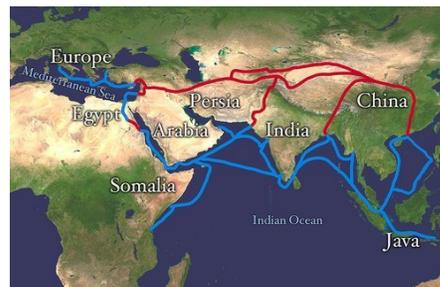
## Traveling the Silk Road through the Heart of Central Asia

For almost 1,000 years the routes through central Asia linked East and Southeast Asia with West Asia, Southern Europe, and East Africa. Travelers shared silk and other trade goods, religions, sciences –and the plague. Join **Bill Roberts and Van Harrison** as they share highlights from their June 2019 trip to the heart of the silk road.

Among the sites in Uzbekistan are Khiva, the fortress city and capitol of the Khanate of Kiva, Bukhara, capitol of the Emirate of Bukhara, and Samarkand, the capitol of Tamerlane's 15th century empire with some of the world's most beautiful Islamic architecture. Next is travel through the mountainous country of Kyrgyzstan, known as "the Switzerland of Central Asia." Just outside their yurts are views of spectacular mountains, glacier-fed rivers, and the world's second largest mountain lake. Finally, in southeastern Kazakhstan visit the Valley of Castles in Charyn National Park and Almaty, the country's largest city and its commercial and cultural center. The trip includes six UNESCO World Heritage sites.

**Wednesday, November 6, NEW START TIME: 6:00 – 7:30pm, Cost: \$5**

**Location: Kellogg Eye Center Auditorium, 1000 Wall St., Ann Arbor**



## The 2020 Democratic Nomination: Who Gets to Choose, the Parties or the Voters?

The Democrats have begun winnowing their original field of 20+ candidates down to the one who will eventually be their nominee for the 2020 presidential election. **Jeffrey Bernstein** will evaluate the candidates and assess their standings as we enter the 2020 election cycle. He'll review the evolution of the nomination process and examine the transfer of power from the parties to the voters over the last half century. As he discusses our evolving system, he'll focus on one big question: has the shift to a voter-centric process been a good thing for American politics? This lecture will coincide with the general time-frame of the New Hampshire primary and Iowa caucuses.

Jeffrey Bernstein is an award-winning Professor of Political Science at Eastern Michigan University. His areas of interest are U.S. political parties, campaigns, and elections, voting behavior and public opinion, as well as the scholarship of teaching and learning.

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020, NEW START TIME: 6:00 – 7:30pm, Cost: \$5**

**Location: Kellogg Eye Center Auditorium, 1000 Wall St., Ann Arbor**

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