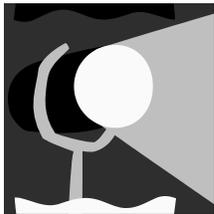
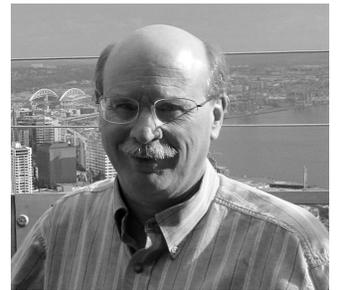


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Volunteer Spotlight *Rich Wittrup*



Rich Wittrup is an intense, energetic, and generous man. Prior to graduate school at Ball State University (double major in geography and natural resources), he worked in the Peace Corps in Iran from 1973-75. Returning to Iran in 1977, Rich left six months before the revolution broke out.

He came to Corvallis in 1979. At OSU he did research in wind energy assessments, where he did field surveys, aerial reconnaissance, and data collection and analysis. The data he and his colleagues gathered formed the basis for the wind farms in Eastern Oregon and Washington.

From 1988 to 1990, Rich and his wife Patti taught conversational English to employees of the Hitachi Corporation in Japan. Rich worked 15 years for Tripod Data Systems (later Trimble) providing technical and product support information for the dealer network of the Trimble Land Survey Division.

After retirement, while driving as a volunteer for Dial-a-Bus, he met Dick Weinman, who told him about ALL. Within his first year at ALL, he accepted Marie Mingo's invitation to join the World Cultures strand which he has coordinated for the last year and a half. Lately, he also has become a member of the Facilities Committee and took on the responsibility of buying a new computer for class presentations.

Rich and Patti, and their 24-year-old son, Stefan, who is autistic, spend nearly every weekend outdoors, frequently in the mountains. Every winter he and his wife enjoy coaching the Benton County snowshoe team, culminating every March in the Special Olympic Winter Games at Mount Bachelor. His son lives in the loving, caring environment of Home Life. In various settings, Rich and Patti have appreciated getting to know many disabled people and their families in Corvallis.

This term, ALL is focusing on the theme of the handicapped in our society. Rich and his wife will be on a panel with other parents of handicapped children. Dick Weiman is hosting the discussion.

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A Cordial Invitation to Get More Involved in ALL

You enjoy the classes and the socials, but do you know how to enjoy ALL even more?

Become involved behind the scenes! It's the best way to get to know other members and have a great time working together.

- **The ALL Board of Directors:**
12 – 18 members, meet monthly, but not in July or August, serve one or two three-year terms. Determine policy, clarify issues, solve problems, and serve on one of the Board Committees.
- **The Curriculum Committee:**
About five members on each of the five strands (Arts, Issues and Ideas, Science, Humanities, and World Cultures). Meet three times a term. Plan the curriculum: invite speakers, get course info for the Schedule of Classes, and introduce speakers.
- **The Facilities Committee:**
Presently six members. These are the technical folks that set up and operate the classroom equipment. There is one planning meeting held prior to each term.
- **Other Opportunities:**
Sometimes there is a short-term project on which you could work. ALL's needs evolve, and things come up. ALL needs a pool of people who may be available.

You are not expected to know how to do each job at the start. ALL needs people who are willing to learn and contribute. There will be orientation from the beginning and mentoring along the way. ALL has grown from 41 members in 2002 to over 350 in 2014. With the exception of a paid Program Coordinator, ALL is totally run by volunteers.

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