



# It's All Talk

The Newsletter of Osher at Carnegie Mellon University

## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

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### **GREAT NEWS! The project to build our new space in Cyert Hall is well underway.**

The Landau Building Company, whose bid was within our budget, has begun the construction of our new Osher home in Cyert Hall. We are currently making plans to move into our new home and begin in-person learning in September. To keep us all apprised of the progress of the 4.0 project, Landau is providing us with weekly pictures.

### **MORE GOOD NEWS**

On May 27, the Board of Directors approved a recommendation from the Finance Committee to increase its participation in the 4.0 funding project by \$300,000, bringing the Institution's total commitment to the 4.0 project to \$500,000. The Board views this action as appropriate, timely and aligned with its commitment to this critical project.

### **Watching Our Pennies**

As the final plans for the space developed, we worked at the granular level with our architects and Carnegie Mellon project manager to save money where possible — without affecting the quality of our new home and the programming we will provide there. To that end, we are purchasing the furniture, appliances and security system directly, thereby avoiding the contractor's markup. We will also repurpose some of our existing office furnishings and equipment. These actions enable us to responsibly use the kind donations of our members to the 4.0 Project.

### **Our Plans to Return**

Currently, Carnegie Mellon has given us approval to return to campus in September. Currently, CMU and Chatham University are requiring everyone to be vaccinated before coming onto campus. Courses will be offered either in person or on Zoom this fall, not simultaneously.

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Osher Past Presidents Joseph Shirk, John Olmsted and Jim Reitz join President Jan Hawkins, 4.0 Steering Committee Chair, Jeffrey Swoger and Executive Director, Lyn Decker for the symbolic beginning of the demolition of the existing space on level B of Cyert Hall.

## Osher 4.0 Funding Update

First, a huge **thank you** to those listed below for their support of the Osher 4.0 funding project. And kudos to the Osher Board of Directors for their generous infusion of funds. As of June 15, we need to raise a little less than \$400,000 to meet our goal of \$1.36 million.

To reach that goal, we are asking you to pledge any amount you wish over the next five years. By doing so, **the total pledged amount will be credited to the 4.0 project in your name upon receipt of the initial payment.** If you pledged \$100 a year for five years, you would be credited with a donation of \$500. And, we would be \$500 closer to our goal.

Our new home will **materially transform** the 'Osher experience' for students, study leaders and the staff. And, as the floorplan on the center spread shows, it will add a significant social component to our highly regarded program — a program given to us by those who came before us. **NOW**, it's our turn to build a new Osher for ourselves, and, for those who will come after us.

**Together, we can reach our goal!!**

Jeffrey Swoger, Chair Osher 4.0 Steering Committee

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## Tour Our New Home

### COVID Safety Measures

CMU has installed ultra-violet lights, which kill viruses, in the ventilation systems in all campus buildings, including Cyert Hall. In addition, they have adjusted the systems to use more outside air and less recirculated air.

The spaces on the plan in gray are either part of the CMU internet and communications system or storage area. There are no CMU classrooms on the floor, so we will have minimal contact with students.

### Behind the Design

The floor plan to the right shows how our new space is organized. One of the factors that has guided the design of the space from the beginning is flexibility. It was vitally important to be able to use the space as efficiently as possible. The goal is to hold as many events in the space as possible, including those held either in other parts of the campus, or off-campus.

The entire space will be illuminated by LED lighting, making it bright and welcoming. Extra care has been given to sound control between rooms. The Corridor, Lounge and Activities Room will have a wood composite flooring, while the classrooms and offices will be carpeted.

Furnishings will be modern and comfortable. Tables and chairs stack or nest so spaces can be reconfigured to meet a variety of needs from movie nights with pizza to lectures and the annual meeting.

### New Technology

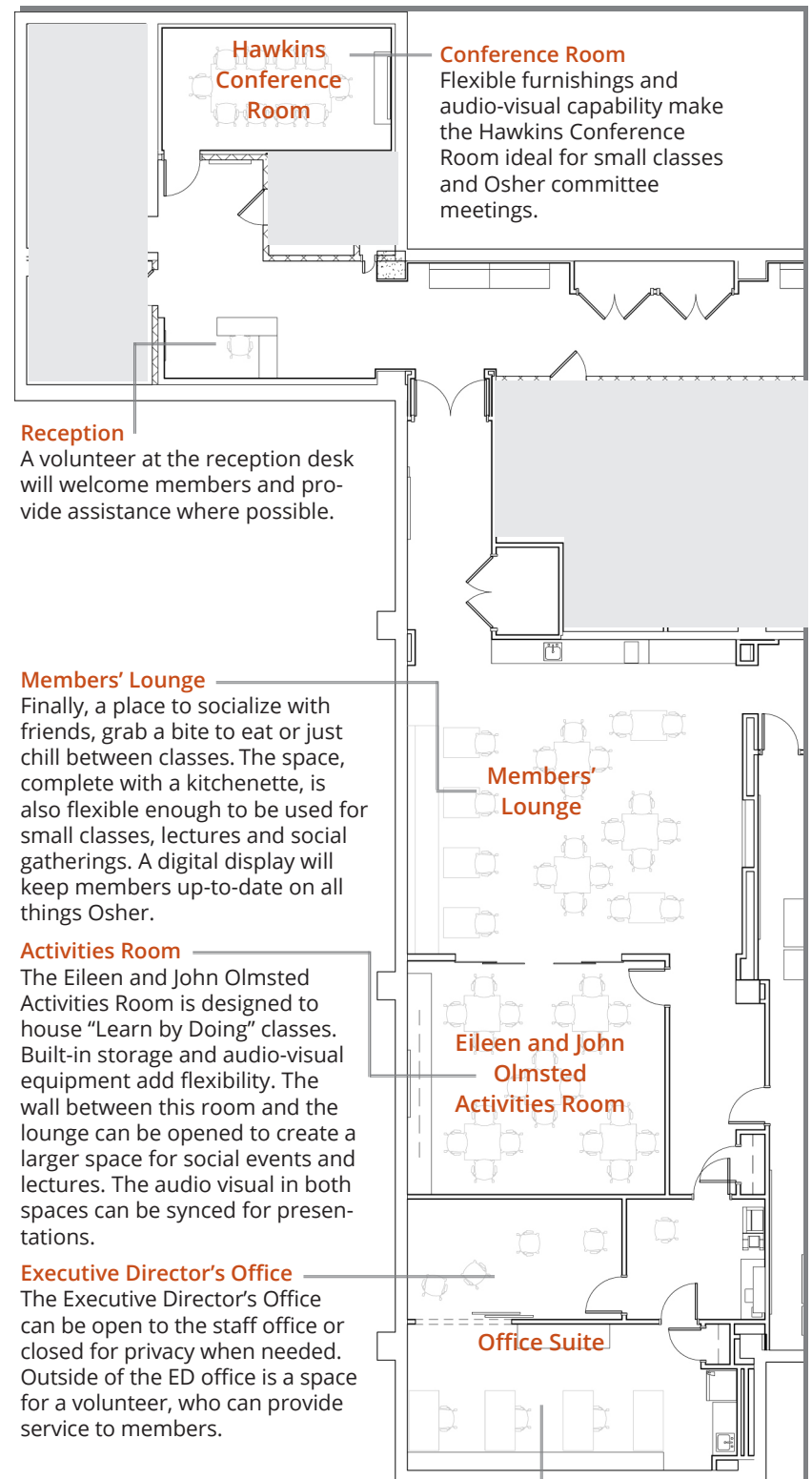
Special attention has also been given to the technology in the space. Working closely with our team and the architects, the CMU A/V team has designed audio/visual systems that will enhance the use of the different spaces.

New laser projectors in the classrooms will allow bright slide images with the lights on. The presentation systems in the classrooms can be synced when the rooms are combined.

The flat screen monitors in the Members' Lounge and the Activities Room can also be synced for events. And, internet amplifiers will be installed throughout the spaces to assure good reception.

### Questions?

If you have any questions about our new home, access the 4.0 FAQs on our website or contact Jeffrey Swoger, [jcs2032@gmail.com](mailto:jcs2032@gmail.com) or Lyn Decker, [ldecker@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:ldecker@andrew.cmu.edu). Either of them will be happy to talk with you.



### ◀ East Garage

**Corridor Lounge**

The corridor leading to our new home will contain modern modular seating where members can check email, relax, or catch up with a friend.

**Washrooms**

The washrooms will be remodeled and brought up to ADA standards by the University.\*

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**Small Classroom**  
35 Seats

**Large Classroom**  
49 Seats

**Classrooms**

Similar to our space in Wean Hall, there are two classrooms, one large and one small. The two classrooms will be separated by a folding partition, which will allow them to function as one space, accommodating courses with high enrollment, or as two individual classrooms. Both rooms will be equipped with new audio-visual equipment to enhance the learning environment and an assisted hearing system.

■ Space occupied by CMU

\*There are eight washrooms in close proximity to our space.

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## Naming Opportunities

While the project is only months from completion, there are still a variety of naming opportunities available. Donors who wish to avail themselves of such an opportunity can pledge the amount over five years and they will be credited with the entire amount upon completion of the initial installment.

We will be happy to discuss the naming process with you. Call the Osher office at 412.268.7489 to arrange a conversation.

\$175,000	Large Classroom	\$ 65,000	Conference Room
\$150,000	Members' Lounge	\$ 50,000	Audio Visual System (2)
\$125,000	Small Classroom	\$ 50,000	Executive Director's Office
\$100,000	Activities Room	\$ 25,000	Kitchenette (2)
\$ 75,000	Staff Office		

## GREAT NEWS

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The Cyert Hall remodel is complex and a myriad of issues could occur, potentially impacting the move into our new space. We will continue working diligently to address issues that arise, and to minimize any adverse impacts. Our goal is to make this new space attractive, functional, and welcoming to our members and guests.

### Thank you for your involvement with and contribution to Osher at CMU.

Please review our website and the Weekly Essentials to stay informed about the project's progress.

Jan Hawkins, President

### My 5-Year Pledge to Osher 4.0

I pledge to donate the amount checked below to Osher 4.0 each year for the next five years. I understand that the entire amount of my 5-year pledge will be credited to Osher 4.0 in my name at the time of my pledge. I will receive reminders of my pledge each year until it is paid in full.

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I plan to pay my pledges each year by check. I understand that the checks must be made payable to **Carnegie Mellon University with Osher 4.0 in the subject line.**

I would like to talk to someone about naming opportunities. Please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Meet Our Cyert Contractor

Established over 130 years ago, Landau Building Company is a family-owned and operated firm providing construction management and general contracting services in Western Pennsylvania and Northern West Virginia. Now in its fifth generation, Landau specializes in the Higher Education and Healthcare industries.

Some of the firm's projects include: the renovation of Warner Hall, the Schatz Dining Room, The Square, and the Marketplace on the CMU campus; the Mario Lemieux Center for Blood Cancers at the Hillman Cancer Center; and the Pittsburgh Zoo Discovery Pavilion and Children's Zoo.

"Landau Building Company is pleased to be part of the team renovating Cyert Hall. The renovations will provide Osher at CMU members a comfortable space where they can socialize and share their passion for lifelong learning. A few of our employees have participated in the classes and look forward to seeing the program grow," says Sharon Landau, Marketing Director.

We have been impressed with their spirit of cooperation and look forward to a productive working relationship with the Landau team over the coming months.



Construction is underway in our new space



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"The learning and social opportunities presented by Osher at CMU provide great satisfaction to me. Since joining in 2016, I have focused on giving back through volunteer time. The recent announcement of the opportunity to make designated donations over a 5-year period prompted me to give at a much different level. May our community of lifelong learners continue to thrive. I welcome you to join in building the future of Osher at CMU."

Jan Hawkins