

Supper and Contra Dancing

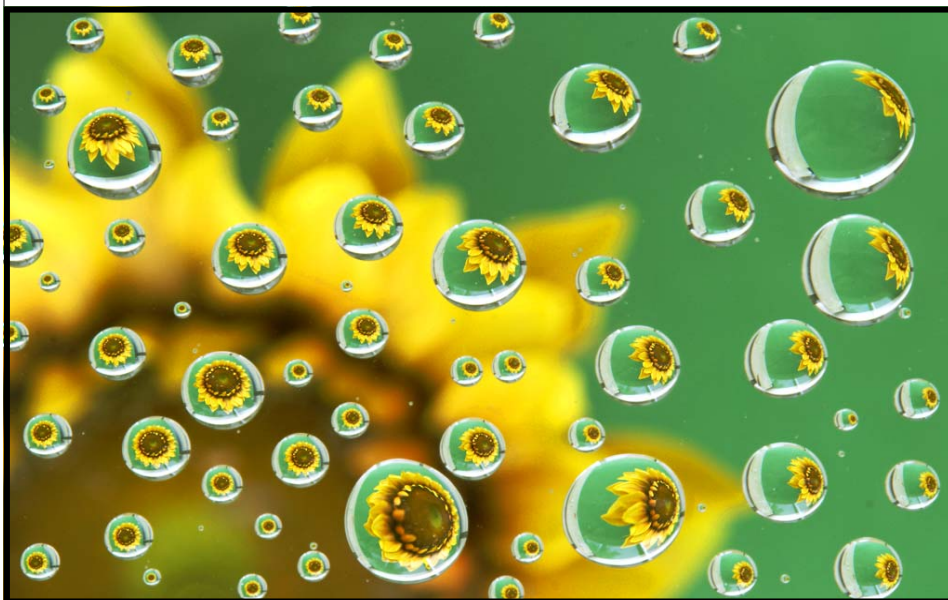
If you have never tried Contra dancing, or even if you have, plan to join other members for a pleasant evening on Saturday, February 2, to learn and enjoy this fun and easy dance. Bring a partner, or come alone; everyone will dance! The evening will begin at Gibson's on South Parkway at 5:30 p.m. (Look for a large table in the back or in a separate room, depending on the group size.)

After supper, the group will drive to Faith Presbyterian Church (S.E. corner of Whitesburg and Airport Rd) for an evening of Contra Dancing. The workshop begins at 7:00 p.m., and dancing at 7:30. The cost for adults is \$7.00. Reservations are not necessary but would be helpful. Contact event coordinator, Toni Reynolds, at 881-0434 or e-mail wreynold25@comcast.net.

Hint: Leather-soled shoes work best



Extraordinary Photo, a Lovely Work of Art



This photo is a superb example of how photography can be an art form when imagination inspires creation. Barbara Staggs created this impressive photo for a competition for macro. She states, "Being involved in the Huntsville Photographic Society's competition really forces me to think creatively in order to win". And win she has. She won the President's Award for 2007 for the most points in winning the monthly competitions.

Look for Barbara's upcoming Basic Photographic Composition course to learn some of her valuable techniques for taking quality photos.

Go to www.osher.uah.edu to view this photo in color.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Supper & Contra Dancing Gibson's on S. Parkway.....	Feb 2 5:30 p.m.
Academy Award Movies.....	TBA
Romeo and Juliet VBC.....	Mar 3 7:00 p.m.
Anna Baltzer, Speaker Shelby Center, UAH Campus....	Mar 8 10:00 a.m.
Winter Term Ends.....	Mar 10
Buck's Pocket Hike.....	Mar 14
The Crucible Theatre Huntsville.....	Mar 16 2:00 p.m.
Social (End of Term) Trinity United Methodist.....	Mar 17
Spring Term Begins.....	Mar 31
Spring Term Ends.....	May 9
Annual Meeting Social Trinity United Methodist.....	May 16
Fairhope, AL Coastal Trip.....	May 22-25
Annual Potluck Picnic Green Mountain.....	June 20 9-5:00p.m.

From The President



Sue Chatham

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season. It is now time to get back to our daily lives.

Last week I had a member of OLLI ask me a couple of questions about OLLI's Scholarship Fund. The fund was established in 2005 to give aid to a UAH student. OLLI members in conjunction

with UAH set up the criteria for the fund. UAH selects the student to receive the scholarship and invests the money in the fund. The principal for the fund is not touched.

The OLLI Scholarship was awarded in 2006-2007 for the first time to **Katie Redmond** a sophomore majoring in Foreign Language – Spanish, with a concentration in Education. Katie is a graduate of Buckhorn High School. Katie also was awarded the Scholarship this year, 2007-2008, in the amount of \$650.

At the end of the year OLLI members had donated \$22,094 to the fund. In the past OLLI had a couple of yard sales and a wine tasting to provide funding for the Scholarship. Most of the donations have come from our members.

You can donate when you pay your membership each year by simply marking it on the membership form and adding it to your membership dues. OLLI Scholarship donation forms can be found in three different locations: in the OLLI office, in the rack near the OLLI office, and with Maxine in the Continuing Ed. office. In addition you can go to the OLLI website at www.osher.uah.edu and get a form.

We would like to see this fund grow. The more money we have in the scholarship fund, the larger the scholarship award can be!

I hope to see you in class!

Sue Chatham
President

Curriculum Corner

Here's hoping all of you are having a wonderful time in your winter classes. I am! As we venture into new and interesting subjects in our winter classes, your Curriculum Committee is busily engaged in planning the spring term course offerings. We will have several exciting new courses, such as Stress Management with Beverly Marchelos; "Coming of Age" in American Literature" with Reese Danley-Kilgo; Ambrose Bierce and the American Civil War with Bob Abernathy; and Basic Photographic Composition with Barbara Staggs. These are just a few of the new offerings for spring term, but stay tuned for many more!



Bev Liles



Behind the scenes, several people participate in the planning of the OLLI curriculum: the instructors, the coordinators, and the three task forces who organize the syllabi for the catalog and schedule the courses, plan for getting equipment to the right rooms on the right days and times, and organize the results of the evaluation sheets at the end of the term. There are people who recruit facilitators and train them, and there are some very dedicated clerical personnel. These people all make our courses possible, and we count on all of the OLLI members to volunteer to keep the program running effectively.

If you love the OLLI program and want to be more involved, the Curriculum Committee welcomes you and can find just the right place for you to fit in. If you are enthusiastic, dependable, and interested in the details of what goes into planning the courses for OLLI, come to our next Curriculum meeting on February 8, at 10:00, Wilson Hall room 113. We need your talents and skills to keep making our program better and better. For more information call Beverly Liles at 883-2607 or email Bevedit@knology.net.

Beverly Liles, Curriculum Chair



Pat Lindberg,
Cultural Committee Chair

CULTURAL EVENTS

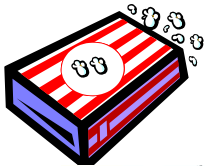
Weather prognosticators strongly suggested that traveling conditions in Birmingham would be hazardous, so we felt we had to cancel our trip to see the **POMPEII Exhibit**. A few brave people went on their own on Saturday, and several others went on Sunday. We regret that everyone scheduled to attend did not see the very interesting items in the exhibit.

Eleanor Schweinsberg is coordinating OLLI attendance for the Saint Petersburg Ballet Company performance of **Romeo and Juliet** on March 3, at 7:00 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Huntsville Community Ballet Association. Call Eleanor (256) 883-0602, to reserve your ticket (\$25 for seniors-63 and over), or email her at eschweinsbert@bellsouth.net. This promises to be a lovely evening.

Jack Cheek is taking reservations for attending Theatre Huntsville's production of **The Crucible** scheduled for Sunday, March 16, at 2:00 p.m. He can be reached at 881-2032 – tickets are \$13.00. Join us for this unusual story.

The Cultural Committee welcomes new members. Plan to join us for a meeting. Call 534-7148 for more information.

*Submitted by Pat Lindberg
Cultural Committee Chair*



Popcorn Anyone?



Several Members Enjoyed an Evening at the Movies

Approximately 30 OLLI students gathered at the Hollywood 18 theater complex to view the Oscar nominated film *Juno*. After the film, many of the viewers dined together at Gibson's Barbecue to enjoy dinner and to discuss the film. Based on the number of viewers, this endeavor is proving very successful for the Events Committee.

Photos and article by Joyce Pettis

Special Events Committee

Hopefully, everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday and is now again involved with OLLI classes and events. Many thanks again to Phyllis Varney and Mary Compton for a fantastic Game Day. There was a great turnout and a good time was had by all. Games were numerous and included Scrabble, "Hand and Foot" and several new card games. Unfortunately, the trip to Wallace State for the genealogy lecture and library tour was cancelled since the weather forced Wallace State to reschedule.

Our Winter term promises other opportunities which are detailed in this newsletter:

- Feb 2 – Contra Dancing
- Jan 31-Feb – Academy Award Movie Outings
- March 8 – Special Speaker, Anna Baltzer

There's also a group heading to Mexico with Bev Marchelos to see the Monarch butterflies February 16-23. We'll look forward to hearing about the trip!



Joyce Howell, Chair
Special Events Committee

And sign-ups are underway for the May 22-25 "Coastal Alabama Sampler" trip. Don't delay; not many spots remain!

Joyce Howell
Special Events Chair

OLLI IS GOING COASTAL!

Nature trails... exotic birds... canoes... sand crabs... swamps... wildflower bogs... storytellers ... humorists... naturalists... novelists... Spanish moss draped through the magnolia trees... gorgeous sunsets over Week's Bay. Any of that sound interesting to you? Then join us for a 3-day tour in beautiful Fairhope, Alabama for our **Coastal Alabama Sampler, May 22-25, 2008!**

We started with 40 spaces for this adventure. Only 6 are still available, and time is running out to sign up. See full details and flyer at <http://www.osher.uah.edu/coastal-sampler.html> or pick up a flyer in the OLLI office. Total cost for lodging and meals is \$315 per person (double occupancy) or \$392 (single occupancy). Transportation to Fairhope is not included. The only way to make sure your spot is reserved is to send your check, made payable to OLLI, to Eleanor Carter, 5720 Jones Valley Drive, Huntsville, AL 35802 as soon as possible. A group meeting will be held in April with updates and more news for the group. Questions? Contact Joyce Howell at j11howell@knology.net or 539-8268, or Eleanor Carter at carterer@aol.com or 881-6232.





Academy Award Movie Series

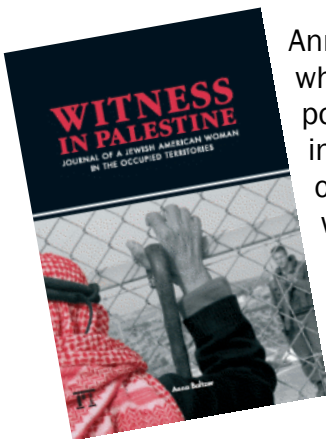
This is a fun outing for members to attend each of the movies that were nominated for this year's Academy Award best picture. The first outing took place on Friday, January 25 where many members viewed the movie, *Juno* (photos on page 3). Each week a new movie will be selected for a late afternoon performance at a local theatre. Afterwards, for those who want to do so, members can get together for dinner at a restaurant near the theatre. Further details will be on OLLI email and will be announced in classes.

Coordinated by Carol Pedigo (837-5389)

Author to speak to OLLI Members About Life in Occupied Palestine



The Special Events Committee is presenting an informative program by special speaker Anna Baltzer, author of *Witness in Palestine: A Jewish American Woman in the Occupied Territories*. The event will be held on March 8, 2008, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, Shelby Center Auditorium. It is sponsored by the Osher Institute for Lifelong Learning at UAH.



Anna Baltzer, a young Jewish American woman, went to Israel to see for herself what life was like there. She documents her eight months of experience in her powerful book, and has spent two years presenting her photos and stories of life in the Occupied Territories. Her tour has included presentations to universities, churches, temples, schools, clubs and organizations all over the U.S. A full bio, with photos, book, other writings, and presentation, may be read at www.annainthemiddleeast.com

Directions for the Shelby Center Auditorium: Enter main entrance of UAH on Sparkman Drive. The new Shelby Center is the large white building on your left.

Contact information: Reese Danley Kilgo • 256-881-3062 • rdankilgo@knology.net

Pot Luck Social a Delight!

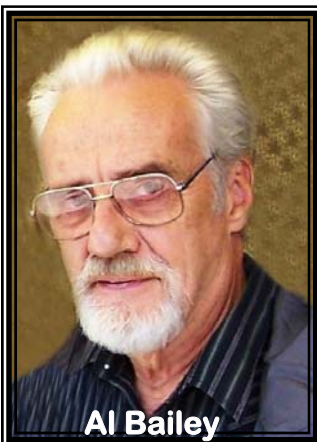
Approximately 100 members attended the winter term social where good food and great conversation were abundant. A highlight of the event was when Dr. Frank Franz signed up to become one of the newest members of OLLI. We are happy to have him join us.

If you had to miss this one, stay tuned for more future socials listed in the newsletter calendar and on our Web Site www.osher.uah.edu.

Photos by Elaine Leach



Meet Al, OLLI's New Webmaster



OLLI welcomes Al Bailey, our new Webmaster and a gentleman who has some constructive goals for the OLLI Web site. Building from the accomplishments of Elaine Leach, he will continue to maintain the site, striving to keep it informative, navigable, and appealing. He hopes to stir member involvement in, and awareness of, what the site is doing and can do for OLLI.

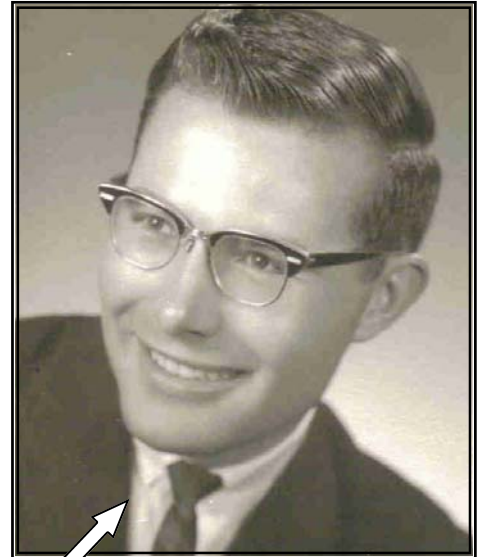
Originally from Marlboro, MA and Las Cruces, NM, he and his wife Cathy, met at Northeastern University. They moved to Huntsville in 2006 to be closer to the grandchildren. They joined OLLI in September of 2007, taking a variety of classes that stimulated their interests.

Lucky for OLLI, Al gained experience maintaining the Web site for his church. It takes time and effort to keep a Web site maintained, and we are happy that Al comes with the experience and attitude to do the job

GUESS WHO?



Still recognizable by her smiling eyes, this angelic schoolgirl danced through life sparkling with laughter. Originally from MA, she became a resident of Madison County after marrying her husband eight years ago. She is ready, willing and able to try anything new to build her knowledge and skills. A valuable volunteer; she has worked in the office, belongs to two committees, oversaw a site that we all depend on for information, and is an instructor. To know her is to love her; she is friendly and enthusiastic, and is more than willing to lend a helping hand. You will often see her name as a contributor to the newsletter.



Read the hints to learn the identities, then check the Web site www.osher.uah.edu to find out if you're correct. January's photos were of Jim Lindberg & Beverly Marchelos

This very handsome OLLI member was born and grew up in Montana. He received a degree in chemistry but was called to the military in 1967. After two years in the Air Force, he and his wife decided to make it a career after being offered a Masters degree. His last assignment was as the Air Force Liaison to the Army at the Redstone Arsenal. He has been an OLLI member for four years, is seen in computer classes, and has been known to lend a hand with OLLI's audio-visual.

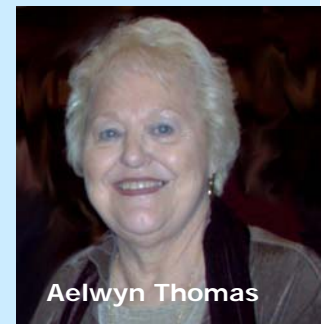
And so the Winter Term Begins . . .



Vita French and students in Elementary Spanish Continued, which meets on Wednesdays. Like several other classes in OLLI, the class has a core of continuing students.

Photo and article by Joyce Pettis

Public Relations Committee



We're delighted to announce that Al Bailey is our new webmaster for the official OLLI web site. Elaine Leach will continue as his associate while taking a little time off to work on her new house and get in some travel time. The work that has been done on our web page is wonderful, and for those of you who haven't checked it out, now is a good time to see what people all over the world read about us here at OLLI at UAH.

Aelwyn Thomas, Public Relations Chair

Everyone Was in the Spirit to Play Games on Game Day January 7

Several people met and had a blast getting together to play their favorite games. If a member didn't know how to play, there were gentle and patient mentors everywhere. Drinks were provided by Mary Compton and Phyllis Varney, who also coordinated the event.



Photos by Elaine Leach

More Fun is on the Way

~DON'T FORGET TO SAVE THESE DATES~

Monday, March 17, End-of-term Social Trinity United Methodist Church

Monday, May 16, Annual Social Trinity United Methodist Church

Friday, June 20, Annual Potluck Picnic Pavilion at Nature Trail on Green Mountain

DETAILS WILL FOLLOW IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS.



Important Notice: Newsletter inputs for the March 2008 Newsletter are due by Feb 25. Please send articles and ideas to Lorrie White, Editor, lorrie395@knology.net and Joyce Pettis, Co-editor, JoPettis@aol.com
Please understand that due to cost and space constraints, articles may be edited for length.



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