

Céad Míle Fáilte

(One Hundred Thousand Welcomes)

To the Teacher Appreciation and St Patrick's Day Social



It's St. Patrick's Day!

Wear your green and come join us to show appreciation for our teachers!!

Teacher Appreciation Social
 Monday, March 17, at 11:00 a.m.

(Catered by Smokies Barbecue)

Trinity United Methodist Church, Airport Road

New Transportation Assistance Program is Being Considered

OLLI is considering the possibility of establishing a transportation assistance program for individuals who, because of health or other reasons, are unable to drive to the UAH campus for classes. Transportation would be provided by fellow OLLI members who have similar class schedules and who live within a reasonable distance of the person. OLLI would maintain a list of members willing to be considered for providing transportation when a need is identified.



To determine the potential need for such assistance we would like to get feedback from our membership. If you know of someone who cannot take classes because of transportation difficulties, or if you would consider being on our call-list to provide transportation, please contact Jim Lindberg (534-7148). This is not a commitment.

If there is sufficient interest generated, we will establish a pilot program in the future.

Jim Lindberg
 Member Services Committee

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Romeo and Juliet.....	Mar 3
VBC	7:00 p.m.
Brown Bag Lunch.....	Mar 5
Wilson Hall, Room 111A	12-1:00 p.m.
Anna Baltzer, Speaker.....	Mar 8
Shelby Center, UAH Campus	10:00 a.m.
Buck's Pocket Hike.....	Mar 14
"Peter Grimes" Opera.....	Mar 15
Hollywood 18 Theater	12:30-4:30
"Obsession of Berlioz"	Mar 15
VBC	11:00 a.m.
The Crucible.....	Mar 16
Theatre Huntsville	2:00 p.m.
Teacher Appreciation Social..	Mar 17
Trinity United Methodist	11:00 a.m.
Volksmarching Hikes.....	Mar 21 to
Spring Game Day.....	Mar 24
Central Bank	1-3:00 p.m.
The Hogue Sinfonietta.....	Apr 12
Roberts Recital Hall	7:30 p.m.
Open House Hudson Alpha Inst.	April 25
Annual Meeting Social.....	May 16
Trinity United Methodist	11:00 a.m.
Fairhope, AL Coastal Trip.....	May 22-25
Annual Potluck Picnic.....	June 20
Green Mountain	9-5:00p.m.

From The President



Sue Chatham

Classes for the Winter Term will be over soon. We offered 57 courses during the Winter Term. Ten of those courses had waiting lists, and 39% of our members took classes.

Our Teacher Appreciation Social for the Winter Term is set for Monday,

March 17. This is a thank you not only for our teachers but also for all of those who help make the classes happen. I hope to see you there.

Do you have concerns or questions about OLLI? Please feel free to call me or talk to someone on the Board of Directors. As our membership grows, sometimes it is hard to get information to everyone. The newsletter is an excellent way to stay informed. So, if you ask a question we will try to answer either personally or in the newsletter.

The Spring Term starts Monday, March 31. Watch for your catalog and sign up for one of the many courses being offered.

I hope to see you at the Social on March 17.

Sue Chatham, President

OLLI Class Schedule

Winter Term Ends.....March 10

Spring Term Begins.....March 31

Spring Term Ends.....May 9



CURRICULUM CORNER

The fattest robins I've ever seen are hopping outside my window and the first daffodil blooms have burst open. Some of us are planning gardens, some are planning quick trips to visit our families, and a few stalwarts are making a list of spring cleaning activities that have been hovering in the back of our minds while we zipped off to classes. Whatever you do with your time, be sure it's something wonderful and satisfying, and then enroll in courses for the six-week spring term (March 31-May 9). Here's a preview of upcoming new classes and instructors:

- ◆ Women of Ancient Egypt, Bill Stephens
- ◆ Neuro-Linguistic Programming, Edna Clay
- ◆ History of the English Language, Jean Westrope
- ◆ Intro to Bird watching, John Ehinger
- ◆ Music and Movement, Millicent Simmons
- ◆ Real Estate for Seniors, Robin Lee
- ◆ Churchill, Bob Crowe
- ◆ Financial Workshop for Individual Investors, Melodie Wade
- ◆ Israel/Arab Conflict, taught by Max Rosenthal
- ◆ What Is the Cause of It All? Laj Utreja
- ◆ Poe (Edgar Alan), Jennifer Garlan
- ◆ What's in Your Goody Bag? Chris Rupp



Beverly Liles, Curriculum Chair

Plan to spend your spring with OLLI classmates learning something exciting and new!

CULTURAL EVENTS



Pat Lindberg,
Cultural Committee Chair

The Cultural Committee will meet March 12, at 10:00 a.m. in Wilson Hall, room 111A. We are looking for more good members! Plan to join us to see what we are all about and help us plan future events.

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.

The New York Metropolitan Opera is back (telecast live to Hollywood 18 Theater). Join an OLLI group and friends on March 15, for the (12:30 to 4:15) performance of "Peter Grimes." Meet Sue Chatham and the group at Gibson's BBQ at 11:00 a.m. for lunch prior to going to the theater.

If you are more in the mood for symphony music on March 15, meet Verna Lee Clark (852-3547) at Sterns Coffee at 9:30 a.m., then go to VBC for Huntsville Symphony Orchestra rehearsal at 11:00. The "Obsession of Berlioz" features Bartok *Romanian Folk Dances* and *Romanian Rhapsody No. 1 for Violin and Orchestra*; also Ravel *Tzigane for Violin and Orchestra* and Berlioz *Symphonie Fantastique*. Jean-Marie Zeitouni will conduct, and Karen Gomyo is guest violinist.

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 Hogue Sinfonietta will perform a free concert for OLLI members on April 12 at Roberts Recital Hall on the UAH campus at 7:30 p.m. Conductor Charles Hogue is the principal Violist in the Huntsville Symphony and dedicates this work to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH, for their support of our musical endeavors. The program will include I Traci Amanti Overture by Domenico Cimarosa (translated, Our Faithful Friends), Entrance of the Queen of Sheba from Solomon by George F. Handel Bassoon Concerto in A minor by Antonio Vivaldi, and Violin Concerto in A Major by Wolfgang Mozart. There will be two soloists: Hunter Thomas - Bassoonist, playing the Vivaldi Concerto F. VIII, No 2, RV.498, and Steve Dunning - Violinist, playing the Mozart Concerto No. 5 in A major K.219.

Again, we would be delighted to have you join us at the next Cultural Committee meeting. Please call me at 534-7148 for more information.

*Submitted by Pat Lindberg
Cultural Committee Chair*

Fairhope Trip: Coastal Alabama Sampler, May 22-25

OLLI members will soon be off to the wilds of South Alabama to explore estuaries, bogs, books, and local culture. All spaces are full at this time, but if you are interested in the trip, your name can be placed on a waiting list in case someone's plans change. Contact Joyce Howell at j11howell@knology.net or 539-8268 or Eleanor Carter at carterer@aol.com or 881-6232.

*Joyce Howell
Special Events Chair*

Special Events Committee

What a fun February! We were happy to see so many of you at the Special Event Committee's various events.

Carol Pedigo's movie and dinner events (films nominated for an Academy Award) garnered a large group. Many, many thanks, Carol.

Contra Dance evening was also a blast! About 30 people participated and most of them met for supper before the dance. Thanks to Toni Reynolds for such a great idea and for "making it happen!"

Our new temporary lounge space in WH111A was put in action at the February 13 brown bag lunch. An overwhelming number of people (about 50!) stopped by to eat their lunch or to have some coffee or hot apple juice and cookies. The new lounge space should be a great area for everyone to visit and have a relaxing lunch. A special thanks to Claudia Conn for coordinating the event and especially for the twelve dozen homemade cookies (which were all eaten!)



Joyce Howell, Chair
Special Events Committee

Seventeen OLLI members and friends recently joined Bev Marchelos for a trip to Mexico. The group made several interesting stops in the country and, of primary interest, visited two Monarch butterfly sanctuaries in the high mountains of Michoacan. Bev Marchelos certainly delivered on her promise of "gazillions" of Monarchs. The participants were amazed at the sight and sound of these wonderful creatures. Many thanks, Bev, for providing such an interesting opportunity for our members! Read more and see photos on page 6.

Joyce Howell
Special Events Chair

A n n o u n c i n g March Events



OLLI Brown Bag Lunch in Wilson Hall 111A, March 5

On Wednesday, March 5, from Noon till 1:00 p.m., bring your lunch and socialize with fellow OLLI members before attending the Wednesday Bonus, which will revisit last summer's trip to Alaska. Beverages and cookies will be provided. Della Evans is coordinator and can be contacted at 881-8229.

Buck's Pocket Hike, March 14

It is a difficult hike (first half mile is a steep descent) but worth the effort! Wildflowers should be plentiful! Depart from Walgreen's in Target Shopping Center on Carl T. Jones Dr at 8:00 a.m. Bring lunch and water. Dinner will be at Top O' the River restaurant in Guntersville, AL. Call Barbara Roberts, Coordinator (883-8722) for more information.



LET'S GO VOLKSMARCHING

Are you interested in spring hikes on Monte Sano, Wade Mountain and vicinity? Dick Schock is introducing a hiking program to interested healthy hikers within OLLI during the spring term.

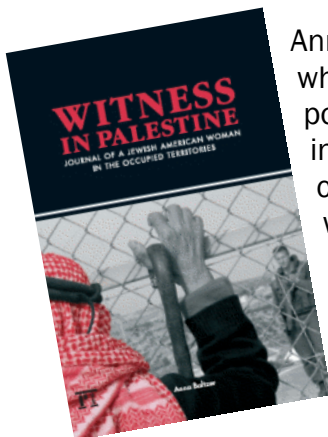
Hikes will be on Friday mornings from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. They will be about three miles in distance with elevation changes of approximately 300 feet. The Monte Sano Guide rates trails on a scale of one to five; one is easiest and five is extremely difficult. Trails selected for the class are rated a three or four.

There will be eight hikes; the first one will begin on Friday morning, March 21, and the second one on March 28, at the Monte Sano hikers parking lot. To get to the lot, go north on Monte Sano Boulevard, take a right on Nolen, and follow Nolen to the turn at the Ranger station. The hikers parking lot is on the right. Dick will have a handout at the start of the first two hikes detailing the future hikes and providing directions to the trail heads. The rain policy is that "if its raining, the hike is cancelled; but if rain is predicted, we will hike." In case of the latter, wear rain gear. Contact Dick Schock at 256-539-5543 with questions.

Anna Baltzer to Speak 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.

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Unbelievable!

Just as promised, there were millions and millions of butterflies; it truly was a butterfly blizzard! In addition, there was plenty to do besides pay tribute to the millions of butterflies. Kyong Andress and Claudia Conn were the official "OLLI Mountain Goats," scampering over a perilous mountain of lava. Shirley Manalay fell in love with her horse (and guide), and several of us tried shaping red hot copper at a copper-maker, but we couldn't even dent it. We enjoyed the 100 year old process for making thread and material at the textile factory in Uruapan. Many of us climbed to the top of the Mayan step pyramid. There were many safe places to eat interesting food, and most important, a lot of water naturale available. Tom Bryant made 1,000 photos of our February 2008 trip, and will make a video show. Everyone will be invited.

Article and photos by Beverly Marchelos

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Kyong Andress preparing to ride to lava fields. It is hot and dusty

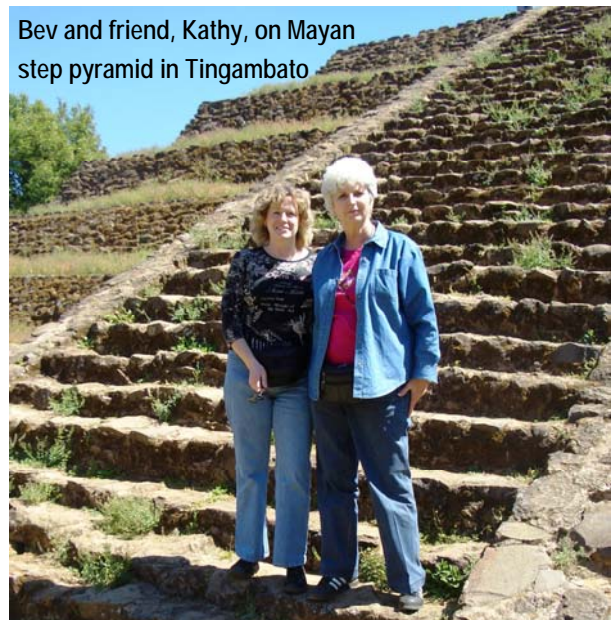


Shirley Manaley, happy with horse and new friend after trip to volcano, Parcuintrin.

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Lecture at 100 year old textile mill. Far left to right: Carol Bryant, Jeri Howard, Barbara Miller, Miriam Pullins, Ann Moore, Tom Bryant, Dan Andress, Kyong Andress, Joyce Howell, and lecturer, Walter.



Bev and friend, Kathy, on Mayan step pyramid in Tingambato

GUESS WHO?



Born in Paris, IL, this little fellow grew up during the great depression. After a career in Public Relations, he became a professional dog breeder and expert hunting guide. He is well known for his mischievous behavior — he is well known, period!

This happy girl was born in Michigan but settled in Huntsville for the last 31 years. She has been a member of OLLI since 2004 volunteering in many different capacities. Her husband, whom she re-met at a class reunion in MI and married 5 years ago, is also a member. They are frequent travelers, packing up their dog and clothes, and exploring the country in their RV.



Read the hints to learn the identities, then check the Web site <http://osher.uah.edu> to find out if you're correct. February's photos were of Elaine Leach and John Phillip

How to Recapture The Joys of Childhood

Walk in the rain, jump in mud puddles, collect rocks, rainbows and roses, smell flowers, blow bubbles, stop along the way, build sandcastles, say hello to everyone, go barefoot, go on adventures, act silly, fly kites, have a merry heart, talk with animals, sing in the shower, read childrens' books, take bubble baths, get new sneakers, hold hands and hug and kiss, dance, laugh and cry for the health of it, wonder and wander around, feel happy and precious and innocent, feel scared, feel sad, feel mad, give up worry and guilt and shame, say yes, say no, say the magic words, ask lots of questions, ride bicycles, draw and paint, see things differently, fall down and get up again, look at the sky, watch the sun rise and sun set, watch clouds and name their shapes, watch the moon and stars come out, trust the universe, stay up late, climb trees, daydream, do nothing and do it very well, learn new stuff, be excited about everything, be a clown, enjoy having a body, listen to music, find out how things work, make up new rules, tell stories, save the world, make friends with the other kids on the block, and do anything else that brings more happiness, celebration, health, love, joy, creativity, pleasure, abundance, grace, self-esteem, courage, balance, spontaneity, passion, beauty, peace, relaxation, communication and life energy to...all living beings on this planet.



-*Bruce Williamson*, *It's Never Too Late to Have a Happy Childhood*

Spring Game Day is on the Way



Oh boy, oh boy, everyone is crazy about Game Day! And you will be too when you come to join us for the next game gathering on Monday, March 24, from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. It will be at Compass Bank building on Governor's Drive near the hospital. All types of games are played – from dominos to cards and everything in between. Don't worry if you need a refresher, there are plenty of patient and kind folks who will mentor you to know-how. Registration is needed. Phyllis Varney will host. For more information call 721-1217.

Mary Compton, Special Events Committee

More on the Horizon

~Don't forget to save these dates~

- Friday, **April 25, Open House at Hudson Alpha Institute** (Time to be announced)
- Friday, **May 16, Annual Social** Trinity United Methodist Church
- Friday, **June 20, Annual Potluck Picnic** Pavilion at Nature Trail on Green Mountain
- Tuesdays, **July 22, 29 and August 5, 12 Summer Enrichment Series 2008**, Tuesday mornings

* Watch for details in future newsletters *

Important Notice: Newsletter inputs for the April 2008 Newsletter are due by March 25. Please send articles, comments or ideas to Lorrie White, Editor, ollnewsletter@msn.com and Joyce Pettis, Co-editor, JoPettis@aol.com
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