

# The Summer Enrichment Series Continues

The Summer Enrichment Series continues with two more sessions. If you have missed the first two, you will still enjoy these:

**August 5 ~ A Debate on Immigration: an opportunity to hear all sides, have your questions answered, and make up your own mind.**

Speakers: The Rev. Frank Broyles; Shay Farley from the Appleseed Center for Law and Justice in Montgomery; Dale Jackson, radio talk show host; Hilda Eisler, President of the Alabama Hispanic Assn. and Sen. Scott Beason, member of the Alabama Senate.

**August 12 ~ Candidates and Conversation: as Election Day nears and choices are made, you will be given information to help you decide, plus a one-hour round table discussion period as to who would be the best option. The series will end with a straw vote for President.**

Speakers: Dr. Andree Reeves, Political Science Dept., UAH; Rep. Cam Ward, member of the Alabama House of Representatives representing Sen. John McCain; Wanda McNeil, Chair of the Democratic Women of Madison Co. representing Sen. Barack Obama; John Ross, Exec. Dir. of the Alabama Republican Party representing the GOP and a representative from the Democratic Party.



9 AM to 12 noon  
 Faith Presbyterian Church  
 Corner of Whitesburg Drive and Airport Road

Note : As at any political rally, a table for campaign literature will be available.

Barbara Lucero and Mary Compton, Program Coordinators

See photos and coverage of the first lectures of the series on page 7.

## Welcome to Madison Hall !!

Our temporary home in Madison Hall is ready for the fall term. If you've never had a class in Madison Hall, it's on the east side of the new traffic circle (the second exit off the circle entering the campus from Sparkman Dr.) Parking is primarily behind the building (east side) and handicapped spaces are at the end of the east wing near the air conditioners. Madison Hall is L-shaped (one leg of the "L" runs east and west; the other north and south). Our office and student lounge are located in room 322, and the classrooms Madison Hall are 301 and 309. All three of these rooms are located in the north-south wing of the building and on the third floor.

There are doors and stairwells at the ends of both wings and where the two legs meet in the middle. There is an elevator on the easternmost end of the building (near the handicap parking). The elevator is accessible through gray double-doors at the end of a loading ramp. The restrooms are in the middle of the "L" on the west side of the building. Maxine Doherty's office is in room 332 in the east-west wing. Please call the office (824-6959) if you have any questions.

Cindy Spratley

### Upcoming Events

Summer Series Debate on Immigration	*	<b>8-5</b>
Summer Series Candidates/Conversation	*	<b>8-12</b>
Game Day	*	<b>9-9</b>
La Traviata, Bhm		<b>TBA</b>
Fall Term		<b>9-15</b>
Ice Cream Social 15th Year Celebration	*	<b>9-19</b>

\* Please check articles for time and location

## From The President



**Sue Chatham**

I hope that you are having a wonderful summer. I would imagine that you have been to many “cool” places and done a lot of “cool” things, like our

Summer Enrichment Series.

Thanks to Jim Lindberg, our office in Madison Hall, Room 322, has been set up. Jim spent many hours organizing our new facilities so that we would be ready to open our office on September 8. If you see Jim, give him personal thanks for all of his hard work..

You should have a fall catalog in your mail box by the middle of August. Check it out. Determine early what classes you would like to take and sign up. Don't forget

you must be a current member to register for classes. There is a membership form included in this newsletter.

Read your newsletter from cover to cover. Items that you will want to participate in are already being listed. Much planning has been done this summer to provide you an exciting 2008-2009 year.

I hope to see each of you at the back to school Ice Cream Social in September.

*Sue Chatham  
President*

## A Matter of Life

David Knepper and his wife, Judith Fernet, are OLLI members whom seem very health-conscious. They are slim, they exercise, and they eat wholesome foods. There was no reason why they would suspect health problems, they just completed their physicals. But, after discussing it with their physicians, they scheduled Life Line Screening tests. David tested-out fine. Judith's tests, however, indicated a very significant carotid artery obstruction which was verified by her physician. She had carotid artery surgery in May. David states, ***“The salient point in this is that Judith had no symptoms and had no indication of the carotid artery obstruction prior to the Life Line Screening tests.”*** Had Judith not discovered the problem, the outcome would have been much different.

Life Line Screening describes their purpose as follows: *“The mission of Life Line Screening is to make people aware of an undetected health problems through health screenings and tests and encourage them to seek follow-up care with their physician. We are dedicated to providing the highest quality preventive screenings at an affordable rate.”*

David is kind enough to furnish the Web Site so we can get more information, and he also provided a schedule of dates and locations when Life Line Screening will be in the area. The Web address is: <http://www.lifelinescreening.com/Pages/index.aspx>.

Date 2008	Location
Tuesday, August 19	Monrovia Community Center
Tuesday, August 12	First Baptist Church-Huntsville
Monday, July 28	Berkley Boys and Girls Club
Tuesday, September 02	Lindsay Lane Baptist Church
Thursday, August 21	St Andrew Presbyterian Church Decatur, AL 35603

*Hopefully, this story will be an eye-opener for us all. Thanks, David, for sharing with us.*

*Article by Lorrie White*

### “Picking Vegetables” Article Credit Correction

June/July's article and photos gave credit to Beverly Lyles in error. They were actually submitted by **Beverly Marchelos**. Thanks, Beverly for the enjoyable pictures!



Pat Lindberg,  
 Cultural Committee Chair

## CULTURAL EVENTS

The Sewanee Summer Music Festival proved to be well worth braving the heat of the drive toward the hills of Tennessee. Jack and Pat Cheek coordinated the event which included a wonderful dinner at High Point in Monteagle, TN. This restaurant is on the National Register of Historic Places. Contained in a 1929 mansion, presumably financed by Al Capone, the three-story compound is complete with escape hatches on the roof and underground tunnels in the basement used by Capone for transferring of liquor in the twenties and early thirties.

The Faculty Chamber Music Recital in the evening at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN featured music of Paul Hindemith (1895-1963), W.A. Mozart (1756-1791), and Johannes Brahms(1833-1897). Huntsville Symphony Orchestra member Hunter Thomas (bassoon) is on faculty there and participated in the program. The group of 45 members who attended express thanks to Jack and Pat for this outstanding trip.

Meetings and plans are ongoing for "The Big Read 2009." We are working with the Huntsville Library and others to feature the book, *The Thief and the Dogs*, in the Spring 2009 timeframe.

Information will be announced soon for attending *La Traviata* at The Alabama Theater in Birmingham. Susanna Phillips will be featured in the role of Violetta. Stay tuned!

We also plan to visit a garden exhibit which will surely interest you. Details will be announced soon.

*Submitted by Pat Lindberg  
 Cultural Committee Chair*



The annual OLLI Potluck Picnic was held Friday, June 20, 2008, at the Green Mountain Nature Trail Pavilion. There was a good turnout of about 90 OLLI members and guests to enjoy the wonderful mid-80 degree weather with cool Green Mountain breezes. We enjoyed a good variety of food and company. Some of the picnickers hiked the nature trail around the lake. There was the added spice of negotiating a veritable land mine of obstacles in reaching the site, including a large stalled truck halfway up Green Mountain Road and a closed section of South Shawdee Road. The detour was around the mountain brow and not well marked but we all made it in time for the lunch. Thanks to everyone who helped set up, clean up and brought food. Have a happy summer and hope to see you in class next fall.

*Article by Sandra Lyons  
 Photos by Elaine Leach*

# Greetings from Special Events

In New Orleans, they use the word "lagniappe" to denote a little something extra—an added value—a little more zest. That's going to be our word for this year for what we want to accomplish for OLLI members. At this point, we haven't decided just what that will be and what form it will take. At the first Special Events Committee meeting, we compiled a long list of things we'd like to do, and next will be looking for coordinators to make them a reality.



Eleanor Carter

We'd love to have new members on the SEC! If you've never coordinated an event but wouldn't mind learning the ropes, we have some talented and energetic experienced members to show you how. If regular meetings aren't your thing, but you wouldn't mind heading up a group event, there's room for you, too. Room, too, for those who assist—at game days with refreshments, at Brown Bag Lunches with setup and cleanup, on trips with programming, and other duties. If you are a living, breathing body, we have something you can do to help your fellow members have a good time!

We had a wonderful Game Day on June 24, thanks to Phyllis Varney, Anna Lee and Mary Compton. (I learned how to play a new game!) Another Game Day is planned for September 9 (see elsewhere in this newsletter).

A small but enthusiastic group attended OLLI's Night with the Stars. Many thanks to Jack Cheek for hosting!

By the time you read this, we will have completed the first two sessions of Summer Enrichment Series 2008, and the response has been fantastic. In this crucial, and often confusing, election year, we ALL want to be informed voters. Thanks to organizers Barbara Lucero, Mary Compton, and Mary Holdsambeck for undertaking this important task! And give a hand to Bob Crowe and Carol Pedigo, coordinators of these first two sessions, for rounding up informative speakers. Hope to see you all in attendance on August 5 and 12! (See details elsewhere in this newsletter).

Coming up in the Fall Term (can you believe it's already August??), we're planning some Brown Bag Lunches preceding our Wednesday Bonuses. Special Events will provide drinks and dessert in our temporary (sorry!) home in the Shelby Center. Throw your lunch in your OLLI book bag and join us!

Stay tuned for travel plans!

As soon as events are scheduled, they are added to the calendars in your newsletter and online at the [www.osher.uah.edu](http://www.osher.uah.edu) website. We'll also send out email notices and reminders. There's always a little something extra waiting for you!

**Happy Trails!**  
*Eleanor Carter, Chair*  
*Special Events Committee*

# Ice Cream Sundae Social and 15th Year Celebration!

OF LIFELONG  
LEARNING!

**Join us on Friday, September 19**  
**Trinity United Methodist Church**  
**1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Program at 1:15 pm**

CELEBRATING  
15 YEARS

An organization follows the same development as a child. At first, you don't know what you can do, but gradually, as you look around and try some things, you begin to find your way. You just have to set your eye on the goal—the glass vase on the table, the cookie jar, crossing the street. Maybe you stumble a little along the way. Maybe you fall a few times. Those in your family may pick you up and set you right again—and you're off after the goal again. Crawling, walking, climbing and talking—especially talking—playing nice with the other kids in the sandbox (Sandbox 101), coloring inside the lines, and before you know it—you're in school. You're making friends and learning all sorts of interesting things. You're traveling and learning about the world (and computers—oh, wait—that was supposed to be after sandbox!!). Learning how to keep fit, get along together (Sandbox 201), and building friendships that will last a lifetime. And then, you're a teenager!

And that's exactly what our OLLI is now! We're celebrating our **15<sup>th</sup> YEAR** as an organization dedicated to lifelong learning. We've gone from finding out what we couldn't do, to knowing what we CAN do. In 1993, a merry band conceived the notion of expanding educational horizons for seniors. From that stalwart band, we've grown to our current membership of 1100. **1100 teenagers!** What a concept!

Mark your calendars for a very special day for OLLI...start the academic year by greeting old and new friends and learning more about our wonderful organization and the part you have played (~19 original members are still active), and can play in the future. Hope to see you there! More details later on how you can win free tuition for the Winter Term!

15th Anniversary Committee, Nan Case, Chair



## Need a Gift Idea?

Here's a unique hint: give that special neighbor, friend or loved-one a new lease on life with a gift membership to OLLI.

For only \$15.00 you can give several month's of socials, and cultural and special events opportunities. In addition, are free Wednesday Bonus classes and the unforgettable Summer Series lectures.

Sign-up for a gift membership at [osher.uah.edu](http://osher.uah.edu).

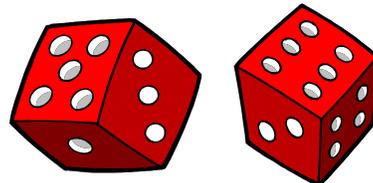
## Game Day is Coming!

**Join us September 9**  
**1:00—3:00**

**Compass Bank, Governor's Drive**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Floor Community Room**

**Coordinators: Phyllis Varney, Shirley Triplett, Vi Veitch**  
**No registration....no fees...light refreshments**

Make way for that Mexican Train! Check your Hand and Foot! It's not a circle or a rectangle, it's Rummicube! Bring on all those weird 3-letter words and argue over Scrabble! Got a game you want to play? Come and share it with a group devoted to the PHWPBG (pursuit of happiness while playing board games)!



**Please note this email address change for OLLI: [OLLI@uah.edu](mailto:OLLI@uah.edu) is now [OLLI.uah.edu](mailto:OLLI.uah.edu)**

## Curriculum Corner

Registration for the fall term starts August 25. Start looking for your catalogs in the mail on August 18. Information about the new on-line registration system will be in the catalog.

Please note that there is a NEW step in the registration process that sets up an account login id and password for on-line registrants. You will only have to do this the first time you register on-line but the account id is required before you can shop for classes and for all future on-line registrations. The fall term will start on September 15 and ends November 7.

Chris Rupp has agreed to become our Health and Psychology Subcommittee Chairman. Thank you, Chris, for taking on this job. Thanks to all our subcommittee chairs (listed below) who worked diligently through the summer to pull together our curriculum for this fall.

We are looking for instructors for upcoming terms, particularly in the Computers and Arts & Letters discipline areas. Some of our faithful instructors are ready to take a break. If you are interested in teaching a class, contact the subcommittee chair in the discipline area that interests you, call me (679-0233), or call the office and leave a message (824-6959) and we will call you back. We are also always looking for recommendations for new class ideas, DVD discussions, and new instructor ideas. Our committee's primary goal is to offer a curriculum that addresses your interests. We have to know what they are to do that. Speak up!



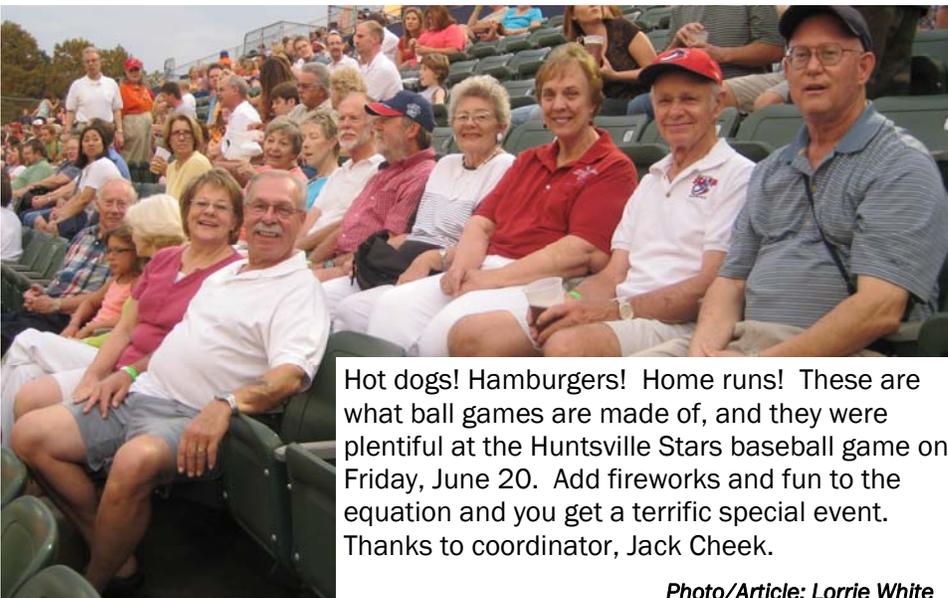
Cindy Spratley

We are also looking for volunteers to help us find facilitators for fall classes. This is a minimal commitment – a few hours of your time, after registration starts in late August or early September, to make a few phone calls and ask your fellow members to help out. You will be provided a list of OLLI members already registered to attend the classes for which we are seeking facilitators. If you can only do this for one class, it helps out. Call the office (824-6959) or me (679-0233) to volunteer.

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| Arts & Letters – Eleanor Schweinsberg | Computers – Gobe Vick                        |
| Finance & Economics – Chuck Duffy     | Foreign Languages – Vita French              |
| Health and Psychology – Chris Rupp    | History, Civics, & Religion – Peggy Shanahan |
| Leisure & Nature – Beverly Marchelos  | Science & Mathematics – Dr. Larry Rice       |
| Wednesday Bonuses – Eleanor Carter    |  |

*Submitted by Cindy Spratley  
Curriculum Chair*

## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME



Hot dogs! Hamburgers! Home runs! These are what ball games are made of, and they were plentiful at the Huntsville Stars baseball game on Friday, June 20. Add fireworks and fun to the equation and you get a terrific special event. Thanks to coordinator, Jack Cheek.

Photo/Article: Lorrie White



*Thank you "from the bottom of my heart" to so many of you for your prayers, your cards, for caring, loving words, and lots of hugs during my trying times after the loss of my beloved daughter, Susan.*

*Terry Schoper*



## Making a Decision for the Elections May Be Easier After the Summer Enrichment Series 2008 . . . Or Maybe Not?

As Sergeant Friday says, "Give me the facts, and nothing but the facts!" That's what the audience got plenty of on Tuesday, July 22, when they listened to the first of four segments of the Summer Enrichment Series. Just when we thought we made a political decision, we were given more food for thought by three informative speakers who gave their views of the day's topics, *Global Concerns and American Diplomacy*.

Dr. Gregory Casteel, UAH Instructor, detailed an interesting timeline of American attitudes which he described as changing from a comfortable internal to a watchful external focus after WWI, the Cold War and then again after 9/11. He compared the attitudes of other countries to that of the US after the backslide of 9/11. He also speculated on America's future global role.

Foster Perry spoke of foreign trade, policy, emerging competitors and partners. His handouts included a map of the US in which each state's gross income matched that of a foreign country. According to the map, Alabama and Iran are economically equal. There were no comparisons for the vast fortunes of China and India.

Dr. Kathleen Hawk, UAH Chair, Political Science, and Commander, U.S. Navy Reserve, Naval Intelligence, touched on foreign relations and policy, present and future. She also gave a brief rundown of the inner turmoil of Iraq, describing the mindset of the Sunni, Shia, and Kurd people and why the regions are in conflict.

Bob Crowe, Coordinator, was the announcer, and provided members with some very interesting data. The program coordinators, Barbara Lucero and Mary Compton, once again did a marvelous job of planning the Series to fruition. We are looking forward to more exciting Tuesday mornings in August (schedule on page 1).

*Photos/Article: Lorrie White*



Dr. Kathleen Hawk



Foster Perry



Dr. Gregory Casteel



L-R, Bob Crowe, Coordinator; Barbara Lucero, Mary Compton, Program Organizers; Sylvia Tucci, Social; and David Knepper, Media Equipment.



### Problem Reading the Newsletter?

If you are getting error messages when opening the newsletter, then you may not have a current copy of Adobe Reader. You can easily download Adobe Reader 9 from our Web Site: [osher.uah.edu](http://osher.uah.edu).

Just click on "Get PDF Reader", which is located on the far right under the picture of the catalog, and scroll to "download now" then click. (Unclick the free Google toolbar if you don't want it.)

While you're in the Web Site, take the opportunity to explore the various menus, learn about OLLI or see if you can find yourself in photos. You can even send the Web address to out-of-the-area friends so they can see what your involvement with the OLLI organization entails.

## OLLI Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please send newsletter via: E-mail [  ] Postal Service [  ]

Join the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UAH by mailing this completed form and a check for \$15, payable to:  
 Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH.

**Annual Membership is required for course registration.**  
*PLEASE NOTE: Course registration is a separate process and requires separate payment.*

**MAIL TO:**  
 Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH  
 P.O. Box 1581, Huntsville, AL 35807  
 PHONE: 256-824-6959

Membership:	\$15
Scholarship Fund*:	_____
Total Enclosed:	_____
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Renewal	[ <input type="checkbox"/> ]

**If you would like to make a contribution to the OLLI Scholarship Fund for a UAH student, please include the additional amount you would like to donate in your check.**

**Important Notice:** Newsletter inputs for September 2008 Newsletter are due by August 26. Please send articles and ideas to Lorrie White, Editor, Joyce Pettis, Co-editor, at [ollinewsletter@msn.com](mailto:ollinewsletter@msn.com)  
 Please understand that due to cost and space constraints, articles may be edited for length.



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