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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

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OLLI Celebrates 15th Anniversary

Dr. Jean Foster Herron joined us on September 19, to celebrate our 15th Anniversary and to honor those original members who volunteered their time and ideas into what we know now is our wonderful OLLI.

It all began in 1993, when Dr. Herron, under the directorship of Dr. Mike Oliver, Director of UAH Continuing Education, carefully outlined a program at UAH dedicated to lifelong learning for retired seniors. Over 150 seniors responded to an ad she placed in the newspaper. They attended that first meeting at Spraggins Hall, and, with determination and purpose, launched the successful Academy for Lifetime Learning (ALL).

The first meeting on August 3, 1993 resulted in the forming of a Steering Committee which soon created a Curriculum Committee. Eight courses were offered for the Fall 93 term and 22 courses for the Winter 94 term. Each year, under the management of Dr. Herron, the Academy grew in membership as well as the number of courses offered.

Today, the original membership of 150 has grown to over 1,000 members and more than 55 courses. Thanks to the direction of Dr. Jean Herron and the perseverance of the original members who built a solid foundation for what was the Academy of Lifetime Learning (ALL) and is now Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). We are eternally grateful for the legacy of their labor.



Dr. Jean Foster Herron
Academy Founder and
Managing Director 1993-1998

Article by Lorrie White, more photos on page 7



Photo: Elaine Leach

Original members still active in OLLI, L to R: Verna Lee Clark, Rono Prince, Jane Prince, Ralph Murphy, Florence Murphy, Ruth Ann Haymes, Bob Crowe, Kay Cox, Horace Lowers, Terry Schoeper, George Thurlow, Dr. Jean Herron, and Charlotte Miller. Not pictured, but still active are: Norm and Norma Bell, Dr. Reese Kilgo, Frances Johnson, Nellie Lebas, Barbara Lucero, Lindy Martin, Joseph Powell, and Margot Swanson.

Academy/OLLI Past Presidents

Carl Ziemke	1993-1994	Bill Harrison	1999-2000	Toni Reynolds	2004-2005
Rono Prince	1994-95, 1996-97	Mary Compton	2000-2001	Hugh Nicholson	2005-2006
Bill Hagen	1995-1996	Bill Huber	2001-2002	Bob Ward	2006-2007
Etta Mae Swalm	1997-1999	Jim Lindberg	2002-2004	Sue Chatham	2007-2009

From The President



Sue Chatham

I hope that you were able to attend Olli's fifteenth year anniversary celebration. Dr. Jean Herron, the founder of our organization, gave a

talk on our beginning days. We honored the original members, the past presidents, and the teachers who have taught more than 10 years. Each of our committees had tables set up so that you could walk around and see what they do and decide if you might want to be part of their committee. We gave away a free tuition for the Winter Term, and Ilene Sparks won. Best of all, we had ice cream sundaes with all the toppings. It was great fun thanks to the work of Nan Case and her Social Committee, Eleanor Carter and her Special Events Committee, and Jim Lindberg and his Membership Committee.

The term has started. If you have trouble with parking for your classes, be patient. Arrive a few minutes early to allow yourself plenty of time. The parking garage should be open soon (October time frame). Hopefully, its opening will ease class parking.

Remember we are a volunteer run organization. If you have a problem, please contact one of our board members, not Maxine. Maxine is our ConEd support, but we are responsible for our day-to-day operations.

If you would like to help, please volunteer!! We need you!!!

*Sue Chatham
President*

YOU ARE INVITED!!

TO A LONG RANGE PLANNING SESSION TO INPUT YOUR IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS

PLEASE RESERVE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 8:30 a.m. - NOON

FRANK FRANZ HALL 1ST FLOOR MEETING ROOM

On October 31, the Executive Committee of your Board of Directors will sponsor a half day brainstorming session for OLLI members to present their views about the future directions of OLLI and its programs. These suggestions will be incorporated into the next version of our long-range plan.

We will be discussing your answers to the following questions:

- ◆ What types of courses do you want?
- ◆ What types of special events do you want?
- ◆ What defines "rewarding" social interaction?
- ◆ What would make you more active in OLLI?
- ◆ How many members should OLLI have in 2014?
- ◆ What are the major challenges to reaching this goal?
- ◆ What strategies should we implement to meet these challenges?
- ◆ How do we identify and train our next generation of leaders?
- ◆ Because we are an all volunteer organization, what do you think are the responsibilities of individual members, OLLI management, and our host organization—UAHuntsville?
- ◆ What are the major challenges in maintaining our effectiveness as an all-volunteer organization?
- ◆ What strategies should we implement to meet these challenges?



Bob Ward and Elizabeth Earnest visited the Long Range Planning display at the Back-to-School Social. Sorry, Bob and Elizabeth, but ideas for OLLI's future have to come from our members and cannot be found in a crystal ball! Good try!

CULTURAL EVENTS

Over 20 OLLI members toured Wade Wharton's art garden on Sunday, Sept. 7. We all agreed Wade is a talented person with a creative energy flow!

The Hogue Sinfonietta, Chamber Orchestra, will present their fall concert on Saturday, October 18, in the UAH Roberts Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m. The program will include Mozart Symphony No. 29, Handel Concerto Grosso Op.6 No.4 in A minor, and Mozart Symphonia Concertante for violin and viola in E flat. There will be a charge of \$5.00 per person which covers use of the hall. All OLLI members are encouraged to attend this special program. Contact Rono Prince (837-6577) if you have questions.



Pat Lindberg,
Cultural Committee Chair

On November 8, the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra will present "Legends of Russia" in the VBC Concert Hall with guest Margaret Lattimore, mezzo soprano. Featured will be music of Alexander Borodin (1833-1887) Polovtsian Dances from *Prince Igor*, Taavo Virkhaus (1934-) Symphony No. 6, "*The Huntsville Symphony*," and Serge Prokofiev (1891-1953) Alexander Nevsky, Cantata, op.78. Chorus Master will be Billy Orton. Voices featured will be The Huntsville Community Chorus, University of Alabama in Huntsville Concert Choir, and University of North Alabama Collegiate Singers. Call the Symphony Office (539-4818) for ticket prices. Cost for attending the 11:00 a.m. Rehearsal on Saturday is \$5.00.

Tickets will be available soon for La Traviata at the Alabama Theatre for the Performing Arts, 1817 Third Avenue North in Birmingham, on Sunday March 22, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. Ticket price for a group of at least 15 will be \$20.00. Contact Eleanor at eschweinsberg@bellsouth.net or 883-0602. Chartering a bus is under consideration if enough people are interested.

The dates of The Big Read event have changed to March 25 and April 8. Two copies of the book *The Thief and the Dogs* are available to loan for reading in advance. Contact patlindberg@comcast.net to borrow a copy.

Submitted by Pat Lindberg
Cultural Committee Chair

TEACHER APPRECIATION PIZZA PARTY

Friday, November 7, 2008, 11 am to 1 pm
Trinity United Methodist Church
607 Airport Road SE, Huntsville

Please join us for the end-of-fall quarter *Teacher Appreciation Pizza Party*. You will have the opportunity to thank our volunteer OLLI teachers personally, socialize with your fellow students and munch on pizza for lunch.

Come Play Bridge With Us



Several OLLI members play bridge on Monday afternoons. A small group gathers at the bridge club to help each other learn some modern bridge techniques. From 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. Marvin Lampert goes over some points in bidding. From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. the participants play bridge with some modifications. The modifications include explaining each bid of a partner so we can ensure that both partners are on the same page. If the partners do not agree, then we decide which partner is "correct" and proceed from there. Also, the hands are the same that were played that morning by other players, so the results can be compared with other pairs playing the same cards.

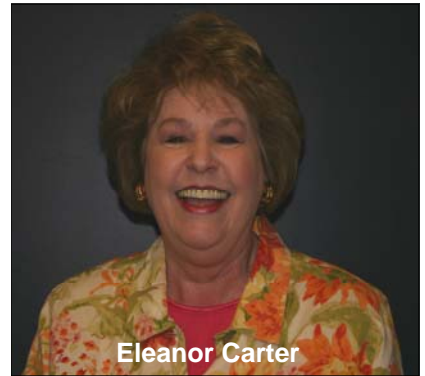
Marvin normally covers two of the hands played from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m., and gives his analysis of the play. Players may donate \$2.00 to the club. Come with or without a partner and either come to play, or both to play and hear the talks. The bridge club is located at 3069 Leeman Ferry Road behind Joe Davis stadium. Take the parkway and go west on either Airport Road or Drake Avenue. The phone number at the club is 881-2160, and Marvin's number is 883-0093.

Greetings from Special Events

We have enjoyed three successful events this term. Game Day on September 9 was great fun, thanks to the hosting of Phyllis Varney, Vi Veitch and Shirley Triplett. . On September 8, about 24 OLLI members attended Dr. Richard Ruhling's health seminar on eating and living a healthy lifestyle. Hosts were Anna Lee and Geri Howard. The Brown Bag Lunch on September 24, was also successful and fun. Thanks to Verna Lee Clark and Nan Case for their help!

About 20 of us attended HudsonAlpha's Biotech 101. The folks there are knowledgeable and enthusiastic and make complicated processes seem simple. The repeat session is in January.

Information about our committee was displayed at our 15th Anniversary Celebration. If you missed that event but would like to join the Special Events Committee or coordinate an event, just email me to carterer@aol.com. We'd love to have your help! We are still seeking topics and coordinators for next year's Summer Enrichment Series. Email for more information.



Eleanor Carter

Up-coming events:

On **October 22**, our second Brown Bag Lunch happens in Shelby Center 301 from Noon to 12:50 pm. Drinks and dessert provided by us; Claudia Conn and Verna Lee Clark will help out.

November 1 begins the first in a series titled "A Day in--", starting with Huntsville. We begin at the Depot with a trolley tour of Historic Huntsville and a historian conducting. We end with hobo lore and a lunch of Hobo Stew, cornbread, and dessert. Lunch coordinator is Shirley Mohler.

November 11 is Fall Game Day, again at Compass Bank on Governor's Drive, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

On **November 14**, Sue Chatham will lead OLLI members in a walking tour of the Galaxy of Lights at the Botanical Garden. If anything can put you in a holiday mood, this is it!

The Shakespeare Festival, with Claudia Conn coordinating, and a visit to Nashville are future events to be coordinated soon. As always, your suggestions for events are encouraged. Leave a note in the office, dash off an email, or send a carrier pigeon!

*Eleanor Carter, Chair
Special Events Committee*



Don't Miss the
Next Brown Bag
Lunch
October 22, 2008
Shelby Center
Room 301
Noon to 12:50 p.m.



Game Day is Coming!

Make way for that Mexican Train! Check your Hand and Foot! It's not a circle or a rectangle, it's Rum-cube! Bring on all those weird 3-letter words and argue over Scrabble! Join us!

**November 11 at Compass Bank
Governor's Drive (4th floor)
1:00 – 3:00 pm**



**AAALLL ABOARD FOR A DAY
IN HUNTSVILLE!**

NOVEMBER 1, 2008

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

HUNTSVILLE DEPOT AND MUSEUM

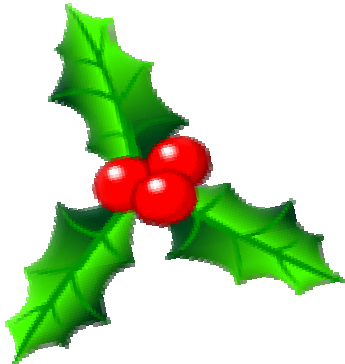
COST: \$20.00

Shirley Mohler is event coordinator. For further information contact her at 539-3660 or email to TUCKMO1935@aol.com. Reservations deadline is October 27. Reservations are limited to 68. Send Reservation to: Shirley Mohler 2702 Peel Street, Huntsville, AL 35805.

NAME(S) _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number Attending: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____



HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE

Thursday, December 11, 2008

6 pm to 9:30 pm

Twickenham Ballroom in the Senior Center

2200 Drake Avenue SW, Huntsville

Sentimental Journey Big Swing Band

of Cahaba Shrine

Tickets: \$20.00 per person

Please join us for our annual Holiday Dinner Dance where we will once again dance to the mellow Big Swing sounds of the Sentimental Journey band. A buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 pm followed by dancing.

Tickets can be bought starting October 1 at the OLLI office, Madison Hall room 322, or from the following Social Committee members:

Name	Telephone
Joan Arnold	883-1843
Joyce Bates	256-233-0693 (Athens)
Nan Case	883-8805
Sue Chatham	461-0262
Shirley Gibb	536-9576
Marvin Lampert	883-0093
Sandra Lyons	881-1834
Larry Rice	881-9061
Cindy Spratley	679-0505
Brenda Wynn	883-4296

Contributed by the Social Committee

Curriculum Corner

Welcome back to classes! I hope you are enjoying your courses as much as I am mine. I know you are not enjoying the parking, but please continue to be patient. Relief is in sight. Keep in mind it's a good indication that the University is undergoing a growth phase.

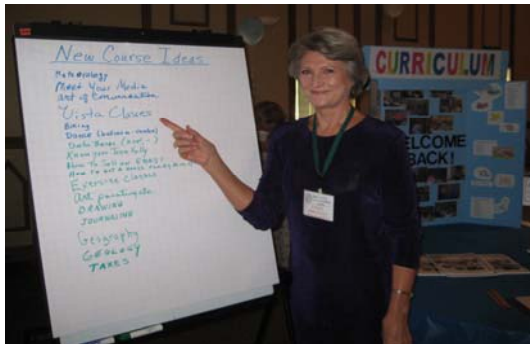
I want to take this opportunity to remind all of you how important it is to drop classes that you do not plan to attend. Over a third of our courses have waiting lists and some of them have as many as eight people on the list. All you have to do is call the business office at 824-6010 to let someone know you won't be attending any more classes. If there are courses that instructors are willing to re-schedule to give folks a second chance to register, we will do our best to schedule them for a future term.

Please also remember that class registration is handled on a first-come, first-served basis. There is NO process in place for giving preference to anyone, regardless of the circumstances. I am aware that a number of you tried to continue courses that you took last spring and were wait-listed, and I know you are disappointed. My recommendation is to register as early as you possibly can each term. Some of you were caught up in software problems that resulted from the on-line registration system upgrade, and a number of accommodations were made by Continuing Education and the Business Office to make things right if you were one of those people.

As we turn our attention to the winter term, please remember that syllabi are due Oct. 24. The winter term is Jan. 12 - Mar. 9, 2009. Start thinking of courses you would like to have in the spring term and forward those to the subcommittee chairs listed on the back of your course catalogs. We are still looking for instructors. Call the office at 824-6959. If no one answers, leave a message. Someone will pick it up and forward it to the correct people. As always feel free to call me, Cindy Spratley, at 679-0233.

*Submitted by Cindy Spratley
Curriculum Chair*

MEMBERS OFFER FUTURE COURSE IDEAS



Cindy Spratley points out course ideas offered by members visiting the Curriculum Committee display at the recent Back-to-School Anniversary Social

If you know of instructors, or can add to the course ideas listed below, please contact Cindy Spratley at 679-0233.

Meteorology , Meet Your Media
Art of Conversation, Vista Classes
Biking, Dance (ballroom - contra)
Databases (excel, -)
Know Your Tennessee Valley
How to sell on EBay? Craig's list?
How to get a house ready to sell
Exercise, Art-painting-drawing
Journaling, Geography
Geology, Taxes, Astrology

Update on DVD Lending Library

OLLI registered members are able to borrow any DVD from the Lending Library.

Ask the Olli Office Volunteer to obtain your selection. The DVD Lending Library has added the following subjects:

Contributed by Elaine Leach

APOSTLE PAUL
CONQUEST OF THE AMERICAS
CONSCIOUSNESS AND ITS IMPLICATIONS
HISTORY OF SCIENCE: ANTIQUITY TO 1700
HISTORY OF SCIENCE: 1700-1900
MY FAVORITE UNIVERSE
SCIENCE IN THE 20TH CENTURY
SEARCH FOR INTELLIGENT LIFE IN SPACE
SUMMER ENRICHMENT #3 2008 Aug 5
Note: The defective "Economics Series" has been redone



Photos of the Back-to-School, 15th Anniversary, Ice Cream Social



Instructors with over ten years service included from L to R: Bob Crowe (15), Ralph Murphy (15), Florence Murphy (15), Vita French (13), Clinton Clay (12), George Thurlow (10), Edna Clay (13), and Paul Hays (13). Instructors not shown: Reese Danley-Kilgo (15), Bill Young (12), and Glenn Nettleton (10)



Sue Chatham hands a happy Irene Sparks her \$50 Winter Term drawing ticket prize



OLLI Presidents L to R: Toni Reynolds 2004-05, Jim Lindberg 2002-04, Hugh Nicholson 2005-06, Rono Prince 1994-95 and 1996-97, Bob Ward, 2006-07 and Sue Chatham 2007-09



L to R: Kay Magnant, Minnie Moore and Pat Lindberg get acquainted



Jane Price signs up for the drawing at the PR display table hosted by Toni Reynolds



Yummy, ice cream sundaes – just the way we like them!



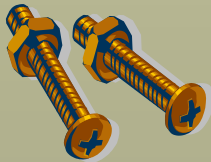
Good friends play catch-up at this Back-to-school social!

OCTOBER 2008 INDUSTRY TOUR

Ridgeview Industries is a company whose primary function is stamping out metal parts for automobiles and a great variety of other consumer goods. They also do commercial welding. OLLI members are scheduled to tour their factory on Friday, October 24, at 9:00 a.m.

Ridgeview is located at 15990 Chaney Thompson Road which is in the south end of Jones Valley. Directions: drive south on Memorial Parkway to Hobbs Road. Turn left (east) on Hobbs Road to Chaney Thompson Road, turn right and go south. Ridgeview will be on the right. Or you may go on south on the Parkway to Green Cove Road, turn left and go to Chaney Thompson. Turn left and go north to the factory.

They can accommodate 40 people for the tour. If you would like to go on this interesting tour, call the Murphy's at 837-1427 or email rwmfham@aol.com by October 22.



Ralph Murphy
Industrial Tour Coordinator



Dulci-Jam's entertain residents of Brookdale Place - Jones Farm, August 2008

Ideas for Leisure Courses?

The Leisure Committee is seeking new and different ideas for leisure classes for the Spring term. If you can suggest topics that you would like to see offered, please let Bev know at 534-3639. Perhaps it is a class you had long ago or at another place. Your job is to come up with ideas.

Her job is to find the instructors.



Submitted by Beverly Marchelos

Important Notice: Newsletter inputs for November/December 2008 Newsletter are due by October 28. Please send articles and ideas to Lorrie White, Editor, Joyce Pettis, Co-editor, at ollinewsletter@msn.com
Please understand that due to cost and space constraints, articles may be edited for length.



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