

# Happy New Year 2009

Out with the old, bring in the new!! Are you ready to kick off the New Year with stimulating courses, fun socials, exciting special and cultural events? If so, OLLI is the happening place for you this year. Volunteers have been busy putting together all types of entertaining, fun and interesting programs to satisfy everyone. Oh, and just-in-case the holiday festivities left some extra baggage, be sure to check out the special that the University Fitness Center has for OLLI members.

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL POTLUCK DINNER



Friday, January 16, 2008, 11 am to 1 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church  
 607 Airport Road SE, Huntsville

Join us for the January potluck dinner to kick off the winter term at OLLI. Bring your favorite dish to share with other OLLI members. Drinks and paper supplies will be furnished.



Contributed by Sandra Lyons,  
 Social Committee

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Winter Term Begins	Jan 12
Game Day	Jan 13
Hockey 101 Bonus	Jan 14
Back to School Potluck	Jan 16
Football & Fine Art	Jan 17-18
Huntsville Symphony	Jan 24
UAH Hockey Game	Jan 30
Grapevine Basket Workshop	Feb 3

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### Addressee Changes for Newsletter

You may have noticed a change on your newsletter mail label. Effective November 23, 2008, the US Postal Service has required a change in policy for bulk mailings. We are required to certify to the U.S. Postal Service that we have reviewed our mailing list and verified the correctness of each address within 95 days prior to each mailing or we can add "or **Current Resident**" to the addressee label. We have chosen the second option.

## From The President



**Sue Chatham**

By the time you read this we will be in the year 2009. Time passes so quickly. I hope that each of you had a wonderful Holiday season.

The OLLI Holiday Party was special this year. Our social director, Nan Case, and her committee did a wonderful job. The decorations were so festive, the food wonderful and the band just right to dance to. Most of all, the OLLI members were able to enjoy themselves and visit with other members during the Holiday Season.

Also by now, you have received a catalog for the winter courses and have registered. There are lots of interesting subjects. We have some new classes and some that have been taught before. We have classes that are a continuation from the fall term. We have such a variety, I am sure that you can

find something that you are interested in.

Be sure and check out the newsletter for all of the other activities happening. There is a Hockey Game, Operas, Shakespeare Plays, Game Days, the Big Read and other interesting activities happening in 2009. The newsletter, Web Site and emails will keep you informed so that you will not miss anything.

I hope to see each of you on campus in 2009.

*Sue Chatham*  
**President**

## Curriculum Corner

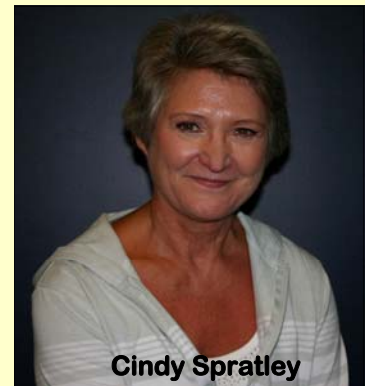
Happy New Year and welcome back to school! Hopefully, you found courses of interest that weren't filled up when you registered. The new parking deck is open, and we should experience fewer problems with parking this term. Make sure that your term parking decal is placed in the lower back window on the passenger side when parking anywhere on campus.

Remember facilitator training is January 8, and classes start on January 12. January 19 is a holiday and there will be no classes. Monday courses will continue until March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Planning for the spring term is in full swing and syllabi for that term are due on January 30. Classes for the spring will start on March 30 and run through May 8. Facilitator training will be March 26.

The Curriculum Committee's mission is to provide a varied schedule of courses taught by volunteer instructors. Courses are chosen based on educational value and the interests of OLLI membership.

Notice that you play a key role in helping us meet this mission. Our discipline area subcommittees are



**Cindy Spratley**

always open to new course ideas and looking for instructors. Help us out by forwarding your ideas and questions to us.

*Submitted by Cindy Spratley*  
*Curriculum Chair*



Pat Lindberg,  
Cultural Committee Chair

# Cultural Events

We are looking forward to the 2009 OLLI year. So many wonderful events are offered to you from the various committees. We hope you are taking advantage of many of those. We appreciate your support to the Cultural Committee. Your comments (especially the positive ones) are appreciated. Hearing from you helps us to know what you enjoy.

The January 24 Huntsville Symphony will feature guest pianist Dubravka Tomsic. A reminder with details will be sent about the 11:00 rehearsal. Also, mark your calendar for the February 14 symphony which will feature guest Anne-Marie McDermott. What a good way to celebrate Valentine Day! Both will begin at 7:30 in the Von Braun Center Concert Hall.

Contact the Symphony Office (539-4818) for ticket availability and prices.

We welcome new members to the committee. You might like to visit a meeting to present an idea or just learn more about us. Call 534-7148 for meeting information.

*Submitted by Pat Lindberg  
Cultural Committee Chair*

We wish to each of you a healthy and happy 2009.

## Remembering Dr. Charles Selah



Not only was Charlie Selah an accomplished surgeon, but also an outstanding educator... Dr. Charles E. Selah (November 8, 1927 – December 7, 2008) established his surgery practice in Huntsville, in 1958. He served the Huntsville community throughout the years in numerous capacities including, but not limited to, chief of surgery at Huntsville Hospital, faculty member of UAB Medical School, and director of the foreign exchange program for Huntsville Hospital.

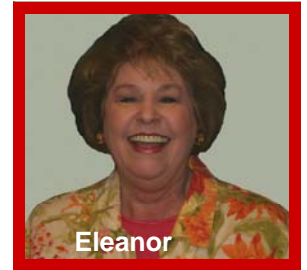
One of Charlie's greatest ambitions was to become fluent in the German language and culture. As such, Charlie enrolled in my advanced German courses at UAH's Osher Institute. Charlie's love and enthusiasm for the German language and culture was contagious. As a student in my German class, Charlie was a teacher's dream in that he desired to know as much as possible and was very studious. After devoting years to teaching beginning German, our German grammar "guru," Hugh Nicholson, was ready to let someone else take over the class. Upon learning of this news, Charlie cautiously approached me about the possibility of teaching the beginners' German course. I was extremely excited, knowing that he would be the ideal teacher; always very conscientious in preparing the assignments and enriching the program.

Charlie Selah – physician, student, and friend – will always be remembered for his leadership, sense of humor, passion, dedication, determination and courage; all the characteristics of a great man.

Contributed by Leka Medenbach

# Greetings from Special Events

**HAPPY 2009!** Well, we made it through another year! Who knows what 2009 will bring? If we've learned anything throughout our years of experience, it is that we must rely on ourselves to create the lives we want, that we must find enjoyment and fulfillment in daily activities (even the smallest parts of them), and that we must value the camaraderie we find in groups like OLLI. Quick—name 10 people you've met through this group! If you can't do that exercise, make it your goal in 2009 to introduce yourself, participate, and talk with others in your classes or at social activities. Yes, we know you don't want to be on everyone's joke list, but you may find that there are those who also believe that Ben-Gay should be sold in quart sizes instead of just those tubes, that quilting is just the most enjoyable hobby ever, that NOTHING should interfere with Saturday afternoon football, that mountains exist just for hikers, or that everything in the original Star Trek series has come to reality! We won't even mention spreadsheet theories, Microsoft conspiracies, or the effect of rainforest depletion on the world economy. Join in!



Eleanor

## Upcoming fun:

- ◆ **January 13** – Game Day at Compass Bank, be there or be a Rummikube!
- ◆ **January 17-18** – OLLI members will be on the road to Montgomery for Football and Fine Art, thanks to coordinator Claudia Conn!
- ◆ Attend the **January 14** Wednesday Bonus on Hockey 101, so you'll be able to understand the game when OLLI members are special guests at the UAHuntsville-Niagara hockey game on **January 30**. More details in January! Tickets will be distributed by the OLLI office.
- ◆ **February 3** – Grapevine Basket Workshop (limited to 12) at Mary Mac Farm (see elsewhere in newsletter).
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We're looking forward to an exciting **Summer Enrichment Series 2009**, and more details will greet you in our February newsletter. If you're willing to volunteer your services to assist at a session, please let me know [car-terer@aol.com](mailto:car-terer@aol.com) or leave your name in the OLLI office.

Many thanks to Hobo Day coordinator Shirley Mohler, and Game Day contributors Phyllis Varney, Vita French, and Anna Lee! Wouldn't be fun without you!

**Happy Trails!**

*Eleanor Carter, Chair*

*Special Events Committee*



**GAME DAY! GAME DAY! GAME DAY!**

Tuesday, January 13 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**Don't be Board!**

Fun, food and mayhem await you!

Compass Bank on Governor's Drive, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor



# OLLI SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE PRESENTS



## Learn the Game of Hockey, Then Watch and Cheer For the UAH Chargers

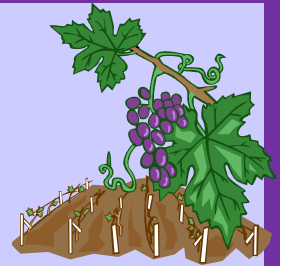
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Let's all get out to support these talented young athletes of our community. Tickets will be distributed by the OLLI office.

## Grapevine Basket Workshop

February 3, 2009

1:00-3:00 pm



Bob and Mary Lou McNabb have invited OLLI members to Mary Mac Farm for a Grapevine Basket Workshop. Mary Lou, and Coordinator Crystal Kitchens will teach participants to weave grapevine baskets using freshly pruned vines. Baskets and wreaths may be trimmed with dried or silk flowers and add a rustic touch to your home décor or be a unique gift for someone special. No basket making experience is required for this workshop.

This workshop is a seasonal activity and is also limited to twelve people due to space constraints. It will be conducted in an unheated building, so dress for the outdoors. There will be a \$2 charge for supplies, and tools will be available for use during the workshop. You may want to bring garden gloves to handle the vines, and hand pruners if you have them. You may register, pay your fee, get a directions sheet, and sign a liability waiver in the OLLI office on the third floor of Madison Hall on the UAH campus, starting January 8. We will maintain a waitlist after the limit is reached. Mary Mac Farm is located at 2060 Dug Hill Road, Brownsboro.

Coordinator: Crystal Kitchens ([CLK35815@yahoo.com](mailto:CLK35815@yahoo.com)), 882-2205

*This activity is sponsored by the Special Events Committee.*

### Special Offer From the University Fitness Center

UFC is offering members of OLLI the opportunity to pursue improved health and fitness in 2009. Just bring the coupon to UFC to participate.

#### OLLI Member Coupon



If you are a member of OLLI, come by UFC, sign up for the Senior membership and qualify for the following:

- \* Sign up for a 3-month Senior membership, and get a 4th month for free!
- \* Entered in drawing for a UFC Health and Wellness Gift (valued at \$150).
- \* Entered in drawing for (2) free 3-month Senior membership (valued at \$120).

Please present coupon at time of sign up.  
Must have valid Drivers License or other ID  
Coupon Expires 3-1-2009.

UFC Employees: Attach coupon to Contract  
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[www.universityfitnesscenter.com](http://www.universityfitnesscenter.com)

# OLLI Holiday Dinner Dance a Festive Occasion



The OLLI Holiday Dinner Dance was a lovely evening with the Twickenham Ballroom all a twinkle in red and green! Over 100 members feasted on pork loin, chicken marsala, and numerous sides with a delicious peach cobbler for desert. We had a good group dancing to the sounds of the big band songs of Sentimental Journey. It was well worth coming out in the cold and a good time was had by all. I would like to thank all the social committee for their cheerful work on this event.

*Nan Case, Social Chair*



*Photos by Elaine Leach & Mike Bilinski*



# OLLI SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE PRESENTS

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What's the difference between a hobo and a bum? What's the best way to find food if you have no money and you are traveling the rails? How many songs have been written about railroads? What is located on the 3rd floor of the Huntsville Historic Depot? Where was the Buffalo soldier encampment when they were in Huntsville in 1897? Who or what saved Huntsville from being destroyed during the occupation of 1862?

There are 32 OLLI members who can answer most of these questions after their day in Huntsville on November 1 hosted by the Special Events Committee. The day was perfect; the weather 73 degrees, the food Hobo stew, the venue Huntsville Historic Depot, the presenters historian Jacque Reeves, the Depot staff led by Janice Phillips, the music by Gabe and Shirley, the OLLI hobos Richard Kramer and Dick Gilbert. What a day to be just bumming around!

If you missed this one, hop aboard in the Springtime when YOU too can be a OLLI hobo for the day!!!!

*Shirley Mohler, Event Coordinator*





## Big Read News

The Huntsville Library and the OLLI Curriculum Committee are teaming up to bring you a special course to be taught by Dr. Bill Stephens entitled, "The Pharaoh's Library". This course is being offered in conjunction with other activities associated with the "Big Read Egypt/U.S. - 2009" and will be held at the Main Branch of the library in the Jane Grote Roberts Auditorium for 6 Mondays starting March 30, 10:30 - noon. This course is open to the public, will not be listed in our spring course catalog and will not require registration. Show up early to be sure to get a good seat.

Cindy Spratley  
Curriculum Chair

## Dulci-Jam'rs Stay on the Go

OLLI's Dulci-Jam'rs were busy spreading cheer by performing holiday music for the community. This photo was taken at Magnolia Trace .



Shown left to right are: Pat Scroggins, Gloria Blood, Linda Woodruff, Ann Albertson  
Back Row: Rubye Jones, Jean Mann, Carole Rosenfeld, Linda Betty and Susy Quiggle

**Important Notice:** Newsletter inputs for the February Newsletter are due by January 27. 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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