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Growing into Something Special



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND DINNER

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2009,

5-7 P.M.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WESLEY HALL

The OLLI Social Committee is doing something new and different for our Annual Meeting, something bigger and better to celebrate the continued growth of OLLI. We will have the election of board members, spring teacher appreciation, and a special catered dinner to celebrate all of these Annual Meeting activities.

To ensure an accurate headcount for this occasion, tickets will be required for the dinner. The \$2.00 member tickets may be purchased from Nan Case (883-8805) or Sandra Lyons (881-1834). Tickets for non-member guests are \$10.00. Tickets will also be available in the OLLI office in Madison Hall. The deadline for tickets is May 1, so don't delay!

Submitted by Nan Case

Why IS Alabama ...?

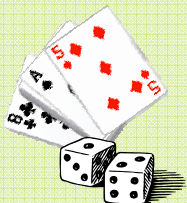
Read details on page 6 about this exciting Summer Enrichment Program coming in July



Don't forget Game Day on May 12

FUN DAY! GAME DAY!

Join us for the enjoyment of playing your favorite board or card games with a bunch of enthusiastic people.



**Tuesday, May 12
1:00—3:00 p.m.
Compass Bank(4th floor)
Governor's Drive**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Cheekwood, Nashville, TN	May 1
Spring Term Ends	May 8
Annual Membership Meeting	May 8
Rossini's LaCenerentola	May 9
Game Day	May 12
La Cenerentola Encore	May 20
Potluck Picnic	June 19
Summer Enrichment Series	July 21-29
Happy Summer	Jun-Aug

From The President



Sue Chatham

The 2008-2009 school year is at an end. Our annual meeting on May 8 will be the accumulation of many courses and activities throughout this last year.

A new President will take over on June 1. As I sit here thinking about the last two years I wonder about all that gets done in our organization. As President, I am amazed at the efforts of so many people to make our OLLI a success. I have met many of you and you have become my friends. I know that many of you work hard in the background with no public recognition. We appreciate everything that you do. I encourage you to continue supporting OLLI with your ideas, energy and time.

Sue Chatham
President

Meet Katie

Remember Katie Buchanan? She was our OLLI scholarship recipient in 2006 and is again this year in 2009. Katie, now Mrs. Katie Redmond, is double majoring in Secondary Education and in Spanish. She is planning to attend the Annual Meeting on May 8, so make it a point to come out to meet this exceptional young lady.

The goal of education is to replace an empty mind with an open mind.

Malcolm Forbes

Need a Gift Idea? Give a Gift of Learning

Member registration is coming up for the 2009-2010, just in time for a unique gift for that special neighbor, friend or loved-one. Give them a new lease on life with a gift membership to OLLI. This gift can open pathways to learning and can jump-start new friendships and interests which your recipient will value for a lifetime. For only \$15.00 you can give several months of socials, cultural, and special events opportunities. In addition, there are free Wednesday Bonus Classes and unforgettable Summer Series lectures.

To order a gift membership for June 1, through May 31, complete the gift membership form, include your check in the amount of \$15.00 and mail to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH, P.O. Box 1581, Huntsville, AL 35807.

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Pat Lindberg,
Cultural Committee Chair

Cultural Events

Are we having fun yet? Yes, we are! And we hope you have also had fun as you joined some of our committee activities. This OLLI year is drawing toward a close, and for us it has been busy, educational, and interesting, as well as fun.

There will be one more MET Opera at the Movies, which will feature Rossini's La Cenerentola on Saturday, May 9, 11:30 a.m., at Hollywood 18. This is one of the earlier versions of the Cinderella fairy tale (the earliest recorded version of the tale comes from China written down in the middle of the ninth century A.D. (850-60 Common Era). Rossini created the La Cenerentola version in the 1817 timeframe. It is a bit different from the story with which we are familiar. Look for the differences when you attend. Running time is three hours, with one intermission. An encore presentation will be shown on Wednesday, May 20, at 7:00 p.m., also at Hollywood 18.

The Big Read 2009 "The Thief and The Dogs" activities are behind us now, except for a videoconference with Mubarak Public Library (Cairo), Columbia University and Huntsville Public Library. Both the March 25 and April 8 seminars were very well attended and we learned more about Egypt, the book and its author.

If you would like to be a part of this busy committee, come join us. We welcome new ideas and workers.

Submitted by Pat Lindberg, Cultural Committee Chair

A Message From Our Web Master

HAVE YOU GOOGLED "OLLI" LATELY?

Top of the List: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute National Resource Center

We have added OLLI News to the national web site.

New and interesting items will be posted regularly here at www.osher.net.

www.osher.net (a.k.a. usm.maine.edu/olli/national/)

Also:

EXPLORE OTHER OLLI SITES NATIONWIDE

www.osher.net/map.jsp (usm.maine.edu/olli/national/map.jsp)

Your "ad hoc web site sub committee to the Public Relations Committee" is visiting

OLLI sibling sites for ideas to improve our own. Find a favorite?

Let us know and tell us why at: olliwwwweaver@gmail.com.



Al Bailey, OLLI Web Site Master

Special Events Committee

Our school year is winding down — no report cards for OLLI, thank goodness! Travel and other things have taken precedence over my studying (although I DO hope to “graduate” from Spanish classes by the time I reach 100—it’s nice to set lofty goals for yourself, you know). The Special Events committee is still looking for fun things for OLLI members to do, and needs coordinators and ideas. Send them to me at carterer@aol.com if you have a thought to share. We’ve got a whole three months to fill!

Many thanks to Mary Compton for planning a wonderful trip to Cheekwood Mansion in Nashville for OLLI members! Thanks also to Chuck Duffy and Bob Jones and their cast of hundreds who are putting together a terrific Summer Enrichment Series 2009—WHY is Alabama...? Intriguing title and a jam-packed schedule of information for YOU coming July 21-22, 28-29 (see elsewhere in this newsletter). If you would like to volunteer your services for any one of the dates, please contact Bob at robertm_jones@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Events — Take a chance and show up for Game Day on May 12, from 1:00-3:00 pm at Compass Bank on Governor’s Drive East (across from Huntsville Hospital). We meet in the Community Room on the 4th Floor (use the elevator from the rear parking deck). If you have a game you enjoy playing, bring it and you can teach us how to play.

Make a resolution next year to be more active in OLLI; that’s how you really get to know your fellow members in a way you can’t achieve in class. If you’re going somewhere you think is fun, why not just ask if other OLLI members would like join you, and make it into an OLLI outing? We’re planning activities for next year NOW, and hope to have an advance planning calendar for you to work with. We’d love to have your input!

Eleanor Carter, Chair, Special Events Committee

OLLI Farm Day

Eighteen OLLI members spent a gorgeous spring day April 1 at Burritt's on the Mountain Farm Days. Our guide, Carolyn Kelly, gave us the low-down on how Burritt got its name (and what it SHOULD have been) and we saw sheep sheared, the thread spun, the wool dyed, the butter churned and watched the old tractors on parade. What a great way to spend a Saturday!



Article, Eleanor Carter

Wednesday Bonus Classes



Betty Carlton and presenters

Leaving a Written Legacy

The *Writing Your Life Story* readers presented an opportunity to OLLI Members on Bonus Day April 15, to hear excerpts from their life stories. The essays brought entertainment, laughter, sadness, and fun to those in attendance. The purpose – to inspire members of the audience to join the writing course – was also served.



A captivated audience

Betty Carlton, Instructor, talked a little about her approach to teaching *Writing your Life Story*, and the nine presenters gave us the privilege of hearing about their lives. Thanks to **Gary Ross, Bob Fleenor, Joe Henderson, Jim Rider, Jack Montgomery, Gretchen Rider, Kathy Lebschwager, John Diehl, John Blair, Bettye McLemore, Linda McAllister and Jean Herndon** for sharing with us.

Selling on eBay

Maxine Doherty and son Mike gave an interesting presentation on April 22, about how to sell on EBay. Using an antique figurine as the selling object, they walked us through the dos and don'ts of selling our precious possessions. From registering on EBay, to shipping the sold product, members in the audience left with the knowledge of what to do with unwanted collectibles. (At last, there's an answer for Aunt Betty's elephant lamp that's been stored in the attic for the last 40 years.)



Presenters, Maxine Doherty and Mike Doherty

Why IS Alabama . . . ?

That's the question and theme of the Summer Enrichment Series 2009, planned for four half-days beginning July 21 and 22, and July 28 and 29, 2009 – from 9 a.m. to 12:00 each day, with sign-in and coffee available at 8:30 a.m.

The series will be held at the new Alabama Rehabilitation Center auditorium, 3000 Johnson Road, in Huntsville. *Ample parking is available!* The Center is located on the north side of Johnson Road, about half-way between Lee-man Ferry Road to the east and Triana Boulevard to the west.

Five committees are hard at work on the Series: Program - Terry Schoper (with Bob Jones); Hospitality - Shirley Mohler; Sign In - Pat Gilliam; Refreshments - Nan Case; and, Logistics - Bill McAllister (with Dave Knepper). We welcome and need volunteers to help with these committees! Contact them directly or via Bob Jones at his email below.

The objective of the series is to educate and inform OLLI members and their invited guests about Alabama's history, our 1901 State Constitution and its history, construction, content, relevance, effectiveness, status and possible future; and, to learn some new Alabama history along the way. The series is not open to the general public.

July 21 - Session one will provide factual background information about Alabama's history as a land and as a state, including key dates and events. Get an overview of our state's dual history, as written by "whites" and as relayed in narratives by "blacks." Review our six state constitutions from 1819 to today. The impact of the post-Civil War in Alabama will be presented and the presenter will focus on its role in the 1901 Constitution's governance framework. Speakers will include several key state historians and [invited] Douglas Blackmon, recently announced Pulitzer Prize-winning author.

July 22 - Session two will focus on Alabama's current 1901 constitution, summarizing the document using "It's A Thick Book" DVD, and will compare the constitution to TN, GA, MS and FL State constitutions, and discuss Alabama's 18 Articles in 287 Sections, and address the 799 current amendments. There will be a speaker to relate the primary state companion document, the State Code of 1975, to the Constitution.

July 28 - Session three will look forward to 1 January 2012, and beyond to review possible outcomes. A representative of the Executive Branch will provide an assessment of governance under the current state constitution, and representatives of the Legislative Branch will present arguments FOR and arguments AGAINST a new constitution. Another speaker will offer a broad look at the state-of-the-state environment of 2010, and beyond.

July 29 - Session four will focus on North Alabama and Madison County and how we may be impacted by changes to the state constitution, the issue of home rule and the issue of taxes. There will be a moderated panel discussion among representatives of federal, state, county and city levels of government, and the private sector - all from local area.

Initial reaction from potential speakers so far has been favorable, and invitations are going out. Possible actions by the State Legislature, currently in session, may impact this series in a significant (hopefully positive) way. Look for the complete program of confirmed speakers in the June Newsletter.

Co-chairs Chuck Duffy and Bob Jones (robertm_jones@yahoo.com)

Submitted by Bob Jones

No Senior Left Behind

Thirty years ago common words like email, internet, zip file, excel, search engine, photo-shop, thumb drive, etc., didn't even exist. Some of the processes did, but only commercially. The good news is that our youth are well informed on today's technical jargon. The bad news is that if you're not familiar with what these terms mean or how the tools work, it may be a sign that you are left behind.

But not to worry: OLLI can come to your rescue.

Just this spring term alone, OLLI offered four courses taught by very capable instructors. Al Bailey taught **Web Pages**, while Jo McDonald walked her students through **Computer Basics Using Windows**. **Advanced Photo Manipulation** was taught by Gene Zajicek, and Marvin Lampert instructed **Intro to MS Word**. A variety of similar computer courses are taught each term.

If that's not enough, **The Computer/Digital Camera Group**, led by Glenn Nettleton, gathers at UAH on the third Friday of each month at 9:30-12:00. An OLLI member doesn't have to be an expert to join the group, just someone who wants to learn more about their high-tech toys. Lots of questions, answers and discussion stimulate the meetings.

So don't be left behind. Be sure to keep your eyes tuned for the fall 2009 catalog for more computer courses; you will soon be astonishing those grandchildren and others with your new and improved techie expertise.



**Advanced
 Photo
 Manipulation
 Class**

OLLI SUMMER POTLUCK PICNIC

Friday, June 19
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Lunch Served at 11:30 a.m.
Green Mountain
Nature Trail Pavilion

Come cool off from the June heat on Green Mountain. Enjoy the lovely nature trail, covered bridge, historic buildings, camaraderie of OLLI friends, and bring a dish to share for the potluck luncheon at 11:30. Drinks and paper products compliments of OLLI.

Directions to Green Mountain Nature Trail: South on Bailey Cove Road, Left onto Green Mountain Road, up hill to Y in road. Take the right and follow until you reach the Green Mountain Nature Trail entrance on your RIGHT. Ample parking available.

Important Notice: Newsletter inputs for the June/July Newsletter are due by June 16. Please send articles and ideas to: Lorrie White, Editor, Joyce Pettis, Co-editor, at ollinewsletter@msn.com
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