



# Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

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*The Summer Enrichment Series Presents:*

## Why IS Alabama . . . ?

That's the question and theme of the Summer Enrichment Series 2009. 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. We will learn some new Alabama history along the way. A printed copy of the 1901 Constitution with Amendments will be available, along with Constitutions from other states, such as TN, GA, MS and FL.

**WHEN:** July 21 and 22, and July 28 and 29, 2009 – from 9 am to 12 noon each day, with sign-in and coffee available at 8:30 a.m. each day.

**WHERE:** 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 Leeman Ferry Road and Triana Boulevard, across from a CITGO gas station. **Look for an OLLI banner street-side.**

**WHO:** Biographies of each speaker will be available at each day's session!

**Please see page 5 for a list scheduled dates, the speakers, and the topics.**

If you plan to attend, or if you have questions, call Terry Schoper at 256-536-5047.

## Thank You Office Volunteers

Thank you to the following who served as Office Volunteers working in the OLLI office, taking telephone calls and providing all forms of assistance to our OLLI members during this past academic year. Their dedication to this very necessary and important function is truly appreciated. Special appreciation and kudos also to Jack Montgomery who coordinated the staffing of the office for this past year.

Lynn Abernathy

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Leah Black

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Jim Lindberg

Marilyn Lorch

David Mahling

Helen Martin

Carolyn Meadows

Jack Montgomery

Olga Morawe

Jean Mulcahy

Sandra Nesbitt

Hugh Nicholson

Sandy Parks

Pat Passmore

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*Jim Lindberg, Chair  
Member Services Committee*

**Important notice:** The membership calendar year begins June 2009 and ends May 2010. To continue receiving your course catalogs and newsletters, and to be eligible for summer events, please renew now if you haven't already done so. The membership renewal form is on page 8 of this newsletter.

## Zoom in for a Contest!

Something new, something different: a photo contest for OLLI members, and just in time for our fall term photo classes: Barbara Stagg's Photo Composition, Gene Zajicek's Digital Photo Manipulation and Glenn Nettleton's How does my #@\$%! Camera Work? Prizes and recognition for the winning photo! Join the fun. See details on page 6.



## From The President



**Cindy Spratley**

June is the beginning of a new year for OLLI. We have new board members and new officers. As the new president of the board, I look forward to providing the leadership to allow your board members to make decisions about the day-to-day workings of our organization, always keeping

in mind that we represent you, the members of OLLI.

As our membership continues to grow, effective communication is an increasingly difficult challenge, but be assured your board remains committed to you. Your newsletter is the key to keeping you informed about what is going on, so plan to read it carefully each month. Let us know what we should be doing for you and the organization. If you don't know who to call, email [OLLI@uah.edu](mailto:OLLI@uah.edu), leave a voice mail or speak to an office volunteer at 824-6959, and ask to have a board member call you.

I thank each and every volunteer for making our organization what it is

today. I hope you will continue to stay involved because that is the best way to show your ownership.

My hope is that we will have another amazing year, and you will enjoy learning and socializing with one another during the coming year in classes, special events, cultural activities and socials.

*Cindy Spratley*  
*President*

### OLLI Talent Show

Polish those talents. Stay tuned for more about an OLLI Variety Show. Tryouts to be announced soon.



## The Curriculum Corner

As the 2009-2010 OLLI year begins, your Curriculum Committee has a challenge and a fantastic opportunity for you. In our organization of over 1,000 extremely intelligent, successful, and talented members, we know there are at least one percent of you who are ready to step up and become our **new OLLI teachers**. Here are just a few possibilities:

- ◆ From your career experience you can teach us such things as how to best care for our eyes or skin; how to better manage our personal expenses; how experts predict weather and climate changes.
- ◆ You are passionate about history, literature, computers, or movies and want to tempt us to become just as passionate.
- ◆ You are talented in the visual or performing arts and will teach us to paint with water colors or to understand and appreciate a particular type of music.
- ◆ You are a sports or a physical fitness enthusiast and are willing to help us improve our golf game or to learn Pilates.
- ◆ If you enjoy crafts, game-playing, or cooking and can show us how to needlepoint, to play 50 variations of Canasta, or to make candy.



Taking courses at our OLLI is intellectually stimulating and enjoyable, but it can't beat the satisfaction and appreciation you'll get from teaching. Please step up and be counted as one of our newest teachers by contacting me right now.

*Barbara Ward*  
*Curriculum Chair*  
[bward@hiwaay.net](mailto:bward@hiwaay.net)  
883-6403

# The Annual Dinner and Teacher Appreciation Social Capped Off Another Successful Year

The Annual Dinner was lively this year. In addition to dining, we saw instructors and facilitators being honored; gifts bestowed on outgoing Board of Directors, Sue Chatham, Toni Reynolds and Joyce Howell; new members voted to the Board of Directors: and Officers elected. Thanks go to Nan Case and her hardworking Social Committee for an outstanding event.

One of the highlights was guest Katie Buchanan Redmond, our 2009 UAH scholarship recipient. Katie is like a diamond – bright, polished and full of promise. Meeting and listening to her gives strong assurance that the money donated to the UAH scholarship fund is helping to build futures, not only Katie’s, but each of the children she will influence when she commences her teaching career.



Katie Buchanan Redmond

In her speech, she explained, “OLLI has had a major impact on my educational experience. Without the support of the members, my life would be filled with worries about my ability to pay for my education. OLLI is allowing me to achieve my goals of becoming a college graduate with a double major in Spanish and Secondary Education. My family supports me the best they can, but times are tough and I don't know if I would be able to complete my education without OLLI's support.” She beautifully recited a Spanish poem entitled: Hermandad by Octavio Paz, which talks about how we are all connected and of the influence that we have on one another. Katie thought that this poem was very fitting to recite, because she would be unable to achieve her goals without OLLI. She extends her sincere thanks to each and every member who is helping her in her journey.



**Much gratitude goes to all the instructors who give so much time, sharing their knowledge and themselves for the benefit of OLLI members. We appreciate all of you.**

Photos by Glenn Nettleton



2009–2010 Board of Directors

Standing L to R: Carl Case, Larry Rice, Chuck Duffy, Gobe Vick , Bob Ward, Al Cruise, Jim Lindberg, Nan Case, Eleanor Carter, Marvin Lampert, Joe Cremin Sitting: Joyce Pettis, Lorrie White, Linda McAllister, Cindy Spratley, Barbara Ward, Pat Lindberg, Ed Bernstein



# Special Events Committee

The guard changes. Many thanks to our previous Special Events Committee Chairman Eleanor Carter. Carter, a Dynamo of a constructive leader for OGDV (OLLI's group of dedicated volunteers). Hers will be a difficult pair of shoes to fill, but I will give it my best. No comparisons please.

Two major term events scream out for attention: Coming up later this month is our Summer Enrichment Series entitled "Why IS Alabama ...?" starting on July 21. By the way, that isn't an existential question. Co-Chairs Chuck Duffy and Bob Jones and an eager group of workers have done a very admirable job in putting together topics, speakers, and moderators that will get you to . . . where Alabama is currently. Look for detailed session discussions and particulars in this newsletter. Come, enjoy and learn!

In early August, I have a feeling there will be a murder mystery. Shirley Mohler and her able team have created an intriguing mystery just begging to be solved. For \$10 you get dinner, a free glass of vino, and a stellar cast of OLLI thespians to confuse, mislead, and maybe even have you jump to conclusions. This is a teaser, so just look within this newsletter for more clues.

If you have burning ideas for special event type activities that could attract OLLIites, call me at 722-8404 or email Joe Cremin at [buzweiser@comcast.net](mailto:buzweiser@comcast.net).

*Joe Cremin, Events Committee Chair*

## YOU'RE INVITED TO A MURDER . . .

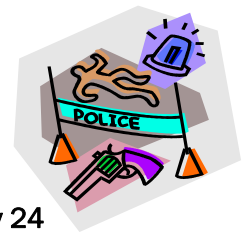
Chancellor Maude Greenfield invites you to the OLLI Beauty Academy for Women's graduation social for the class of '79. And what a social it promises to be. The administrations' battle to curtail blatant flirting, excessive exposure of skin, and other unlady-like behaviors just might lead to MURDER!

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to solve a murder or two. Are you up to the challenge?

We want you to be fully involved in the experience, so please come in character wearing your best 1970's outfit. Make up a name for yourself. Be a conservative administrator or budding Disco queen or king. (It's optional, of course, but it will enhance your whole murder mystery dinner theater experience.) Use your imagination and get ready to play! For only one sawbuck (\$10.00) per person, participants will receive dinner (salad bar, chicken breast, baked potato, tea/coffee/water and a Brownie), PLUS one free glass of wine, PLUS a play performed by (almost) professional actors from OLLI, PLUS a cash bar, PLUS other amenities. Reservations required. The whodunit murder mystery dinner theater details:



**Tuesday, August 4, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**  
(Social/Cash Bar-5:30 pm, Salad Bar Opens-6:00 pm)  
**American Legion Post 176**  
**Corner of Triana and Long Avenue** (just off Bob Wallace Avenue)



**PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. PICK UP TICKETS AT THE DOOR. DEADLINE: July 24**  
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NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF TICKETS @ \$10.00 EACH \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve your spot: MAIL RESERVATIONS TO Chris Johnson, 101 Sunstone Terrace, Huntsville, AL 35806 .  
Note: Other patrons (actors) are still being accepted. Contact: Shirley Mohler, 539-3660 [tucko1935@aol.com](mailto:tucko1935@aol.com)

## Continued from page 1 **Why IS Alabama . . . ?**



**July 21 - Session 1:** *Moderator is Toni Reynolds.* This session will provide factual background information about Alabama history, including key dates and events; will review our six state constitutions from 1819 to today; will review attempts made to modify the 1901 Constitution; and will offer a perspective of our state's cultural history, as viewed by noted historians and authors. **Speakers: Constitution Hall 1819 Re-enactors; Dr. Emily Cook, UAHuntsville; Dr. Bill Stewart, UA in Tuscaloosa; and Dr. Eric Green, Alabama A&M.**

**July 22 - Session 2:** *Moderator is Dorcas Harris.* This session will focus on facts about Alabama's current 1901 Constitution, summarizing it in a short DVD; will review the constitution's 18 Articles in 287 Sections; outline its 799 current amendments, and conclude with how the constitution works with the primary state companion document, the State Code of 1975. **Speakers: "It's A Thick Book" DVD; followed by Mr. Ed Gentle of Gentle, Turner and Sexton, Birmingham; Mr. Terry Turner also of Gentle, Turner and Sexton; and, Dr. Jess Brown, Athens State.**

**July 28 - Session 3:** *Moderator is Hartwell Lutz.* This session will provide a discussion of governance under the 1901 Constitution as viewed by the Executive Branch and by three representatives of the Legislative Branch, two from the House and one from the Senate. These representatives will offer arguments PRO and CON for issues and approaches to Constitutional Reform. **Speakers: Mr. Bryan Taylor (R), Policy Director, Governor's Office; Rep. Mike Ball (R), District 10 (Madison Co.); Rep. Jeff McLaughlin (D), District 27 (Marshall Co.); and Sen. Bobby Denton (D) [invited], District 1 (Colbert, Lauderdale Co.).**

**July 29 - Session 4:** *Moderator is Jerry Jennings.* This session will focus on North Alabama and explore how we may be impacted by changes to the State Constitution, especially to home rule and to taxes. There will be a moderated panel discussion among invited citizens from the local area. **Speakers: Mr. Mo Brooks, Commissioner Madison County District 5; Mr. Tommy Battle, Mayor of Huntsville; and a distinguished panel of local citizens, including, Mr. Devinti Williams, Attorney, and Mr. John Ehinger, retired Journalist. Other panelists' names will be announced shortly.**

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## A Day at Cheekwood

Neither threat of storm nor relentless rain dissuaded OLLI members from their planned excursion to Cheekwood in Nashville, TN, on May 1, 2009. Glimpses of sun during the drive offered the travelers optimism that the rain might cease, but it refused until late evening, by which time most of the travelers had begun the return trip, never having set foot in one of Cheekwood's eleven gardens.

Nevertheless, most members of the brave troupe would say they enjoyed the outing. The group toured the Cheekwood mansion, the former home of Maxwell House coffee magnate Leslie Cheek. Along with art and porcelain exhibits, the group particularly enjoyed a special display of Fabergè eggs and miniature floral arrangements and a prearranged lunch at the onsite restaurant. A few OLLI members, however, outlasted the rain to venture into the wet gardens. The Cheekwood trip was sponsored by the Special Events Committee and superbly coordinated by Mary Compton.





# OLLI PHOTO CONTEST

## June 22 – October 5, 2009

It's time to get inspired and share in the shutterbug fun. Compliments of UAHuntsville, the winning photo will be featured in the winter term curriculum catalog, and the photographer will receive a free winter term.

The contest theme is picturesque scenes of Madison County (please, no animals or people unless they are incidental to the landscape). **Only current OLLI members are eligible to participate** (the membership renewal form is on page 8 of this newsletter). Photos must be taken between June 22 and October 5. They can be submitted at anytime during the contest period, but the deadline submittal date for judging will be October 5.

Our panel of expert judges will evaluate creativity, composition, craftsmanship, and adherence to the theme. The names of the photographers will not be revealed to the judges until the judging is completed.

### Guidelines:

- **Theme:** Picturesque scenes of Madison County.
- **Specs:** Photographs must be in (or converted to) digital jpeg format  
Preferred size is 1700 by 1140 pixels or 1140 by 1700 pixels  
Photo must not have identifying/copyright marks  
A color photo must translate well to black and white for the catalog  
Photo can be emailed as an attachment, or a CD dropped off to the OLLI office
- **Submit to:** [ollinewsletter@msn.com](mailto:ollinewsletter@msn.com). You can submit up to three entries; include your name, phone number, and email address. Give some information about the photo, the date and where you took the photo
- **Submission deadline:** October 5

**Please note that entering your photo gives Osher Lifelong Learning at UAH and UAHuntsville permission to use your name and photo for the OLLI web site, catalog, newsletter, or any publications pertaining to the photo contest. Please attach the release form below with your CD or go to [osher.uah.edu](http://osher.uah.edu) for an electronic copy to email with your photos.**

If you have any questions, please email to: [ollinewsletter@msn.com](mailto:ollinewsletter@msn.com), subject: photo contest..

UAHuntsville Division of Continuing Education and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

### PHOTOGRAPH RELEASE FORM

I hereby give my permission for UAHuntsville, Division of Continuing Education and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH to use my photograph and/or image in its various university publications, promotions and other media.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

The information on this form is collected only for the purpose of verifying that proper consent has been provided. If you have any questions about the collection, use or disclosure of this information, please contact: Lisa Strickland, UAHuntsville Division of Continuing Education at 256-824-6372 or [Lisa.Strickland@uah.edu](mailto:Lisa.Strickland@uah.edu).

## Computer Sub Committee needs Your Help!

The Curriculum Computer Sub Committee needs your help with deciding which computer classes and versions to offer to our members. Please fill out the following short survey and return it to the OLLI office or email it to [gwick@knology.net](mailto:gwick@knology.net). It can also be mailed to Gobe Vick, 196 Laurinda Drive, Harvest, Al. 35749

What is your computer operating system? Windows XP \_\_\_\_ Vista \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Is your Office package? Office 2003 \_\_\_\_ Office 2007 \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to upgrade your operating system any time soon? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Do you plan to upgrade your Office package any time soon? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Are you interested in taking a computer class? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

# OLLI Summer Picnic on Green Mountain

Over 70 people attended the picnic on Green Mountain on June 19. The temperature in Huntsville was in the high 90's, but we were nice and cool with a temperature in the low 80's and a small breeze. The picnic area, surrounded by trees, was near a small lake on top of Green Mountain. Everyone brought something delicious to eat and many stayed and socialized until 2:30 p.m. We shared our desserts with a church-bus load of small children. All in all it was a very pleasant day.

Submitted by the Social Committee



## 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 with your check for \$15, payable to:

**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH.**

**Annual membership is a requirement prior to registration for courses.** *Course registration is a separate process and requires a separate payment.*

**MAIL TO:**

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH  
P.O. Box 1581, Huntsville, AL 35807  
Phone 256-824-6959

*The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH is not responsible for any damage or personal injury sustained when a member is participating in any OLLI-sponsored activities on or off the UAH Campus.*

Membership: \$15

\*Scholarship Fund: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

New Membership [  ]  
(Please check only if you have **NEVER** been an OLLI or Academy member)

Membership for the year:  
June 1, 2009 – May 31, 2010

\*If you would like to make a contribution to the OLLI Scholarship Fund for a UAHuntsville student, please include the donation amount in your check.

**Important Notice: Newsletter inputs for the August Newsletter are due by July 28. 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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