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OLLI MEMBERS TOUR EXHIBIT

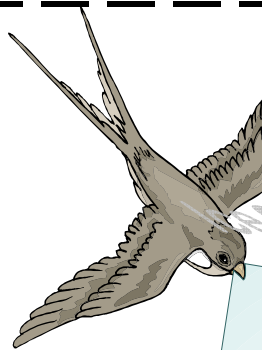


Visiting the local museum, Olde Town Brewing Company, or Cheekwood Gardens in Nashville; attending or participating in a murder mystery; hiking, drawing, studying a foreign language, or learning to manage your time are just a few of the activities and classes, respectively, available to OLLI members.

The committees, whose reports you'll find inside, arduously and creatively work to provide a variety of classes and activities for the membership.

Welcome to another exciting and fun-filled year at OLLI. Share the good news about our organization.

OLLI members enjoyed a docent-led tour of the special exhibit, "NASA/ART: 50 Years of Exploration" at the Huntsville Museum of Art. The event was organized by the Cultural Committee.



Ice Cream Social!

Back-to-School Kickoff Party!

Wesley Hall,
Trinity United Methodist Church,
Airport Road

September 18, 2-4 p.m.

(See p. 3)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Facilitator Training	Sept 10
HSV Symphony Orchestra	Sept 12
Fall Term Begins	Sept 14
Industrial Tour	Sept 18
Ice Cream Social	Sept 18
Opera: Tosca	Oct 10
HSV Chamber Music	Oct 10
Fall Term Ends	Nov 6

From The President

Welcome Back to School!



Cindy Spratley,
President

Welcome back to school!! Hopefully you are all registered for the courses that you wanted to take and are ready with new school supplies to start classes in a couple of weeks. I know you were as impressed as I was with the number and variety of course offerings this term.

Our academic year will start soon, but your Board of Directors and Standing Committees are also busily working on a number of other items on your behalf. I'm sure you've read about the OLLI Photo Contest. If you haven't been on our newly redesigned website, you have to take a look at www.osher.uah.edu. Our Website design team has implemented a very professional looking and well-organized website to help us find the information we need quickly and easily. Thanks, team, for a great job!

You may have also noticed from last month's newsletter that your Board has approved a Strategic Plan for our organization. Our next step is to make sure that plan is implemented. Our Standing Committees and the Long Range Planning Committee will be following up to make sure that this happens. The Social Committee is busy planning our Back-to-School and Teacher Appreciation events for the fall term, and they are already working on some innovative and exciting plans for our Holiday Party. Keep watching the newsletter for information on all the upcoming events sponsored by the Social, Special Events, and Cultural Committees.

You'll be excited to hear that January is the planned date for reoccupation of our space in Wilson Hall. To that end, plans are underway for the acquisition of furnishings for the new space. Osher Grant funds have been held in reserve for some time for this purpose, and time is near for placing our order so that things will be on-hand when we are ready to occupy our new space. We are also in the process of reviewing our Affiliation Agreement with the University in anticipation of the renewal of that agreement at the end of this month. A great deal of work is going on taking care of business. I appreciate more than I can express all the dedicated folks who volunteer to get the work done.

JOIN THE ALABAMA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION (AHA) DISCOUNTED MEMBERSHIP FOR OLLI MEMBERS

Pay \$25 instead of \$35 for the first year and join the AHA. Membership is for the calendar year, and any new membership application received after September 1, is credited toward the following year. If you join now, you will be a member through the end of 2010. The discounted rate (\$25) is for one year only.

If you are interested in this introductory offer, please contact Dr. Mark Wilson, Ph.D., Community and Civic Engagement, College of Liberal Arts, 2046 Haley Center, Auburn University, AL 36849. Phone: 334-844-6198.



Pat Lindberg,
Cultural Committee Chair

CULTURAL EVENTS

The Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Open Rehearsal will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 12, in the VBC Concert Hall. Come and enjoy the music of Bach, Beethoven and Shostakovich.

The Metropolitan Opera at the Movies (HOLLYWOOD 18) will open the season with "Tosca," beginning at 12:00 p.m. on October 10. Admission is Senior/\$20, Student/\$18, and Child/\$15.

Also on October 10, the Huntsville Chamber Music Guild will present Susanna Phillips and Angela Brown. A block of 20 tickets has been reserved for OLLI. Join our group by calling the HCMG office (824-6540). Ticket price is \$18.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

WELCOME BACK TO OLLI!



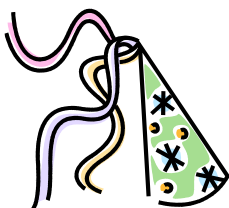
Nan Case,
Social Chair
883-8805

Back-to-School Kickoff Party: The Ice Cream Social

The OLLI Social Committee has been making plans for our new year. We are planning numerous events to bring our members together for fun and socializing. We hope everyone will come out and share the good times. Our first event will be the Back-to-School Kickoff Party. The Ice Cream Social is always popular and will be held September 18, in Wesley Hall at Trinity United Methodist Church (Airport Road) from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Come and meet your OLLI friends after summer break.

Holiday Party

We are especially excited about our Holiday Party this year. Please mark your calendars now for Wednesday, December 9, 6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Our new music group, the Looking Back Band, will play songs from the 50s through the 80s. The catering company is Kurt. The fee is \$25, and it includes reserved parking at the VBC. We will be celebrating at a new venue, the beautiful new Summit at Big Spring. The view of the city lights from The Summit Tower is spectacular, and we hope everyone will attend and share in the excitement!



We are looking forward to a great year of socializing!

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE



Joe Cremin, Chair
 Special Events

“Why IS Alabama ...?” had nearly standing room only attendance, and averaged 125 attendees, excluding volunteers. The final session speaker on August 27 was Dr. Wayne Flynt, Professor of History, Emeritus, Auburn University. Dr. Flynt, a recognized expert in the state on the topic of our series, and a previous OLLI speaker, thrilled the audience. Again, congratulations Bob Jones, Chuck Duffy, and the nearly 50 volunteers who made these programs such a resounding success!

The Murder Mystery Dinner at the American Legion Post 176 was also a rousing success. Who knew OLLI had a band of closet actors?

Shirley Mohler (DeMille) and her hearty band of volunteers put together a memorable though audio-challenged performance. It was a wonderful and fun event. Questions abounded during the Q&A period, resulting in many unfortunate innocents being accused.

The committee will have had its first of the year school meeting on August 28. We are diligently working on exciting events for the months to come.

In recent months we have sought ideas from you for events you would like to see or to be a part of. This month I continue the call to you: Send me your smoldering ideas for Special Events!! Call me at 722-8404 or email to buzweiser@comcast.net, or mention to a committee member any ideas that you have. If it is an incomplete idea, don't let that stop your mentioning it to us. The committee loves a challenge.



Ralph Murphy, Coordinator
 Industrial Tours

Industrial Tours Return

OLLI Industrial tours are back in business.

We have been there before, but we've had several requests to return to the Olde Towne Brewing Company .

We are scheduled to tour the facility on Friday, September 18th at 9:00 a.m. They are now located in a new building on Leeman Ferry Road. Their new building is located south of Drake Avenue on Leeman Ferry Road. There is no street number. Turn west off Leeman Ferry Road on the “no name” street that is between the two businesses on the corners. The businesses are SV SPORT and MATRIX. The brewery building is on the right, about one half block west on the no name street. We will meet at the brewery for the tour.

The tour will accommodate about 25 people. If you would like to go, please call the Murphys at 837-1427 or email rwmfhm@aol.com by September 16.

The Curriculum Corner



Barbara Ward,
Curriculum Chair
ward@hiwaay.net
883-6403

**Attention OLLI members who have successfully entered the high tech age:
we are looking for a few good A/V men and women.**

The Curriculum Committee is in the process of creating an audio/visual equipment support staff to assist classroom facilitators, as needed, with A/V difficulties during the academic term. We would like to set it up in a manner similar to the way the OLLI Office is staffed—by securing a group of volunteers and having one person be available for a couple of hours a week during the term. Their job would be to assist a facilitator who runs into an equipment problem. As a volunteer, you would schedule your weekly time at your convenience – perhaps before or after a course you are taking. And if you are not familiar with the A/V equipment in our various classrooms, we'd be

happy to give you all the training you need.

If you are ready to volunteer right now or would like more information, please contact our Equipment and Facilitator Guru Dave Knepper at 772-8156 or knepperd@bellsouth.net. Have an enjoyable fall term!

ANOTHER INTEREST GROUP!

The Memoirs Group meets the 4th Friday, 1:15 p.m., at various members' homes. The group is open to anyone who wants to write and share their story. If interested, contact Val Seaquist, 851-7423 or email to vjimval@aol.com.

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Linda McAllister

Share the Good News About OLLI

Have you ever wondered how we can share the good news and benefits of OLLI membership? Word of mouth seems to be the most effective tool. However, here are questions that may give you additional ideas for encouraging others to join OLLI.

How and where can I get brochures that explain what OLLI is?

Check with Linda McAllister – 534-8354. Brochures are available for you to share with other groups of friends.

Is anyone available to speak to my civic or church group about OLLI?

Yes, several people have spoken to Newcomers’ Club, Kiwanis Club and other groups of potential members. Call Linda McAllister to request any of these seasoned speakers: Beverly Marchelos, Betty Carlton, Elaine Leach or Toni Reynolds . Any of these folks would be willing to speak to your favorite group.

Does OLLI advertise in the newspaper and on TV or radio stations?

Certainly. There was a nice front page article about OLLI in a July *Huntsville Times* paper and there have been on-going Public Service Announcements on WLRH for several weeks concerning the fall term of OLLI. Many other radio stations receive our announcements each term as well as local TV stations.

Why don’t we use the web?

So glad you asked! Our Web Master Al Bailey and his team have recently updated the web site and it is awesome. Email your friends and give them the link to our web site. WWW.OSHER.UAH.EDU You may see yourself in some of the photos or on YouTube!

Has the OLLI PR Committee explored other avenues for sharing the good news of OLLI?

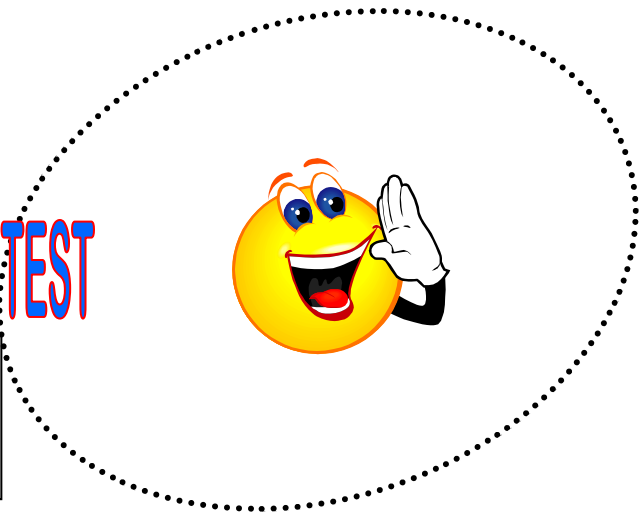
Absolutely. Display windows at libraries have been utilized. Brochures, newsletters and catalogs have been distributed to area libraries and the Senior Center. Last year the Committee had displays and worked a table at Expos for the Redstone Retirement Services at the Arsenal and The Successful Aging Initiative Conference. An electronic Kiosk is programmed and ready for a good location and the committee is currently seeking to find a willing recipient for this interactive marketing tool.

Share the good news opportunities in OLLI for continued education, social events, local field trips and travel. If you have any ideas for the Public Relations Committee, please contact Linda McAllister. But remember that your enthusiasm is contagious, and when you are excited about something that is enhancing your life, others will want to join you.

Submitted by Linda McAllister,
Public Relations Committee

SHARE NEWS OF THE OLLI PHOTO CONTEST

Read details on p. 8;
Find submission form on p. 5.



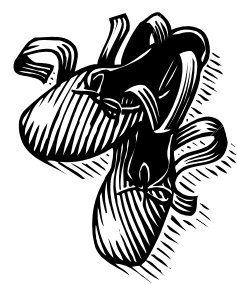


Actor and actresses in the entertaining whodunit Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, August 4, at the American Legion Post 176.

**SPRING
ALERT !!!**

"OLLI Has Talent"

- ◆ Clean up those dance shoes and instruments.
- ◆ More information on how to participate will be found in coming newsletters.



OLLI PHOTO CONTEST (Now Until October 5, 2009)

Something new, something different! Compliments of UAHuntsville, the winning photo will be featured in the winter term curriculum catalog, and the photographer will receive a free winter term valued at \$65.

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.** Photos must be taken between now and October 5. They can be submitted at any time 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. 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, Madison Hall.
- Submit to: ollinewsletter@msn.com. You may submit up to three entries; include your name, phone number and email address. Give some information about the photo, the date, and its location.

Please see release form on p. 5. The winner will be announced on November 6 at the Teacher Appreciation Social. Questions? Email them to ollinewsletter@msn.com; subject line: photo contest.

Important Notice: Newsletter inputs for the October Newsletter are due by Sept. 22. Please send articles and ideas to Lorrie White, Editor, Joyce Pettis Co-editor, at ollinewsletter@msn.com. Please understand that due to cost constraints, articles may be edited for length.



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