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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

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Happy New Year 2010

This year will mark OLLI's 17th anniversary. Since it began in 1993, OLLI has seen many changes. Our name changed from The Academy for Lifetime Learning, Inc. to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Wilson Hall had a face lift, and we see more and more fresh new faces in the classroom and at functions. Most important, the number and variety of our courses has grown considerably.

One factor that hasn't changed is our need for volunteers to maintain this wonderful Institution. Out of approximately 1,000 OLLI members, only a fraction work to keep our organization thriving and professional. We need new ideas, new skills and people who will pitch in to help make things happen. From instructors to office workers, from audio/video equipment operators to planners — we need you.



Please make a New Year's resolution to support OLLI in 2010, even if it's a couple of hours a month. It's a sure thing that you will gain as much from OLLI as OLLI will benefit from you. In the meantime, have a safe, prosperous, and joyful year.

An Evening at the Summit

Thanks to Nan Case and the Social Committee, we had an outstanding dinner and dance at the 2009 Annual Holiday Party. The "Looking Back Band" played a variety of 50's to 80's dancing music, and the food was delicious. A delightful evening was had by all.



Nan Case Introduces the *Looking Back Band*



Bart Fay & Trudi Gardner
Liz Switzer & Hugh Nicholson



Gordon & Susan Bakken,
Lowell and Betty Zoller



P. Khan, Norma Van Zee, Vig Serr, Sonja McClure & Shirley Gibb

See more Holiday Party photos at <http://picasaweb.google.com/Olliphotos>



Bob & Barbara Ward, Elaine & George Leach, Lorrie White & Mike Bilinski



Brenda & Steve Wynn, Tom & Becky Dollman, Susan and Eric Golby



Sue Chatham, Cindy Spratly and Chris Johnson

From The President



Cindy Spratley

Happy New Year and welcome back to Wilson Hall! A small group from the Furniture Acquisition Committee toured our space in early December. They were favorably impressed with the layout and the UAH blue

accent walls in the classrooms. Members of the Board of Directors packed boxes in Madison Hall and then unloaded them and put things away in our new space in mid-December. Thank you to everyone who helped. These jobs go much faster when you have many helping hands.

When you return to classes, we hope you will be enjoying our brand new classroom furniture. A few items will be missing in our lounge area (appliances and some additional comfortable lounge chairs). We were careful to reserve funds in case of surprises.

Registration starts January 6. See the Curriculum Corner for information

about changes in the registration process. If you are having problems with registration, stop by our new office in Wilson Hall. We will have folks available to help you starting January 4.

Many of you attended our Holiday Party on December 9. The event was sold out, and there were about a dozen folks on the waiting list. Get your tickets early next year. We had a great time. The band was fun, the decorations exceptional, and as always the caterer fed us well. Many thanks go to the Social Committee for another successful event and special thanks to Nan Case – the Social Chairperson and OLLI’s “thrifty creative genius.”

Cindy Spratley, President

The Curriculum Corner

Our winter 2010 course term is just a few weeks away, with **registration beginning on Wednesday, January 6**. While the registration process is similar to last term, there are few subtle changes resulting from both a physical move and a name change. OLLI will be back in a remodeled Wilson Hall, laid out entirely differently from when we left. And our affiliate Continuing Education (CE), also back in Wilson Hall, is now Professional and Continuing Studies (PCS).

You will have the same four ways to register as described in the inside front cover of your catalog:

- ◆ **Phone registration** remains the same, with the same phone number. Just remember that when you register by phone, your registration information will be recorded, but your registration request goes in the queue, to be processed in proper order.
- ◆ **Mail registration** will be addressed to a new name – PCS – and a new address.
- ◆ To register **in Person** you will deliver your completed registration to the PCS Registration office in Room 103 Wilson Hall or to the OLLI Office in 151 Wilson Hall. There will be no drop-off box.
- ◆ The **online registration** will be similar to last term, but note that the CE name-change to PCS has resulted in a new online registration cite name.



Barbara Ward

The new OLLI office, Wilson Hall 151, will be staffed beginning January 4. Our office volunteers will be available to assist you with questions on winter term courses or in filling out your registration form. To get to the OLLI office, veer to the left when you enter the main entrance of Wilson Hall. To get to the PCS Registration Office, veer right.

We expect the winter term to be an adjustment period with a whole new environment for OLLI and PCS, so please be patient. However, if you experience some real difficulties (not just minor inconveniences) or have some suggestions on improvements and enhancements, please don't hesitate to email or call me.

Hope you enjoy our selection of 52 winter courses and 6 Wednesday Bonuses.

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



Pat Lindberg

Cultural Events

If you ordered tickets to Opera Birmingham's "The Marriage of Figaro," you should have received them by now. Thanks to Eleanor Schweinsberg, who worked so diligently to obtain good ticket prices and to get our tickets to us.

The next MET opera at the movies will be the encore of "Les Contes D'Hoffmann" (Jacques Offenbach) on January 6, 6:30 p.m., at Hollywood 18. Admission/\$18. Run time is approximately three hours with two intermissions.

If you wish to be added to a special listing to receive additional opera information, contact patlindberg@comcast.net.

To be alive in such an age!
 With every year a lightning page
 Turned in the world's great wonder book
 Whereon the leaning nations look.
 When men speak strong for brotherhood,
 For peace and universal good,
 When miracles are everywhere,
 And every inch of common air
 Throbs a tremendous prophecy
 Of greater marvels yet to be.
 O thrilling age,
 O willing age!

These few words are a part of Angela Morgan's poem "Today." It was written many years ago, but such fitting words are also applicable for today's world!

Submitted by Pat Lindberg, Cultural Committee Chair

Terry Schoeper Remembered

It is with extreme sadness that we announce that our dear fellow member, Terry Schoeper, passed away on December 12, 2009. Terry had been a member of OLLI for over 16 years, beginning with its inception as the Academy of Lifetime Learning in 1993. During those years, she held several volunteer positions including board member (1994-1997), treasurer, vice president, and social committee chair. She served as Co-coordinator of Alternative Medicine for seven years and was the Wednesday Bonus Coordinator from 2000 to 2006. Recently, she worked tirelessly on the successful 2009 Summer Enrichment Series as the volunteer coordinator.



Terry kept these inspirational notes in her bible, and we know she followed them faithfully: *Discover your destiny, try to make life more loving and sustainable. Get yourself aligned, living your life on purpose. Devote yourself to service, we are here to serve.. Inspire, do not motivate. Lift up your heart, lift hearts around us and help others grow and find fulfillment.*

Terry had an abundance of energy and a perpetual youthful spirit which she attributed to a healthy diet, exercise, a close-knit family, and a sense of humor. She loved life, she loved people, and she loved OLLI.

Our condolences go to her family, her close friends, and to the many of us at OLLI who enjoyed Terry's warmth and friendliness. We will miss her very much. Read more about Terry at <http://obits.al.com/obituaries/huntsville/obituary.aspx?n=helen-schoeper&pid=137239924>

Rules for OLLI SURVIVOR Competition

Return with me to those thrilling days of yesteryear when there was a cloud of dust and a hearty “Hi Ho Silver,” when the Green Hornet and Cato caught the bad guys and there were radio programs such as Suspense, The Inner Sanctum, The Shadow, and Five Miles Beneath the Earth. Back to a time when games meant life or death and you put your heart and soul into them. Here is a game from that era which is still played today, but now most likely played by your grandchildren. The game is called WAR and we will match it with survivor instincts.

I know you remember when you were growing up and playing card games against your siblings, relatives, and friends; the excitement just bubbled up. This will be a tournament of “card sharks” where the last one standing is the **OLLI SURVIVOR**. If you don’t know how to play this game, we will demonstrate the game at a kickoff meeting on January 20, at the Alabama Rehab Center on Johnson Road at 1 :00 p.m. You can master the game quickly.

To Enter

This competition is open to all current OLLI members. Send your name, telephone number and email address to ollisurvivor@yahoo.com to enter. If you do not have email or the internet, then a friend can act as your intermediary for entry, game notification, and result reporting. However, you all must be an OLLI member to participate.

Conduct of Competition

There are **Competitors**.

- **EACH competitor** is responsible for contacting their assigned opponent, agreeing on a date, time, and location for playing their game.
- When the two competitors meet, each should have a deck of playing cards, and the document **Rules for OLLI SURVIVOR Competition**. If there should be only one copy of this material, or only one deck of cards and that deck of cards has less than 52 cards, that is OK, too.
- A game duration will be mutually agreed to and the game will be played.
- The winning competitor will email both the **Competition Master** (at ollisurvivor@yahoo.com) and your game opponent the results of the game. To maintain the competition schedule, either failure to report the game results by the calendar deadline, for whatever reason, will result in both competitors being eliminated.
- Perform above competitor steps until either eliminated or until one player is declared overall winner. Final match winner is the OLLI SURVIVOR and will be awarded recognition of this accomplishment.
- Two possible outcomes can result: This recognition will be kept by the OLLI SURVIVOR permanently, if no other competitions are held, or the recognition will be passed on to the subsequent OLLI SURVIVOR of the next competition. **More on rules** http://www.osher.uah.edu/_Docs/RulesSurvivor.pdf.

Joe Cremin, Special Events Committee Chair

Back to School Pot-luck Social



January 22, 2010

OLLI will have its back to school social on Friday, January 22 at 12:00 noon. This will be a pot luck event at Trinity Methodist Church on Airport Road. This is the Friday before classes start on Monday, January 25. Come to the social, bring your favorite dish to share, and find out what your friends did over the holidays. We hope to see all of you there.

*Nan Case
Social Committee Chair*

Save the Date

On February 16 the Special Events Committee is planning a Mardi Gras celebration. More details to come in the February newsletter.



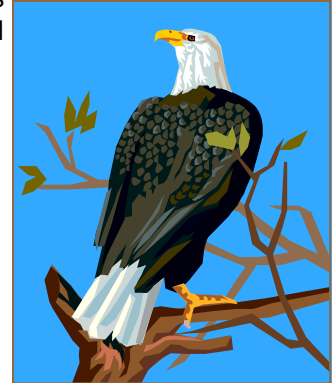
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Les Contes D'Hoffmannq	Jan 6
Survivor Competition Training	Jan 20
Eagle Awareness Weekend	Jan 22
Industrial Tour	Jan 22
Back- to- School Pot-Luck	Jan 22
Winter Term Begins	Jan 25
Mardi Gras	Feb 16
Winter Term Ends	Mar 12
The Marriage of Figaro	Mar 21
Olli's Got Talent	May 4

EAGLE AWARENESS WEEKEND, LAKE GUNTERSVILLE STATE PARK

JANUARY 22-24, 2010

The Special Events Committee of OLLI, in cooperation with Lake Guntersville Resort State Park, invites you to participate in **Eagle Awareness Weekend, January 22 - 24, 2010**, to observe and study this magnificent national symbol, the bald eagle. Eagle Awareness has been a tradition at Lake Guntersville State Park for more than twenty years, and is an activity that people of all ages can enjoy. The Park Naturalist and a host of field trip guides and guest speakers make these weekends an event you won't soon forget. All programs (guided nature hikes to Eagle nesting sites, lectures, live birds, excellent scenery and much more) are free of charge.



Package rates are available which include the Friday night apple cider and coffee social (don't miss it!), Friday and Saturday night lodging, two breakfast buffets, and lunch and dinner on Saturday. Basic Eagle packages start at \$219.14 for one person per room or \$282.00 for 2 people per room (does not include tax). Packages don't include the popular Friday night Seafood Buffet (\$14.95), but it's worth the extra price! Other packages are available for lakeside cottages or mountaintop chalets, and are on the Park website at <http://www.alapark.com/lakeguntersville/Specials%20&%20Packages:/>. You may also create your own weekend at regular rates for rooms and meals (see below).

Arrival time is 4:00 p.m. (rooms may be available earlier). Checkout is 11:00 a.m. (In case you want to play an early round of golf on the park's championship course).

OLLI has reserved a block of rooms for our group: 10 hotel rooms on the bluff (sleeps 2), 5 rooms facing the parking lot on the ground floor (sleeps 2), and 2 king-size suites (sleeps 4).

Reservations? Call the Park directly at 1-800-548-4553 to choose the pricing and room style that you prefer. Please use the group code word: OLLI. Then drop an email to Coordinator Shirley Mohler at TUCK-MO1935@aol.com to let her know you'll be part of the group.

Deadline for reservations is December 15, 2009.

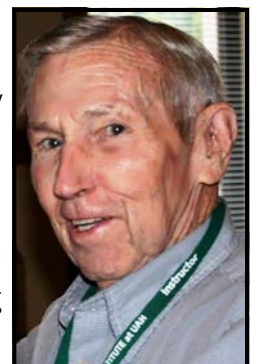
For more information, you can contact Shirley via email or by phone at 539-3660.

As all avid outdoor lovers know, this event will be held rain or shine. So dress for the outdoors in warm clothing, and bring your binoculars and all your camera paraphernalia! Glorious scenery and fantastic company! What more could you want? Hope to see you there!

January Industrial Tour

On a previous tours we visited a Huntsville City Water Works Plant to see how they make our water clean and pure. Now we are going to tour one of the city's sewage plants to see what they do to all of that sewage we flush down our pipes every day. We are scheduled to tour the plant in south Huntsville on Friday, January 22, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

The address of the plant is 133331 South Memorial Parkway. To get there, go south on Memorial Parkway, turn left on the last street before you reach the last traffic light at Hobbs Island Road. (This is the last traffic light before you get to the river bridge and you can see the big tanks from the Parkway.) We will meet at the plant at 10:00 a.m. for the tour.



If you would like to go on this tour, please call the Murphys at 837-1427 or email rwmfham@aol.com by January 20.

Ralph Murphy
Industrial Tour Coordinator

SEARCHING FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

OLLI's Nominating Committee is conducting its annual search for active members who are interested in serving on our Board of Directors. Board membership offers a host of opportunities for applying the talents and skills acquired over your lifetime to help OLLI grow and meet the changing needs of our community.

Board members are elected for three-year terms. Their responsibilities include attendance at monthly board meetings, active participation on two or more committees, and an interest in eventually chairing a committee and/or holding an office.

If you are interested in serving on OLLI's Board of Directors or would like to recommend an active OLLI member for a position, please contact Bob Ward, 883-6403.

Submitted by Bob Ward
Nominating Committee

Reese Kilgo Wins First Place in Contest for "The Shadow of the Hawk"

Reese Danley-Kilgo styles herself a Reader/Writer/Gardner in her Amazon.com profile, but her activities easily exceed these boundaries. She is also an activist in the most positive sense of the word, using her energy, voice, and intellect to speak for the underserved, dismissed, or forgotten throughout the world. Since her retirement from the University of Alabama, Huntsville, Reese is an active OLLI member and perhaps a model for ways retirees might use their newly refocused time. She has authored the novel *Nine Bean Rows* (2007), has taught various literature classes, worked with and spoken at public library programs, and written award-winning poetry and short fiction. Her poem "Tinker Toys," won the Senior Poet Laureate Award for the state of Alabama; in 2003 her poem "Late November" won first prize in the Green River Writers Writing Contest, and two poems won honorable mention. And most recently, her story "The Shadow of the Hawk" won first place in the short fiction category of the Green River Writers Writing Contest for 2009.

Brief biography by Joyce Pettis

Excerpt from "THE SHADOW OF THE HAWK"

"You're going, then." It was not a question.

"Yes," she said. "Of course. I have to."

"Of course," he said.

She turned back to the suitcase on the bed, began folding the clothes she had removed from the dresser drawer. She took out a rolled-up sweater she had just put in, put it on, started buttoning it. The sleeves of the sweater were too long. The ribbed cuffs covered half her hands. He came over, touched her arm, said, "Here, let me help you, you're buttoning it crooked."

He unbuttoned the ones she had done, straightened the collar, rebuttoned the sweater slowly. He put his arms around her, held her close. She felt his hands on her shoulders through the thick wool. I won't need this in Alabama, she thought. It's already spring there in April.

"Don't worry about anything here," he said. "We'll be fine."

"I know." Her voice was muffled in his shoulder.

"Do you think she might be persuaded to—"

She reached down for the bag. "I doubt it," she said.

It was too warm in the plane for the heavy sweater. She took it off, folded it, tried to use it for a pillow. She closed her eyes, thought, if I could only sleep. She tried counting, tried to visualize sheep jumping over a stile like the pictures in the Mother Goose book she used to read to the children. Nothing worked.

She looked at her watch, thought of David. She could see him back from the airport by now, in the kitchen, finding cereal, pouring milk. Patrick would have lost his algebra book, as always, and there would be the flurry of counting out lunch money to Beth and Deirdre, herding them all into the car.



Spot Light ON:

The Curriculum Committee

Every organization needs a core, and for Osher Lifelong Learning, it is the Curriculum Committee. It is the foundation that arranges the courses, assists the instructors, and evaluates the outcome. It is responsible for classroom facilitators, A/V equipment, and the contentment of OLLI members in the classroom. The Curriculum Committee is the most important component of OLLI, and like the trunk of a tree, it has many branches.



Standing L to R: Hugh Nicholson, Chuck Duffy, George Thurlow, Bob Ward, Eleanor Carter, Bob Goodwin, Gobe Vick, Marvin Lambert, Larry Rice. Seated L to R: Sue Chatham, Eleanor Schweinsberg, Barbara Ward, Peggy Shanahan, and Chris Rupp

Chaired by **Barbara Ward**, the committee is divided into nine subcommittees and three task forces as follows:

Arts & Letters	Eleanor Schweinsberg
Computers	Gobe Vick
Finance & Economics	Chuck Duffy
Foreign Languages	Hugh Nicholson
Health & Psychology	Chris Rupp
History, Religion & Civics	Peggy Shanahan
Leisure & Nature	Beverly Marchelos
Science & Math	Larry Rice
Wednesday Bonuses	Eleanor Carter

Each term the individual subcommittees arrange for courses in their discipline which results in approximately 50-60 courses. The goal is to present interesting and innovative courses in order to have as many attendees as possible. They check the course syllabi, recruit a facilitator, and monitor the course as the term progresses.

There are three task forces and their activities are divided as follows:

Task Force I works with the subcommittee chairs to be sure all syllabi are complete and are turned in by the deadline. It assigns the days and times the courses will be taught, reviews course equipment needs, and edits the Curriculum Catalog each term as it is prepared for typing and printing. It sends a welcoming letter, which includes an instructor information sheet, to all instructors two to three weeks before the term begins.

Chaired by Sue Chatham, Task Force I is responsible for pre-term activities, particularly the catalog preparation.

Task Force II works with the subcommittee chairs to recruit and train the facilitators. It monitors equipment usage, room changes, etc. and, in general, works to have the term proceed as smoothly as possible. **Dave Knepper, Chair, is responsible for activities during the term, particularly those concerning equipment and facilitators.**

Task Force III prepares invitations to all instructors for the Teacher Appreciation social and compiles and distributes the course evaluations made by class members at the completion of each term. **Chaired by Al Spratley, Task Force III is responsible for post-term activities, particularly the compilation of course evaluations and teacher appreciation activities.**

OLLI Has Talent

Coming Attraction!

Save the date, May 4, 2010, for an entertaining and comical talent show performed by your fellow OLLI friends. Complete details to come in the January 2010, newsletter. If you have an interest in performing, please go to page 8 of this newsletter.



Seeking Performers for the OLLI Has Talent Show

Whether it's singing or juggling or playing the kazoo, it's time to show OLLI the act you can do! Play a part in an entertaining evening of dinner and a show on May 4, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. We are looking for a variety of acts, so if you have a talent, it is time to face the music and join us for a night of fun. Rehearsals will begin in early April. Please fill out the information and send in the form below:

Name _____

Home number _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Performance description _____

Approximate length in minutes _____

Email to: ollihastalent@gmail.com

Or mail to: OLLI Has Talent, c/o Barbara Ward, 10029 Willow Cove Road, Huntsville, AL 35803

Office Volunteers Needed: Urgent Call

Please volunteer your service and operate the OLLI office a few hours this winter session. Your time can be minimal; for example, you may choose a two-hour shift just once a week. Office volunteers answer the telephone, providing information or taking action as appropriate, supply assistance to members coming to the office, offer help in making copies, and support the general work of the office. You will meet other interesting OLLI members and will learn more about how our organization operates.

Jim Lindberg, Member Services Committee

Important Notice: Newsletter inputs for the February Newsletter are due by January 26.
 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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