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Laissez les bon temps rouler!!
(Let the good times roll!!)

OLLI Mardi Gras "Cell e bray shun" **February 16, 2010**

A Cajun expression (phonetically "less-say lay bawn tawmp ru-lay" for you non Cajuns) that strongly conveys the joie de vivre (joy of living) attitude that pervades south Louisiana.

We have borrowed this expression for our Mardi Gras Cell e bray shun on February 16, 2010, at American Legion Post 237, 2900 Drake Avenue (located between the Senior Center and Triana Avenue) starting at 6:00 p.m. and lasting until Lent begins.

It be a gala costumed affair if you are so moved; if not ferget a bout it. Enjoy delicious Cajun food, Zydeco, and other music, dancing and beads (don et them). Each ticket be \$15 (cheap) and includes a meal of jambalaya, (vegetarian) red beans and rice, gumbo, other goodies both chewy and sweet, and a Pat O'Brian Margarita to boot. Come join an party. Oh by de way, there not be room for de whole OLLI, but 1XX willin' partiers have room fo sure. So you be makin' you reservations 'fo de deadline of February 10, 2010, so you don miss all the laissez-in' or the roule'in'!

PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. PICK UP TICKETS AT THE DOOR. DEADLINE: February 10, 2010.

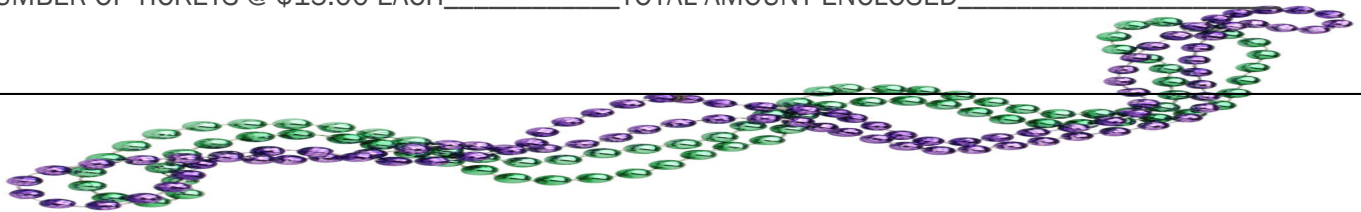
To reserve your spot, mail reservations to Eleanor H. Carter, 5720 Jones Valley Drive, Huntsville, AL 35802, telephone 881-6232, or go to the OLLI Office, Wilson Hall, Room 151.

Event Coordinator: Shirley Mohler, 539-3660 tuckmo1935@aol.com.

NAME(S): _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS @ \$15.00 EACH _____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____



From The President



Cindy Spratley

Welcome back to school. I hope by now you have had a chance to tour our new facilities in Wilson Hall. We are planning an Open House on March 18. The rest of our furnishings and appliances will, hopefully, be delivered by then. Stop by sometime that afternoon, between 12:00-4:00 p.m., for some cookies, coffee, and door prizes. We would also like for you to invite a friend, preferable someone who has expressed an interest in our organization, so we can show off our new area and encourage them to join us.

Help us keep our space looking as new as it does right now. We will be able to have food and drinks in our classrooms and the lounge, but along with that privilege goes the responsibility of cleaning up after ourselves. Clean up spills on the

furniture and floors as soon as they occur. Remove all opened food and drink items as you leave the area. Rules will be posted for the use of the kitchen area when our appliances arrive. For now, clean the sink after you use it, and do NOT leave dirty dishes in the sink.

Enjoy the lounge/kitchen area. We will not schedule meetings in that room so that you may enjoy the space to socialize with your fellow members. If you come to class early, you are welcome to wait in the lounge area or bring your lunch and stay on campus between classes. Just remember that our smaller classroom and the kitchen share a hallway and door, so please try to keep the noise down if class is in session. Do not go through our large classroom during classes to reach the lounge. Use the door around the corner from the office in the north-south hallway.



Social Committee



Nan Case

The Back -to-School Pot-luck on Jan. 22, was a lot of fun. About 80 people attended, and the food they brought with them was excellent. You could feel the energy in the room as everyone caught up with what others had done over the holidays and discussed which classes they had signed up to take this winter term.

The social function will be the **Teacher Appreciation BBQ** on March 12 at Trinity Methodist Church from 12 - 2:00 p.m. This will be an excellent chance for you to thank the teachers for donating their time to OLLI. Put it on your calendar now. You don't want to miss this opportunity!



Cultural Events



Pat Lindberg

Thirty two OLLI members and friends gathered at the Huntsville Museum of Art for a tour of "Paintings from the Reign of Victoria: The Royal Holloway Collection" on January 21. This outstanding exhibit depicted life in the Victorian Age. The paintings focused on varied and contrasting subjects which were made very interesting by our well informed docent. Thanks to Nell Roberts for planning and coordinating the tour and alerting the restaurant downstairs that several of the tour group would be eating there.

On Saturday, February 6, the Metropolitan Opera will present "Simon Boccanegra," which will be broadcast live to the Hollywood 18 Theatre at 12:00 p.m. Admission is \$20. The encore will be Wednesday, February 24, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$18.

"Hamlet" will be presented on March 27, with the encore on April 14.

Plans are underway for visiting the Westerfelt Warner Museum of American Art in Tuscaloosa, AL. More information will be forthcoming soon.

Also in the planning phase is a visit to the Sewanee Summer Music Festival at The University of the South this summer.

If you have questions about any of these events, you may call 534-7148. Also, we welcome you to attend our meetings and join us as we plan activities for the remainder of the year.

Smiles and Enjoyment at the Back-to-School Pot Luck Event



"Yes, all the food was delicious!!!"



Photos courtesy of Sue Chatham

SPECIAL EVENTS!



REMEMBER THE ALAMO? WANT TO GO THERE?

OLLI Special events Committee is considering a trip to San Antonio, Texas in May, but we urgently need an expression of interest from OLLI members to finalize details. We're thinking of a trip of 5-6 days duration, cost estimated at \$800-\$900 (double occupancy), transport to San Antonio not included. There is lots to see and do in the area—the Riverwalk, missions, museums, botanical gardens, Fredericksburg, etc. If you think you'd like to go with the great OLLI travelers, please send email to Eleanor Carter at carterer@aol.com with San Antonio in subject line. We need this info ASAP; please respond no later than February 8.

GAME DAY HELD

In spite of snow and ongoing construction at Compass Bank, the January game day was held on January 12, from 1:00 –3:00 p.m. with ten players. The group commiserated, munched, and divided into three groups to play Boggle, 3 Dimensional Scrabble, and Rummicube. Consider joining us for the next Game Day on March 9. Jeri McLain will be the coordinator.

OLLI SURVIVOR

The tremendous registration "rush" to join the OLLI Survivor game led us to reconsider the competition, curtail the event, and declare a winner. Congratulations to Angie Fedele, for she was indeed the last person standing. The OLLI SURVIVOR pin is under development in our design forge and will be conferred in the not-to-far distant future. Just when you think it is over, there are rumblings of an OLLI SURVIVOR II with different marketing, more advertising, and a tweak to the approach. This should be enough to scare you.

WATCHING FOR EAGLES

Thirty-three (33, count them) hardy souls answered the Eagle's call ("Caw Caw"... oh no, that is a crow) to spend the weekend at Gunter'sville State Park. The camaraderie was great, and the food was abundant, but there was too little cooperation from the weather. The eagles were scarce and the rain plentiful, but the group had a blast! You can do a heck of a lot with three sticks of dynamite. Through lectures by naturalists (and others), live birds doing their thing indoors, field trips to caverns and caves, waterfalls and wild life habitats, every one made it out alive. That's what I call a successful trip. (See Tom Bryant's pictures on page 7.)

MARDI GRAS

Mardi Gras ...see front page article in this newsletter. Please note: You can now either make reservations through the OLLI office in Wilson Hall, room 151 or by mailing to Eleanor H. Carter.

COOKING SESSION DEFERRED

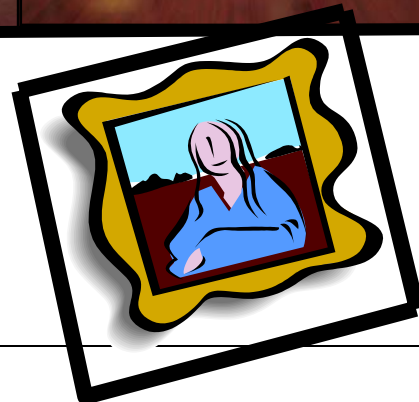
Our cooking session endeavors have been deferred.



A New Look for Wilson Hall

With the completion of the Wilson Hall renovation, OLLI has moved into a modern and spacious office where we can “at last” hang our hat. Along with the roomy OLLI office, there are two classrooms, a large kitchen, plenty of storage and a fresh, new atmosphere.

But that’s not all! Right across the hall, in room 600, is a UAHuntsville art gallery that OLLI members can enjoy between classes. For a limited time, the gallery will display the works of Mark Marchlinski, a former professor at UAHuntsville for nine years. Although plans are still in the works, the gallery hopes to exhibit other artists at various times throughout the year. This is a nice benefit for our many members who enjoy fine art.



Linda and Bill McAllister and Millicent Simmons enjoy a nourishing lunch at the Huntsville Museum of Art Pane e Vino cafe following the Cultural Committee tour of the Royal Holloway Collection on loan from the Royal Holloway University of London.

INDUSTRIAL TOUR



HUNTSVILLE CITY SEWER SYSTEM TOURED

Twenty OLLI members enjoyed an interesting and educational tour of a Huntsville City Sewer System on Friday, Jan. 22, 2010. We saw how the sewage comes into the plant and the process it goes through to become clean water and then a solid sludge burned in the city incinerator.

FORTHCOMING INDUSTRIAL TOUR IN FEBRUARY 2010

When I went to Washington D.C. with the World War II Veterans Honor flight to see the World War II Monument, I discovered that each Veteran received a small Statue of Liberty with a particle of the original statue included.

Then I discovered that those small statues are made here in Huntsville by the Liberty Legacy Company. We are scheduled to tour the manufacturing facility on Friday, February 19, at 10:00 a.m. The manufacturing facility is located at 3414A Governors Drive, Huntsville. The building is located about two blocks east of the Governors Drive Post Office on the north side of the street. It is a red brick building with the name "IENERGI" on the front.

We will meet at the factory for the tour. Fifty people can be accommodated for the tour. If you would like to go, please call the Murphys at 837-1427 or email rwmfhm@aol.com by February 17, 2010.



GOT TALENT?



OLLI's got talent— singers, jugglers, magicians, dancers, and more!! Come and perform or attend our event on May 4, 2010, starting at 5:30 p.m. and show your stuff...figuratively. A dinner accompanies the best of the talent in OLLI. Should be a festive and enjoyable evening. More next month.

Spot Light ON: *The Special Events Committee*

The Special Events Committee can be described as the frosting on the cake of OLLI. It provides us with those enjoyable, social, entertaining, and stimulating extracurricular activities that involve everything from field trips to the thought-provoking Summer Enrichment Series.

The SEC members meet regularly to brainstorm ideas and plan for activities. Once an idea is chosen, an ad hoc subcommittee is formed to organize and execute the event. The planned event is then publicized using various media channels.

Typical events organized by the committee are: Speaker forums, game parties, attending sports events, garden tours, nature appreciation, field trips, seasonal or special celebration, short-duration summer classes and much more. Events planned by this committee are usually non-recurring, one or multi-day activities which members can enjoy outside of the normal curriculum program.

The goal of the committee is to offer OLLI members opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities to broaden their experiences during the academic year. Although nurturing an event idea to fruition is exciting, the details involved are countless, and volunteerism of members outside of the committee is highly encouraged.



Pictured from left to right: Marion Riley, Nan Case, Chuck Duffy, Eleanor Carter, Joe Cremin, Committee Chairman, Anna Lee, Bob Jones, Paulette Bernstein, and Pam Shimer

During the Eagle Awareness Weekend, attended by 30 OLLI members, Tom Bryant photographed an owl with his handler from the Montgomery Zoo and the rugged beauty of the Lake Guntersville landscape at High Falls. Despite the rain and cold weather, OLLI members enjoyed their experience.





YOU ARE THE ONE!

Yes, we're talking about YOU with the talent to entertain, amaze, or inspire an audience of your fellow OLLI members and friends!

Live your dream, take a risk, and simply enjoy yourself. Play a part in an engaging evening of dinner and a show on May 4, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. We are looking for a variety of acts, so whatever your talent, don't hold back; take this opportunity to face the music and perform on this night of fun. Rehearsals will begin in early April.

Please fill out the following 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



Important Notice: Newsletter inputs for the March Newsletter are due by February 23. 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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