

A must-see event!

# THE OLLI HAS TALENT SHOW

Be prepared for some marvelous entertainment during this delightful evening of dinner, fun, and laughter. You'll be amazed with the talent of your fellow OLLI friends!

**Tuesday, May 4, 5:30 p.m.**

**American Legion Hall**

**3208 Long Avenue S.W., Huntsville**

**(From 565 to Bob Wallace, left on Triana Blvd., one block to Long Ave on left)**

Dinner and wine served at 6:00 p.m.

The talent show to immediately follow

**Cost \$15.00 per person**

**Deadline to purchase tickets is April 27, 2010**

**Mail check made out to Barbara Ward**

**10029 Willow Cove Road, Huntsville, AL 35803**

**Or stop by the OLLI Office, Wilson Hall, Room 151.**

Bring your family and friends for this memorable evening of fun

## Kalou's Corner Market Wine Tasting

Kalou's Corner Market would like to invite OLLI members to its April 6 monthly Wine Tasting from 5-7p.m. Vendors will be in the store to offer a variety of six generous tastings for \$10.

The cafe will be open and a special appetizer menu as well as regular menu items will be available for purchase. Kalou's is at 445 Providence Main St., across from the Mellow Mushroom. For more information, call Kalou's at 270-9977.



Submitted by **CHRIS JOHNSON**  
 Special Events Committee

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring Term Begins	Apr 5
Kalou's Corner Wine Tasting	Apr 6
Westervelt Warner Museum	Apr 16
An Evening of Gershwin	Apr 17
Armida	May 1
OLLI Has Talent	May 4
Game Day	May 11
Annual Meeting	May 12
Spring Term Ends	May 14
Potluck Picnic	Jun 9
Summer Enrichment Series	Jun TBD
Wilson Hall Office Open House	Jun TBD

## *From The President*



**Cindy Spratley**

The Open House for our renovated space in Wilson Hall has been rescheduled for June and will probably be held in conjunction with the Summer Enrichment Series (June 15, 16

or 22, 23). We are still planning for you to invite your friends to join us for cookies, coffee, door prizes, and, of course, interesting presentations about STEM. Details will be provided as they develop.

The University has implemented a new email program that will change the way you will receive email from OLLI/UAH. You should have already received our first 'Weekly OLLI E-News' message by now. Instead of inundating you with messages, we are sending only one per week on Friday. If you have input for a message, it will need to be authorized by a board member and received by

Maxine Doherty by noon on Thursday. Her email address is ([Maxine.doherty@uah.edu](mailto:Maxine.doherty@uah.edu)) We are hoping that this process will not only reduce the confusion over email messages but also improve the effectiveness of communicating in this manner. Your comments are appreciated.

Hope you enjoy your spring courses. See you at the Annual Meeting!!

*Cindy Spratley, President*

## *The Curriculum Corner*

As we begin the third and final term of our 2009-2010 academic year, I want to tell all our OLLI members how much I value our course instructors and their contributions to our organization.

Our instructors are all volunteers. They receive no pay. They share with us the experience gained in their careers; their special talents in music, art, or sporting endeavors; the interests they are passionate about, such as computers, history, and gardening; their varied hobbies; the beautiful and unusual sites they've seen in their travels. The time our instructors donate to us is not just what we see in the classroom. Putting a course together takes many, many, many hours of preparation outside our classrooms. This time may include planning lecture material, researching references and additional information to provide us, or completing a model of the item we are going to learn how to make in the course. Even those instructors who teach courses on DVD spend much time deciding which DVD course to teach, reviewing the DVD, and planning discussion topics to follow each lecture.

In George Bernard Shaw's *Man and Superman* one of the characters says "Those who can, do; those who can't, teach." At OLLI it's more accurate to say, "Those who already did now share their knowledge by teaching."

In the next courses you take, please let your instructors know how much you appreciate what they do for you.



**Barbara Ward**

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

# ***OLLI Social Committee Report***

The Teacher Appreciation BBQ was a wonderful success. There were over 150 people in attendance and the food was delicious. Joe Cremin's dissertation on a day in the life of a dog and a cat was hilarious. (See photos below.)

Start planning to attend our next event. The Annual Meeting will be a dinner meeting on May 12, at Trinity Methodist Church from 5 - 7 p.m. The catering will be by Kurt and the guest speaker will be our Mayor Tommy Battle. There will be a \$2 reservation fee, and the tickets are available in the OLLI office. The fee provides a headcount for planning the amount of food to order and offsets the dinner cost.. So get your tickets early.

The June 9 potluck picnic on Green Mountain is the last event that the Social Committee is planning this year.

Watch your newsletter for more details.

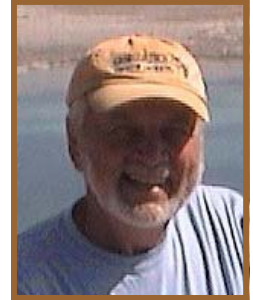


Nan Case  
Social Committee Chair





# Special Events Committee



## OLLI Cheered for the UAHuntsville Chargers

The OLLI UAH Hockey game was on March 5, versus the Bemidji State "Beavers" at 5:30 p.m. Bemidji State put a slight damper on the event, handing our Chargers a 3-2 loss, but 60+ OLLI'ites took advantage of the fairly priced (free) tickets and cheered on our Chargers. We didn't do as well as 2009, but considering our UAH tragedy, late ticket delivery etc., we recovered as well as could be expected. Towards the end, we expanded the number of ticket quota per person. Many thanks to UAHuntsville.

## Game Day

Applause to Jeri McLain for coordinating the March "Game Day" on March 9 at Compass Bank on Governors Drive East. Nine members attended and joined in the games. Our next game day will be on May 11, STSP (same time same place) and will be coordinated by Mildred and John McDonald. Come, snack, play, and enjoy. Bring a favorite game . . . if you care to share.

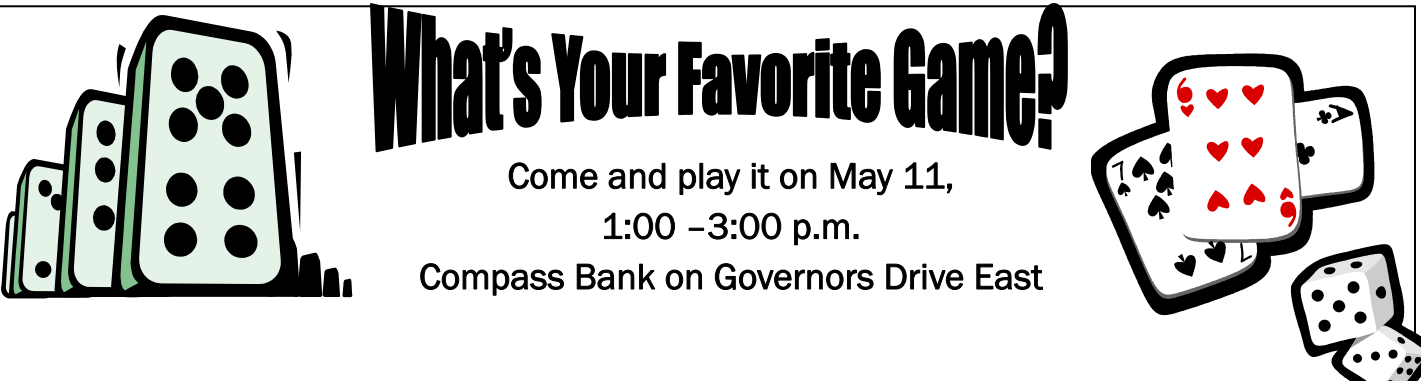
## A New Event for OLLI's Wine Connoisseurs

We are looking to try an April 6 Wine Tasting at Kalou's Market, located Providence Main Street. See the announcement in this newsletter for details.

## OLLI has Talent Pageant

Planning for the "OLLI has Talent" pageant continues. We are searching for the unique and special talents in OLLI'ites. Join up, sign up (by April 5), and exhibit your talents. May 4 is show time. See more details this newsletter.

*Joe Cremin  
 Special Events Committee*



## What's Your Favorite Game?

Come and play it on May 11,  
 1:00 -3:00 p.m.  
 Compass Bank on Governors Drive East

# Cultural Events



Wish all of you could have been with us for Opera Birmingham's "The Marriage of Figaro" on March 21. Their new home, Wright Center on Samford University campus, is easy to get to and parking is no problem. Susanna Phillips and all the cast were outstanding in their performances. Even the dreaded detour around the sink hole on I-65 for our return trip could not dampen our spirits. Thanks to Eleanor Schweinsberg for coordinating this event.

Now we are anticipating our Westervelt Warner Museum of American Art trip, Tuscaloosa, AL, by bus on Friday, April 16, departing 8:30 a.m. from UAHuntsville campus and returning by 6:30 p.m. Look for more information from Joyce Pettis in this Newsletter.

Remember the MET Opera at the Movies encore of "Hamlet" on Wednesday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m., admission \$18.00 at Hollywood 18. The last opera scheduled for the season will be "Armida" on May 1, at 12:00 noon, with an encore on Wednesday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m. This is the fourth season of the Metropolitan Opera's Peabody and Emmy Award-winning series "The Met: Live in HD" has provided many locations the opportunity to experience opera live simulcasts. Thankfully, Hollywood 18 has given Huntsville this experience.

Plan to spend "An Evening of Gershwin" on Saturday, April 17, 7:30 p.m. in the VBC Concert Hall with Carlos Miguel Prieto, conductor, and Sarkis Baltaian, piano, featuring All-Gershwin: An American In Paris, Piano Concerto in F, and Porgy and Bess Concert Suite. The addition of the Huntsville Community Chorus, directed by Billy Orton, adds extra impact to arguably America's greatest opera. This will be an American evening full of familiar music. Call the Symphony Office (539-4818) for ticket information. See you there!

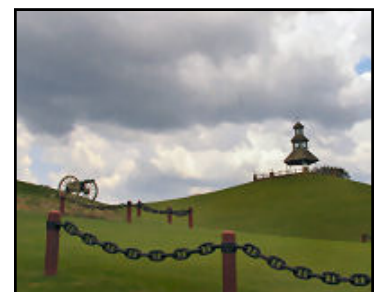
*Submitted by Pat Lindberg, Cultural Committee Chair*

## OLLI Excursion to Westervelt Warner Museum

The Cultural Committee has planned a trip to the Westervelt Warner Museum of American Art, a tour of the garden, and lunch, which will be a buffet. OLLI members will travel to Tuscaloosa by bus on Friday, April 16, departing at 8:30 a.m. and returning by 6:30 p.m. The \$63 price per person includes all of the above.

The deadline to signup is March 31 and the tour is almost filled.

Pat Lindberg ([Patlindberg@comcast.net](mailto:Patlindberg@comcast.net)) 534-7148 and Joyce Pettis ([JoPettis@aol.com](mailto:JoPettis@aol.com)) 830-9447 are coordinators for the event.



# Nominees for OLLI's Board of Directors

Election of OLLI board members by the general membership is scheduled for May 12, 2010 at the annual membership meeting. Board members serve terms of three years and are eligible to serve an additional consecutive three year term if reelected. The following current board members whose terms expire in May have been nominated to serve an additional term:

**Eleanor H. Carter:** Eleanor joined OLLI after retiring from UAH. She has served on the Board of Directors for OLLI and previously chaired the Special Events Committee. Currently she is Wednesday Bonus Coordinator for the Curriculum Committee, is a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee, and is Secretary for the Board of Directors. She enjoys art, music, reading, her travels with husband Bob, and a wide variety of classes at OLLI. One day she hopes to finish her great American novel . . . or perhaps just be able to ask directions in Spanish and understand the answer.



**Hugh Nicholson:** Hugh worked many years in industry as an engineer. He ended his working career in 1999 when he retired from the Federal Government as an attorney. Since then he has been very active in OLLI. He has taught courses, made presentations, and chaired nearly all of the OLLI committees. He was president for the 2005-2006 school year.

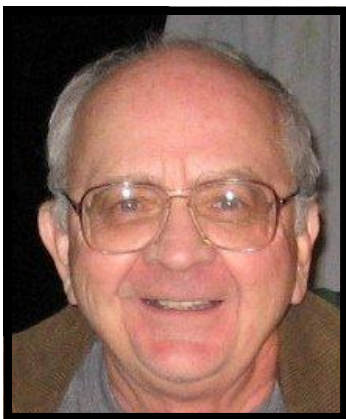
**Joyce Pettis:** Joyce is a retired professor of American literature from North Carolina State University with a PhD. from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. She joined OLLI once she relocated to Huntsville and has been an active member. She is co-editor of the OLLI Newsletter, serves as co-chair of the Cultural Committee, takes several classes each session, and has been an invited speaker to the Creative Writing class on publishing opportunities. This spring she will teach a class on how *not* to kill your houseplants. Joyce has been on the Board of Directors to replace a member who resigned.





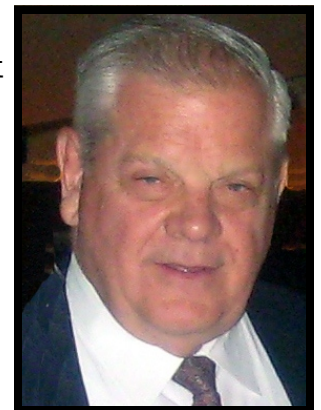
The following OLLI members who are not currently serving on the board have been nominated for board membership:

**Sue Chatham:** Sue has been involved with OLLI for many years in many ways. She has served as President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor. She has taught classes, organized trips, and served on the Membership Committee, Special Events Committee, Social Committee, and Administrative Finance Committee. She enjoys taking classes, being involved in OLLI activities, and meeting other OLLI students.



**Bob Goodwin:** Bob, a military retiree, is a Texas native. He teaches and develops hiking classes for OLLI at UAH and has facilitated several classes. He is on the OLLI Special Events Committee and the Curriculum Committee where he has secured instructors for several courses. Currently, he is an active participant on the Huntsville Beautification Board and oversees the annual judging of commercial properties each year. Bob is involved with building and maintaining trails for The Land Trust of Huntsville and North Alabama and is actively involved with the Tennessee Trails Association (TTA), leading hikes in the Huntsville area, giving hiking/traveling presentations. Bob is also a member of the Sierra Club, Ski Club, Wildflower Society and the Alabama Master Gardeners.

**George Leach:** George is a retired Army Officer and Systems Engineer. For the past five years, he and his wife have been active members of OLLI, teaching a dance class and participating in a Wednesday Bonus program. Over the years he has been a facilitator for several OLLI classes and a club officer in the OLLI Academy Stock Study Club. George is a regular presenter at the OLLI club and the local Better Investing Computer Investing Clubs. For the past 3 years, he has been associated with the AARP Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, serving as a site coordinator, tax preparation counselor, and certification instructor.



**Eleanor Schweinsberg:** A native of New York City, Eleanor transplanted to Huntsville in 1973. After her mathematics degree from Hunter College of the City University of New York and a career in computer programming for various companies in New Jersey and Huntsville, she has returned in retirement to her interest in the liberal arts. She has been an OLLI member for ten years and heads the Arts and Letters Curriculum sub-committee and serves on the Cultural Committee. She enjoys attending classical music concerts, taking piano lessons, and studying languages at OLLI. Now that their two children are grown, she also enjoys travel with her husband John.

# Participants Needed for Memory Research

Dr. Jodi Price, UAHuntsville Assistant Professor of Psychology, was touched by the outpouring of support from the OLLI community for her last research project examining Chinese language learning. Many of you kindly offered your time to participate in this study. Now Dr. Price is looking for individuals, 60-85 years of age, to participate in a new research study examining how memory and learning change with age.

Individuals who choose to participate will be asked to complete a vocabulary test and memorize word pairs comprised of a category name and items within that category (e.g., FURNITURE – Table, FURNITURE – Chair, etc.) and later recall them. Another task asks individuals to try to memorize a series of numbers and then recall them in the opposite order (e.g., if they saw 7 – 2, they would recall 2 – 7) or to match different shapes with numbers.

The experiment will last 2.5 to 3 hours and participants will be paid a nominal fee of \$10 for their time. Sessions can accommodate up to 6 persons at a time. Individuals interested in learning more about the experiment or scheduling an appointment may call Dr. Price (256.824.3321). She hopes to see some familiar as well as new faces for this project.



Thank you for helping advance the study of aging.



**Important Notice: Newsletter inputs for the May Newsletter are due by April 27.**  
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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