



Happy Holidays!

Thank you, members, for helping to make an organization as strong and welcoming as OLLI. We have a host of bright, giving, and energetic folks who gather to learn and are committed to helping to make our organization flourish. Pat Johns wrote a poem that reflects how most of us feel about OLLI. The poem below, **Taking Time For Me**, was originally published in a 2005 newsletter, and as a gift to us all, here is a reprint.

Wishing you and yours safe and warm holidays, and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

TAKING TIME FOR ME

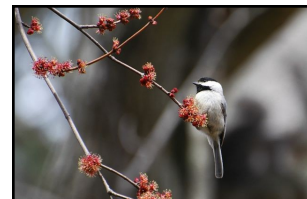
The butcher, the baker,
The scented candle maker,
The team that sent men to the moon,
The teacher, the preacher,
The financial risk taker,
The musician who plays Claire de Lune,
The actuary, the secretary,
The man from the mortuary,
The dentist who put in my crown,
The physicist, the pharmacist,
The physical therapist,
What a treasure of new friends I've found!
I have practiced my profession
Served my family
Enriched my community
Educated my children
Earned my laurels
And now I want to come out to play
With my friends!
I want to learn,
For the sheer joy of learning.
Study
Just to sate my curiosity.
Question
Until I quench doubt.
I want to
Muse, ponder, meditate.
I want to take time to
Investigate, calculate, cogitate
And explore all the different ways
To make the pieces fit.
THAT'S OLLI!

2010 Contest Photos Are Now on the Website

By now, practically everyone has seen the amazing photo of the winning *Dragonfly* by Bill McAllister that graced the cover of the fall catalog. But unless you attended September's "Ice Cream Social," you missed out on the slideshow of all the other remarkable photos of this year's participants.

After viewing this four-minute slideshow, you will understand all too well the hard job of the judges. Turn up your speakers and enjoy the show! <http://www.osher.uah.edu/photocontest2010.php>

Or log on to <http://www.osher.uah.edu> and click 2010 photos on the lower right.



Newsletter Assistant

Here is an opportunity for a person who enjoys creativity, has acceptable writing skills, and wants to learn layout in Publisher. It would be most helpful if the individual enjoys attending OLLI events and also takes photos. No experience needed, will train.

Please contact Lorrie White at ollinewsletter@msn.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Holiday Party	Dec 8
Opera at the Movies	Dec 11
Puccini's La Fanciulla del West	Jan 8
Frist Center, Nashville	Jan 12
Winter Term Begins	Jan 18
Taavo Virkhaus Lecture	Jan 20
Winter Back-to-School Potluck	Jan 21
Adam's Nixon in China	Feb 12
Gluck's Iphigenie en Tauride	Feb 26
Winter Term Ends	Mar 14

From The President



Chuck Duffy

We always talk about the fact that OLLI is an organization of volunteers — from the Board members, the various committee members, those who provide wonderful social

events and treats, and those who staff the OLLI office during the weeks that classes are in session. Recently I had an occasion to experience the latter duty for a few weeks, and found that I met many more members going and coming from classes than I met normally in classes. For some events OLLI members just show up ready to serve. This represents a major reason why we joined OLLI—the social mix over and above the classes.

Many of our committees are looking for members who will volunteer a few hours each month to make the OLLI program run smoother—not manual labor type of work. I hope more of you will look at these opportunities to become better involved in some area of OLLI. It just takes a little of your time!!

Chuck Duffy, President

Christmas is not a date; it is a state of mind.

Mary Ellen Chase

Curriculum Corner

It's hard to believe, but the OLLI fall term has already come and gone. How quickly those eight weeks went by! Hope everyone enjoyed the classes.

We are now getting ready for the winter term. Cindy Spratley and the Curriculum Committee have taken the needed information from the instructors' course syllabi and assembled the information into the course catalog. The catalog should be mailed around the middle of December. There are 59 courses (possibly a record high number) and six Wednesday Bonuses. Classes begin Tuesday, January 18, which is the day after the Martin Luther King holiday.

Here is a little request concerning the courses. It is made because waiting lists form for many of our courses. If you sign up for a course, attend a class, and decide that the course is not what you expected or for some other reason don't wish to continue attending, please have your name dropped from the course registration roster. When your name is dropped, and if there is a waiting list, the Registration Office will add the next person from the waiting list. The office will then notify this person that he/she has been added. But this will not happen until someone has their name removed from the list.

Dropping a course is extremely easy. Either go by the Registration Office, Wilson Hall 103, and fill out a drop slip or call the Office at 256-824-6010. You will make one of your fellow OLLI members very happy.

Enjoy your winter courses.

Submitted by Hugh Nicholson



Hugh Nicholson, Chair Curriculum Committee

Membership Drawing Winner is Announced

The winner of two tickets to the Holiday Party was announced at the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. It is Pat Clay who's name was drawn from 27 entries. Congratulations, Pat and thanks to all who participated.

Cultural Events

The Cultural Committee is offering an art appreciation excursion for OLLI members and their guests to Nashville on Wednesday, January 12, 2011. We will leave by bus from the UAHuntsville campus approximately 8:00 a.m. to visit Frist Center for the Visual Arts to view "The Birth of Impressionism," an exhibit of 100 masterpieces of mid-to-late 19th-century French paintings from the Musee d'Orsay in Paris.



Pat Lindberg

After a delicious box lunch of portobello, chicken salad, or club sandwich with chips or fruit and cookie, we will visit Fisk University to view the Alfred Stieglitz Collection of modern American and European art, which includes works by Picasso, Cezanne, Renoir, Toulouse-Lautrec, O'Keeffe, Demuth, Hartley, Dove and Walkowitz. The return trip to the UAHuntsville campus will be by 6:30 p.m. The price will be in the \$50-\$60 range, depending on level of participation. OLLI dues do not in any way subsidize the trip, and we need to make deposits several weeks in advance. Therefore, please let Eleanor Schweinsberg know immediately whether you are interested in participating by emailing eschweinsberg@bellsouth.net or calling 256-883-0602.

MET Live in HD "Opera at the Movies" (Hollywood 18) continues on December 11 with Verdi's Don Carlo. Note the time for this opera will be 11:30 a.m on Saturday. The encore will be on Wednesday, January 5, at 6:30 p.m. The schedule for the future is as follows (with Saturday performances at 12:00 p.m. and Wednesday encores at 6:30 p.m.):

- January 8, Puccini's La Fanciulla del West. Encore January 26.
- February 12, Adam's Nixon in China. Encore March 2.
- February 26, Gluck's Iphigenie en Tauride. Encore March 16.
- Senior tickets are \$22, children \$18, and all encore tickets \$18.

The second Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Preview Lecture by Conductor Emeritus Taavo Virkhaus was well attended, and we thoroughly enjoyed his comments and the music selections he presented. Lucky are we to have him available to share the joy of classical music with us. You are invited to the next Preview Lecture on January 20. Music discussed will include Romeo and Juliet Overture Fantasy, The Red Violin Concerto, and Scheherazade.

Submitted by Pat Lindberg, Cultural Committee Chair

November 3, 2010 Saw Terry Schoper's Art Memorial Dedication

Barbara Staggs explained the various photos that were selected to represent the many disciplines and activities that OLLI offers.



Some of Terry's loving family were present to share in the dedication. On the wall are motivational posters with sayings that are indicative of how Terry lived her life.

OLLI's New Webmaster

We are very happy to announce that Virginia Hurst has accepted the position of the OLLI Webmaster. She comes to us with an enthusiastic attitude and fresh ideas for maintaining and updating the OLLI website.

Virginia's experience includes responsibility for updating the website for the botanical garden where she has volunteered for 20 years.

She can be reached at ollweb@hiwaay.net and welcomes your comments and suggestions.

KEEP YOUR VEHICLE SAFE FROM CRIME

Charles Gailles, Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety at The University of Alabama in Huntsville wants to make sure you stay safe. Please read his tips below; you will be surprised at how many you did not know.

Chief Gailles explained in an email, “While we have a relatively safe campus, theft of our personal property from our vehicles continues to be an ever present threat. While a police presence on campus provides a deterrent to crime, taking a few steps to protect ourselves reduces the opportunities for crime to occur. In a series of emails to our university members, I will relay some common tips that help us keep our campus as safe as possible.

I want to solicit your assistance in reducing the opportunities for crime on our campus. While not all inclusive, here are a few easy preventive measures we can all employ to protect ourselves and our property.”

- ◆ **Park in well lit and populated areas**, if possible.
- ◆ **Park – nose in - with your wheels turned at an angle** to prevent unauthorized towing; some criminal rings use tow trucks to steal vehicles; they don’t arouse suspicion because everyone thinks the vehicle is disabled and needs towing.
- ◆ **Remove ALL valuables** from the inside of your car or completely out of view including check books, electronics, wallets, brief cases or other items. **THIS IS THE NUMBER ONE** action you can take to significantly reduce your risk of becoming a victim.
- ◆ **Keep the inside of your vehicle clean**; even if you just keep a lot of “junk” and non-valuable materials in the vehicle – the criminal doesn’t know that and may try to break in to sift through your vehicle’s contents.
- ◆ **Disconnect portable navigation devices** and take down the storage cradle. These systems are **THE NUMBER ONE** item of choice by criminals to steal. An empty cradle signals to the thief that you have a navigation unit, and it is probably in the vehicle.
- ◆ **Never place valuables in your trunk** before you leave your vehicle in the lot or garage or when going to the gym, class, office, or store. The criminal will observe this. If you need to use your trunk, transfer valuables **BEFORE** you get to your destination.
- ◆ **LOCK your doors, close your windows and sunroof tight** . You will be amazed how many vehicles are entered through an unlocked door. Activate your alarm before you leave the garage or lot.
- ◆ **If you go to the gym, never place your keys in a gym bag:** Keep them with you. Criminals will take a stolen set of keys and press the remote alarm to find the vehicle.
- ◆ **NEVER, NEVER, NEVER leave a vehicle running** at a convenience store, ATM, or other location. Many vehicles are stolen every year due to this carelessness. A vehicle left running is also a safety hazard and could result in a huge liability lawsuit against you if the vehicle lurches out of gear or otherwise causes damage or physical injury.
- ◆ **When pumping gas or paying for it, keep your wallet and purse WITH YOU;** don’t leave it in the vehicle or on the floor of the vehicle. Criminals often target gas stations for this reason. When giving your keys to a valet, only give them your ignition key or starter “fob”; keep your home keys **WITH YOU!**

If you have any questions or require any assistance, please do not hesitate to call University Police at 256-824-6596. Other helpful information is available at the website at <http://police.uah.edu> or <http://safety.uah.edu>



Nan Case, Chair
 Social Committee

Report From the Social Committee

Fall Teacher Appreciation was held on November 5 at Trinity United Methodist Church. We had a record-breaking crowd of 170 people for the Pizza Party. Next year we will have two buffet lines to speed up the process. We only had one table that jumped the line because they just couldn't wait! The Zydeco Class taught by Hall Beach gave us a demonstration of the Zydeco dancing they have been practicing all term; they looked pretty cute in their skirts and boots with lots of fancy footwork! We are so thankful for all our teachers! Facilitators, office

workers, and other volunteers were also recognized. The OLLI War Survivor pin was presented to Joyce Bates. Pat Clay won the drawing for two holiday party tickets for those who brought in new members to OLLI this term. All in all, a good time was had by all amid the yellow and orange fall leaves, mums and pumpkins.

Holiday Party at the Summit on Big Spring, Wednesday, December 8, 6:00-10:00 p.m. We are planning on another sold out crowd for the Holiday Party. Be sure to look at the back of your ticket and note to get your free parking you **MUST ENTER THE GARAGE FROM CHURCH STREET**. Dress is holiday festive with dancing shoes!

Mark your calendars now for the **January Back-to-School Potluck**, January 21, 2011, 12:00-2:00 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. Everyone brings a dish to share. A good visit with friends after the first week of classes is just what the doctor ordered to lift your spirits and warm your hearts! Hope to see everyone there whether you are taking classes or not.



How could anyone not have a good time at the recent End-of-Term Teacher Appreciation Luncheon? The upbeat Zydeco music was uplifting enough to turn frowns into smiles. The Zydeco dancers (pictured left) were fun to watch and made a person want to jump on the stage to join them. The pizza and veggies were tasty, but most of all, it was a good day to give our thanks and to honor our valuable instructors.

THANKS TO OUR WLRH VOLUNTEERS

The four lucky volunteers that got to work the WLRH telephones for the recent fundraiser were Ann Carey, Bob Crowe, Carol Pedigo, and Lynn Abernathy. What is so lucky about getting to work a three hour shift for the WLRH fundraiser? Well, they got to help the local station, they got to advertise OLLI, and they got to eat the wonderful gourmet food. Just because you have fun and eat well does not reduce the appreciation for your time.

The next fundraiser for WLRH is April 1, 2011. Shift will be three hours. The hours are not yet known, but most likely will be 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. If you are interested in this fun experience, call Bev at 534-3639.

Contributed by Beverly Marchelos

Spot Light ON:

The Member Services Committee

Have you ever thought about the different committees that exist in OLLI? The Member Services Committee is one of these. This committee is responsible for serving OLLI members and for investigating ways that OLLI may improve that service.

This committee provides welcoming letters and membership badges to OLLI members, oversees the publication of the OLLI Newsletter, provides general information on OLLI operations to its members, coordinates volunteer help for the OLLI office, and maintains a historical document for OLLI via scrapbooks.

Some of the specific responsibilities held by our members: Lorrie White & Joyce Pettis publish the OLLI newsletter 10 times a year, Bob Crowe mails the newsletter to those who get it by U.S. Mail; Jim Lindberg coordinates the office volunteers for each term; Margrit Earles maintains the OLLI scrapbook; and Elaine Leach maintains our Kiosk and video lending library. Members Barbara Ward, Bob Ward, Cindy Spratley, Darlene Davis, Jack Montgomery, Leah Black, Jim Will, and Steve Wynn are always quick to volunteer to do the numerous other tasks that occur.



Standing left to right: Elaine Leach, Margrit Earles, Bob Crowe, Darlene Davis, Barbara Ward. Sitting left to right: Jim Lindberg, Leah Black, Sue Chatham, Bob Ward, Lorrie White

The committee exists to serve OLLI members. We have fun while performing our tasks and would love to have more OLLI members involved in our committee. If you would like more information, please contact Sue Chatham at 256-461-0262 or chatham@knology.net.

Sue Chatham, Member Services Chair

Important Notice: Inputs for the January Newsletter are due by December 14.

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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