

OLLI Annual Meeting

Friday, May 13, 2011

5~7 p.m. at TUMC, Wesley Hall

Come out and join us for the Annual Meeting where a delicious Greek dinner will be especially catered by Taziki's. The featured program will be given on the Land Trust. Also on the agenda is the election of the OLLI Board nominees for 2011-2012 (see pages 6 & 7 for bios), and last but not least, we will give a big thanks to all of our teachers and volunteers. It will be a fun and eventful evening for all, and we hope you will be there.

Tickets go on sale in the OLLI Office in Wilson Hall at the start of spring term on Monday, April 4. Spring term OLLI Teacher's tickets are complimentary, but you must have one to help us get the catering numbers correct.

OLLI members are \$2.00 for a wonderful evening with great company, and non-member guest tickets are \$10.00 (they get to share in a wonderful evening too!).

Did You Know???

Did you know about a benefit that you receive from being an OLLI member and taking a class? You can get software at the same price as other students on campus. Go to the website www.journeyed.com and check out the software available. To get your discount you will need your badge and the registration letter that UAHuntsville sends you when you register for classes. You will need to fax copies of them to www.journeyed.com to receive your discount. For an example the Microsoft Office Package 2010 Professional Version was \$120 (a savings of over \$300). So remember to save your registration letter and go check out the savings.



Submitted by Sue Chatham

Newsletter Assistant Needed



Here is a challenging opportunity for a person who enjoys creativity, has acceptable writing skills, knows MS Word, 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

Spring Term Begins	Apr 4
Donizetti's Lucia di Lammermoor	Apr 6
Rossini's LeComte Ory	Apr 9
Preview Lecture by Taavo	Apr 14
A Fond Farewell	Apr 16
Strauss Capriccio	Apr 23
Verdi's Il Trovatore	Apr 30
Annual Meeting	May 13

From The President

SPRING has sprung! An opportunity to overcome that dreaded SPRING fever! Join us in a great program to exercise and stimulate our brains and bodies in the Spring Term! Pick your course (s) now and enjoy a spring tonic which doesn't require a prescription but could become a good addiction. I look forward to seeing you "on campus" whether in classes or at the Wednesday Bonuses or socials. Let's all enjoy an OLLI-good time!



Chuck Duffy

Chuck Duffy, President

Mark Your Calendar

Summer Picnic On Green Mountain

Wednesday, June 15, 2011 11-2:00 p.m. at the Pavilion.

Come out in June to Green Mountain Nature Center for the OLLI Potluck Picnic.

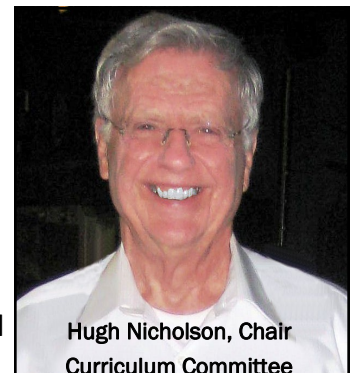
Lunch served at Noon.
Bring a covered dish to share.

Drinks and paper products provided by your social committee worker bees.

The area is beautiful, so come early or stay late and enjoy the cool, the covered bridge, lake, hiking trails, historic buildings, and mingling with your fellow members.

Curriculum Corner

There still seems to be misunderstandings about what should transpire in order for someone to teach at OLLI. If you want to teach a course you need to be pro-active. This means you need to go forward and let your desires be known to someone on the OLLI Curriculum Committee. This contact is usually someone who heads one of the Discipline Chairs. See the list on the back of the OLLI Course Catalog. If you need phone numbers, call me at 256-830-9279, and I will give them to you.



**Hugh Nicholson, Chair
Curriculum Committee**

Just remember that if you teach a course one term and plan to continue teaching it the following term, don't assume that the course will be listed in the next catalog unless you communicate your plan to the proper Discipline Chair.

Your desire to teach should normally be followed by a completed course syllabus, submitted as indicated on the form. The Curriculum Committee needs this syllabus to know when you want to teach, what books the UAH Book Store should order, what your audio/visual equipment needs are, and any limits to the size of the class. If you have already submitted a syllabus and plan to continue the course the following term, all that is needed is a simple statement to the effect that the old syllabus is still applicable and only the dates need changing.

Our large and varied array of courses for the spring term shows that the OLLI curriculum system works.

Hugh Nicholson, Chair, Curriculum Committee

Cultural Events

OLLI members were treated to a very entertaining presentation by docent Barbara Scott at Burritt Museum. She related information about the family of local artist Marie Howard Weeden (1846-1905), and about Weeden's art and her life. We viewed many of her impressive works. Barbara weaved several of Weeden's poems and songs into her talk. The grounds at Burritt are beautiful this time of year, and although the air was cool, we knew that spring was imminent. Our thanks to Nell Roberts for coordinating this tour!



Our final HSO Preview lecture by Conductor Emeritus Taavo Virkhaus will be on Thursday, April 14, 2:45 - 4:15 p.m. The location will be announced soon. The program will be "A Fond Farewell" to Music Director and Conductor Carlos Miguel Prieto on April 16, 7:00 p.m. in the VBC Concert Hall. Music will be Johannes Brahms Schicksalslied, op. 54 (Song of Destiny) and Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 7. Also featured will be the Huntsville Community Chorus with Chorus Master Billy Orton.

Live MET Opera at the Movies (Hollywood 18) schedule:

April 6: Donizetti's Lucia di Lammermoor (Encore)

April 9: Rossini's Le Comte Ory (Live)

April 23: Strauss's Capriccio (Live)

April 27: Rossini's Le Comte Ory (Encore)

April 30: Verdi's Il Trovatore (Live)

May 11: Strauss's Capriccio (Encore)

May 14: Wagner's Die Walkure (Live)

May 18: Verdi's Il Trovatore (Encore)

June 1: Wagner's Die Walkure (Encore)

This ends the Metropolitan Opera at the Movies Season. Senior tickets for live performances are \$22; all encore tickets are \$18. Live performance times are Saturday, 12:00 p.m. and encore performances are Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Pat Lindberg, Cultural Committee Chair





Nan Case, Chair
Social Committee

Report From the Social Committee

Winter Term Teacher Appreciation was held at TUMC on March 15. Rabbits were popping out of hats, and it was a great afternoon to thank our teachers for making MAGIC happen for all of us at OLLI. Their time and effort make OLLI a really magical experience. Our own Bob Ward, who got his start from Ralph Murphy's OLLI magic class, performed table magic throughout the event. Remember, "Open minds and hearts let in light so we can grow!" We had 135 members there celebrating the magic of OLLI.

Thanking Our Teachers for Their Magic



The Amazing Bob performed his magic tricks at this delightful luncheon where teachers were recognized and members enjoyed magic, lunch, and mingling.



Photos by
Sue Chatham





Spotlight On:

The Public Relations Committee



Left to Right:
Jane McBride
Lorrie White
Linda McAllister
Bob Goodwin
Cindy Spratley
Dannye Drake

Not pictured:
Jan Atnip
Lois Keele
Tony Reynolds
Jerry Rosensteel

OLLI offers many exciting activities and stimulating classes, and the job of the Public Relations Committee is to communicate to our members, our community, and our neighboring counties the interesting opportunities that are available through our institute.

The committee stays busy year round with several public relations efforts. For example, at the beginning of each term we have public service announcements on our local public radio station. We also coordinate with UAHuntville's Division of Professional and Continuing Studies to run articles in the *Huntsville Times* several times per year, preferably at the beginning of each term. Recently, we had fifteen new members join OLLI after they saw the Partners in Charity page in the *Times* advertising OLLI.

Committee members have created some interesting tri-folds with eye-catching photos, and these are displayed several times per year in area libraries. Also, flyers and catalogs are replenished regularly at the Madison County main library as well as several branch sites in our county. Local service organizations and clubs such as Kiwanis, Retired Educators, and church groups enjoy featuring a speaker from our group and hearing about our large array of interesting classes, cultural events, and socials. We also have had advertisements and articles in other local magazines that target seniors, and we occasionally set up a display and distribute materials at all-day senior expos.

Recently, in addition to our three term distribution of course catalogs, colorful flyers as well as business cards have been a favorite tool for OLLI members to use as they do personal public relations.

So, consider yourself a member of our committee and spread the word. Also, if you have any suggestions for sharing the news of OLLI, feel free to send them to me and/or join our committee. All ideas and creative minds are welcomed!

Linda McAllister, PR Committee Chair
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Nominees for OLLI's Board of Directors

Election of OLLI board members by the general membership is scheduled for May 13, 2011 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 member whose term expires in May has been nominated to serve an additional term:

Chuck Duffy: Chuck lived and worked in Japan over a period of 41 years. He was a Foreign Service Officer, banker, management consultant, and not-for-profit executive. Chuck had two years of intense Japanese area and language training at the Department of State's Foreign Service Institute area school in Tokyo and qualified as a Japanese language officer. In Japan he served as Consul in Sapporo, Yokohama, and as Economic Officer/Consul in Osaka. He joined Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York as a member of a team to open the bank's office in Tokyo, and after opening served in Tokyo as Banking Officer, followed by assignment as Pacific Far East Representative in Hong Kong, where he also opened a branch office. He then joined Mellon Bank as Japan Country Manager. In 1987 he joined Heidrick and Struggles as Partner and opened that firm's office in Tokyo. After retirement he served as Executive Director of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan and Executive Director of the American Management Association, Japan. He also served at the American Embassy, Vientiane, Laos, in 1959-60. He traveled extensively throughout Asia on business in the 70s, 80s and 90s. He served on the Japan-U.S. Education Commission (Fulbright Commission) for five years in the 1990s. He has been active in OLLI at UAH as instructor, committee and board member, and currently serves as President.

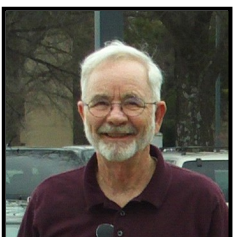


The following OLLI members who are not currently serving on the board have been nominated for board membership:



Arthur (Mike) Doyle: Mike is a naturalized Canadian from Seattle who joined OLLI in 2007. He is the past president of the Madison Optimist Club and a high school soccer referee. He graduated from Seattle University in 1962 with a BSME degree. After going to work for the Federal Government in 1963, he attended UAH taking classes in engineering and Russian. In 1973 he attended Vanderbilt University and obtained a MS in Russian Language and Literature. Mike taught some of the Elementary Russian classes at UAH for about 10 years. He retired from the Federal Government in 1998 and from the Colsa Corp in 2007. The OLLI classes he has taken range from Conversational Russian to World Literature to The Great Books to various history courses.

Mable Gordon: Mable is a retired clinical instructor from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Mable was a part of the staff that conducted the lab classes in the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. She and her husband Thurman moved to Huntsville in 2004. They have been members of OLLI since 2005. Mable has taken a variety of OLLI courses and has served as a facilitator. She currently volunteers with the Children's Advocacy Center and with the Christian Women's Job Corps.



William (Bill) Johnson: Bill is a native of North Carolina and retired from both the US Air Force active duty and US Army Civil Service. During his career he lived in Spain, Korea, Iran, and Germany as well as several stateside locations. He has worked in professional areas that include Air/Security Police, Special (classified) Electronics, Management Engineering and Analysis. He has a BS from the University of Tampa and an MBA from the Florida Institute of Technology. Bill has lived in the Huntsville/Monrovia area since 1987 and has actively participated in OLLI classes for the past 4 years. Current interests include history, the sciences, Investments, and travel. He is married to the lovely and talented Chris Johnson.

Nominees for OLLI's Board of Directors (Continued)

Jane A. McBride: Jane joined OLLI in 2009 after retiring from Teledyne Brown Engineering as a Program Analyst on numerous defense contracts. She has actively participated in OLLI classes each term and enjoyed several social and cultural events. She serves on the Public Relations and Long-Range Planning Committees and is a weekly office volunteer. Hobbies include birding, cooking, growing orchids, and travel anywhere and everywhere to the fullest affordable extent. Favorite trips are to visit or travel with children and grandchildren.



Jerri McLain: Jerri values OLLI and the learning opportunities it provides. She has led a Summer Enrichment session, presented a Wednesday Bonus program on China, assisted with event registration and Game Days, traveled on cultural outings, and taken varied and enjoyable classes. She served two terms as an AL Public Television Commissioner, interviewed Barbara Walters in her NBC office, worked for twelve years as a hospital vice president, completed her college sophomore year in England, is a member of a commercial real estate/political family, and served a term as Mayor of Mooresville, the Town where she lives. She has traveled to thirty countries, is an active member of the Mooresville Book Belles, and loves times spent with her family.

Jim Will: Jim retired from the Army on Redstone Arsenal on August 1, 2005. His government career was 38 years with a variety of assignments in St Louis, Heidelberg, Germany and eighteen years service on Redstone Arsenal. Following his retirement, Jim was involved with volunteer activities with the Huntsville Ski Club, OLLI, and Trinity United Methodist Church. One of his volunteer activities with Trinity Methodist Church was one year as a tutor for 4th and 5th grade students at Terry Heights Elementary School. His volunteer activities with OLLI included staffing the OLLI office and as a facilitator for many classes during the past four years. He is currently serving on the Membership Committee and the Curriculum Committee.



OLLI's Member Services Committee Needs Your Help

Have you been thinking about becoming more involved in OLLI? Then think about joining the Member Services Committee for some rewarding opportunities.

Have you ever worked with programming or updated a Kiosk? OLLI has a Kiosk that needs to be updated. We have the operating instructions but need someone to take on this responsibility.

Can you copy DVD's? OLLI has an extensive DVD Library and have received some additional DVD's to add to our library. Copies need to be made and the documentation of what we have needs to be updated. The instructions for doing this are available.

Do you have ideas that would add to the value of an OLLI membership? If so, then you need to join our Member Services Committee and express these ideas. We are a fun and active committee.

Our next meeting is Friday, April 8 at 11:30; please join us. I would be happy to answer your questions. Please contact me, Sue Chatham, at 256-461-0262 or chatham@knology.net.

*Contributed by Sue Chatham, Chair
Member Services Committee*

OLLI PHOTO CONTEST

Photos Due By June 30, 2011

The 2011 photo contest theme is called **Seasons of the Tennessee Valley** and can include photos representing the summer, fall, winter, or spring seasons taken between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. **Only current OLLI members are eligible to participate**, so please make sure your membership is up-to-date prior to entry. Photos can be submitted at anytime up to June 30. There will be first, second, and third place prizes.

Guidelines:

- ♦ **Theme:** Tennessee Valley **Seasons**
- ♦ **Specs:**
 - * Photographs must be converted to a digital jpg format
 - * Photo editing is permitted but keep the original photo
 - * Photo must not have identifying/copyright marks
 - * Preferred size is 1024 pixels
 - * Resolution at 72
 - * Color photos are preferred
 - * Email as an attachment
- ♦ **Submit to:** OLLInewsletter@msn.com. You can submit up to three entries; include your name, phone number, and email address. Give some information about the photo, where you took it and the date



Please note that entering your photo gives Osher Lifelong Learning at UAH and UAHuntsville permission to use your name and photo for the OLLI web site, catalog, newsletter, or any publications pertaining to the photo contest. You will be emailed a release form after your photograph is submitted, and it will not be eligible for judging until the signed release form is received.

The Truly Educated Never Graduate

Important Notice: Inputs for the May Newsletter are due by April 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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