

ANNOUNCING THE 2012 OLLI PHOTO CONTEST

Photos Due By June 30, 2012

Our 4th Annual Photo Contest theme is "Something Old (outdoors) in the TN Valley." Time frame is April, May and June; photos can be submitted anytime from now until the due date. There will be first, second, and third place prizes. It's fun, it's challenging, and all members are welcome to join in. You don't have to have an expensive camera to take that WOW picture.

Guidelines:

- ◆ **Theme:** Something Old (outdoors) in the *TN Valley — Use your imagination!
- ◆ **Specs:**
 - * Photos cannot have any identifiable faces
 - * Photographs must be converted to a digital jpg format
 - * Light photo editing is permitted but please keep the original photo
 - * Photo must not have identifying/copyright marks
 - * Preferred size is 1024 pixels
 - * Color photos are preferred
 - * Name your photo
 - * 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
- ◆ **Submission deadline:** June 30, 2012

Please note that entering your photo gives OLLI and UAHuntsville permission to use your name and photo for the OLLI website, catalog, newsletter, or any publications pertaining to the photo contest. You will be emailed a release form before your photograph is submitted. It will not be eligible for judging until the signed release form is received.

* TN Valley includes Alabama counties of Jackson, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, Morgan, and Lincoln County, TN.

Only current OLLI members are eligible to participate; make sure your membership is up-to-date prior to entry .



Remember the OLLI Annual Meeting and Spring Term Teachers' Appreciation Dinner
on May 11.

Read full details on p. 4.

Thank You, OLLI Members!

From the President



Chuck Duffy, President

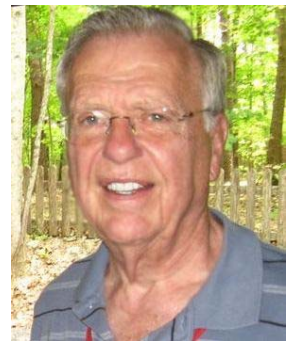
I'm pleased with your responses to the 'calls for interests and suggestions' for the Summer Enrichment Series. Some of the subjects are already in the planning stage. This summer we will try to provide a diverse menu, spread over several weeks, rather than the previous format of four days in succession.

Meanwhile, we have a full schedule of subjects for the Spring Term. And our OLLI Annual Meeting is set for May 11, 2012, so please save the date! The President of UAH and his wife (an OLLI member) will attend, the AMC band will provide music, and OLLI Board nominees for the coming year will be confirmed. I hope everyone is excited. However, many opportunities still exist for volunteering and serving on a committee or two, facilitating one of the classes you are taking, or overseeing the OLLI office for a couple of hours.

Our OLLI has a social purpose in addition to knowledge that never retires. Wear your OLLI badge proudly!



Curriculum Corner



Hugh Nicholson, Chair

Aren't the spring courses great! I can still hardly believe the large number of offerings and the variety of subjects they cover. Our courses are the backbone of OLLI. We should be appreciative of our many instructors who have stepped forward to teach them. These courses suggest the array of talented people associated with OLLI.

And could you stop looking at the colorful catalog that lists our courses? Getting away from black and white catalog covers and going to color was a delightful step forward. We can thank UAH for that.

Not only does the university prepare and mail the course catalogs but also it gives us other administrative support that may not be so apparent. It processes our course registrations and provides our classrooms. This support is a key factor in making OLLI a successful organization.

I also want to thank the Division of Professional and Continuing Studies for developing the on-line registration system that we used for the first time this spring. For those of you who used it to register for courses, I'm sure you were impressed with its colorful layout and its efficiency. It is a giant improvement over the old system.

Enjoy your courses. Study hard. Get ready for a wonderful summer vacation. Return to OLLI refreshed in the fall.



The Truly Educated Never Graduate





Cultural Committee

Submitted by Eleanor Schweinsberg, Chair

The Huntsville Symphony Orchestra's (HSO) Final Performance of the Season

"Grande Finale – An Epic Evening" on Saturday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. finishes the symphony's season with a sneak preview rehearsal starting at 11:00 a.m. The Huntsville Community Chorus will join the HSO. The program is "Also sprach Zarathustra" by Richard Strauss and "Carmina Burana" by Carl Orff.

Final HSO Preview Lecture and Reception

The last preview lecture of the season by Taavo Virkhaus will take place on Thursday, April 19, from 2-4:00 p.m. Note this different time. We will meet at the Edgewater Clubhouse in Madison. (From Huntsville take I-565 west to Exit 13 onto Madison Blvd.; turn left onto Zierdt Rd.; turn right at second light onto Edgewater Dr. The Clubhouse is on the left.) The reception will also include guests from the Edgewater community who will join us. After the lecture, we will enjoy refreshments. If you wish to bring a finger food, please do so. Call Eleanor for suggestions. Otherwise, the Cultural Committee will provide snacks and beverages. I hope you can attend the reception to express our thanks to Taavo.



April schedule for "Live in HD" Metropolitan Opera broadcasts at Hollywood 18 Theater, South Memorial Parkway, Huntsville:

- Saturday, April 7, 11:00 a.m. – Live HD transmission of Massenet's *Manon* (4 hrs., 5 min.)
- Saturday, April 14, 11:55 p.m. – Live HD transmission of Verdi's *La Traviata* (3 hrs, 5 min.)
- Wednesday, April 25, 6:30 p.m. – Encore of *Manon*
- Wednesday, May 2, 6:30 p.m. – Encore of *La Traviata*

Check the weekly emails for further events. If you have a cultural interest for the OLLI community, consider joining the Cultural Committee to help us plan to visit these events. Call Eleanor at 256-883-0602.

OLLI Member Honored

Karen Voelker has been recognized as a 2012 Senior Hero. The award "recognizes senior adults 65 and older for the impact they make in their communities helping others," according to the Huntsville Times.



The award and its accompanying gift basket were a surprise to Voelker, who arrived at the CASA Garden prepared to work, as usual. Voelker works all seasons in the garden, located off Bob Wallace Drive, adjacent to the Huntsville Botanical Garden. CASA provides fresh vegetables to seniors in Madison and Huntsville.

A Master Gardener, Voelker teaches classes for OLLI and has written about plants for the OLLI Newsletter as well.

Social Events

Annual Meeting & Spring Teachers' Appreciation Dinner

The Social Committee invites you to the OLLI Annual meeting and Spring Teacher Appreciation Dinner on Friday, May 11, 2012, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church on Airport Road. We have planned a special ending to our year of OLLI classes. New UAH President, Dr. Robert A. Altenkirch, accompanied by his wife, Beth, will be our featured speaker. We will vote on new members for the OLLI Board of Directors and also honor our spring teachers and other volunteers at this event. Perhaps the high note of the evening will come from the Redstone Jazz Project, consisting of seven musicians led by Staff Sergeant Russell Bundy. They are provided by the United States Army Materiel Command Band.



Bill Johnson

For this dinner meeting, there is a \$5 charge per person, *except* for teachers from the Spring Term. If you plan to attend the function, *everyone* (teachers included) will need to sign up in the OLLI office, beginning in April. The caterer needs a head count.

You may also contact Bill Johnson at 256-701-6490 to sign up. Make your check payable to OLLI and send it to me at 101 Sunstone Terrace, Huntsville, AL 35806. Please include your e-mail address, and I will acknowledge my receiving the \$5.00.

Please note the Annual Meeting and Spring Teacher Appreciation Dinner on your calendar and sign up soon. Be prepared to tap your toes.

OLLI Summer Potluck Picnic

Mark your calendar now for the OLLI summer picnic to be held on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, 11:00-2:00 p.m. at Green Mountain Nature Center. Come see your OLLI friends in the cooler air on the mountain top. There are trails for hiking, a historic covered bridge, and a covered pavilion for the picnic. Lunch will be served at noon. Bring a covered dish to share; OLLI will provide the drinks, ice, and paper products. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Special Events

The best feature of the "Blind Wine Tasting and Appetizer Challenge" on March 16, was that you didn't have to know a thing about wine to enjoy yourself.

The party was organized by the Special Events Committee—Jan Atnip, Mable Gordon, Eleanor Carter, and Cathy Bailey. The success of the party could be attributed to the guests who attended. Each attendee brought a bottle of wine or an appetizer that was judged by everyone at the party. Wine was put in brown paper bags with numbers on them and then voted on by the attendees.

Wine prizes were given to Marvin Polan (1st prize, wine decanter), Tom Dollman (2nd prize, wine apron), Steve Wynn (3rd prize, cheese cutting knives), and Leah Black (4th prize, slate cutting board). The winners for the best appetizer were Paulette Bernstein (1st prize) and Sue Chatham (2nd prize).

Submitted by Jan Atnip

An Enjoyable Evening at the Wine/Appetizer Tasting Event

There was nothing to whine about at the recent “Blind Wine Tasting and Appetizer Challenge” event sponsored by the Special Events Committee (SEC) on March 16, at the elegant Lake Forest Club House.

Out of the 21 different white and red wines, the choices were intricate to rate as some folks enjoyed the whites over the reds, the sweet over the dry, and vice versa. But there were a few wines that everyone appreciated and rated well above the rest.

Those who didn’t taste the vino still rated the scrumptious appetizers. The tasting experience was like being in the audience of one of the Food Channel Network programs. But here you could close your eyes and explore the different flavors and let your taste buds delightfully savor the mouth-watering sensations of a variety of cuisines and spices.

Kudos to the committee chair, Jan Atnip (pictured below on right), and to all the SEC members who made this a memorable and fun event. All photos at <https://picasaweb.google.com/Olliphotos/WinetastingMarch162012#>.

Submitted by Lorrie White



OLLI Board Nominees 2012



Cathy Bailey

Background:

- ◆ Graduate of Northeastern University in Boston, MA
- ◆ Lived in Massachusetts for most of her life
- ◆ Served as Executive Director of the United Way of Assabet Valley , Marlborough, MA (now part of the United Way of Central Massachusetts)

Cathy Bailey

OLLI Experience:

- ◆ Joined OLLI 5 years ago with husband Al, who was Web Master until his death in 2010
- ◆ Facilitator, office volunteer; member of Special Events and Administration Finance Committees

Leisure and Volunteer Activities:

- ◆ Huntsville Botanical Garden, Hospice of North Alabama

Leah Black

Background:

- ◆ Science, psychology, and philosophy; Master's degree in education
- ◆ Taught in a magnet program numerous years and served as lead teacher for staff of 21
- ◆ Trained to teach hands-on science to other elementary teachers in the district
- ◆ Received several grants to develop materials for science elementary teachers



Leah Black

OLLI Experience:

- ◆ Taken numerous stimulating classes in the OLLI curriculum
- ◆ Worked on the SES on the Alabama Constitution (Terry Schoper's encouragement)
- ◆ Active member on Member Services and the Social Committee
- ◆ Presenter and regular attendee at Wednesday Bonus; volunteer in OLLI office

Leisure or Volunteer Activities:

- ◆ Music, painting a little, reading, physical activity
- ◆ Volunteering at the Senior Center as a monitor in Studio 60, the gym there
- ◆ Assists daughter as coach of the Science Olympiad Middle School Team
- ◆ Spreading the word about the OLLI program

OLLI Board Nominees 2012

Fred Peterson



Fred Peterson

Background:

- ◆ Moved with family in the 1950s to southern Florida
- ◆ Graduate of Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL
- ◆ B.S. degree in Urban Geography and interests in local government
- ◆ Worked as urban planner, first in Fort Lauderdale, FL, and then in Arab, AL
- ◆ Retired as City Planning Director for Arab

OLLI Experience

- ◆ Member of OLLI three years
- ◆ Attends OLLI classes; particularly likes the Great Books Reading and Discussion Group
- ◆ Attends and enjoys Wednesday Bonus classes

Other

- ◆ Looks forward to being part of OLLI's growth and effectiveness in serving Huntsville retirees

Bob Robertson

Background

- ◆ B.S. degree from Sterling College, Sterling Kansas, in Math and Physics
- ◆ Post-graduate work in Mathematics at The University of Kansas
- ◆ Retired from the U.S. Army; served two years in Viet Nam and six years in Germany



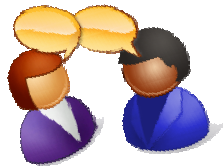
Bob Robertson

OLLI Experience

- ◆ Taken a moderate load of classes each term since 2005
- ◆ Taught several courses by presenting video classes and by leading discussions following each lecture ("Power Over People" lasted two terms; repeated by popular demand.)
- ◆ Presented "Great Minds of the Western Intellectual Tradition," which has been offered over six OLLI terms and ended with the Winter term, 2012
- ◆ Scheduled for "Great Minds of the EASTERN Intellectual Tradition" over two OLLI terms, beginning Spring, 2012

Leisure Activities

- ◆ Travel, domestic and international
Domestically, travels with a 1966 17ft long Airstream Carabel, an ebay purchase



Did You Know?

- ◆ The senior age group is now, for the first time, the largest in terms of size and percent of the population in the U.S. This age group grew at a faster rate than the total population between 2000 and 2010, according to a 2010 Census .
- ◆ In the 2010 Census, there were approximately twice as many women as men at age 89 (361,309 compared with 176,689, respectively).
- ◆ Comparisons across the nation's four regions in 2010 show that the South contained the greatest number of people 65 and older at 14.9 million, followed by the Midwest at 9.0 million, and the West at 8.5 million. The Northeast had the smallest number of people 65 and older at 7.8 million but also had the highest percentage of people 65 and older at 14.1 percent.



Important Notice: Inputs for the May 2012 Newsletter are due by April 24 .
Please send articles and ideas to Lorrie White, Editor; Joyce Pettis, Co-editor, at OLLnewsletter@msn.com.
Please understand that due to cost and space constraints, articles may be edited for length.



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