

Annual Meeting and Spring Teachers' Appreciation Dinner

Friday, May 11, 2012, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the TUMC on Airport Road

The social committee would like to invite you to the OLLI Annual meeting. This fun dinner event will honor our spring teachers and other volunteers. We will also vote on new Board of Directors members for next year. Our guest speaker will be the new UAH President, Dr. Altenkirch, accompanied by his wife Beth. In addition, we will be entertained by the Redstone Jazz Project provided by the United States Army Materiel Command Band. The Redstone Jazz Project, composed of seven musicians, is led by Staff Sergeant Russell Bundy.

The dinner meeting will be catered by Taziki's, and there will be a charge of \$5 per person for OLLI members and \$12 per person fee for non-OLLI guests for dinner. Teachers from the Spring Term do not pay for their meal. All attending the function, teachers included, must sign up and get a ticket by May 7, so that we can order the appropriate number of meals from the caterer.

Please sign up now at the OLLI office in Wilson Hall or you can contact Bill Johnson at 256-701-6490 or Sue Chatham at 256-684-7950. Make your check payable to OLLI, and send it to Bill Johnson, 101 Sunstone Terrace, Huntsville, Al. 35806. Please include your e-mail address, and an acknowledgement of the \$5.00/\$12.00 will be sent to you. You may pick up your ticket(s) at the door of the dinner, if it was not given to you when you signed up. Put the Annual Meeting on your calendar, and signup soon.



Wear Your Badges, Please!

Submitted by Eleanor Carter and Sue Chatham



Just a reminder!! OLLI members should wear their name badges at all times when on campus. Please note that current OLLI badges are printed in purple ink and show a 5/31/12 expiration date. Whether this is in response to UAH regulations, to assist class facilitators, or just to remind us of someone's name, it also shows and advertises both OLLI's presence on the UAH campus and the depth of UAH's commitment to community involvement.

OLLI's facilities in Wilson Hall are convenient and visible—that's the good part. In the past few months, however, those facilities have been subjected to after hour thefts of furniture and fixtures—classroom chairs, a clock, lounge furniture—as well as unauthorized daytime visitors who help themselves

to coffee and supplies. The use of OLLI facilities is covered by our affiliation agreement with UAH and our own OLLI policies and procedures governing room reservations. Everyone in our rooms should have a name badge. So we're asking that you keep track of your badge; wear it with pride.

And one more thing that's at the heart of the OLLI mission: forget what your parents taught you and introduce yourself to strangers! If it turns out that you already know them, then you've had good luck twice! Make room at your table. If you're new to OLLI, you might find a new friend with whom you have common ground. It will also make you feel more secure by knowing you're among fellow OLLI members. We're all really great people!!!

From the President **OLLI Year Nears Completion**



Chuck Duffy, President

The OLLI year is rapidly racing to the finish line! Spring classes are ending, and the OLLI Annual Meeting (and Teacher Appreciation Dinner) is coming up on May 11! Please get your tickets (so the Social Committee knows how much food to order) at the OLLI office.

We will be saying goodbye to some board members who have been VERY active on the OLLI board and directing some of our most important activities and planning. There will be a jazzy send-off from the AMC jazz combo, and remarks from UAH President Altenkirch. I hope to see as many of you as possible. Please remember to wear your membership badge at the meeting on May 11.

The OLLI fiscal year begins June 1; plan to pay your annual dues early so that you can participate in the SES activities, which will be scattered over the summer months. Watch for announcements.

Curriculum Corner



Hugh Nicholson, Chair

With our academic year coming to an end, I would like to thank all of those who have made it such a success. The most obvious of these are the instructors, followed by the classroom facilitators. But there are plenty of other behind-the-scene contributors: The Curriculum Committee with its 25 members ranks high among them.

Then there are coordinators who come from everywhere in OLLI. These are the people who imagine new courses and recruit new instructors. They assist the instructors, helping them through the proper procedures until their courses appear in the catalog.

Thanks to the Division of Professional and Continuing Studies, the Division of UAH where OLLI is located. It provides general administrative support and handles course registration.

And thanks to our university for being so supportive in providing our classrooms and printing and mailing our catalogs. We could not function without UAHuntsville.

Finally, I want to recognize and thank the anonymous donors who have contributed to the newly created special curriculum fund. This fund—some \$2000—was set up to provide financial support to on-campus curriculum activities. It has been used to purchase DVDs, song books, and the new card tables used by the bridge class. These purchases are outside the regular OLLI curriculum budget. If you know of a particular need for which some of this fund could be used, please inform someone on the Curriculum Committee.

That's all. Have a good summer.

The Truly Educated Never Graduate



Cultural Committee

Submitted by Eleanor Schweinsberg, Chair

Over two dozen people from OLLI and the Edgewater community attended another informative and entertaining Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Preview (HSO) lecture given by Conductor Emeritus Taavo Virkhaus on April 19. We were joined by HSO Conductor Gregory Vajda and HSO President and CEO Daniel G. Halcomb, who spoke to us about plans for next season. We invited the Edgewater residents to join OLLI and enjoyed refreshments with everyone. The event was deemed a success.



Taavo Virkhaus

The Hollywood 18 Theater, South Memorial Parkway, Huntsville, will show "The Phantom of the Opera" by Andrew Lloyd Webber on May 21, at 7:30 p.m. and the sequel "Love Never Dies" on May 23, at 7:30 p.m.

This summer, Hollywood 18 will show re-runs of this past season's operas from the Met. See the June newsletter for the schedule.

Check the weekly emails for additional events. If you have a particular cultural interest that you would like to bring to the attention of the OLLI community, consider joining the Cultural Committee to help us plan to visit these events. Call Eleanor at 256-883-0602.



Music Can Keep Brain Sharp Into Old Age

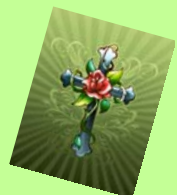
In a study of 70 healthy adults age 60-83, researcher Brenda Hanna-Pladdy of the University of Kansas concluded that those who had studied a musical instrument in their history performed better on several cognitive tests than those without instrument study or the ability to read music. "Since studying an instrument requires years of practice and learning, it may create alternate connections in the brain that could compensate for cognitive declines as we get older," Hanna-Pladdy concluded. Music can keep the brain sharp into the aging process. (www.upi.com/science_news/2011/04/20).



In Remembrance

Willie Staggs, long-time OLLI member, died on Tuesday, April 17, 2012. With wife Barbara he was an active member of OLLI. Because of their love of world travel, and Barbara's excellent photographic skills, they were favorite speakers for Wednesday Bonus programs and shared their many adventures with the audience.

Playing the guitar and singing were Willie's passions, and he did both well. As Willie and Barbara traveled the world near and far, he would sing and play, sharing his love of music with family, friends, and new acquaintances.

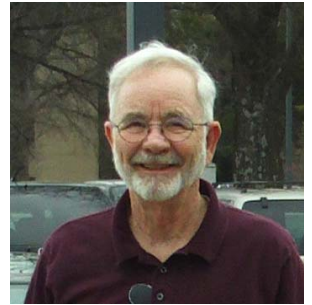


His smiling face and caring disposition will be missed by all who knew him.

Social Events



OLLI Summer Potluck Picnic



Bill Johnson

Mark your calendar now for our 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 at noon. Bring a covered dish to share; OLLI will provide the drinks, ice, and paper products. Looking forward to seeing you there!

The Picnic: An American Institution?

When OLLI members contribute their delicious dishes to the annual picnic on Green Mountain in June, will they be participating in a social event that originated in America?

According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the answer is 'no.' "Picnic" is traced to 17th-century France, appearing in print in 1692. "Picnit" is documented in 1748 outside of the French language, but it was 1800 (or so) before it can be proven to have been found in the English language—in England, not in America.

Originally, the word described an individual contribution to a feast that was eaten outside, such as medieval hunting feasts. Thus, our present practice is not too far off the mark.



REMINDER FOR THE 2012 PHOTO CONTEST

Don't forget, this year's 4th Annual Photo Contest theme is "Something Old (outdoors) in the TN Valley." Time frame is April, May and June, and photos can be submitted anytime from now until the due date of June 30.

Why not pack that trusty camera when making the rounds of Huntsville events this weekend?



From what angle can you best shoot that antique car, or the old oak tree, or the old barn or building you drive by every day. This is a perfect time to use your imagination and be creative; you'll find the theme offers endless possibilities.



Please read complete instructions in the April newsletter at <http://www.osher.uah.edu> and send your photos (up to three) to ollinewsletter@msn.com.

OLLI MEMBERSHIP

Free OLLI Holiday Party Tickets!

Membership in OLLI!

What do they Have in Common?

Do you know someone who has an interest in continuing their learning? Then OLLI is the right place for them. Plus, *you* could win two tickets to the OLLI Holiday Party. For every new member for 2012-2013 that you bring to OLLI between June 1 and November 1, your name will go into a drawing for two OLLI Holiday Party tickets. Make sure that your friends put your name on their membership form. The more new members that you bring in, the more chances that you have to win!



A membership form is on page 8 of this newsletter, or visit our web site at www.osher.uah.edu to get a copy.

Did You Know You Can Renew Your Membership Online?

Our current membership year for 2011-2012 will end on May 31 and our new year starts June 1, 2012. Now is the time to renew before you start your summer vacation. Renewing now will guarantee that you will receive the information about all of the summer happenings for OLLI and that you will receive the Fall Catalog of courses when it is published in late summer.

There is a membership form in this newsletter, and of course you can fill it out and mail it in. But there is now another way to renew: Go online and use a credit card. Go to the OLLI website at www.osher.uah.edu. Select 'Join OLLI' on the left side of the screen. This will take you to a web page that allows you to join OLLI online using PayPal. Follow the instructions and renew without having to mail a form or use a check.

Renew your membership now! Don't miss any of the summer activities!

Office Volunteer Opportunity



Office volunteering is a terrific and fun way to meet people and "be in the know" about the happenings at OLLI. The tasks required are answering the phone, assisting classroom facilitators and instructors, making copies, and general support of members as needed. No experience is necessary and training is provided.

For information, please call Jim Lindberg, Office Volunteer Coordinator, at 256-534-7148 or email at Lindberg@comcast.net.

SUMMER COMPUTER CAMP FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

- Designed for the Older Adult Novice
- Hands-on Learning with Personalized Attention
- Introductory-level Curriculum

Courses are designed for the *Seasoned Adult* who wants to become more familiar with their home computer. We believe learning should be an enjoyable and beneficial experience, and we intend to make it so! Our classes are structured to ensure hands-on instruction, personal attention, and are taught by dedicated and knowledgeable instructors. Each course is 6 hours, spread over 2 consecutive days.

CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

1 Computer Basics: The Very Beginning

June 18 & 19 **OR** July 16 & 17, 9:00 am – Noon

2 Microsoft Word for Beginners

June 20 & 21 **OR** July 18 & 19, 9:00 am – Noon

3 Facebook: Today's Connection

June 20 & 21 **OR** July 16 & 17, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

4 Google It!

June 18 & 19 **OR** July 18 & 19, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Only \$69 per course!

Fee includes all material costs, lab fees, and light refreshments.

Save \$10 per course.

\$59 per course, if you are an active member of OLLI@UAH.

If not a member, join today for only \$15. Sign-up at www.osher.uah.edu or contact Maxine at 256.824.6183 for details.



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SHOULD I START WITH COMPUTER BASICS?

Computer Basics: The Very Beginning provides the basic skills necessary to be successful in our other computer courses. However, you may already possess the skills to succeed without this basics course. Listed below are essential skills that most of the Summer Computer Camp courses assume you possess.

1. Knowledge of the keyboard. Not the same as typing skills, although those help.
2. Basic mouse handling skills – the ability to click, double-click and right-click.
3. Ability to select portions of text and then copy and paste to another position in the same document, to another document entirely, or to delete the selected text.
4. Ability to find and open a document.
5. Basic formatting skills, fonts and font size, page set-up (margins, for instance).
6. Ability to save a document to the desired location. Understand the difference between save and save as.
7. File handling abilities: copy, move and delete a file, and create a folder.

HOW DO YOU SCORE?

If you are unfamiliar with the above skills, register for *Computers Basics: The Very Beginning*. If you answer “YES, I know how to do that!,” then you are ready to start any of the Summer Computer Camp courses.

Questions or Concerns?

Maxine.Doherty@uah.edu or 256.824.6183

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SUMMER COMPUTER CAMP FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Individuals should begin with **Computer Basics** or have equivalent skills.
Not sure? See self-evaluation on the facing page.

1 Computer Basics: The Very Beginning

June 18 & 19 OR July 16 & 17, 9:00 am – Noon

You are welcome even if you have never touched a computer. This hands-on course introduces you step-by-step to a computer, and its keyboard, mouse, and screen – as well as a few simple programs and other hardware components. Practice skills such as cut, copy, and paste that will help you use almost any program. Learn how to organize files on a computer, where they go when you hit “save” and how to find them again when you need them. Also, learn how to access the internet and be introduced to the concept of electronic mail. If you have either Windows 7 or Windows Vista on your home computer, you can learn computer basics in this course.

* Upon successful completion, you’ll be ready to move into the other Summer Camp Course offerings.

2 Microsoft Word for Beginners

June 20 & 21 OR July 18 & 19, 9:00 am – Noon

Microsoft Word is a powerful tool that is easily learned. With it you can produce printed documents that are attractive, interesting and easily read. We will start with simple hands-on projects to learn the basic commands in Word. Learn how to create basic documents and add interesting elements, including changing the arrangement on the page and adding different fonts, colors, and pictures. You’ll leave class with the ability to create attractive and useful documents. Although the course will be taught in Microsoft Word 2010, you should be able to use your new knowledge in the 2007 version.

NOTE: Courses are offered in the Windows 7 operating system.

WAYS TO REGISTER:

It’s easy! Just select one or more courses and times from the list above. REGISTER EARLY! Seating is limited and on a first-come basis.

ONLINE: www.PCS.uah.edu/SummerCamp

PHONE: 256.824.6010

IN PERSON: PCS Registration Office, UAHuntsville,
Wilson Hall, Room 103

3 Facebook: Today’s Connection

June 20 & 21 OR July 16 & 17, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Facebook has more than 800 million active users, and over 50 percent of them log in to the site every day. Chances are your children, grandchildren and friends – both long-lost and brand new – are among these users. Social media sites like Facebook provide a new way to stay in contact with people, organizations and causes that you care about. In this course, we will help you set up a Facebook page using step-by-step instructions, while we guide you through the Facebook vocabulary like your “profile,” the “Wall,” and “updating your status.” You will learn how to navigate the settings that control what others can see about you and what appears on your Facebook wall. We’ll discuss security issues as well.

4 Google It!

June 18 & 19 OR July 18 & 19, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Join us to find out what it really means to “Google.” We all use Google to find stuff on the internet, but that’s not all Google can do for you. We’ll teach you how to take advantage of Google’s powerful search tools, effectively use “key words,” narrow searches, and find exactly what you need. With hands-on exercises, explore how Google tools can help you plan a trip, find the best restaurant, or shop online. Learn how to send, receive and manage your e-mail with Gmail, translate text with Google Translate, upload videos to YouTube, and explore the world with Google Map and Google Earth. Join us for a fun adventure on how to find and use FREE Google tools to enhance your internet experience!

LOCATION:

All courses will be held in Wilson Hall on the UAHuntsville Campus. Directions will be provided with your confirmation letter.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Maxine.Doherty@uah.edu or 256.824.6183.

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OLLI Membership Form for June 1, 2012 – May 31, 2013

Name _____ Preferred Name on Badge _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Please send OLLI Newsletters via: E-mail [] Please send OLLI Newsletters via Postal Service: []

Do you want to receive E-mail messages about OLLI activities? Yes [] No []

Join the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UAH by mailing this form and a check for \$15, payable to: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH.

MAIL TO: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH
P.O. Box 1581, Huntsville, AL 35807
PHONE: 256-824-6959

If referred by an individual, please list their name _____

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH is not responsible for any damage or personal injury sustained when a member is participating in any OLLI sponsored activities on or off the UAH Campus.

Membership: \$15

Scholarship Fund: * _____

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Date: _____

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Gift Membership Yes [] No []

Gift From _____

*If you would like to make a contribution to the OLLI Scholarship Fund for a UAHuntsville student, please include the additional amount you are donating in your check.

Important Notice: Inputs for the June 2012 Newsletter are due by May 22, 2012.

Please send articles and ideas to Joyce Pettis, Editor; Lorrie White, 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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