

The OLLI Insider

News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

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OLLI Holiday Party 2012

"Celebrate good times, come on," Kool and the Gang sang, to an energetic, toe-tapping beat. At the OLLI Holiday party, expect energy to be high and the music and food irresistible.



The OLLI Holiday party will be held on December 11, 2012, from 6:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. at the Hudson-Alpha Jackson Center in Research Park. Celebrate the holiday season with your fellow OLLI members and enjoy a festive dinner, dancing and socializing. Your friends are also invited to purchase tickets and attend, even if they are not OLLI members.

Tickets are \$40.00 each and can be purchased from Becky Dollman (251-520-3132), Joe Cremin (256 886-6161), Sue Chatham (256 461-0262) and Bill Johnson (256-701-6490). You can also mail a request and check (made out to OLLI) for tickets to Bill Johnson, 101 Sunstone Terrace, Huntsville, 35806. If you do not know where the Jackson Center is

please click on this website (<http://mapq.st/Urrusi>). It will guide you from UAH to the Jackson Center. Come, celebrate the holiday! The Social Committee wishes you a good time! And happy holidays.

See the Social Committee highlighted on p. 4.

Free Holiday Party Tickets for Lorie Call

Lorie Call is the lucky woman who won tickets to the 2012 OLLI Holiday Party. She won by asking friends to join OLLI and to list her name in the "If referred by an individual, please list their name" line. Her name was drawn at the Fall Teacher Appreciation Lunch on November 2, 2012. The tickets are sponsored by the Member Services Committee.



OLLI's 20th Anniversary Scholarship Campaign

In 1993, Dr. Mike Oliver, then Director of Continuing Education, decided to establish an all-volunteer program that would provide Educational opportunities for senior Huntsvillians. As a model, he chose a similar program at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, and created the Academy for Lifelong Learning to merge the academic goals of The

University of Alabama in Huntsville with the needs of a unique community with strong academic values, a history of innovative thinking, and a fondness for being in the company of kindred minds. From an initial 107 members the first year, the organization grew to a peak of 1100 members. Time and again, when Huntsville was, and is, listed in

national rankings for things like entrepreneurship, retirement, or quality of life, the Academy (now the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH) receives mention as an Integral resource for both the university and the community.

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From the President

Endings and Beginnings



Chuck Duffy,
President

As I write this column, we are approaching Thanksgiving, which will immediately bring us to the rush to Christmas and other holidays. We celebrate at OLLI as well.

I hope as many of you as possible will join in the OLLI Holiday Party at the Jackson Center, where, instead of sitting at a desk, you can get up on a dance floor for fun! The rhythm, hopefully, will motivate and compel you.

Soon after, winter term will begin. The schedule for the winter term is fixed, so watch for the catalog and the registration dates. You will find many of the classes exciting. Please read the weekly e-mails for other events.

Finally, enjoy the holiday season with all of its delights, whether you travel or have visitors, and look forward to a HAPPY OLLI NEW YEAR!

Curriculum Corner



We have just finished another exciting and enlightening OLLI term, which ended with the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Over 135 students and teachers attended. What a satisfying way to conclude a term. Preparations for the Winter Term are almost complete. We are excited about several new courses and two computer courses jointly sponsored by Olli at UAH and Professional and Continuing Studies. These will be taught on two successive Fridays, 4-hour sessions each. A \$65 lab fee is associated with each course.



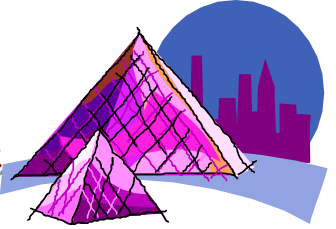
Mike Doyle, Chair

As always the Curriculum Committee is looking for new and veteran instructors. Additionally, we are still looking for instructors who would be willing to teach a course on either Tuesday or Thursday late afternoon (to accommodate working people) at about 5:45 to 7:15 P.M. Tell your friends and neighbors about the myriad OLLI courses. Sign them up, or you can give them the "gift of learning" through OLLI for Christmas. View a gift application at www.pcs.usah.edu/jsp/documentation/Osher-Membership-Form.pdf.

The Truly Educated Never Graduate



Cultural Committee



Eleanor Schweinsberg, Chairperson

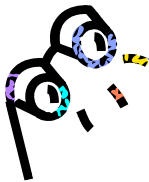
While we are all enjoying our break from OLLI and celebrating the holidays, there are still cultural events to enjoy in the local community.

The Huntsville Master Chorale will present a holiday program that will include Pergolesi's *The Magnificat* with soloists and a string quartet as well as beautiful new settings and familiar arrangements of traditional holiday choral music. The performance will be given twice at the following times:

Sunday, December 2	3:00 P.M.	Monte Sano Methodist Church	Monte Sano Blvd.
Tuesday, December 4	7:00 P.M.	First Presbyterian Church	307 Gates Avenue

Opera at the Movies

The Metropolitan Opera Live in HD broadcasts at Hollywood 18 on South Memorial Parkway will continue. The schedule for the remainder of November and December follows:



Nov. 14	Encore	Otello	6:30 P.M.
Nov. 28	Encore	The Tempest	6:30 P.M.
Dec. 1	Live in HD	La Clemenza di Tito	11:55 A.M.
Dec. 8	Live in HD	Un Ballo in Maschera	11:55 A.M.
Dec. 15	Live in HD	Aida	11:55 A.M.
Dec. 19	Encore	La Clemenza di Tito	6:30 P.M.

You may pick up a schedule on the table in the Hollywood 18 lobby.

In January, conductor emeritus Taavo Virkhaus of the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra will return to prepare us for the symphony performances. The next lecture will be on Thursday, January 10, at 2:45 P.M. in Wilson Hall Room 159.

Need a Holiday Gift Idea?

Consider this: Give a special neighbor, friend or loved-one a new lease on life with the gift of membership to OLLI.

For only \$15.00, you can give several months of social, cultural, and special events opportunities. In addition, free Wednesday Bonus classes and Summer Series lectures are included.

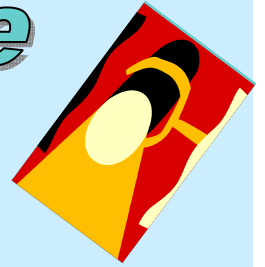
Sign your neighbor, friend, or loved-one up for a gift membership at www.pcs.uah.edu/jsp/documentation/Osher-Membership-Form.pdf.



Bill Johnson, Chair

Social Committee

(in the spotlight)



What has the Social Committee done for you lately?

The OLLI Social Committee supports all OLLI social events during each of the OLLI school terms by planning each event, contracting for facilities and food vendors or purchasing food and drink, selling tickets, and arranging for speakers or entertainment. It also decorates and cleans up before and after each event. Events that the committee planned and executed in 2012 follow:

- OLLI SUMMER EVENT— Hudson Alpha Talk
- OLLI Registration and Fall Back-to-School Gala and Ice Cream Social
- Fall Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- OLLI Holiday Party
- Winter Back-to-School Potluck Lunch
- Winter Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- Spring Back-to-School Ice Cream Social
- Spring Teacher Appreciation Dinner and Annual Meeting
- OLLI Summer Picnic

The Social Committee, integral to OLLI socialization functions, is a hard-working and forward-looking group. Several members were absent on the day this photo was taken.



Back, L—R: Ron Brock, Joe Cremin, Bob Crowe, Marilyn Patterson.

Front, L—R: Rachel Niv, Leah Black, Chris Johnson.

OLLI Members' Work in Photography Exhibit

OLLI members Diana Davidson, Tom Bryant, Barbara Hitt, David McGuinness, Henry Smith, Barbara Staggs, and Sam Tumminello are included in The Huntsville Photographic Society exhibit at the Huntsville Museum of Art in the Prozan Community Gallery. This free exhibition features a juried selection of 50 photographs in a range of subjects and styles. The exhibit can be viewed through March 24, 2013.

Leader Needed for the Spring Garden Tour



In spring term our favorite class is the Huntsville Garden Tour. This year it will be on Wednesdays from 3:00- 4:30 P.M., starting the second week of the term, THAT IS IF we can get another person to co-lead this important class. Joyce Pettis is one of the leaders. Another person is needed to co-lead with her. Organizing the class is not as hard as it sounds, but it is too much work for one person. Fortunately, Jean Lake left us reams of information from previous years. We don't have to "find" the gardens but we will have to contact gardeners who have worked with us in the past. If you are interested or can suggest someone, please contact Joyce Pettis at JoPettis@aol.com or Bev Marchelos at 256-534-3639.

Special Events



Jim Wills



Jim Wills has sprinted off as new chairperson of Special Events with this first of several forthcoming activities.

Plenty of space is available on this committee for new volunteers with fresh ideas. Please email Jim at Jim1940@knology.net, if you are interested in working with this group.

Twenty-one people were treated to a tour of the facilities at HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology on October 16. Carter Wells, representative for HudsonAlpha, presented an overview and history of the research facility via a PowerPoint presentation. A senior staff member, a Ph.D. in biology and genetics, talked about genetics research underway at Hudson Alpha.

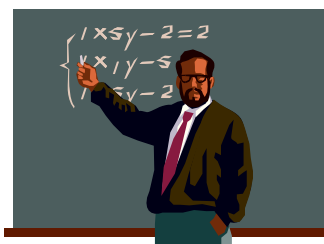
Carter Wells took the OLLI members to the fourth floor and explained the mission and functions of the different labs there. The work environment is very "employee friendly" with many windows for the

employees to receive natural light and great views. Wells then conducted a brief tour of the third floor, where companies who interact with HudsonAlpha are located. These company representatives can interact with employees from HudsonAlpha to the mutual benefit of everyone. The labs and companies are on three floors of this building and are on the opposite side of the building from each other. OLLI members who toured the site learned a great deal about the research and work environment of this amazing organization.

Winners of OLLI Winter-Term Registration

Two lucky women, Karen Hagen and Susan Kersch, won winter-term registrations at the Senior Expo held in September. These door prizes were courtesy of Professional and Continuing Services.

Tharrington Scott won the free membership for winter-term given by the Member Services Committee.



Bridge Instructors Needed

Bridge, anyone? We were fortunate to have the first and second parts of the five-part series of Bridge sponsored by the American Contract Bridge League. Unfortunately, we no longer have an instructor for the remaining three parts of the series. OLLI is searching for an instructor who can teach all five parts of the American Contract Bridge League Series. You may choose to start over, or to continue where we left off, or you may choose to begin a different Bridge program altogether. We just want to learn to play Bridge! Everything is negotiable.

Call Bev at 256-534-3639 (after 8:00 P.M), if you or someone you know is interested .

OLLI's 20th Anniversary Scholarship Campaign, continued from p. 1

In 2004, in recognition of their 10th anniversary, members of the Academy looked for a way to honor the organization's accomplishments and thank our UAH host. Our all-volunteer group was thriving, but many still felt that we should do more to support the University's primary mission: to train the students who would build the future. It was decided to establish an Academy (now OLLI)-UAH Scholarship Fund with a goal of reaching the minimum \$10,000 endowment level. Thanks to the generosity of our members, the endowment level was reached the very next year in 2005, and the first scholarship award of \$650 was given in 2006.

Criteria for the OLLI-UAH Scholarship were established as the following: open to any college or major; based on a demonstrated financial need; recipient must maintain a "B" average (3.0 on a 4.0 scale); and renewable for 3 years. Recipients were to be selected by the University's scholarship application process. Through the years, we've been delighted to meet with recipients of our scholarship at the Scholarship Luncheons and at our annual meetings, and to read their thank-you letters on what our scholarship means to them. They are shining examples of both UAH's dedication to academic excellence and the value that OLLI places on lifelong learning.

Fast forward, and here we are about to reach the grand old age of 20! We have a successful working relationship with the University and the organization is an important adjunct to it, still receiving mention in several national publications as an

integral part of the community's quality of life. And the OLLI-UAH Scholarship provides support for two exceedingly grateful UAH students! But we find that the changing times have not been kind to students. Tuition for resident students is over \$8700 (not including housing, books or fees)—a stellar bargain for quality higher education but still perilously close to being out-of-reach for some deserving students.



Now, at 20, an evaluation of OLLI's progress ends up being the same as it was at our 10th Anniversary: We need to strengthen our efforts to support the education of those who will shape the future! Thus, in honor of OLLI's 20th Anniversary, we'd like to set a new interim goal for the OLLI-UAH Scholarship of reaching at least \$50,000 in member contributions to the Scholarship by April 30, 2013.

Our goal isn't so far away. Prior to the November 2, luncheon, 363 OLLI members had contributed almost \$45,000 over the life of the OLLI-UAH Scholarship Fund—some in lump sums, some at regular intervals. At that luncheon, we announced our 20th Anniversary Scholarship Campaign for the new goal, and 20 generous donors contributed a total of \$871!! As

more of our members make contributions to the OLLI-UAH Scholarship, you can watch our investments in the future grow on the large campaign progress thermometer in the OLLI quarters.

During the next six months, we challenge you to help meet our new goal for the OLLI-UAH Scholarship. Make a contribution (large or small) to the OLLI 20th Anniversary Scholarship (TASC), checks payable to OLLI, and give to the OLLI Office or mail to the OLLI Treasurer, PO Box 1581, Huntsville, AL 35807. Remember our campaign in your year-end giving or estate plans. Multiply your own contribution through company/retirement matching programs, or forming your own challenge group. Talk to at least 5 people about our dedication to high academic goals for OLLI and for UAH students, and ask that they contribute to our scholarship. Invest some of your time and talents in thinking about how we can increase our OLLI's investment in the future of UAH students and share your ideas with the Board. If you would like additional information about the campaign or the OLLI-UAH Scholarship, email mclainblue@gmail.com or olli@uah.edu.

We look forward to another successful 10 years and beyond! Thank you for the role you play in our success!

Let nothing dampen your enthusiasm for exceeding your goals!

Submitted by Eleanor Carterer



Fun and Fitness Special Event

Submitted by *Bill McAllister*

OLLI members “weighted in” on fitness on Friday, October 26. The UAH Fitness Center’s Pat Mirandy kindly offered a half-day for us to see the Fitness Center, hear professional speakers, and eat some lunch. Dr. David Peterson, DPT, began the program with suggestions for avoiding and fixing joint and muscle damage.



Our own Millicent Simmons (left) led all of us through exercises done to a musical beat while sitting in a chair. Dr. Susan Alexander, of the UAHuntsville nursing faculty, shared helpful nutrition information.

Lastly, Mark Noble, well-known for his very successful physical endurance consultation with the Duke University Men’s Basketball Program over an 18 year period, showed us how seniors could use various balance devices to improve leg strength and body balance. He peppered his lectures with stories about how exercise can add quality and longevity to our lives. Twenty-three members participated.



Dr. David Peterson



OLLI Photo Workshop

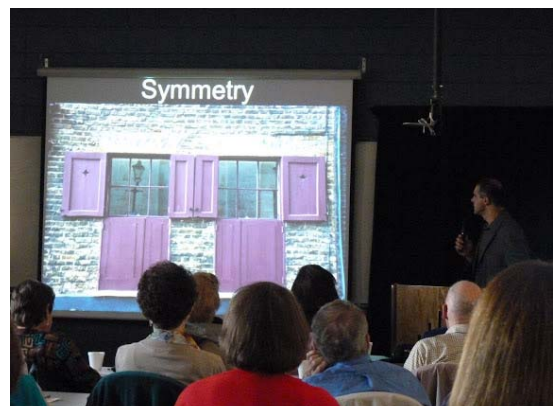
A capacity crowd came to Madison Hall on November 9, to learn about photography from a panel of local experts. The panel included UAH professor Jose Betancourt and award-winning OLLI members Barbara Staggs and Barbara Hitt. Peter Van Hoff spoke on his evolution from an amateur photographer to winner of the OLLI Photography Contest. Bill McAllister, a 1st place OLLI Photo Contest winner and subsequent judge, moderated the event, which was sponsored by Member Services. Both the workshop and the OLLI Photo Contest were conceived by Lorrie White.



Above, Betancourt chats with attendee. Below, he illustrates symmetry example in a photo.



Above, McAllister speaks with workshop attendee.



!!!! NEW OLLI PHOTO CONTEST !!!!
 From November 2012 –April 15, 2013, take photos for the new contest whose theme is “Reflections.” Contest rules are on website www.osher.uah.edu. Send 3 photos to ollinewsletter@msn.com. Previous winners refrain from participating for one year, please.

It was called a luncheon, but it was truly one big pizza party. OLLI friends, classmates, and newbies chatted, laughed, and munched on yummy food. Teachers, facilitators, and the Board of Directors were honored, and the winner of the Membership Contest was announced, Lorie Call. Everyone had a good time! Thank you to the Social Committee for once again gathering us together to spend time with old and new friends and to eat, talk, and be merry!.



Important Notice: Inputs for the January 2013 newsletter are due by December 13, 2012.
Please send articles and ideas to Joyce Pettis, Editor; Lorrie White, Co-editor, at OLLInewsletter@msn.com.



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