

# The OLLI Insider

News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

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## @ Sparkling Party



A lovely evening took place on December 11, at the Holiday Party held at the HudsonAlpha Jackson Center. As always, the food was tasty, and the menu offered something different—a yummy bread pudding dessert. The *Looking-Back Band*, better every year, gave everyone a terrific time. Thanks to Bill Johnson and the Social Committee.



All the glittering ensembles gave a sparkling touch to the festive colors dotted throughout the hall.



Cheerful table decorations:  
The angel  
& St. Nick!



Linda & Bill McAllister  
in the holiday spirit



Barbara & Bob Ward standing near the beautiful decorations that adorned the hall.



As always, the dancing is easy when the "Looking Back Band" plays music from our youth. Left, Chris & Bill Johnson tear up the dance floor.

Photos and text by Lorrie White.

## From the President

### Seasons Greetings



Chuck Duffy,  
President

Well, another year is coming to an end, and we are all looking forward to our holidays and resolutions for the coming year. I wish everyone a happy time! In 2013, OLLI at UAH will observe its twentieth anniversary as a community of continuing learners. I doubt that most of the original members of The Academy [OLLI's original name] looked far enough ahead to envision this event! We are a vibrant and still growing group with continuing emphasis on the hard work of all of our volunteers who plan, teach, and execute all of the things that make us 20 years older. I hope you will join the drive to increase our OLLI Scholarship Fund at UAH to \$50,000 before May, as a step to commemorate the 20th year.

But before we register for classes next January 7, I wish you all a  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

## Curriculum Corner



### Wednesday Bonus

Good news. The Wednesday Bonus sessions have a home for the winter term. We will meet in Wilson Hall, Room 001 (the auditorium) for all the sessions except the very last session, which will meet in the University Center.  
(See p. 6 for information on the first Wednesday Bonus class for 2013.)



Mike Doyle, Chair

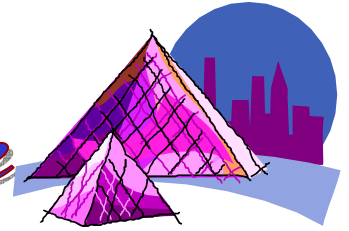
### Winter Back-to-School Event

Due to the outstanding success of the Fall Back-to-School Gala, the Curriculum Committee and Membership Committee are sponsoring a winter version. The event will take place from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on January 4, 2013. Several instructors will present capsulated versions of their classes in the auditorium in Wilson Hall (WH 001). These will be followed by a limited question and answer session, which, in turn, will be followed by coffee and light refreshments. Another presentation by instructors will follow the refreshments. This event is open to everyone. Come and bring a non-OLLI friend(s). Make suggestions. And finally, have a good time as we start 2013.

*The Truly Educated Never Graduate!*



# Cultural Committee



*Eleanor Schreinsberg, Chairperson*

Happy New Year! Although our Winter Term will begin in late January, the Cultural Committee has a busy schedule of events for you in January before classes begin.

## Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Preview Lectures



Taavo Virkhaus, conductor emeritus of the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra (HSO), will return to prepare us for the first two symphony performances of 2013. The January 12, HSO performance will be “The Cello Sings” with conductor Gregory Vajda and cellist Tamas Varga, performing the music of Leos Janacek, Richard Strauss, and Antonin Dvorak. The February 2, HSO concert will be “Love Hurts” with conductor Gregory Vajda and Mike Svoboda on the trombone, performing the music of Bizet, Svoboda and Debussy. The lectures will be on Thursday, January 10, and on Thursday, January 31, from 2:45–4:15 p.m. in Wilson Hall, Room 159. Even if you cannot attend the symphony, come listen to the music and learn about the composers.

## From Classical to Contemporary Piano Presentation

OLLI member B. J. Ferris will treat us with a piano concert, a program that promises to be both entertaining and informative. It exemplifies the connection between classical and contemporary music. B.J. formally studied and performed classical piano from an early age. In 2010, after decades of “abandoning” the piano because of family and career obligations, she resumed playing and is currently involved in all aspects of performance, including concerts, weddings, and church and cultural events as a featured soloist. She is also an OLLI instructor for “How to Listen to and Understand Great Music.” This concert will be free of charge, and you are encouraged to invite guests to this event in the Roberts Recital Hall on Ben Graves Drive east of Morton Hall on Wednesday, January 16, from 1:00–2:15 p.m.



## Shakespeare's Theater



Dr. Jeffrey Nelson of the UAHuntsville English Department will present a short course on Shakespeare's Theater. In this course, we'll visit Renaissance London and see a play. What is going on in London at the time? Who else is in the audience, and why are they there? How did Shakespeare stage his plays, and why did he use the language that he did? The overall goal of this course is to prepare us to see the plays performed at UAH by the American Shakespeare Center: “Twelfth Night” (February 5), “Love's Labour's Lost” (February 6), and John Webster's “The Duchess of Malfi” (February 7). This lecture will be given exclusively to OLLI members on Wednesday, January 23, in Wilson Hall, Room 152, from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

## Opera at the Movies

For a schedule of Metropolitan operas at the movies, please refer to the Hollywood 18 website, [www.fandango.com/regalhollywoodstadium18huntsville\\_aeegz/theaterpage](http://www.fandango.com/regalhollywoodstadium18huntsville_aeegz/theaterpage).



# Public Relations Committee

## (in the spotlight)



Linda McAllister, Chair

### OLLI Members, You Are the Key

When we think of public relations for OLLI, we think of YOU. If you enjoy OLLI friends, classes, socials, movies, special events, and field trips, you tell your friends. Your enthusiasm is contagious, and others want to share your fun and become a part of OLLI.

Even though we truly believe you are the best resource for publicizing OLLI, we also have organized marketing throughout the year. You have probably seen some of these displays and have possibly used some of the tangible paper items to share information with your friends. Listed below are some of our ongoing activities and resources.

- ◆ Displaying OLLI information in library showcases
- ◆ Distributing flyers to libraries, gyms, civic clubs, banks and medical offices
- ◆ Providing business cards for OLLI members to share with friends
- ◆ Working with UAH to get advertisements in local newspapers and “senior” magazines
- ◆ Recording public service announcements on public radio at the beginning of every new term
- ◆ Volunteering to answer phones during WLRH fundraisers (OLLI mentioned on the air)
- ◆ Staffing a booth at VBC Senior Expo – had demonstrations throughout the day and door prizes
- ◆ Managing a booth at Madison Wellness Center’s Healthy Living Expo
- ◆ Staffing a table/display at Green Street Market in downtown Huntsville
- ◆ Providing lively speakers for civic association meetings and retirement homes
- ◆ Offering a display and handouts at Earth Day event
- ◆ Maintaining a file of OLLI photos



The Public Relations Committee is looking for new members to help with activities. The list above may look overwhelming but actually many hands make the workload light. Let Linda McAllister know if you would like to work with publicizing OLLI. Contact Linda at [wmca@hiwaay.net](mailto:wmca@hiwaay.net) or call 256-534-8354.

Pictured from left to right: Bob Goodwin, Linda McAllister, Jane McBride, and Beverly Marchelos. Not pictured – Cindy Spratley, Toni Reynolds, Trudy Nye, Dannye Drake, Pat Hair, Phyllis Slate, Lorrie White, Rosie Rymut, Lois Keele, and Virginia Hurst

Article and pictures submitted by  
Linda McAllister

# Showcasing OLLI: The Public Relations Committee in Action



Left, Linda McAllister is showcasing OLLI at the summer farmers market held weekly at the Green Street Market, across from the Church of the Nativity on Eustis Street.



Left, a display for OLLI on Earth Day at the Hayes Nature Preserve. Those pictured are members of Bob Goodwin's hiking class.



Poster that can be seen in libraries and other venues to illustrate the breath of OLLI classes and activities.

## New Monthly Feature for OLLI Members

Do you have attractive, nice 'things' at your home that you no longer need? Too many vases? Plants and plant containers? Books? Picture frames? Yard tools? Car battery? Would you like to **swap** them for something that you need or would like to have? Would you **give** them to an OLLI member? You will have that opportunity in coming issues of *The OLLI Insider*. Look for the "Members Market."

Here's how it will work. First, no money will be involved. Secondly, you may list no more than three items per newsletter. Send an email to [Ollinewsletter@msn.com](mailto:Ollinewsletter@msn.com) that should read something like this: 2000 Singer Sewing Machine, 4-drawer metal file cabinet, Bear Bryant styled hat: Call (name and number) or email at (your email address).

Sorry, but all submissions must be received via email. After the listing, you'll just wait for interested OLLI members to contact you, and then all exchanges are left to you and the caller. The deadline for monthly submissions is listed in the center of the last page of *The OLLI Insider*, deadline for inputs. Items listed for exchange or giving after that date will appear in the following month's publication. Have fun, get rid of some stuff, acquire some more. Thanks to Beverly Marchelos for this marvelous idea!



# Special Events

Almost fifty people attended the inaugural movie and popcorn event on Friday, November 30, to view "The World's Fastest Indian," starring the well-know actor, Anthony Hopkins. OLLI members munched on popcorn and sipped beverages as they watched this inspirational movie based on a true story from the year 1967. Afterwards, many met in the lounge to enjoy lunch and to visit. This first successful movie event for OLLI members will be followed by more movies in the future.

Please email Jim at [Jim1940@knology.net](mailto:Jim1940@knology.net), if you are interested in working with this committee.



Jim Wills and Jane McBride prepare snacks for the event.



Jim Wills, Chair

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 Movie  
 and  
 Popcorn  
 Event  
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## First Winter-Term Wednesday Bonus

The great news is that the Wednesday Bonus class will be back in Wilson Hall, Room 001, for the Winter Term. The Wednesday Bonus will begin the very **first** week of classes on January 30, 2013.

The speaker for this first session will be Dr. Jodi Price from the UAH Department of Psychology. She will enlighten attendees on the results of those tests of memory that many OLLI members participated in last year. Dr. Price will reveal what the results of these tests suggest about cognitive aging.

The OLLI Board worked hard with Professional and Continuing Studies to return the Wednesday Bonus classes to Wilson Hall. Please show your support and appreciation by attending on January 30, at 1:00 p.m.

# Reflections



**Definitions:** *mirror image, likeness, replication, reproduction impression, rays, light, glare, shine, glitter-like appearance, reflected image, shadow, duplicate, representation, reproduction*

**Examples:** *a stately tree mirrored in a gentle pond, beams of sunlight glistening on wispy clouds, city nightlights shimmering in a puddle, a rainbow, a lighted candle softly reflected in a window*

**OLLI'S PHOTO CONTEST  
 BEGINS NOW THOUGH  
 APRIL 15, 2013**

## Guidelines:

- ◆ **Theme:** Reflections (Tennessee Valley only)
- ◆ **Specs:**
  - \* Gentle photo editing is permitted but keep the original photo
  - \* Photo must not have identifying/copyright marks
  - \* Photos must be submitted in digital jpg/jpeg format
  - \* Recommend at least 2 Megapixels (MP) final pixel size
  - \* Color photos are preferred
  - \* Name your photo
  - \* Email as an attachment
- ◆ **Submit to:** [ollinewsletter@msn.com](mailto: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:** April 15, 2013

*Previous 1st place winners are asked to refrain for one year before submitting photos. The identities of the photographers will not be revealed to the judges until the judging is completed. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.*

*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 will not be eligible for judging until the signed release form is received.*

*For questions, please call Lorrie White 256-520-4455 or email to [ollinewsletter@msn.com](mailto:ollinewsletter@msn.com), subject: photo contest.*

## ***New OLLI Information Center Kiosk***

If you would like to learn more about how OLLI functions with our member-led operations, visit the OLLI Lounge in Wilson Hall, and try the easy-to-use information kiosk located there. Learn, for example, how you can participate in the operations of the organization. Read information about the Board of Directors and the various committees staffed by OLLI members, who determine how OLLI business is conducted. Discover how your membership dues are used to fund the organization's activities. Read about the OLLI at UAH Scholarship, referenced in the President's Message in this issue, page 2. Use the kiosk to find information about curriculum milestones (start and end dates for each of the academic terms, etc.) and dates for upcoming OLLI events.

While you're there, enjoy pictures of the group's past activities.

Submitted by Jim Lindberg

## ***Winter Back-to-School Potluck Lunch***

On Friday, February 1, 12:00-2:00 p.m., join OLLI classmates for the Winter Back-to-School Potluck Lunch, facilitated by the Social Committee. Lunch will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church in the recreation hall. Bring your most appetizing dishes for potluck. Come and enjoy good food and conversation. Reconnect with previous classmates; welcome those new to the winter term.

Bill Johnson, Chairperson

**Important Notice:** Inputs for the February 2013 newsletter are due by January 22, 2013. Please send articles and ideas to Joyce Pettis, Editor; Lorrie White, Co-editor, at [OLLInewsletter@msn.com](mailto:OLLInewsletter@msn.com).



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