

The OLLI Insider

News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

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OLLI Office Staff Volunteers



Hugh Nicholson,
OLLI Office
Coordinator

When you come to Wilson Hall, the people you notice sitting behind the desk in the OLLI office, room 151, are office staffers. They perform a vital OLLI function by helping to assure that classes run smoothly. They also aid members who might need help.

Staffers answer the telephone. They also assist classroom facilitators by making photo copies for class and assuring that facilitators have needed coffee supplies. None of these tasks is complicated; all are quickly learned by simply being on the job. An office hand-book is available for guidance, if a problem arises.

The staffers receive plenty of positive kudos from their job. They become acquainted with the members who drop by the office, and they learn how OLLI operates. Additionally, they interact with the staff members of Professional and Continuing Studies.

The office is staffed during class registration and while classes are going on. Four time slots a day are covered, usually one staffer per slot.

These go from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.; 10:30 to 12:30 p.m.; 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; and 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. On Fridays only the morning slots are covered

The selfless men and women who have contributed their time to make OLLI function effectively this year are named below: Helena Crutcher, Janet Creech, Karen Trevey, Bill McAllister, Jim Will, Pat Allen, Olga Morawe, Debbie Tromblee, Justine Shrider, Carol Webster, Jane McBride, Mable Gordon, Jean Mulcahy, Leah Black, Lynn Abernathy, Jim Lindberg, and Cathy Bailey.

The staffing is coordinated by Hugh Nicholson. If you think you might like to be one of our office staffers, you can contact him at hughnicholson1@aol.com or 256-830-9279.

Join the office staffers named above. Contribute to the smooth running of the office that serves all OLLI members.

You will be glad you did.

Submitted by Hugh Nicholson



Time is running out to partake in the 2013 OLLI Photo Contest. See page 3 for more details.



Joe Jones with von Braun, July 1969, day before Saturn V in background was launched, sending man to the moon for the first time.

NOTE: In last month's *OLLI Insider*, the above sentence had the word "space" instead of "moon." What a difference a 'word' can make!

From the President

“April Showers”



Chuck Duffy,
President

“April showers” for OLLI signal the approaching finish of a year’s activities. On May 16, OLLI will hold its annual meeting, the 20th since Lifelong Learning began at UAH. Hope you will attend! That’s the time that your membership for the next year becomes due, but that’s not the only reason I am urging your attendance.

We have many OLLI accomplishments to be proud of. For example, we should take a little pride in having increased the OLLI scholarship fund to \$50K, but I hope we will set a new target upward, and meet that target soon! Please remember that OLLI is a volunteer organization and think about helping to keep OLLI functioning. “When you point your finger at your neighbor” you know what happens.

Enjoy the flowers!



Curriculum Corner

Searching for a Few Good Courses!

The OLLI program at UAHuntsville offers over fifty courses per term. They range from a discussion of great books to Turkish language instruction to hiking to scrapbooking. And these are only a few of the courses! What are you particularly interested in? Tell your OLLI board members which courses you would like to see offered. What subjects would you recommend for new courses?



Mike Doyle, Chair

Given the number of interesting courses already available, there is one problem. Who would be the instructor? Who would be willing to take the time or have the interest to teach a course on whatever new course you might suggest? Canvas your friends and neighbors. See if the interest they have in a particular subject might translate into a new OLLI course. Push 'em a little bit. Tell them how much you enjoy their interest or comments or stories about a subject. Everybody benefits--OLLI, the instructors, and the students.

The Truly Educated Never Graduate!



Time to Get Out the Camera 2013 Photo Contest Deadline is Drawing Near

The photo contest began November, 2012 and the closing date is April 15, 2013. The theme is "Reflections," which can include a rainbow, a light behind a dewdrop, an image in a puddle, or a cluster of colorful clouds reflected by the sun. A window, a mirror, a body of water, a sunset, a shadow – keep your camera handy, so you don't miss the moment.

There will be a first place prize of \$85.00 tuition for OLLI classes and catalog display, second place prize is a \$50.00 restaurant gift card, and third place prize is a \$15.00 OLLI membership for 2013/2014.

Guidelines:

Theme: Reflections (**Tennessee Valley only**)

Specs: Photo must not have identifying/copyright marks

Gentle photo editing is permitted but keep the original photo

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. 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

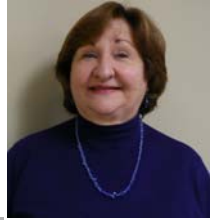
Upon receipt of the photo, a consent form will be emailed to you asking your permission to allow UAH or OLLI to use your photo for media purposes. If you have questions regarding requirements or uploading or resizing problems, please call Lorrie White at 256-520-4455 or email to ollinewsletter@msn.com, subject: photo contest

Cultural Event: The Metropolitan Opera Live in HD Broadcasts

The Metropolitan Opera Live in HD broadcasts at Hollywood 18 on South Memorial Parkway will conclude the season in April with performances of Francesca da Rimini and Giulio Cesare. Check the listing at http://www.fandango.com/regalhollywoodstadium18huntsville_aeegz/theaterpage or pick up a schedule on the table in the Hollywood 18 lobby.

Cultural Committee

Eleanor Schweinberg, Chairperson



Schweinberg

For April 2013 the Cultural Committee announces the following:

You are Invited to HSO
 Preview Lecture
 and
 Reception
 on
 Thursday, April 18, 2013
 1:00 p.m.

Edgewater Clubhouse

Speaker: Taavo Virkhaus,
 HSO Conductor Emeritus

Travel With the Cultural Committee to Frist Center for the Visual Arts — Nashville

We have learned that the Frist museum in Nashville is currently showing an exhibit of “Rembrandt and the Dutch Golden Age: Highlights from the Detroit Institute of Arts” until May 19. If you would like to go see it with OLLI members, contact Eleanor Schweinberg at eschweinsberg@bellsouth.net or call 256 883 0602 to see if we can form groups to travel together.



Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Nashville, TN

Taavo Virkhaus will give us a preview of the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra’s “Ode to Joy” program to be performed on Saturday, April 20. The Huntsville Community Chorus will join the HSO in a program of music by Aaron Jay Kernis, Leonard Bernstein, and Ludwig van Beethoven. We will also have a reception to thank Taavo for the talks that he has given us this year. Our guests will be Gregory Vajda, HSO Conductor, and Dan Halcomb, HSO CEO.



Taavo Virkhaus

Edgewater Community residents will be joining our OLLI members. Please bring a light finger snack to share. Beverages will be provided.

Directions to Edgewater Clubhouse:

Take I-565 West out of Huntsville. Take the Madison Blvd. exit (13). Go about 1 mile and take a left on Zierdt Rd. Go about 1 mile and take a right onto Edgewater Drive. The clubhouse will be on your left.

Administration and Finance Committee

(in the spotlight)



Jerri McClain, Chair of Administration and Finance Committee



Cathy Bailey



Ed Bernstein



Leah Black



Eleanor Carter



Sue Chatham



Mike Doyle



Chuck Duffy

The primary focus of the A&F Committee is to review the treasurer's report and any other information to be presented at the next OLLI Board meeting. The secondary focus is the review of any OLLI policies and procedures that may need updating.

The responsibilities of the committee also include appointment and oversight of an Audit Committee to assure that the books and records of the organization are kept in accordance with sound accounting principles. Moreover, the A&F Committee annually prepares, submits, and monitors an OLLI operating budget; the work also includes notifications and communications with the various committees about budget estimates and status. The committee assures that a minimum financial reserve of 30% of the membership fees collected during the previous year is maintained.

Maintaining an inventory of property owned by OLLI comes under the auspices of the committee, along with drafting new OLLI policies and procedures--as needed.

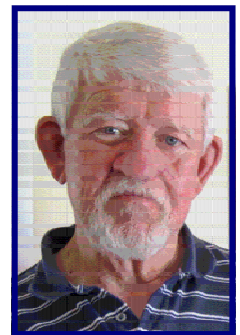
The Administration and Finance Committee was formed in 1993 at the beginning of the Lifetime Learning Program at UAHuntsville. The Committee meets on the first Friday of each month.

Submitted by Jerri McClain

Member George Leach is not pictured.



Bob Robertson

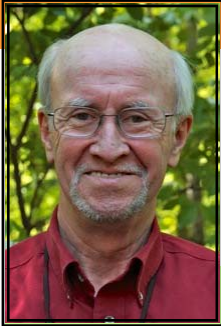


Fred Peterson



Jim and Pat Lindberg

OLLI Board Member Nominees 2013



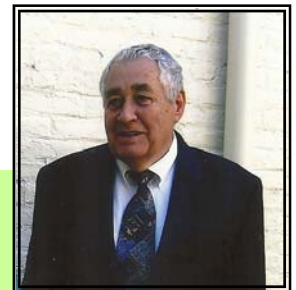
William K. McAllister, Ph.D., FAICP

Bill worked as a public urban planner in Massachusetts, South Carolina, and Florida, and finished his career teaching at the nationally accredited planning programs at Alabama A & M University. While teaching there, he was sent to West Africa (Sierra Leone) and to Kazakhstan in Central Asia for land use planning purposes. Also, while at the university, Bill worked four summers in environmental coordination for the USDA Forest Service in Washington D.C., and two summers as a faculty fellow for NASA in Huntsville. His degrees are in geography, community planning, and public administration. In 2009, Bill was honored as a Fellow by the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP).

Bill retired from AAMU in 2006 and joined OLLI soon thereafter, serving as an instructor, class technical facilitator, office volunteer, committee member for Special Events, and a presenter for four Bonuses. Bill has helped facilitate two OLLI Summer programs.

Outside of OLLI, Bill is a passionate outdoor photographer, especially of nature, and a lifelong birder, currently active in two birding organizations. Bill volunteers at the UAH Fitness Center. He and his wife, Linda, travel when time allows.

Henry Oakley McCrory



Henry Oakley McCrory received an Electrical Engineering degree from Auburn University in 1959. He took graduate courses at the University of Washington, Seattle University, Athens State, and UAH. He worked 41 years for contractors in the defense and space business. In 1962, he moved to Huntsville and retired in 2000. Delivering meals on wheels for several years became one of his activities. His hobbies include playing bridge, hiking, reading, golfing and keeping up with the stock market. He has taken five courses at OLLI at UAH each of the last two terms.

Susan Moquin



Moving from Arab, Alabama, to Huntsville with her nuclear family in 1963, Susan attended Madison Academy, graduating in 1973. She earned a B.A. degree in Political Science/Communications in 1976 from David Lipscomb College in Nashville, Tennessee and her law degree from the University of Alabama School of Law, where she graduated in 1980, and passed the bar exam that summer.

Bud E. "Bud" Cramer asked her to come work for him in the DAs office in 1984, and she agreed. Bud chose her to work with him in the creation of a new "team"

approach to child sexual/physical abuse, to become known as the Children's Advocacy Center. It was very hard and emotionally exhausting work, but the rewards of helping children and families were overwhelming. She accompanied "Bud" and other members of the "team" to Washington, DC, where President Ronald Reagan presented Bud with a Presidential Award honoring the program.

Susan is married to Clay Moquin; they are the parents of one son, Clay, and Susan has a step-son, Richard.

Susan was appointed District Judge for Madison County in 1995, a job both humbling and gratifying. She retired early in 2007. One of the best things Susan discovered after retirement was OLLI. What a wonderful way to continue to learn. She feels humbled to have been nominated to serve on the board of this fine organization!



Dr. Vanitha Singh

Vanitha Singh, retired from the UAH English Department, teaches courses for OLLI.

Social Events

OLLI Scholarship recipients Kiley Heflin and Betty Ann Neilson were introduced by President Chuck Duffy, when they joined members of OLLI on Friday, March 22, at Trinity United Methodist Church for the winter end-of-term Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Fifty-nine instructors were honored on the occasion for their volunteer service in conducting a full schedule of classes.



Bill Johnson,
Chair

OLLI Scholar Kiley Heflin, whose family lives in Oxford, AL, is a freshman at UAHuntsville, majoring in astrophysics, an interest that began in his childhood. While his dad was employed as a civil servant with the army, the family lived in several countries abroad. Kiley is an active member of the UAHuntsville philosophy group.

OLLI Scholar Betty Ann Neilson is from Charleston, South Carolina. An aerospace engineering major, she has volunteered her time at The Space and Rocket Center and has applied to The Boeing Company for summer work. Both students are pleased to be at UAHuntsville, and both expressed appreciation to OLLI for scholarship support.

OLLI members recently met their OLLI Scholarship goal for an accumulated total of \$50,000. That amount continues to grow.



Ctr, L-R: Kiley Heflin & Betty Ann Neilson. Back: L -R: L. McAllister, C. Duffy, B. Robertson, P. Lindberg.



OLLI members, looking chipper in red, wait for the luncheon to begin.

Winter End-of-Term Teacher Appreciation Luncheon



Above: OLLI members chat before lunch is served.

Right: Teachers in line for barbecue and fixings, including Carol Edwards and Andy Ruddell



Betty Ann Neilson, scholarship recipient, pauses for photo outside TUMC.

Important Notice: Inputs for the May 2013 newsletter are due by April 22, 2013. 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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