

The OLLI Insider

News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

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OLLI Annual Meeting and Spring Teacher Appreciation Dinner

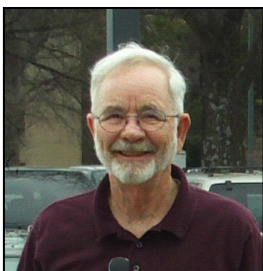
The Social Committee invites you to the OLLI Annual Meeting and Spring Teacher Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, May 16, 2013, 5:00-7:00 p.m., at the University Center on the UAH Campus. We are celebrating our 20th year of OLLI classes at UAH. Dr. Vistasp Karbhari, UAH Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, 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. For this dinner meeting, there is a \$5.00 charge for OLLI members. Teachers from the Spring Term will get tickets free. This year you may bring guests; tickets are available for guests at \$20.00 each. The deadline for signing up and ticket purchase is Thursday, May 9.

You may purchase your ticket(s) at the OLLI office. You may also contact Bill Johnson at (256)-701-6490, 101 Sunstone Terrace, Huntsville, Al., 35806; Becky Dollman, (256)-530-3132; Joe Cremin, H(256)-886 6161, cell (256)-508 5701, and Sue Chatham at (256)-461-0262 or (256)-684-7950. We will acknowledge receiving your payment. Note the Annual Meeting and Spring Teacher Appreciation Dinner on your calendar, and purchase your tickets early. Make your check payable to OLLI, and please include your email address.

**Congratulate winners
of the OLLI Photo
Contest at the
OLLI Annual
Meeting and
Dinner!**



**Free Hockey class
and discounted UAH
hockey team tickets!
Details on p. 3.**



OLLI Annual Potluck Picnic

Bill Johnson
Chair, Social Committee

Mark your calendar now for the OLLI summer picnic to be held on Thursday, June 13, 2013, 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!



From the President

Celebrating 20 years of OLLI!



Chuck Duffy,
President

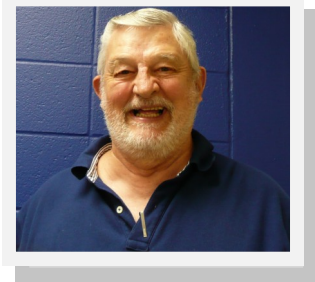


As early spring days are becoming longer and warmer, OLLI's spring term is rapidly approaching its finish. May 16 will bring the OLLI Annual Meeting in a new place and with a prominent speaker. You will have the opportunity to greet new officers and OLLI board members. Will YOU be there? Twenty years is a great anniversary to celebrate. OLLI has grown up at 20! While I will admit that our OLLI is not perfect YET, member participation will most assuredly help us grow better. We still have several original members and instructors who have been diligent for 20 years!

Let's hope we don't have to ask where you will be in our OLLI next year and in its future. Let's all work to make OUR OLLI organization the epitome of lifelong learning in the Huntsville community.

Curriculum Corner

OLLI Insight



Mike Doyle, Chair

Those of us who sit in the class and watch the instructor or the DVD—or both—are twice blessed. We can just sit there and absorb what we are hearing, and we don't have to stand up in front and lead the course. But it is *fun* being the leader. You can dictate what you want to present. You can teach from your own knowledge, or you can use a DVD to direct the class content while you throw in some wonderful insights. However, be careful! Sooner or later you will run across someone who knows more about that particular day's presentation than you do. Then will come the question. It doesn't matter what the class is. You will get a question and you'll have no earthly idea of what the answer is. Your only response should be, "I don't know but I'll see what I can find out." This is a mixed blessing because it deflates your ego which some say has been long overdue, but you also discover something that you did not know. Now none of the above will have any relevance if you just sit there in the student's chair. So "Stand up!" "Volunteer!" See how much fun life can be as an OLLI instructor at UAHuntsville.

The Truly Educated Never Graduate!

Cultural Committee

Eleanor Schweinberg, Chairperson



The Cultural Committee has arranged a docent-led tour at the Huntsville Museum of Art on Wednesday, May 22, at 1:00 pm. We will view "Psychedelic Mania: Stephens Rolfe Powell's Dance with Glass" and an exhibit of some never exhibited pieces from the permanent collection. We will also see the Heritage Quilters' Quilting Presentation.

Please contact Nell Roberts at 256 539-9837 or nellroberts101@gmail.com if you are coming, so that we can plan for an adequate number of docents. So come and join us.

Members Market

Members Market, an exchange and giveaway forum, appears in the *OLLI Insider* when members have submitted items for exchange. Announcements should be sent by the deadline on the back of the newsletter to the following: OLLInewsletter@msn.com.

Darlene Davis has spring bulbs to give or to exchange. Contact her at bdcdavis@knology.net for pickup details.

Friday, May 10, 2013, at 10:30 am

HOCKEY 101 - Free Class and Ticket Discounts!

UAH has a long and proud history of NCAA hockey, and OLLI has an equally proud history of supporting the only Division I hockey team south of the Mason-Dixon line! The UAH hockey coach, Kurt Kleinendorst, has offered to present a basic hockey course to interested OLLI members on Friday, May 10, at 10:30 a.m. The presentation will be held at Spragins Hall (home of UAH Basketball and Volleyball) in the Varsity Room on the first floor. Light refreshments will be served. Parking is available on the south side of the building (using the stairs to enter) as well as handicapped parking and access on the west side of the building, off Ben Graves Drive.

Earlier this year UAH was accepted as a member of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA), a premier conference, which includes Alaska-Anchorage, Alaska-Fairbanks, Bemidji State, Bowling Green, Ferris State, Lake Superior State, Michigan Tech, Minnesota State, and Northern Michigan. The team will have 18 home games this year, starting in October, at the Von Braun Center. OLLI members have the unprecedented opportunity of purchasing Season Tickets to the entire 2013-2014 schedule at a special, discounted rate. The normal price of a Season Ticket is currently set at \$192 per person, but for a limited time OLLI members can buy them for \$120! A Season Ticket will ensure you have the same lower level seat at every home game in a designated OLLI section, as well as first priority for any post-season matches. If you cannot attend one of the games, you are welcomed and encouraged to pass your ticket to a friend.

OLLI continues to be an integral part of the UAH community, and our support will certainly be noticed! Not only will your ticket purchase support the student athletes who have chosen UAH for their education, but it will also provide another means of publicity for the OLLI program and member recruitment. Please join us at Spragins Hall on May 10, for more information and to purchase your Season Tickets. For additional information or questions, contact Janet Reville at jrev1988@gmail.com.



Lost OLLI Cart

A black metal cart used by OLLI for projector and electronic equipment in OLLI classrooms is missing. If anyone has any knowledge about what happened to this cart, please contact Jim Lindberg (home phone: 256-534-7148 or email lindberg@comcast.net).

Website Needs Helper

HELP! The OLLI website needs a helper. Our OLLI Board is hoping a tech-minded OLLI member will be willing to volunteer a few hours per month to help keep our OLLI website up to par. Please contact Linda McAllister (wmca@hiwaay.net), if you are able to help. **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

OLLI at Earth Day Celebration

OLLI participated in the City of Huntsville Earth Day celebration at Hays Preserve on April 20, 2013. Earth Day observances, annually celebrated in more than 192 countries, promote and raise awareness about mother nature. In this area, Monte Sano State Park and Athens also held celebrations. At the Preserve, over 40 booths represented everything from the Sierra Club to the Huntsville Wildflower Society, and the city gave tomato plants to all participants.

The OLLI display featured hiking class activities along with OLLI catalogs and other promotional material to showcase the entire OLLI experience. Participants were invited to sign up for the fall catalog. Although the Flint River (adjacent to the Preserve) had overstepped its banks, there was a tremendous turnout of about 2,000 people.

Submitted by Bob Goodwin



Members of OLLI promote the organization at the Earth Day celebration at Hays Preserve. Photo Credit: Bob Goodwin

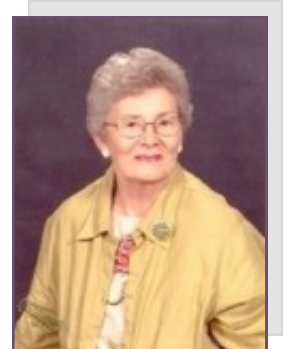
OLLI Membership? Free OLLI Holiday Party Tickets?



What do membership in OLLI and free OLLI Holiday Party tickets have in common?

Do you know someone who wants to continue learning? Would they enjoy symphony lectures, hikes, and industrial tours? Are they interested in meeting new people? Then OLLI is the right place for them, and you could win 2 tickets to the OLLI Holiday Party. For every new member for 2013-2014 that you bring to OLLI between June 1 and November 1, your name will go into a drawing for 2 OLLI Holiday Party tickets. Make sure that your friends include *your name* on their membership form. The more new members that you bring in the more chances that you have to win! Visit our web site at www.osher.uah.edu to join online or print the membership form on page 7 of this newsletter, and mail it in.

Toni Reynolds Remembered



Toni Reynolds, an active and motivated member of the Academy for Lifetime Learning and then of OLLI, leaves a legacy of tireless work for the betterment of the organization. She was a member of the Long Range Planning Committee, serving as chair from 2000 to 2002; a member of the Member Services Committee, and of the Public Relations Committee. Working on the Public Relations Committee, Toni made presentations to outside organizations to help recruit members for the Academy.

Toni was elected to the Board of Directors in 1999 and remained until 2005. She served as vice president from 2002 to 2004, and also chaired the Administration and Finance Committee as a function of the VP position. She served as president of the board from 2004 to 2005, retiring in 2005.

Toni was not shy about sharing her opinions, and she had many good ones. She shared in an interview for the OLLI Newsletter in January 2008, that “People nowadays don’t have time to talk to each other. With the advent of television and computers there is even less interaction. OLLI brings people together from all different areas. The Institute meets a real basic need of contact and sharing and is a great asset for all people coming to Huntsville. You get to meet, talk and get to know each other as people, not just another name on a list.”

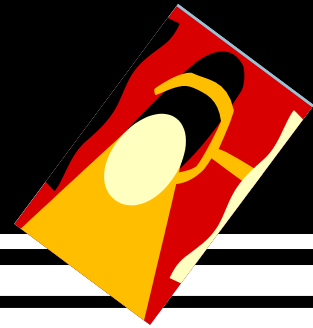


Toni was enthusiastic, full of energy, a voracious reader, and a staunch supporter of the Academy for Lifetime Learning and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH. In memory, each participant of the Member Services Committee made a personal donation to purchase a book for the UAH library in her memory.

Remembrance written by Jim Lindberg

In the Spotlight:

The OLLI Board of Directors



General Obligations

The Board of Directors manages the business and affairs of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). Monthly meetings and special meetings, as appropriate, are held to review activities and to conduct business to assure the smooth operation of the organization. The Board of Directors is composed of members of OLLI. A nominating committee selects candidates from the general membership, and these candidates are then elected by the general membership to three year terms. Board members are limited to serving two consecutive full three-year terms. They must remain off the board for a full year before being eligible for re-election to the Board.

Board Officers

Members of the board also serve as officers of OLLI. Officers consist of president, vice president, vice president-curriculum, secretary, and treasurer. The president is the principal executive officer of OLLI, supervising and controlling all of the business and affairs of OLLI and presiding over all board meetings and all meetings of the general membership. The vice president serves in these capacities in the absence or unavailability of the president. The vice president is also the chair of the curriculum committee and guides that committee in shaping the OLLI curriculum and overall conduct of OLLI classes.

The secretary prepares the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and is responsible for maintaining the primary files of OLLI. The treasurer is responsible for all funds and securities of OLLI, receiving annual dues from OLLI members and depositing these funds in banks or other financial institutions as appropriate. The treasurer pays all bills charged against the OLLI organization.

Other board members chair the various committees that provide and organize OLLI's services to its members. Those committees are Special Events, Nominating, Member Services, Social Events, Public Relations, and Cultural. OLLI board members serve on a minimum of two committees.



Back row, left to right: Bill Johnson, Bob Goodwin, Gratia Mahoey, Sue Chatham, Joyce Pettis, Cathy Bailey, Eleanor Carter, Jane McBride, Linda McAlister, George Leach, Jim Will. Seated on the front row, left to right: Mike Doyle, Jerri McClain, Chuck Duffy, Leah Black, and Ed Bernstein. Members not pictured: Mable Gordon, Fred Peteron, and Eleanor Schweinsberg.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

Membership Form for June 1, 2013 – May 31, 2014

Name _____ Preferred Name on Badge _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

If referred by an individual, please list their name _____

Newsletters are sent via Email . Need a printed copy? Check this box []

Send Email updates about OLLI activities: Yes [] No []

Join OLLI at UAH by mailing this form and your check, payable to: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH.

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OLLI 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 implies permission to use your photo for OLLI publicity. If you do not want

Membership: 1-year (\$15) [] 2-year (\$30) []

Type: New [] Renewal [] Gift* []

*Gift From: _____

OLLI Scholarship Fund:** \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

** Contributions to the Scholarship provide financial support for a UAHuntsville student. Please include the additional amount of your

THE RUBYTHROATS

Joe M. Berry, August 20, 2012

Time was no more.
The world stood still
the day he saw
what only God could plan.

He did not mean to pry,
invade, or disturb.
Later, with pen in hand,
he tried to describe.

It could not be done.
His mind retained,
but his hand was stayed
by what seemed a sacred trust.

A rare blessing
came that day,
letting him see
the mating of the hummingbirds.

Almost within his reach,
mere inches from his hands and feet,
all that is beautiful
between mates expressed.

It seemed a private show,
letting him know
God's plan
for man.

In their own
indescribable way
they seemed to say,
"Learn from us."

Would that he could
share what he saw.
Would,
but for their trust.



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Did you know that there's more than one way to see all the great events and happenings of OLLI at UAH? Effective this year, OLLI at UAH is on Facebook! Look for the big, blue button in your weekly e-news to view our page, or go directly to www.facebook.com/OLLIatUAH, and like our page to stay up-to-date with recent pictures and announcements. We've also changed the set-up of our weekly e-news for easy viewing of all the upcoming events. Simply click the title of the event that catches your eye, and you'll be directed to a page full of information – complete with descriptions, directions, times, and locations! You may also go directly to www.pcs.uah.edu/weeklybonus for a comprehensive list of all upcoming events for the current term. These events are updated weekly, so be sure to closely watch your e-news and check the web.

Important Notice: Inputs for the June 2013 newsletter are due by May 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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