

# The OLLI Insider

News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAHuntsville

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## OLLI's Public Relations Committee



The OLLI Public Relations Committee has recently been actively distributing flyers and catalogs to public places throughout the region and has prepared several displays for library windows and wellness fairs. The committee provides speakers for clubs and civic organizations and does public service announcements through WLRH public radio.

Although the committee is active, OLLI members are the best resource for publicizing OLLI. Tell others that we are having the time of our lives learning and socializing with friends through courses and numerous special events sponsored by OLLI.

Let the committee know if you hear of an opportunity to speak to a club or civic organization. Recently, new business cards were provided to give members a tool to pass along to their friends who may want to join OLLI. Talk it up: our organization is one of the best kept secrets for folks in our region who are 50+ years young, who want to stay active and continue learning.

L to R back row: Lorrie White, Ron Staschke, Doris Williams, Bob Goodwin, Barbara Hitchings

L to R front row: Beverly Marchelos, Linda McAllister, Jane McBride.  
Not pictured: Jane Norrell, Danyne Drake, Tom and Becky Dollman

Photo submission and text by Linda McAllister, Public Relations chair

## In Memoriam: OLLI Teacher Reese Danley-Kilgo



Reese Danley-Kilgo, age 85, died September 16, at her home. A short memorial service was held in her garden on Saturday, September 21, 2013. A multi-talented woman, she was a writer of fiction and poetry, a gardener, a world traveler, a wife, mother, and women's rights advocate. After her retirement from UAH as both a teacher of English and a counselor, she brought all of these interests to the various literature classes she taught for OLLI over the years. In the latter years, her classes were held at her house, where students also enjoyed her garden.

Danley-Kilgo is survived by three children—Patrick (Huntsville), Beth (Chicago), Kerstin (Knoxville)—and four grandchildren. The family requests that donations be made to the Huntsville Public Library or to the Huntsville Madison County Botanical Garden.



## President's Message

Another good class year filled with a great spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm has begun. Our wonderful volunteer faculty has come back from the summer break refreshed, and we are glad to welcome them to the fall term. We appreciate them anew for their hard work and dedication in bringing the best to OLLI at UAH. Class and A/V facilitators, our other cadre of volunteers, have been trained and are effectively providing information to classes about upcoming weekly bonuses and safety procedures, as well as assuring that all technology works smoothly.

OLLI committees are meeting regularly and discussing ways to include new OLLI members in their ranks and to make their committees function at their best. New OLLI members are stepping out and volunteering to serve wherever they're needed and wherever

they can be useful. In OLLI, we always need help. It takes all of us working together to make OLLI as successful as it can be. New ideas are welcome and much appreciated.

The first event in the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Speakers' Series was held in mid-August. Many say that we reached a very high level of quality with that presentation. Looking ahead, the second 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary presentation is set for November 8, just at the end of the fall term. Mayor Tommy Battle will address Huntsville's present, Nancy Rohr Huntsville's history, and Dennis Madsen Huntsville's future.

Thank you to all OLLI members, both returning and new. You're helping to make this year OLLI's best ever.



Jerri McLain,  
President



## *Historical and Fascinating Facts about Huntsville*

The historical or surprising facts below are intended to whet appetites and curiosity in preparation for the 20th Anniversary Speakers' Series on the present, past and future of Huntsville. Look for more facts throughout this edition of the *OLLI Insider*. Submitted by *OLLI Insider* associate Mable Gordon.

- Huntsville is home to the largest collection of pre-Civil War homes.
- The 25th Alabama Battalion surrendered to Union troops on May 11, 1865, on their beloved Monte Sano Mountain.
- Big Spring froze over in 1898.
- John Ditto established Ditto Landing as a trading post and ferry service in 1802.
- Alex Haley, author of *Roots*, spent his early years in Normal, Alabama. His father was an agriculture instructor at Alabama A & M College, as it was then named.

*The Truly Educated Never Graduate!*

# Cultural Committee



Jane McBride, Chairperson

## Tour of the Church of the Nativity

On Friday, October 11, OLLI members are invited to tour the magnificent restoration of the historic Church of the Nativity in downtown Huntsville, located at the corner of Eustis Avenue and Greene Street, one-half block east of the public square. We will also tour the gardens, and Andrea Vandevort, a talented floral designer in our area, will demonstrate flower arranging. The event will start at 1:00 p.m. and conclude about 2:30 p.m.

Please email Jane McBride at [janemcbride@knology.net](mailto:janemcbride@knology.net) to reserve your place.

## Holiday Sing-a-long at Historic Lowe House

On Thursday, December 5, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Altenkirch are our hosts for an OLLI Holiday Sing-a-Long at the historic Lowe House, home of the president of The University of Alabama in Huntsville. We'll be led by talented choral director Linda McAllister and a surprise guest to 'sing in the holiday season.' We will also share favorite special treats and enjoy festive decorations in a historic Twickenham mansion. Look for more details soon.

Email Jane McBride at [janemcbride@knology.net](mailto:janemcbride@knology.net) if you plan to attend.



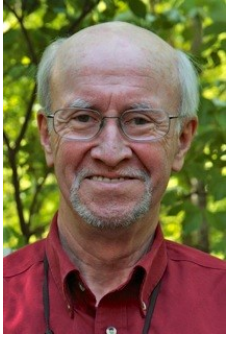
### Historical Tidbit:

In 1974, the area on South Memorial Parkway between Bob Wallace and Governors Drive was heavily flooded. Because of the standing water, the *Huntsville Times* had to print the evening edition in blue ink. Because the flood had destroyed their supply of black ink, blue ink was all they had left.

### Members Market

The Members Market is an opportunity to exchange items in good condition with other OLLI members at no cost. If you have items—bulbs for fall planting, for example—send notification and contact information to [OLLInewsletter@msn.com](mailto:OLLInewsletter@msn.com). Your item will be listed in the next newsletter.

# Special Events



Bill McAllister,  
Special Events

## When Seconds Count: Emergency and Trauma Hospital Practices

On Friday, September 5, 2013, twenty-one OLLI members learned from Sherrie Squyres, MD, how Huntsville Hospital and Emergency Services deal with emergency and trauma cases. From assessment at the scene to the fast examination in the ER, the emergency team moves as if seconds count. Dr. Squyres, head of the medical team and medical advisor to Huntsville Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (HEMSI), carried attendees through some typical cases that arrive at the door of the ER. Standards by which hospital ERs are judged include the number and availability of MD trauma specialists as well as its facilities. With Dr. Squyres as teacher, those present received a clear message about the problems assessing incoming situations where there is no prior medical information available, and the patient is traumatized or unconscious. Therefore, we were reminded to keep personal medical information up to date and available on us. This information will be invaluable when seconds count.

## Forthcoming: Halloween Storytelling by Joe Berry

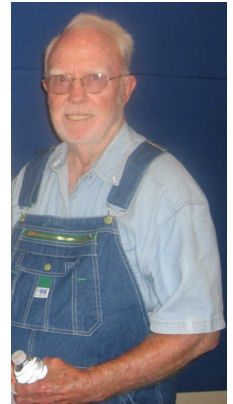


On Halloween Day, treat your friends to a special event featuring Joe Berry, one of OLLI's favorite instructors. This presentation is for OLLI members and other adult friends, whom you may want to invite. Joe, a retired lawyer, is noted for his dry sense of humor and interesting storytelling. Come, enjoy a fun time together at 2:30 p.m., October 31, in UAH Wilson Hall 001. When Joe Berry was asked to provide a description of his presentation, he sent the following:

"It is impossible for me to speak of my presentation on October 31. I will share announcements that currently appear in all the leading newspapers of Europe and the Far East."

"The world of science anxiously awaits the lecture of Joe M. Berry, eminent scholar and the world's authority on the mysterious and unknown to be presented in Huntsville, Alabama, on October 31, 2013. Berry refuses to discuss the details of his lecture, except to say the subject is serious somber, dark, grave, mysterious, cheerless, frightening to some, and dangerous to all whose age is less than 3 or more than 120. Berry is not given to exaggeration."

Come! Be scared silly on Halloween while you also laugh your socks off.



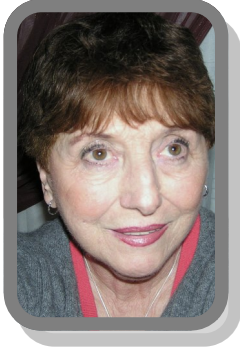
Joe Berry

## Alaska Bound!!

There is still time to commit to the exciting Alaska trip, June 20-July 1, 2014. Highlights will include caving glaciers, a river cruise, the Denali Park bus tour, salmon meals, local culture and nature, and much more.

Email Bill McAllister at [billmcallister94@gmail.com](mailto:billmcallister94@gmail.com)  
if interested in trip details.

# Social Events



Leah Black, Chair  
 Social Events

## OLLI Christmas Party

Mark your calendars for an exciting OLLI Holiday Party on December 10! We will return to the lovely venue at the Summit in downtown Huntsville. Dancing will be to tunes spun by a great DJ. Moreover, there will be line dancing, mixer games, and other goodies. Catering is by Carrabba's Restaurant. The tickets (\$30) will be on sale shortly.

## Fall Teacher Appreciation Lunch

The Fall Teacher Appreciation Lunch will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church (TUMC) from 12:00-2:00 P.M. on Friday, November 1. Mark your calendars, please.

## Entered in the Contest for Holiday Party Tickets?

What do I have to do, you ask?

You have to invite someone to join OLLI, and tell the person to list your name on the application where it asks who referred him or her to the organization. That's all! As of September 19, twenty-four names were in the running. If your name has been entered and is drawn, YOU will win two tickets to the OLLI Holiday Party at the Summit on Tuesday, December 10. It's a gift worth \$60.00!!

## Thank you to OLLI Office Volunteers!



When OLLI issued a call for volunteers to serve in the OLLI office, YOU answered. Thank you so very much! We appreciate your willingness to keep the office operational during our class hours.

Sue Chatham, Chair  
 Member Services Committee

## Historical Tidbit

### Huntsville: "Watercress Capital of the World"

Frank Dennis started the Dennis WaterCress Company in Alabama ten years after the Civil War. He chose north Alabama because he could grow and ship watercress from December to May. From the early 1900's to the 1960's over two million bunches of watercress were harvested in the Huntsville area.

## Needed: Members for the Member Services Committee

Join the Member Services Committee, which assists with all member services concerns. The group meets monthly on campus for one hour. Contact Sue Chatham at 256-461-0262 or at Chatham@knology.net.

# 2014 OLLI Photo Contest

## Contest Theme

Nature in Alabama and the TN Valley (TN Valley includes all the local news listening area).

## Contest Entry

Email images as an attachment to: [ollinewsletter@msn.com](mailto:ollinewsletter@msn.com), subject: **Photo Contest**. 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 provide the date it was taken.

## Contest Timeline

May 2013 to April 1, 2014

## Rules

- ⇒ The contest is open to all current OLLI members
- ⇒ Images can be captured with any type of camera, phone or other device, but all images must be uploaded digitally in a standard .jpg format.
- ⇒ Color images are desired
- ⇒ At least 2 megapixels (MP) are recommended
- ⇒ Photos can be gently edited, but **keep the original**
- ⇒ Name your photo

## Other

*Please note that entering your photo gives Osher Lifelong Learning at UAH and UAH permission to use your name and photo for the OLLI website, catalog, newsletter, or any publications pertaining to the photo contest. You will be emailed a release form after your photograph is submitted; your photo will not be eligible for judging until the signed release form is received.*

*For questions regarding requirements, resizing problems, or uploading, please call Lorrie White at 256-520-4455 or email [ollinewsletter@msn.com](mailto:ollinewsletter@msn.com).*

## Historical Tidbit:

Dr. King addressed an audience at Oakwood College on March 19, 1962. He concluded the speech with the now legendary ending “from every mountain side . . . thank God almighty, we are free at last.” The dean of the School of Religion, Dr. Mervyn A. Wrren, shared his personal recording of the speech with WAAY-TV (ABC). This trip was Dr. King’s lone visit to north Alabama, and the speech was given seventeen months before the 1963 historic “March on Washington” event.

# Photographer's Mantra

## How to become a good photographer

1. Learn the fundamntals of photography.
  2. Learn the camera's operation.
  3. Learn to see like a photographer.
  4. Learn the field skills.
  5. Shoot, shoot, shoot, shoot, shoot, shoot those pictures.
- From OLLI class, Fundamentals of Photography .  
Used with permission of Gene Zajicek, class instructor.

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Send me email updates about OLLI activities: Yes [  ] No [  ]

Join OLLI at UAH by mailing this form and your check, payable to:  
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**Or ONLINE:** [www.pcs.uah.edu/JoinOLLI](http://www.pcs.uah.edu/JoinOLLI)

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*Membership implies permission to use your photo for OLLI publicity. If you do not want your photo used, please notify the instructor/photographer in advance.*

**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 donation in your check.**

# 2014 OLLI Calendar for Sale



**Calendars:**  
\$8 for 1;  
\$15 for 2;  
3 or more \$7 each


The 2014 OLLI Calendar is available for sale. To purchase, go to the OLLI office between 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m, Monday -Friday. If you have prepaid, you may pick up your calendar(s) as well.

Kudos to Lorrie White for a beautifully designed calendar, featuring the striking photos of the OLLI Photo Contest winners, The calendar is perfect for gift-giving or for one's own desk.

**Left:** Gratia Mahony pictured with calendars.

**Important Notice:** Inputs for the November and December joint newsletter are due by November 16, 2013. Please send articles and ideas to Joyce Pettis, Editor; Lorrie White, Co-editor, at [OLLInewsletter@msn.com](mailto:OLLInewsletter@msn.com). Please understand that due to cost and space constraints, articles may be edited for length.

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