

OLLI President's Message

Twenty-five OLLI at UAH travelers have returned from a wonderful trip to Alaska, arranged by Special Events Chair Bill McAllister. The visit, hosted by OLLI at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, began on June 20 and concluded on July 1. You'll be hearing more about it in an upcoming Weekly Bonus and a term class.

Thirteen OLLI at UAH board members will attend the OLLI Regional Conference at the University of North Carolina, Asheville, July 30-August 1. Co-sponsors of the conference are OLLI at Duke University, OLLI at NC State University, and OLLI at UNC Wilmington. OLLI at UAH benefits greatly through its affiliation with the national network of some 120 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes, located in every state in the Union. Conferences are excellent sources of inspiration and offer a wealth of fresh ideas.

Summer OLLI classes are being enjoyed as class members learn better how to use the computer technology we have at our disposal, and as we gain a deeper appreciation for absorbing movies. Taking advantage of these opportunities to learn gives us confidence and broadens our reach.

Work continues toward an exciting line-up of Fall classes. Come September 15, classes will resume. Watch for the catalog in August.

Summer is a time of renewal. The 2-hour Board of Directors meeting in July was productive with everybody participating and working toward another great year ahead. Thanks to the Board for the time and energy they give to OLLI, and thanks to every OLLI member who works in any and all areas of OLLI. Together we succeed and are rewarded by our good efforts.



Jerri McLain,
OLLI President

The OLLI Insider

News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

Est. in 1993 as the Academy for Lifetime Learning, Inc. at UAH

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPCOMING EVENTS



Leah Black
Chair

Our *Fall Kick-Off* event is scheduled for Friday, August 22, 10 AM till Noon, at Wilson Hall. Course offerings, registration, and refreshments are all in the plan. There will be opportunities to talk with instructors, learn more about Member Interest Groups, and compare notes. Watch your E-News for details.

On November 7, the *Fall Teacher Appreciation Lunch* will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church. And the Holiday Gala in December is now in planning stages. Mark your calendars as the dates appear here in the *Insider* and your Weekly E-News!

New Courses for Fall 2014

Thanks to our hard-working Curriculum Committee, an incredibly productive brainstorming session, and cooperation of a multitude of volunteer teachers/leaders/facilitators, OLLI is offering at least 59 classes, including 28 new courses. Among the new offerings are:

ALASKA IN DEPTH

Videos, books, and information collected by the OLLI group who visited Alaska this past summer portrays many interesting details about our 49th state. From Alaska's cultural heritage, its fisheries and oil fields, its natural diversity, and the mission to achieve statehood, this course will help you experience all that is Alaska. This course will be complemented by pictures taken by OLLI travelers at the Weekly Bonus on October 21st. Gratia Mahony will lead the course with multiple presenters.

With other offerings including:

Science of the Solar System, Part I from Ken Rex.

A follow-up to Classic Cars, **From Tin Lizzies to Muscle Cars**. Which ones will we see on exhibit in the Wilson Hall Parking Lot on Monday mornings this fall?

Understanding the Inventions That Changed the World with Dick Fisher.

Advanced Health Topics coordinated by Hugh Nicholson.

Great Presidents by Carter Brantner.

Secrets of the Dead: Perceptions & Reality with Ron Staschke.

Musical Theater including, but not limited to, Broadway Musicals from Sally Priester.

Spooks & Snoops—How Allied Intelligence Agencies Helped Win World War II from Tennent Lee.

My Favorite Concerti from Taavo Virkhaus.

How to Look at and Understand Great Art led by Debbie West.

Among returning favorites are:

A variety of foreign languages: **Spanish, French, Russian, and German**.

Rumble Strips Ahead: Dangerous Ideas led by Vanitha Singh.

Writing Your Life Story from Betty Carlton.

Move It or Lose It! led by Millicent Simmons.

The Best 20 Years of Your Life led by Dawn Pumpelly.

Well, you get the idea. Decisions, decisions, decisions!



Curves and/or Lines: Theme of the 2015 Photo Contest

Curves and/or Lines are simple but challenging themes. You'll find them in nature, objects, buildings, just about everywhere you look. Use your artistic imagination and keep your camera handy for that perfect opportunity.

OLLI'S PHOTO CONTEST RUNS THROUGH APRIL 3, 2015

Guidelines:

- ◆ **Theme:** Curves and/or Lines (together or separate)
- ◆ **Specs:**
 - * 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
 - * No recognizable persons please
- ◆ **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 3, 2015



Examples of lines & curves. Top photo submitted by Nan Huber (2013), bottom photo by Sam Tumminello (2009).

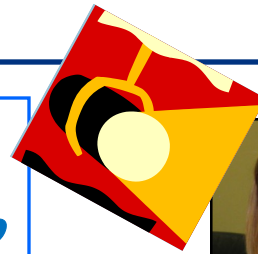


Please note that entering your photo gives Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH and UAHuntsville permission to use your name and photo for the OLLI web site, catalog, newsletter, or any publications pertaining to the photo contest. You will be emailed a release form after your photograph is submitted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

For 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.

Lorrie White, Photo Contest Coordinator

In the Spotlight:
DR. KAREN M. CLANTON
AND THE DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL AND
CONTINUING STUDIES



Many of us know Dr. Karen Clanton, the Director of the Division of Professional and Continuing Studies (PCS) at the University of Alabama in Huntsville for the past ten years. She often participates in Board of Directors meetings, attends many of the social and business activities of OLLI, and is an enthusiastic advocate for the past, present and future of our Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. A Huntsville native, Karen is married to Byron Clanton, Director of Facilities at the Von Braun Center and also a Huntsville native. They have one daughter, Nicole Mack Redeker, who is married and lives in Atlanta. While Karen and Byron spend their workdays in Huntsville, Zoe (the dog) and Izzy (the cat) play and cavort together in Madison at the Clanton residence. Before finding her home at the university, Karen worked in private industry.

With more than twenty-five years' experience working in an academic setting developing and managing continuing education, workforce development, health and physical education and lifelong learning programs, Karen is tasked with responsibilities for all activities within PCS. OLLI started as the Academy of Lifelong Learning in 1993. After the Bernard Osher Foundation provided the University with two grants, the Osher Foundation encouraged the University to apply for two \$1-million endowments to provide funding to help support a lifelong learning program at UAH. In 2005, the Academy became OLLI, now one of 120 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes located at universities across the United States. Under the agreement, UAH provides approximately 2,000 sq. ft. of space including classrooms and other areas. Professional and Continuing Studies has provided audio-visual equipment.

Dr. Clanton values a long-term view towards assuring the future of OLLI. With the Osher Foundation gifts came an ongoing commitment to annual reporting of both plans for the future and accounting of the past endeavors. She is committed to working with UAH, the OLLI Board of Directors and the OLLI membership to keep OLLI financially viable while maintaining high-quality offerings and benefits and providing an education based program with activities enhancing social and cultural opportunities. The University of Alabama Huntsville, PCS and OLLI work together through paid staff and volunteers to continue as an asset to the Huntsville community. In 2013, *Money* magazine recognized Huntsville as one of the *Best Places to Retire 2013*, in part due to "a robust lifelong learning program at The University of Alabama in Huntsville."

Photo by Maxine Doherty

Over the next several issues of *The OLLI Insider*, different aspects of OLLI will be *In the Spotlight*. If you have a suggestion, please let your editor know at nbd51@aol.com. Thank you.

Upcoming Cultural Events



Jane McBride,
Chair

Take a week-day trip to Cartersville, GA., to see the Booth Museum of Western Art. Motor coach to historic Cartersville, see the collection of Native American and American Western Art of historical significance, and enjoy a small Southern town that holds many surprises. Planned for November 13.



The Birth of the Blues and Rock 'n Roll AND fine art museums featuring ancient jade carvings and major Impressionist paintings in ONE PLACE. Yep. That's Memphis! MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. I'm going to Memphis — can you hear the beat from Paul Simon? Well, get on board and let's go and see what it's all about. Coming up April 6—9, 2015. Save the date with Nancy Darnall at nbd51@aol.com.

More activities to follow! Watch future **INSIDER** issues for more events and details.

WI-FI IS HERE!

By the time you read this newsletter, many of you will be enjoying the new OLLI benefit of wireless internet. OLLI members will receive notification providing the details of creating a password and joining the UAH network for wireless connection. The IT staff is nearing completion of all the infrastructure and details allowing us to reap this additional benefit at the time of writing this article. Thanks, PCS, for bringing us onboard!



OLLI CHECKLIST

Renew OLLI Membership.

Read Fall Session Catalog (available early August).

Attend the August 22—Fall Kickoff.

Watch E-News and *INSIDER* for details and “breaking news” of Social, Cultural or Special Events.

Enlist your friends to share the excitement. (There is a prize for bringing in new members.)

Volunteer!

OLLI MEMBERS, DON'T FORGET:

JOIN OR RENEW NOW for 2014-2015

www.pcs.uah.edu/JoinOLLI

The OLLI Board recently voted to adjust OLLI's membership year to better align with the course terms and to allow members who join during spring term to reap the benefits throughout the summer months. OLLI's membership year is now August 1 – July 31.

Already Paid Your 2014-2015 Membership? Don't worry, you will automatically have your membership extended.

Find OLLI on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/OLLIatUAH>

NEW FOR FALL SESSION 2014 – WEEKLY BONUS ON TUESDAYS

Agility and flexibility are important attributes as we all know. The ability to change and adjust is part of the continuum of life. As the University of Alabama—Huntsville continues to reconfigure and grow, space becomes more an issue. While new plans for buildings come to fruition, more uses are made of existing facilities. The nursing students will be in Wilson Hall for more classes and the Wilson Hall Auditorium will experience greater use. This is great news for the University. Increased use of the facilities is a sign of growth and success. This change also heralds the beginning of the OLLI transition which will culminate in the 2016 relocation of Professional and Continuing Studies which includes the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute to a renovated site at the current University Center, located behind and to the north of Wilson Hall. During the next 2 years, more details will evolve.

In that vein, the OLLI Weekly Bonus moves to Tuesdays for the fall session 2014. Most will be in Wilson Hall 001, the Auditorium, at 1:00 pm. Keep this change in mind as you determine your class schedule for the coming session. Seven of these have been planned, beginning *September 16* with long-distance swimmer and author Mimi Hughes, **Wider than a Mile**.



Watch your E-News for details of these bonuses.

Included on the schedule for *October 21* is **OLLI to OLLI: Alaska** covering the trip from summer 2014. Photographs and tales of grand adventure and comradery are on tap along with some highlights of animal sightings throughout the tour. Bill McAllister is the Coordinator of the Presenting Team.

Special Events Report



Twenty-five OLLI-UAH members returned in early July newly educated about the nuances of living in the “land of the midnight sun.” We plied the Chena River from Fairbanks on a discovery cruise about native life, met sled dogs and visited the main campus of the University of Alaska in Fairbanks with its excellent Museum of the North. We toured Alaska’s most productive gold mine, Fort Knox, north of Fairbanks, a research tunnel within permafrost, and an engineering design at the oil pipeline. Especially popular was lunch and a talk at the Senior Center in Nenana. A chance close-up view of a grizzly bear’s back scratching on a sign post next to our bus made the rainy day in Denali National Park a very special one. The trip to Seward by way of a train ride, mostly through the beautiful snow-capped mountains, was the occasion of many pictures. Seward has an ice-free port, and an excellent sea life museum and research facility. Here we hiked to Alaska’s most popular and accessible Exit Glacier and then enjoyed a 5-hour wildlife cruise on Resurrection Bay. Back in Anchorage we experienced an economically vibrant city that includes roughly half the state’s population, great museums, shopping malls, and the highly rated Alaska Native Medical Center.



More about OLLI’s recent trip will be highlighted in the Fall Term Weekly Bonus on Tuesday, **October 21**, at 1:00 in the Wilson Hall Auditorium.



Photos provided by Bill McAllister





Upcoming Special Event The Village of Providence



Bill McAllister,
Chair

Monday, August 11 at 10:00. A visit to the planned Village of Providence, a talk by Town Founder David J. Slyman, Jr., and lunch in the village (optional). The Village of Providence was planned by Andres Duany, internationally recognized leader in the New Urbanism movement that is known for reintroducing the English and New England concepts of mixed uses, higher planned densities, and permanent open space, resulting in less driving and more walking. Duany's firm claims to have a higher percentage of planned village concepts actually completed than any other design firm. These developments are mostly located in North America, but many are scattered all over the world. Although there is not a formal limit on attendance by members, we will need to know numbers so that an appropriately-sized space can be secured. This village is located in Huntsville on the north side of University Drive West generally behind the CVS Pharmacy and Lexus car dealership. Turn north at Providence Main Street NW. Email Bill McAllister to reserve a space at billmcallister94@gmail.com.

Special Events Committee



- ☞ **Friday, August 8, at 10:00.** Popcorn and a Movie: *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* in Wilson Hall Room 152.
- ☞ **Monday, August 11, at 10:00.** A visit to the planned Village of Providence, a talk by Town Founder David J. Slyman, Jr., and lunch in the village (optional). [See details above.](#)
- ☞ **Thursday, August 21, at 10:00—11:00.** **AEgis Technologies: Open House** (for OLLI). [See details on Page 12.](#)
- ☞ **Friday – September 12, at 10:00.** Popcorn and a Movie: *The Monuments Men* in Wilson Hall, Room 152 (with Pat Hair providing commentary).

Southern Regional Conference

Between the time of editing and compiling the July/August *Insider* and your receiving it, several members of the 2014-15 Board of Directors will be attending the OLLI Southern Conference on the campus of the University of North Carolina Asheville. The conference partners include OLLI at UNC Asheville, OLLI at Duke University, OLLI at North Carolina State University and OLLI at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. These conferences offer both OLLI volunteers and staff opportunities to learn more about each other, network, and develop new perspectives. Among the UAH OLLI benefits from the 2013 conference were expanded course offerings, specific ideas for new classes, a new perspective for commemorating our Twentieth Anniversary, ways to develop sponsorships, and connections with members from other OLLI organizations. Among our goals for this year's conference will be to build on last year's knowledge and add to our development and fund raising knowledge as well as looking at creating more value within our program to our members.

The September issue of the *Insider* will provide you with some of the experiences shared by this year's attendees. Your OLLI board is committed to creating the best educational offerings available within our community as well as providing cultural, social, and fellowship events to our many members. If you have an interest in serving on a committee or the Board of Directors, please let any Board Member or Committee Chair know. This is YOUR OLLI.

Past Events

Photos from the OLLI Picnic on Green Mountain. It was a perfect day with warm, but not hot temperatures. There was a strenuous card game of "War," costumed Civil War MIG representatives, delicious food and interesting conversations. Thanks to Leah Black and her industrious Social Committee for making this such a special event. And all you OLLI cooks (and shoppers), thank you too.



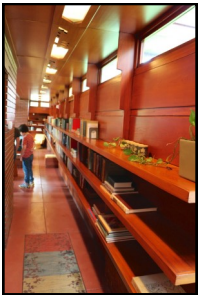
You can just feel the good times!

Photos by Debbie Tromblee

CULTURAL COMMITTEE JUNE EVENT



Twenty-five OLLI members travelled to Florence, AL, on Thursday, June 5, to tour the Rosenbaum House, now a museum owned by the City of Florence. The house is the only Frank Lloyd Wright structure in the Southeast that is open to the public. The city has meticulously restored the house, preserved most of the Wright-designed furniture and the art and accessories of the Rosenbaum family. Our guides were most knowledgeable about the family and the architect and pointed out unique features throughout the house and grounds.



Travelers were given maps and a listing of restaurants in Florence and other important landmarks in the quad-cities area. Thank you, Sheila Scruggs, for the wonderful job of organizing this event for our committee.



Photos provided by Sheila Scruggs



On July 15, OLLI members attended a docent-led tour of the Janet Fish : Master of Light and Shadow exhibit at the Huntsville Museum of Art. Some stealthy paparazzi snapped these pics!



Education provides the opportunities to fulfill ourselves through access to all that a person has yet to learn.

Open House: 25-Year Celebration

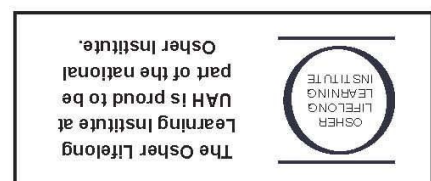


The Special Events Committee has arranged for a group of OLLI members to attend the open house celebration for 25 years of operation of AEGIS Technologies. The open house will be held on **Thursday, August 21, 2014**. OLLI will be hosted from **10:00 to 11:00 am**. AEGIS is a privately held small business headquartered in Huntsville, Alabama. They provide advanced technology and expert consulting services to industries throughout the world. Their products and services have applications ranging from defense to energy to biotechnology. AEGIS was awarded one of the Top 20 Best Places to Work in 2012 by the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce and Steve Hill, President & CEO of AEGIS was awarded the Russell G. Brown Executive Leadership Award in 2012.

If you would like to join us for the open house event showcasing this companies cutting edge technology and capabilities contact Mable Gordon at mablegordon44@gmail.com.

A note from your editor: *The OLLI INSIDER* is a publication dedicated to publicizing OLLI programs and events. If you have articles or items for inclusion, please send to Nancy

**Important Notice: Inputs for the September newsletter are due by August 14, 2014.
Please send articles and ideas to Nancy Darnall at nbd51@aol.com.
Please understand that due to cost and space constraints, articles may be edited for length.
Thank you for meeting the deadline!**



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