



News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

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President's Message



Jerri McLain
Past President

Gentle Reader,

This will be my last message to you as OLLI President. In this space going forward will be the message from your 2015-2016 President.

I feel that I could now take Betty Carlton's Writing Class, fortified with good material and good experiences of the past two years. I could write about awesome times with members of the board, committee chairs, committee members, and worthy, tireless volunteers who serve throughout OLLI, who give much and whose talents so reward us all.

I could write about Karen Clanton and Max Doherty and the PCS staffers and the 100%+ they give to OLLI every day, who bolster, encourage, applaud, plan, and deliver.

It's a great blessing that OLLI at UAH provides to us all. Every day brings fresh opportunities and good times, chances to renew ourselves, reinvent our lives, and come to know new and exciting people.

I have been much rewarded and for that I will always be grateful.

OLLI at UAH is the best!



Bob Darnall
President

As your new president I want to thank you for your confidence in me. I appreciate the OLLI members as we work to keep OLLI at UAH vibrant and exciting.

Special thanks goes to Leah Black and her Social Committee for the wonderful Annual Dinner at Baron Bluff. The location overlooking Huntsville was beautiful. The speakers from UAH, Dr. Altenkirch and Dr. Curtis, were entertaining and informative. The food was excellent. The strolling violinist Chip Golbro and the vocal performance by our own Chris Johnson added to the evening's experience. I know everyone who attended had a great time.

As we move into the summer, there are many OLLI activities before the fall term starts in mid-September. Please continue to review the weekly E-news and monthly *OLLI Insider* to keep abreast of what is happening.

I realize that summer can be a busy time, but don't forget to attend the membership drive with Naomi Judd on July 15. The \$40 ticket price includes lunch and your 2015-16 (or future year) membership. And bring a friend to help them experience what OLLI at UAH has to offer.

2015 OLLI Photo Contest Winning Photos



1st Place

“The Harpist” by Sam Tumminello



2nd Place

“Woodland Repose” by Laura Boyer



3rd Place

“Out of the Fog” by Nancy Darnall

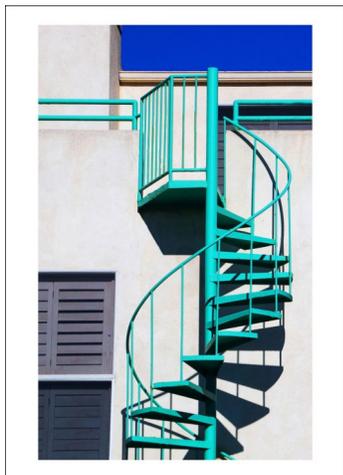
It couldn't have been easy for the judges to sort through 57 impressive photos to select ideal winners. Judges **Jose Betancourt**, UAH Associate Professor of Art and Photography, **Debbie Tromblee**, Photo Instructor & Photographer, **Bill McAllister**, Birding Instructor & Photographer, and **Gene Zajicek**, Camera & Photo Manipulation Instructor, unanimously decided on three outstanding photos for OLLI's 7th Annual Photo Contest. The appealing 1st place photo, “The Harpist,” fits the contest theme “Line and/or Curves” perfectly. The 2nd and 3rd place photos not only represent the theme, but are exceptional in their serenity and beauty. Five Honorable Mentions also were chosen for their artistic adherence to the theme.

Appreciation goes to the following contributors: **UAH PCS** for the 1st prize of a \$85.00 term tuition, to **Member Services Committee** for their sponsorship and for the 2nd and 3rd prize donation; and a hearty thank you goes to **all the talented participants** who sent in their amazing photos. To see the photos in a slide show, watch the YouTube video at:

<https://youtu.be/nL-Jz6aoVpY>.

Article by Lorrie White

HONORABLE MENTIONS



Spiral Staircase, Trudi Gardner



Piano Dampers, Johnnie Shue



Sunrise Between the Lines, Dannye Drake

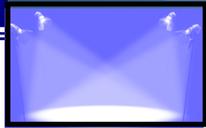


Aqueduct of Segovia, Bruce Crutcher



Blue Mosque, Nan Huber

AND THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON . . .



Maxine Doherty



Everyone knows Maxine; she darts down the hallways, into our classrooms, and throughout Wilson Hall with big smiles and incredible competence. Maxine is our Program Manager by title; she is much more than that to OLLI! Your editor recently convinced her that we would like to know more about her. Predictably, she was not enthusiastic about being in our spotlight. She encouraged the articles about Dr. Karen Clanton and Jessica Fisher, our other two UAH touchstones, but she reminded me there had been an article about Maxine around seven years ago. As many of us were not OLLI members then, here we go.

Maxine (or Max, as so many call her) is originally from Littleton, New Hampshire, in the White Mountains. She did a bit of snow skiing as a child, but spent more of her winters ice skating. From the third grade till now, Max has been a runner. Yes, a runner — marathons, 5Ks, training runs, you name it. Recently, Max suffered a knee injury bicycling and did not run the 2015 Cotton Row 10K, although she has run it many times in the past.

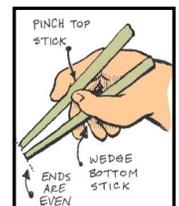
Maxine retired from the United States government after thirty-nine years and eight months, leaving with a “golden handshake.” Her career began the day after the seventeen year old graduated from high school. She flew to Washington, D.C., and her new boss took her to get a work permit the first day! Her last position was with the US Army Aviation & Missile Command (AMCOM) where she was the Director of business systems software development. Along the way, Maxine met Tim Doherty, her husband, who is retired from the military and civil service. You can sometimes spot him at Wilson Hall. Max and Tim have a daughter, Mary, who is the head of contracting at the Volpe Center for Transportation in Boston, and a son, Mike who is in information technology at Redstone Arsenal. She also has two grandchildren whom she admittedly spoils a bit. She earned several college degrees while working for Uncle Sam.

Max came to the University of Alabama in Huntsville as a lifelong learner, which, of course, she is. But her talents and temperament led her to her present position with the University; Sue Chatham thought Max was ideal for the position she has now held for eight years. The University concurred. Maxine is a unique individual, that servant leader, always doing her best for both Osher Lifelong Learning Institute members and the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

We are lucky to have Maxine as well as Jessica and Dr. Clanton. Their enthusiasm for OLLI and its continued growth and improvement make us valued members of UAH and our community. Give them a smile and a thank-you the next time you meet them in the hall.

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED?

A new OLLI Member Interest Group is under consideration. This MIG is International Dining and would meet six to eight times per year at various restaurants in the surrounding area. The first two cuisines to explore are Vietnamese and Indian. Attendance may be limited due to restaurant capacity. If you are interested, contact Nancy Darnall at nbd51@aol.com.



The next few pages provide an overview of some of the many responsibilities and activities from this past year. In cases where a new committee chair is in place, the past chair is featured. The material is taken from the 2014-15 Annual Reports of the various committees to the OLLI Board of Directors, OLLI catalogs, and OLLI members. Thanks to those who participated and planned!



Gratia Mahony
Chair

Curriculum Committee

As you read this column, we on the Curriculum Committee are working to finalize the fall 2015 course offerings, weekly bonuses, and the scheduling of all. Dozens of new courses have been added to the mix to meet the needs and interests of our members. The committee is a critical component of the OLLI experience. This past year included classes on The World of Wine, folk music of the British Isles (Bring Back My Bonnie to Me), Short Story Chautauqua, Theories of the Universe (cosmology), and many others. The coordination of course materials, instructors, facilitators, audio-visual assistants, room designations and registration is a joint effort of the PCS staff and OLLI volunteers. Weekly Bonuses had record participation. Thanks to all the people—volunteers, staff, speakers and instructors, OLLI volunteers and members who make it all possible.

A preview of the fall offerings will be available mid-July. A new option available will be “OLLI After Five,” which will provide late afternoon classes especially scheduled for those still in the workforce but open to all OLLI members.



Leah Black
Chair

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

2014-15 was a busy year for the OLLI Social Committee. Nine events over the past year made OLLI a very social group! We began with the Picnic on Green Mountain. Remember those Back-to-School and Teacher Appreciation events, and even our own *Antiques Roadshow*? The Holiday Party at the Summit? How about the Annual Dinner and Meeting at Baron Bluff at Burrirt on the Mountain? A strolling musician and our own Chris Johnson wowed us with selections from *The Sound of Music*. The backdrop of city lights and nature’s greenery made this a memorable event.

This committee worked on the Joe Berry Book Signing and Reception at the home of Pat and Jim Lindberg and also assisted with the Peter Baldaia Behind the Scenes presentation. The **Summer Potluck Picnic** will be at the Green Mountain Nature Preserve on June 17 from 11 am till 2 pm. Bring a dish. Enjoy the cool and the company.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

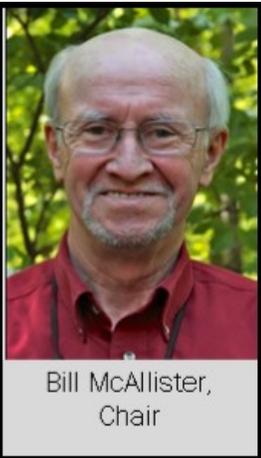


Jane McBride
Past Chair

This past year was chocked full of cultural committee activities. From a live simulcast opera performance to OLLI travel and beyond, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH stayed busy learning and having fun. Among the activities were the trip to Cartersville, GA, to see the Booth Museum of Western Art. Fifteen of us spend three days in Memphis catching a new vision of the city. While many of us had lived in or visited Memphis several times before, this trip opened our eyes to sights previously unseen. The *Mosaic of Love* concert and dessert by the Huntsville Master Chorale provided over fifty of us with an afternoon or evening of jazz and big band tunes from the 1930's and 1940's. At the Huntsville Museum of Art, we experienced *Janet Fish: Master of Light* in July and then *Rembrandt, Rubens, Gainsborough & the Golden of Painting in Europe* in March. Café Berlin started our dinner and theatre when about forty of us when to see the UAH production of *Anything Goes*.

Watch your e-News for announcements for summertime activities which are on the horizon. Music venues abound locally. If you would like to suggest an activity, contact Nancy Darnall at nbd51@aol.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE



Bill McAllister,
Chair

It seems that OLLI members love to see what is happening in our community and surrounding area. Over the past twelve months, we have toured The Food Bank of North Alabama, the planned site of the Village of Providence, Intergraph's new headquarters, Aegis Technologies, the Wheeler Wildlife Refuge, the U.S. Weather Service, the UAH Student Engineering Facility with a 3-D printing demonstration, and a classroom at Lee High School to learn about Alabama's College and Career Readiness plan. We gathered in Wilson Hall for "Popcorn and a Movie" and Peter Baldaia's *Behind the Scenes* presentation, a joint effort of many committees. Last June, twenty-five OLLI members toured Alaska and this June thirty-three of us set off for the England, Wales, and Scotland.

The Special Events Committee provides extended opportunities for our members to see and do outside the curriculum. OLLI members who would like to help plan and execute these activities should contact Bill McAllister at billmcallister94@gmail.com.



Sue Chatham
Chair

Member Services Committee

Your Member Services volunteers are the “boots-on-the-ground” folks who make sure OLLI members have their everyday expectations met. We coordinate the volunteers, who staff the OLLI office, provide the coffee and supplies source for the OLLI Lounge and classrooms, edit the newsletter, and mail it to those who do not receive it electronically, maintain the DVD Lending Library, assemble the annual scrapbook, coordinate the Photo Contest, send out the welcoming emails to new and returning members, and, with our newest activity, OLLI Mix & Mingle, provide light desserts in the OLLI Lounge from noon to one before the Weekly Bonus. As one of the largest OLLI committees, seventeen of us work together to make these responsibilities appear seamless.

We thank Hugh Nicholson for his years of devoted attention to scheduling the OLLI Volunteer Office staff. Margarit Earles continues to produce the scrapbooks available in our lounge. Lorrie White manages the OLLI photo contest, which this year had 57 entries. The winning photographs are on display beside WH 151.



Linda McAllister
Past Chair

Public Relations Committee

Spreading the word about our fabulous OLLI at UAH program has gone to new heights this past year. We joined the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce as a non-profit in December for 2013 and we continue to get publicity by networking through their massive electronic media contacts. We record Public Service Announcements (PSAs) through WLRH and added WDRM for the Naomi Judd event this July 15. We used an electronic billboard ad at Bob Wallace Avenue and Memorial Parkway South to announce our spring session.

The Huntsville Main Public Library gives us two months a year in their display window to the right of the entrance. OLLI has a Facebook page which features photos and announcements of OLLI events. Local clubs, church groups, and organizations invite OLLI speakers to share our program and encourage new members.

UAH Professional and Continuing Studies regularly advertises OLLI in strategic local magazines and programs. The committee is also pursuing this avenue. We also have articles in *The Huntsville Times*.

The PR Committee also volunteers and recruits others to serve as friendly greeters for OLLI events, wear “Ask Me” buttons as each session begins, and welcomes new faces wherever we see them.

The OLLI Annual Dinner and Meeting, Baron Bluff at Burritt on the Mountain, May 21.



OLLI members in the United Kingdom, June 2015



Photos courtesy of Linda McAllister, Bill McAllister, and Nancy Darnall.



An Afternoon with *Naomi Judd*

Join us for lunch and a motivational presentation by Naomi Judd, country music star, songwriter, actress, author, activist and a fellow OLLI member. As she responds to questions from news anchor Liz Hurley, Naomi replies with fascinating insights, delivered with ease and humor, in the comforting style that makes you feel like you are talking with your best friend.

From Kentucky to Hollywood to Nashville, Naomi Judd has used her indomitable spirit to transcend hardship and create breakthroughs in her life, first in the music business and later in her health. She made country music history and charmed Hollywood, but her story is far more than a heartwarming rags-to-riches tale. It is a quintessentially American lesson in perseverance and the life-altering power of positive thinking.

Seating is Limited. Register Today!

256-824-6010 or Osher.uah.edu/NaomiJudd

\$40 – includes Annual OLLI at UAH Membership and Lunch

Seating is general admission except full-table purchases of 8 seats.

Rediscover the Joy of Learning –

This special 2015/16 Membership Drive Event is the perfect opportunity to learn about the benefits of joining the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH. Membership and lunch are included in the event ticket price.

OLLI at UAH is a vibrant learning community designed for adults 50+ interested in staying intellectually and socially active, while having lots of fun! Selections include short courses, specialized lectures, industry tours, cultural and social events, and travel opportunities.

Also, check out our *OLLI Summer Computer Camp* in June and July. OLLI Fall Term courses begin the week of Sept. 14th. Attend up to six courses for \$85 per term. Annual membership (8/2015 – 7/2016) is \$15 (plus \$1 processing).

For More Information:

Osher.uah.edu

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Naomi Judd

The single mom and registered nurse from small-town Kentucky first captured the hearts of the world performing with her daughter Wynonna. The Judds sold 20 million records, scored fifteen number 1 hits, and received more than 60 industry awards, including six Grammys and seven consecutive CMA Vocal Group of the Year trophies. But, the incredible journey of the mother-daughter duo was cut short when Naomi was stricken with Hepatitis C, a potentially fatal chronic liver disease that she contracted from an infected needle while working as a nurse. The Mayo Clinic gave Naomi three years to live, and in 1991, The Judds bid their fans farewell.

Instead of submitting to her diagnosis, Naomi fought back, both physically and mentally. Today, she is more than a survivor. She is Hepatitis C free – a medically documented miracle. Along with her medical teams and the unyielding support from friends and colleagues, she attributes much of her amazing recovery to her own stubborn optimism.

The experience led Naomi to her current mission: to empower people through holistic health and wellness advocacy that incorporates the mind, body, and spirit. Her tenacity, empathy, and intellectual curiosity have made her the ideal bridge between medical leaders and everyday people. "My message is to help people understand that our thoughts can help us or hurt us," Naomi says. "Whatever we believe becomes our biology."



Liz Hurley

Liz Hurley is a news anchor with WAFF-TV in Huntsville and long-time advocate for women's health. Liz has been recognized twice as the "Best News Anchor" in the State of Alabama by the Associated Press. She has garnered two Emmy nominations and three Edward R. Murrow Awards for outstanding work in her field.

Perhaps her most prized achievement, however, is being a breast cancer survivor. In 1998, Liz was diagnosed with breast cancer, a disease that had taken her mother when Liz was a child. Believing that "knowledge is power," she shared her story and knowledge in a very public way: documenting her experience on videotape, then counseling women with the disease. In 1999, she established the Liz Hurley Breast Cancer Fund to support programs that build awareness about breast cancer and to purchase cutting edge diagnostic technology for the Breast Centers at Huntsville and Madison Hospitals.

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OLLI COMPUTER CAMP! 6/22-6/25 and 7/22-7/28

It's Time to Advance Your Computer Skills

Learn how to sell on eBay, create your own greeting cards, ask Google everything (and get the correct answer)! Explore ways to organize and edit your pictures with Picasa, or step up to Windows 8. Not sure you are ready? Start with learning basic computer skills.

Whatever you select, you'll enjoy connecting with adults 50+ who just want to learn for the joy of it!



Sign Up Today for OLLI's Summer Mini-Term!

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH is designed for adults 50+ interested in staying intellectually stimulated and socially active, while having lots of fun! Our summer short courses do not require a long time commitment, but still provide a great opportunity to learn something new, share your interests with others, brush up on an old passion, or just make new friends!

**Contact us for more information:
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Seating is limited. Register today!

How to Avoid Affinity Fraud

FREE to OLLI Members

Thursday, June 18, 2015, from 1:30 until 3:30 PM

It happens every day. We see, hear, or read about financial scams and investment frauds that prey on members of exploitable groups. These scams take advantage of trust and friendship that exist in groups of people who have something in common and are called "affinity fraud."

This summer, the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) will make a special presentation to OLLI at UAH and will answer questions regarding saving, investing, avoiding fraud, and how to research all investments prior to purchase.

Don't miss this chance to hear experts from the SEC share timely financial information!



Don't Forget Your Entries: Slices of Life Volume Five

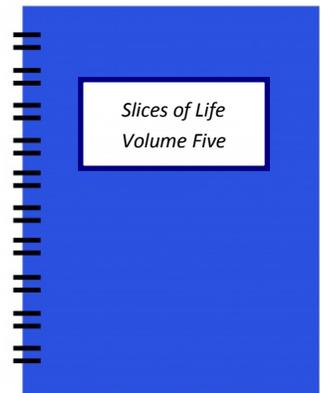
Attention! Previous OLLI *Writing your Life Story* class participants are invited to submit their stories for inclusion in the fifth volume of *Slices of Life*. Please follow the guidelines below and submit your contributions to both Betty Carlton (carltonbetty@gmail.com) and Val Seaquist (VJimval@aol.com) no later than July 17, 2015. We intend to publish in August and will send information at a later date about the cost of the books and how to obtain one.

Guidelines for Submitting Articles to *Slices of Life Volume Five*

Format Style

Please Do

- Include appropriate black and white pictures, graphs, poems, illustrations, etc.
- Use Times New Roman font size 12
- Use **Bold** for the title and one blank line before your name (centered on page)
- Insert two blank lines after your name
- Use 1.5 line spacing between written lines and paragraphs
- Indent first line of each paragraph one half inch
- Align right and left with 1 inch margins
- Top margin should be 1 inch and bottom margin should be 1.25 inch
- Rank order of submittals—most preferred first
- Print only on single side
- Save in *Microsoft Word*



If you have more than one story, to maximize the space available to you, skip three lines and begin your new story (titled as above) after the preceding story rather than beginning on a new page.

Please Do Not Use

- More than ten pages
- Page numbers
- Justification of right margins
- Hyphenation at right margins

DECLARE YOUR HISTORY



And the information keeps coming! If you haven't already done it, please submit your name, your place of birth (city, state or other nomenclature, country), and other locales where you have lived to nbd51@aol.com. All six habitable continents are represented by our membership!

A graphic will be posted at the Fall Session registration event. This event is open to OLLI members, PCS staff, and OLLI faculty.

The OLLI Insider July-August issue submission deadline is Sunday, June 21. (Early is good!) Please submit your articles to Nancy Darnall at nbd51@aol.com. Anyone who has OLLI photos is welcome to send them to the newsletter. Include the photographer's name, the names of those in the photo, and the event shown. Thank you.

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