



News for Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

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President's Message



Bob Darnall
President

NOW that classes have started, it is great to see the hustle and bustle on the OLLI campus. The first day of classes saw standing room only for lunch in the OLLI lounge (although chairs can easily be brought in from room 152C when this happens). Don't forget that on Tuesdays, the Member Services Committee is providing dessert in the lounge prior to the Weekly Bonus, which is in Salmon Library 111.

We now have about 425 people attending classes, with a record high percentage of our OLLI members registering. That means a lot of new members are walking around like incoming freshmen, trying to find their classrooms. Please welcome any new people you see and offer your assistance.

Good news! As a result of a survey of other OLLIs, we are in the process of adopting a flexible membership year. Whenever a member joins or renews, he or she is a member for the following 12 months. Our current year runs from August 1 through July 31. This improvement eliminates the fixed year. Members will receive a notification of pending expiration in the month prior to the renewal month. This gives every member a full year of OLLI benefits.

In addition to classes, there are many other OLLI activities. Our MIGs (Member Interest Groups) are listed in the catalog, along with the points of contact. The Hiking MIG commenced on Thursday, September 10, before the start of the fall session; they welcome new members. The International Dining MIG had its inaugural ethnic dining experience on September 27. The new Tennis Group is announced in this edition of the *OLLI Insider*. More than 50 OLLI members watched *The Imitation Game* at **Popcorn and a Movie** on September 11, and we are anxiously waiting for the next movie opportunity. The Social Committee is actively preparing our Teacher Appreciation Luncheon to be held at Trinity Methodist Church on November 6.

I would personally like to thank all the OLLI volunteers who worked tirelessly these past few months, getting us ready for this very successful fall session. Our success depends on all of you. The more participation we have, the more programs we can provide. Please continue to promote the many benefits of OLLI to your friends and relatives. Word of mouth is our best form of advertising.

Special thanks go to our PCS staff for the great support they provide every day. The reason our first week of class went so smoothly was due to their diligence. I want to welcome Dr. Shelia Jones (see Page 4) to the OLLI PCS staff. She will be working part time with Jessica, supporting Maxine to ensure that our program continues to grow and flourish.

Each Friday, members receive the Weekly E-news which provides updates and details on OLLI activities. Be sure to watch for yours and read it. There are activities, notifications, and interesting articles each week. If you are not receiving your E-news, please notify Maxine Doherty at maxine.doherty@uah.edu.

Special Events Committee



Bill McAllister
Chair

WELCOME to a new OLLI year, and a special hello to all brand-new members. While taking classes offers the OLLI classroom experience, the Special Events Committee provides added learning opportunities through its local tours, longer travel experiences, off-campus visits to agencies of all kinds, and, of course, challenging and entertaining movies held on Campus (**Popcorn and a Movie**).

Many of our activities take place during gap times — when classes are not in session — to provide a continuing OLLI program throughout the year. Details appear in the Weekly E-news. Here are some examples.

On Friday, November 13, at 10:00 A.M., the highly awarded movie *Shakespeare in Love* will show in Wilson Hall. Room Number will be announced.



On Wednesday, November 18, at 10:00 A.M., OLLI members will convene at the Von Braun Planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. Following a lecture we will see the telescope.

On Tuesday, December 15 at 10:00 A.M., members will see the movie *A Christmas Carol* with George C. Scott. We will also enjoy socializing with other members and have opportunity to register for Winter Term Courses.



Looking forward, OLLI will again visit the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge in early to mid-January 2016, when we shall observe thousands of large birds at fairly close range. It will be a memorable experience!

UPCOMING TRAVEL: The big trip next summer is to Eastern Canada. It was selected because of its variety of transportation, its variety of cultural lectures and small trips, the urban and rural contrasts, and French, English, and Acadian stories. Trip flyers are found in the OLLI Office. If interested, sign up soon; space is very limited. See the accompanying article on Page 4.

Elves? Nope!

DO you ever stop in at the OLLI Lounge for a cup of coffee (regular or decaffeinated)? Do you use a Styrofoam cup? Do you add sweetener or lightener? Do you pick up one of those stir sticks to blend your hot beverage? Have you used the microwave to heat your lunch or snack? Or maybe you stash a bag or drink in the refrigerator? Perhaps you washed your lunch plastics in the sink. Do you refill your cup in your classroom? Did you wonder how the coffee and peripherals get to OLLI? Note of how clean our fridge is and that we have waxed paper available for microwaving. In addition, when you walk into the OLLI Volunteer Office to make copies or to use the computer to print an article, do you think about who makes sure there is paper, ink cartridges and toner there for your use?

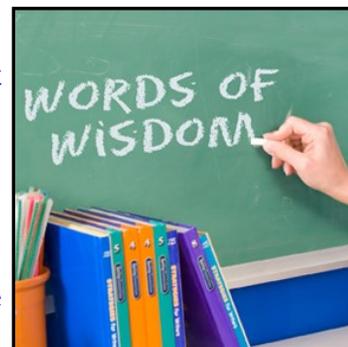
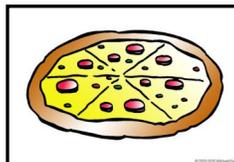
These items don't just show up because we want or need them. OLLI's Membership Services Committee Chair Sue Chatham assures that we have PLENTY of coffee available, that sweeteners and lightener are on hand, that we have cups, stirrers, and wax paper. Her committee freshens the lounge and OLLI classrooms before each session begins, wiping off the tables, cleaning the Lounge—including wiping down the cabinets and refrigerator, and dusting the OLLI Volunteer Office. These may not be the responsibilities someone pitched when Sue was invited to chair that committee, but Member Services is just that. Services for our OLLI membership include the coffee setup and the regular cleanup. UAH provides janitorial services that make certain that the floors are cleaned, and the trash cans are emptied.

The next time you walk into the OLLI Volunteer Office for coffee supplies for the classroom where you are a facilitator or student, or the Lounge, pause. Think for just a moment about how convenient it is to have that coffee available and the copier there for your use.





Leah Black
Chair



THE Fall Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled at the Trinity United Methodist Church on Airport Road on Friday, November 6, 2015, from 12:30-2:30 P.M. This event is our time to show our thanks for our fine instructors and to get together with friends for a gathering before the term break. We will be enjoying pizza, veggies, dessert, and beverages. We also have some great entertainment planned. There will be a request for a small donation towards lunch. Mark your calendars.



Our annual Holiday Party will be Tuesday, December 8, at the UAH Conference Training Center Exhibit Hall. Friendly conversation, food, music, and dancing are on the agenda. This is a special event that we all enjoy. Tickets will be available soon. Watch your Weekly E-news for more details.

CHARGER HOCKEY TICKETS!



THE UAH Hockey team kicks off its home season on Friday, October 9, at 7:07 P.M. by hosting the University of Connecticut. There will be a total of eighteen home games this season, playing both Friday and Saturday evenings at the Von Braun Center. One game will be played at the Huntsville Iceplex. What a great way to spend quality time with the family and support your UAH Chargers!

UAH brings in quality athletes from around the globe. The students get a high-quality education, you get to view a spectacular sporting event, and the Huntsville area continues its hockey tradition. Everyone wins! The season ticket price is normally \$192 per seat, but if you are a current OLLI member your price is \$100 for all the home games! What a deal! There is no limit on the number of tickets you may purchase. Be seated with other OLLI members if you choose. A bonus this year is a pass for an additional guest to attend hockey games (general admission only) and also a pass for all other UAH sports events, including UAH's debut season for lacrosse!



To order your tickets or get additional information, please contact Janet Reville at jrev1988@gmail.com with questions.

Canada is Calling



Bill and Linda
McAllister
Trip Coordinators

Travel with OLLI Friends Eastern Canada, July 18-28, 2016 Sixteen Spaces left!

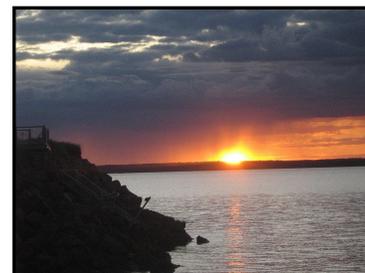
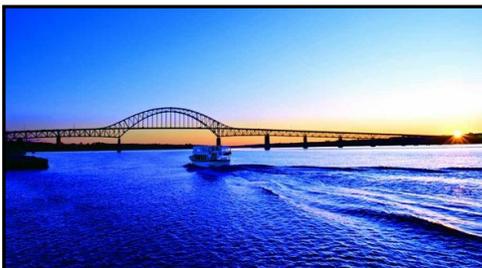
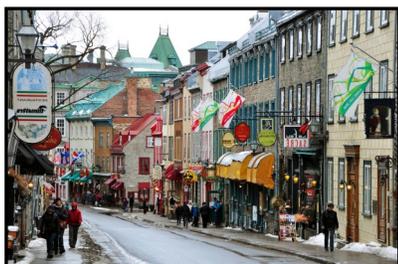


Make plans now to join OLLI friends for an exclusive Road Scholar trip *All Aboard the 'Ocean': Quebec to the Maritimes by Train*. The trip begins in Montreal, Quebec, where we will be introduced to French Canada and experience the cobbled streets of Old Montreal, Notre Dame Basilica, the Museum of Fine Arts and other attractions. On Day 4 we will travel by train to Quebec City and enjoy this European-like city for several days before taking an overnight train through the lower St. Lawrence River Valley to New Brunswick.

In Miramichi, we will learn about Acadian history and experience a traditional Kitchen Party and then go by motor coach to Moncton. We will take a tidal walk and hear an expert naturalist's presentation about the significance of the Bay of Fundy as well as go on a lobster boat in Shediac Bay to hear a local fisherman share his passion for the lobster industry. From Moncton, New Brunswick, we travel to Halifax, Nova Scotia, to explore Lunenburg, Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, and the picturesque fishing village, Peggy's Cove, before the Farewell Dinner.

This 10-night-11 day adventure to Canada is open for registration. To register, call Road Scholar toll free at (800) 322-5312 and reference program #21432 starting July 18, 2016, and say that you are an OLLI member at UAH. Linda McAllister at (wmca@hiwaay.net) is the local OLLI contact person. The full brochure with cost and lodging details is available by the OLLI office at UAH or can be downloaded at this link:

http://pdf.road scholar.org/educational-travel/PDFs/ia_olli_uah_canada_aug15.pdf



Stock photos of Miramichi, Quebec City and Shediac Bay.



OLLI Welcomes New Osher Assistant

OLLI at UAH is pleased to welcome Dr. Sheila Jones! Sheila joins Jessica in providing program assistance in support of OLLI and its members. A seasoned educational professional and curriculum developer, she has served as a school principal, a grant writer, and community center executive director. In addition to these outstanding capabilities, Sheila's enthusiasm for the OLLI program, and willingness to tackle any task, have already endeared her to OLLI members. If you see Sheila in the halls, please take a minute to welcome her, and thank her for being an important part of the OLLI family.



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Mahony

Join your OLLI friends in the Salmon Library Room 111 on Tuesdays at 1:00—2:30 P.M. for our special weekly bonuses. This series is a benefit of your OLLI membership. You do not have to make reservations nor do you need to enroll. Please stop in at the OLLI Lounge for light dessert during the noon hour and traverse the sidewalk to the library immediately east of Wilson Hall. Allow time for walking and finding a seat.

Iceland in Winter 10/06 • T • Barbara Staggs

Why would you go to Iceland in winter? Perhaps to see immense glaciers calving into lagoons filled with sparkling blue icebergs, or to enter an ice cave that is filled with undulating crystal blue ice, or to go to a black sand beach filled with small icebergs that look like diamonds and large icebergs being pushed ashore by crashing waves, or seeing the best aurora display in years. Barbara Staggs did just this on a photography trip in March. See what Iceland in winter is all about!

Perceptions of Xi'an, China 10/13 • T • Kyle Siegrist

Kyle Siegrist spent the Fall 2014 semester as a visiting professor of mathematics at Northwestern Polytechnical University in Xi'an, China. In this presentation, Mr. Siegrist will describe his perceptions of Xi'an, concentrating on the culture, food, people, attractions, and the educational system. The talk will be illustrated with lots of pictures.

Climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, Africa 10/20 • T • Shari George

Mt. Kilimanjaro is a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Site and one of the few places on earth that encompasses every ecological life zone: tropical jungle, savannah, desert, mountain forests, and an alpine zone. Climb with Shari George as she shares her 9-day experience on Mt. Kilimanjaro with a slide show and discussion of the western approach to the summit where all of these zones are experienced. Learn about Mt. Kilimanjaro, its terrain, and geologic highlights.

Highlights from England, Wales and Scotland 10/27 • T • Bill & Linda McAllister

Join Linda and Bill McAllister as they share highlights from the OLLI trip to England, Wales, and Scotland this past June. OLLI members enjoyed cities enshrined in history, quaint villages, and the verdant rural countryside from London to Edinburgh. Highlights included Oxford University, Stonehenge, Shakespeare's Stratford on Avon, Bath, the Lake District, York Minster Cathedral, Whitby Castle, and a home-hosted meal in Northern Wales. Many travelers did the extended Scotland trip so the visual presentation will include Inverness, Isle of Skye, and Glasgow.

Chinese Culture through Art 11/03 • T • Belinda D Fish

Join us for an enjoyable presentation covering Chinese symbols and culture as they pertain to the Belz Museum collection in Memphis, TN. China is represented by outstanding works of art, many of which were created during China's Qing dynasty (1644-1911), and are characteristic of an ancient culture with rich artistic traditions. Enjoy learning about artwork from this dynasty, created by artisans and craftsmen who created some of the most exquisite treasures the world has ever seen.

A Look at Our Mysterious Underground World 11/10 • T • Jennifer Pinkley

Did you know there are over 4,000 caves in Alabama? Famous for their exquisite beauty and unique recreational opportunities, some caves feature mysterious archaeological treasures; others contain remnants of Civil War saltpeter mines (then a key ingredient in gunpowder). The caves are also home to a variety of unique bats and other animals. Come learn about Alabama caves and bats, and see some amazing photos of our underground world.



Nancy Darnall
Chair

THE docent-led tour of the Huntsville Museum of Art exhibit on World War I was outstanding. Many of us agreed that the docent added meaning to the exhibit which would have eluded us otherwise. Thank you, Barb Halupka, for coordinating the tour.

Monday, October 19, 5:00—7:00 P.M., at A Cup of Everything: **Color It Merlot!**

Join OLLI friends as they indulge the latest fad of adult coloring books. Cara Stein, a local author and editor, will guide participants as they enjoy coloring, socializing, drinking, and eating delicious food at A Cup of Everything at Huntsville's 103 Northside Square. Choice of food and drink, plus an optional purchase of Cara's delightful book, *Relax and Color—An Oasis of Me-Time in Your Busy Day*. Reserve your space now; contact Linda McAllister at wmca@hiwaay.net.



Thursday, October 22, 4:30—7:30 P.M., at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center Saturn V Hall in the Davidson Center for Space Exploration: **German Biergarten**. Check it out at <http://rocketcenter.com/Biergarten>. This will be the final Stein and Dine for 2015. A percentage of the food sales proceeds benefits OLLI at

UAH. Jane McBride at janemcbride@knology.net is coordinating our group. Please contact her so that she can reserve tables for our OLLI members. Meals start at \$10. Beer, wine and soft drinks are available.

Saturday, November 21, 2:30 P.M., will be a matinee and dinner. Independent Musical Productions presents **Steel Magnolias** at Lee High School. Theatre tickets are \$18. All seniors, students, and military receive a \$2.00 discount. Dinner location will be announced in the Weekly E-news. Contact Eleanor Schweinsberg at eschweinsberg@bellsouth.net or 256 883-0602 to make your reservation.

Watch for updated information in the Weekly E-news about the following Cultural Committee activities:

A tour of St. Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church, downtown on Jefferson Street in the spring..

A field trip to Monroeville, Selma, and other Alabama sites in the spring.

An HD simulcast of the Metropolitan Opera.

A field trip to the Huntsville Museum of Art.

And other events of interest to OLLI members!

I would like to thank the members of the Cultural Committee for their participation. If you have an interest in joining us, contact Nancy Darnall at nbd51@icloud.com. Suggestions for upcoming activities are welcome. We want to provide a range of opportunities for our members.

“Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.”



— Socrates



Photo Scenes

Summer is almost over, and it's time to take advantage of some delightful photo opportunities. Look for glistening colorful leaves after a fall rain, a hill of radiant autumn color against the blue of a lake below, or a silvery stream in the morning mist.

The theme of our 2016 OLLI Photo Contest is **Water, Water, Everywhere**. Whether it's the ocean, a lake, a stream, a puddle reflecting a tree, a rain drop resting on a leaf, or a rain storm, "water" presents plenty of photo prospects. The contest runs from May 2015, to April 8, 2016.

Guidelines:

• **Theme:** "Water, Water, Everywhere"

- **Specs:**
- * Gentle photo editing is permitted, but keep the original photo
 - * Photo must not have identifying/copyright marks
 - * 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:** olliphotcontest@outlook.com. You may 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

NEW MEMBER INTEREST GROUP!!!!

Tennis Member Interest Group



Tennis? Do you play now? Have you played in the past? Would you be interested in learning the basics? This could be fun and exercise at the same time. If you are interested in belonging to a Tennis Member Interest Group, please contact Sue Chatham, chatham@knology.net or 256-684-7950.

The OLLI Insider November issue submission deadline is Sunday, October 18. (Early is good!) Please submit your articles to Nancy Darnall at nbd51@icloud.com. Any OLLI photos are welcome; just send them to the newsletter. As always, please include the photographer's name, the names of those in the photo, and the event shown. Thank you.



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