

News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

November 2015

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President's Message



Bob Darnall
President

I hope everyone is enjoying the fall class schedule. To me, one of the most exciting things about OLLI is learning something new every day, something that you may never need, but that will expand your world. Some of the classes I've taken at OLLI are subjects I never dreamed of taking a few years ago. Thanks to OLLI, I feel I have become more well - rounded. I get just the right amount of mental stimulation so that learning is interesting, but not taxing. I would encourage everyone to take a class or two that is beyond their normal comfort zone.

We now have over 900 OLLI members, well on our way to 1000 by the end of the school year! Please keep encouraging your friends to join OLLI and participate in our many activities. Remember that even though fall classes will end soon, there are many OLLI activities being scheduled during the winter break. This starts with the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on Friday afternoon, November 6, and includes numerous cultural and social functions. Details of some of these are included in this newsletter. Others will be announced in the **Weekly E-news** you should be receiving every Friday. So please read all your OLLI correspondence and GET INVOLVED!

In October, Dr. Karen Clanton, Dean of Professional and Continuing Studies, and Gratia Mahony, OLLI Curriculum Committee Chair, attended the National Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes Conference in Charlotte, NC. This conference, held every 18 months or so, provides an opportunity for senior OLLI leaders in the 119 OLLIs nationwide to gather and discuss their individual successes and concerns. Your Board of Directors will utilize the information received from this conference to help our program remain a vital resource in the Huntsville area. While this is useful information, your individual opinions and suggestions are always welcome to improve areas of interest to our own program. Please feel free to discuss any ideas you have about what OLLI should (or should not) be doing with any Board Member.

Treats before Weekly Bonus



DON'T forget the Member Services Committee is organizing light desserts on Tuesdays from noon until 1:00 P.M. in the OLLI Lounge. This is just before Weekly Bonuses in the Salmon Library. Allow time to find your seating at the bonus! Contact Sue Chatham at chatham@knology.net to volunteer. Your cost reimbursement is available.

Volunteer schedule:

November 03 —Jane Norrell

November 10 —Sue Chatham

Special Events Committee

Mark Your Calendars!



Bill McAllister
Chair

Our Special Events Committee is charged with scheduling events during the breaks between class terms. As OLLI's fall term ends, we are offering a treasure of activities. Look over the list below. Maybe now is the time to try something new!

On Friday, **November 13**, in Wilson Hall **Room 152** at 10:00 A.M., OLLI will show the movie *Shakespeare in Love*. This 1998 film with a star-studded cast won seven Academy Awards including Best Picture.



On Wednesday **November 18** at 10:00 A.M., OLLI members meet at the Von Braun Observatory and Planetarium at Monte Sano State Park to experience a planetarium show of the skies.



Wednesday, **December 2**, at 10:00 A.M., OLLI members will meet at Baron Critical Weather Intelligence at 4930 Research Drive for a tour of this award-winning small business. Bob Baron, a former local TV weatherman in Huntsville, envisioned a better way of delivering critical weather information after experiencing the frustration of the devastation of the November 15, 1989, tornado that raced down Airport Road and killed 22 persons at evening rush hour. (This tour will be complete in time for members to attend the 1:00 P.M. docent tour at the Huntsville Museum of Art.)

Don't miss a special Popcorn and a Movie on Friday, **December 4**, at 9:30 am *Phantom of the Opera*, a fully-staged production in glorious Victorian splendor with a cast and orchestra of over 200, starts a bit earlier than usual.



On Tuesday, **December 15** OLLI will show the movie *A Christmas Carol* with George C. Scott in Wilson Hall, in conjunction with a Winter Term Registration social.

On Wednesday, **January 13** at 10:00 A.M. OLLI members will enjoy seeing thousands of Sandhill Cranes and some rare Whooping Cranes, as well as many ducks and geese that winter at the Wheeler Wildlife Refuge in Decatur. The entrance is 2.7 miles west of I-65



It's essential to keep moving, learning, and evolving for as long as you're here and this world keeps spinning.

—Rasheed Ogunlaru

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE



Gratia Mahony
Chair

A Big, Big Thank You to All the Fall Term OLLI Instructors

Following are the names of the members of the Curriculum Committee who are tasked with arranging the courses for the fall term, getting the instructors to teach the course, getting the syllabi in, and arranging for classroom facilitators.

All discipline chairs and instructors volunteer their time and expertise to present great classes for our OLLI members.

Thank you,

Gratia Mahony, VP, Chair Curriculum Committee

Course Discipline Chair

for Fall Term

C61 Arts and Letters

Jane Norrell

THANK YOU!
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Instructors

Jacque Reeves

Jane Norrell

Vicki Earnest

Mary Galbreath

Dannye Drake

Debbie West

Gratia Mahony

Val Seaquist

Mike Roberts

Maxine Doherty

& Friday Focus Team:

John W. Davis

Will Worthington

Don Wells

Christel McCanless

Dr. Cobb Alexander

Lila King

Thank
You

C63 Finance and Economics

Dirk Drawe

Lacy Scott

C64 Foreign Language

Beth Altenkirch

Hugh Nicholson

Edward Meehan

Anuschka Stott (2)

Flora Boardman (2)

Karlee Arey

Shanna Valcy-Pech

Leka Maedenbach

Natalie Parker

C65 Psychology, Philosophy and Religion

Chris Rupp

Chris Rupp

Hugh Nicholson

THANKS

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

C66 Leisure and Nature

Bev Marchelos

Janet Reville

Gene Zajicek

Sam Tumminello

Tom Bryant

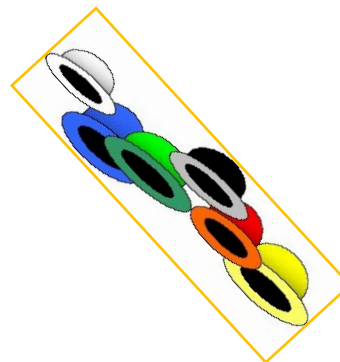
Lori Connors

Susan Webb

"Soos" Weber

Carol Edwards

Pat Long



C67 History and Government

Carter Brantner

John Blair

Diane Hollingshead

Mickey Lollar

Vanitha Singh

Tennent Lee

Svetlana Jovanov

Carter Brantner

C68 Science and Mathematics

John Schweinsberg

John Dimmock & Team:

Dr. Tom Nunes and Dr. Ng

Lois Dreher

Amanda Stokes

Charlie Ross

John Schweinsberg

Ken Rex

James Brown

Danyell Miller

C70 Health and Fitness

Judy Oljey

Lynn Cagle

Katie Burrus

Millicent Simmons

Gary Bock

C71 Natural Resources

Joel Weinbaum

Daniel Tait

Phil Bording

Craig Reinhart

C72 Travel Topics

Birgit Stensby

C73 Skills and Hobbies

Bev Marcelos

Frances Byrd

Liza Q. Wirtz

Dan Thompson

James Brown

Weekly Bonus

Gratia Mahony

Sharon Ashby

Linda & Bill McAllister

Barbara Staggs

Belinda D. Fish

Kyle Siegrist

Jennifer Pinkley

Robert L. Stewart

Shari George



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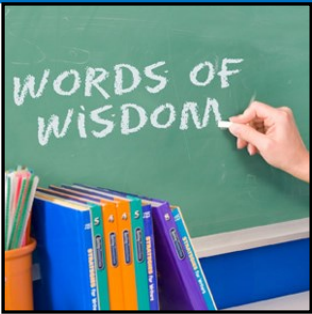
While the official end of the fall session is Friday, November 6, several classes may be offering make-up classes over the following weeks. Check with your instructors.

Registration for the Winter Term 2016 begins when the OLLI catalog goes online in early December. The on campus OLLI Registration Celebration is set for Tuesday, December 15, to coincide with the Special Events' Popcorn and a Movie featuring *A Christmas Carol*. Watch your Weekly e-News for details.

OLLI classes resume on Monday, January 25, 2016.

The UAH campus and offices will be closed November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving. Happy Holiday!

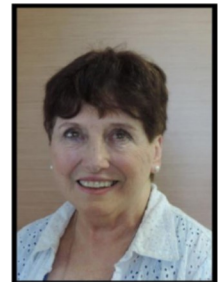
SOCIAL COMMITTEE



UPCOMING EVENTS

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 the time to show thanks to our fine instructors and to gather with friends before the term break. We will

be enjoying pizza, veggies, dessert, and beverages. We also have some great entertainment planned. A donation of \$3 is requested. Sign up in the Volunteer Office and mark your calendars. Contact Leah Black, leahblack01@comcast.net, for further information.



Leah Black
Chair

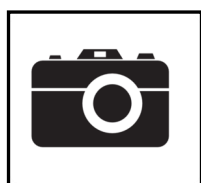


Our annual Holiday Party will be Tuesday, December 8, at the UAH Conference Training Center (CAC). Conversation, food, live music, and dancing are on the agenda. This is always a special event that everyone enjoys. Tickets are available online for \$32 per person at [Holiday Tickets \(osher.uah.edu/ollitickets\)](http://osher.uah.edu/ollitickets), or you may obtain them in the OLLI Volunteer Office, Wilson Hall 151 until November 6. Contact Leah Black, leahblack01@comcast.net, for more information.

WINTER SESSION PREVIEW

As all OLLI members are aware, things never stop at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Alabama at Huntsville. Sure, the fall session is just about in the books and the interim events are scheduled, but the winter session registration is around the corner. Registration begins as soon as the catalog goes on line. On **December 15**, at 10 A.M., OLLI will host a registration celebration. Even if you have already registered for your classes by then, come on by Wilson Hall for some refreshments, fellowship, and an opportunity to purchase a gift membership and /or registration for a friend or family member.

A partial list of courses:



America's First Ladies
Ancient Chinese Exercises
Eight Epic Archaeological Discoveries
Finding Equilibrium in Life
Beethoven — His Life and Music
Great Artists of the Italian Renaissance
German Literature
High Energy Laser Weapons
History of Native Americans
HudsonAlpha Presentation
Introduction to Infectious Diseases
Italian for Beginners and Travelers
The Life of Abraham Lincoln
Photography — Progressing from Snapshots to Great Shots
Practice Making a Fortune
A Survey of the Southern Civil Rights Struggle
Ukulele 101



OLLI After Five

A History of Horror in the Movies
Beginning Spanish, Term 2
Our Place in the Universe
Selling on eBay
The Secret Life of Words
The World of Wine
The History of Computing





Ken Rex
Chair

ACTION REQUESTED NOW!

OLLI members have all been sent an email about donating to the OLLI Support Fund at UAH. This is so OLLI at UAH can continue to do the great things that we have done in the past such as having great courses, field trips, hiking activities, cultural events, and opportunities for travel in America and abroad, plus enjoy our many social engagements.

But we want to be able to do even better things in the future. We are tentatively planning to offer a record 69 courses for the winter term and will continue to offer night classes. We have the goal to get the OLLI membership from the 800-900 level, maintained the last few years, to over 1000 for the 2015-2016 academic year. These additions, improvements, and our state-of-the-art equipment require resources, and that means funding that we all can help provide. This will allow the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute to be an even better asset to the greater Huntsville community.

The newly formed OLLI Fund Development Committee has the task of seeking support from members and other resources so that these goals can be met. Contribute now to OLLI's **first** fundraising campaign. Go online to make your tax deductible gift to the OLLI Support Fund OSHER.uah.edu/DonateOLLI.

Give the Gift of Lifelong Learning

Surprise your loved one(s) with an OLLI Gift Membership!

You already know the value of membership:

an organization for adults ages 50 and over who enjoy learning, laughing, questioning, traveling, and sharing with other lifelong learners.

More classes than ever! OLLI is offering exciting travel, field trips, and social activities coming in 2016.

For more information call (256)824-6183

PAST EVENTS

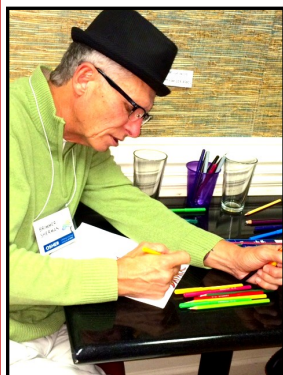
OLLI members met at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center on Thursday, October 22, for the weekly Biergarten. OLLI at UAH was the designated recipient of the charitable proceeds of this event. We also set up a promotional table and shared information about our program with other folks enjoying dinner, drinks and dancing.



Photos courtesy of Jean Greenwood
and Linda McAllister.

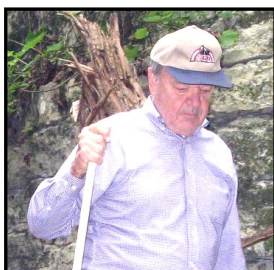
PAST EVENTS (continued)

On October 19, 13 bold members gathered at a quaint downtown eatery for *Color Me Merlot*. We colored pictures, ate, drank, and laughed a lot. Some of our handiwork was on display in the OLLI Lounge. Cara Stein, a local author, facilitated our event. Cara will teach a publishing course this Winter Term for OLLI.



Photos courtesy of Linda McAllister.

The OLLI Hiking MIG is out on Thursdays and Fridays, having fun and staying fit—rain or shine—as Bob Goodwin's photos attest!



Photos courtesy of Bob Goodwin.

WEEKLY BONUSES



Gratia
Mahony

Don't miss these! Gather in the Salmon Library Room 111 on Tuesdays from 1:00—2:30 P.M. for our special weekly bonuses, 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.

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 glorious Belz Museum of Asian and Judaic Art 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, 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 photographs of our underground world.

SPRING GARDEN TOUR: VOLUNTEER LEADERS NEEDED

One of our most popular spring-term classes is The Spring Garden Tour. OLLI at UAH needs two volunteers to contact three homeowners each to coordinate the tours. We have contact information for many local homeowners who have welcomed us to tour their gardens over the past 10 years. To continue to offer this class, Bev Marchelos will work with the volunteer leaders to schedule the tours. Bev has experience with this class and would love to have you join her in keeping this course a part of our OLLI offerings. Please call Bev at 256-534-3539.





Nancy Darnall
Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS *Make your reservations*

Dinner and 'Sneak Preview' Huntsville Symphony Orchestra's (HSO): "Austria: Beethoven and Bruckner"

Thursday, Nov 12, 5:15 P.M., Dinner at Carrabba's

7:30 P.M., Concert at VBC Mark Smith Concert Hall

Join OLLI friends for dinner at Carrabba's Italian Grill, Parkway Place, at 5:15 P.M. followed by HSO's dress rehearsal of the Season's Opening concert featuring two 19th century Austrian virtuoso composers. Enjoy special seating at the VBC to see Huntsville's cultural jewel for the *token price of \$5*. Enjoy the full orchestra performing with the guest pianist, Kirill Gerstein, under direction of Gregory Vajda, HSO's Music Director and Conductor.

Please reserve your place with Barb Halupka at barbh0549@hotmail.com or 256- 682-7136, and let her know if you plan to dine at Carrabin's or only attend the Symphony rehearsal. Bring a friend and *experience a real deal*.

Matinee and Dinner: Independent Musical Productions presents "Steel Magnolias"

Saturday, November 21, 2:30 P.M., Lee High School

Dinner Immediately after at Po' Boy Factory

Join us for a matinee and dinner. Contact Eleanor Schweinsberg at eschweinsberg@bellsouth.net or call 256-883-0602 if you would like to attend. We will go to dinner afterwards at Po Boy Factory located at 815 Andrew Jackson Way NE, Huntsville AL 35801.

Price for reserved seats is \$18. All seniors, students, and military receive a \$2 discount on tickets. As the expiration time has passed, please call the school to reserve your ticket.

The Tsars' Cabinet: Two Hundred Years of Russian Decorative Arts Under the Romanovs

Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 1:00 P.M., Huntsville Museum of Art (HMA)

Enjoy a rare and intimate glimpse into the everyday lives of the Russian tsars at this spectacular exhibit. Our tour of more than 200 pieces of Russian art will be led by an expert HMA docent and is free to Museum members, \$8 for non-members. Arrive a few minutes ahead to check in and meet your OLLI friends in the Church Street lobby. Reservations are required by Wed., November 25. Contact Pat Tumminello at mkstars@knology.net or by phone 256-534-1480.

To ring in the yuletide season, you may wish to have a cup of hot chocolate after the exhibit at Pane e Vino, ground floor of the museum, and take a stroll through the Holiday "Tinsel Trail" of decorated trees in Big Spring Park. Altogether it will make for a festive December afternoon.

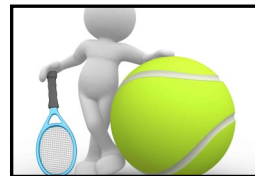
WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE

Don't forget the OLLI 2015-2016 photo contest.

More details will be available in the December-January OLLI Insider. For questions, please contact Lorrie White at 256-520-4455 or email olliphotocontest@outlook.com.

NEW MEMBER INTEREST GROUP!!!!

Don't Forget: 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, contact Sue Chatham, chatham@knology.net or 256-684-7950.

The OLLI Insider December/January issue submission deadline is Sunday, November 15. (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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