



## News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

Winter Break Edition: December 2015/January 2016

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### President's Message



Bob Darnall  
President

I thought we had a great fall program and am looking forward to an even better winter schedule. The Curriculum Committee has included 29 new classes for the winter session. They are constantly reviewing all the various courses to ensure that we have a wide variety of interesting topics to entice us all to continue to rediscover the joy of learning. The winter catalog will be available in early December. Review the course listings and sign up early. Some classes fill up quickly. For more information on class content and general OLLI membership, please come to our **Registration Celebration** on December 15, followed by the holiday classic movie, *A Christmas Carol*.

While classes may be over until the winter term, OLLI activities are continuing throughout the period. The Cultural and Special Events Committees have a number of events scheduled during this time. Please read your Newsletter and weekly E-news to find out details. Don't forget to attend the OLLI Holiday Party on December 8. The Social Committee has been working hard to ensure that we all have a good time that evening.

Your Board has been reviewing our total program with the goal of ensuring that we can continue to provide quality courses and activities at an affordable rate. This year we have initiated a fund drive to benefit OLLI programming. You should have received a letter in the mail. The Holidays are a time of giving. Please consider a tax deductible donation to the OLLI Support Fund. Thank you.



### Treats Before Our Weekly Bonus

Beginning in January, the Member Services Committee is offering soup or chili before the Weekly Bonuses. We are encouraging volunteers to bring in a slow cooker with a personal favorite (it can be purchased and heated in the cooker). Reimbursement is available. We ask that you have a small serving with your salad or sandwich. Contact Sue Chatham at [chatham@knology.net](mailto:chatham@knology.net) to volunteer. More than one person may sign up per week.

January 27	Nancy Darnall	February 24
February 3		March 3
February 1	Jane McBride	March 10
February 17		

## OLLI CALENDAR

As a new feature for our *OLLI Insider*, a Calendar of Upcoming Events will be published in each edition. New items added since the previous edition will be marked with a double asterisk (\*\*). UAH events may also appear and will be marked with a carat (^). Contact Nancy Darnall at nbd51@icloud.com or Maxine Doherty at maxine.doherty@uah.edu to add items. Check your Weekly eNews for updates

Month	Time	Event
December 02	10:00 am	Baron Critical Weather Intelligence, 4930 Research Drive, Huntsville, AL
December 02	1:00 pm	<b>The Tsars' Cabinet: Two Hundred Years of Russian Decorative Arts Under the Romanovs</b> , Huntsville Museum of Art. Pat Tumminello, mkstars@knology.net or 256-534-1480. Deadline 11/25. Contact regarding waitlist or cancellations.
December 02	7:30 pm	^ <b>Peace on Earth: A Gala Celebration of the Arts</b> ; visit <a href="http://www.uah.edu/Peace">www.uah.edu/Peace</a> . \$10.
December 04	9:30 am	<b>**Popcorn and a Movie: <i>The Phantom of the Opera</i></b> , Wilson Hall 226.
December 08	6-10 pm	<b>OLLI Holiday Party</b> , UAH Conference Training Center (formerly University Center) Exhibit Hall. \$32; CASH ONLY Bar, <a href="http://Osher.uah.edu/ollitickets">Osher.uah.edu/ollitickets</a> online purchase.
December 15	10:00 am	<b>Winter Registration Celebration</b> , Wilson Hall 001.
December 15	11:00 am	<b>Popcorn and a Movie: <i>A Christmas Carol</i></b> starring George C. Scott, Wilson Hall 152.
December 15	2:00 pm	<b>Nursing Department Presentation</b> , Test Proctoring, Wilson Hall, 226.
January 06	9:00 am	<b>**<i>Dances with Wolves</i></b> . Sneak peek at the Winter Class: History of Native Americans.
January 12	8:30 am	<b>**OLLI Space Camp</b> . U.S. Space and Rocket Center; contact Sheila Jones, <a href="mailto:sheila.jones@uah.edu">sheila.jones@uah.edu</a> or 256-824-6183. Spaces limited.
January 13	10:00 am	<b>Birding at Wheeler Wildlife Refuge</b> , entrance is 2.7 miles west of I-65.
January 15	10:00 am	<b>National Children's Advocacy Center</b> , 210 Pratt Avenue. Please contact Linda Dimmock at <a href="mailto:dimmocklr@comcast.net">dimmocklr@comcast.net</a> for reservations.

Join your OLLI friends at these events scheduled by the Special Events, Curriculum, Cultural and/or Social Committees; PCS; and UAH. Remember to check your Weekly E-news for the latest information of these and other activities. OLLI membership is required for OLLI activities.

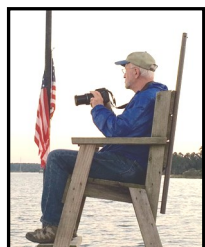
**COME FOR THE CLASSES, STAY FOR THE FUN!**

**SHARE OLLI!**

Don't forget to watch your Weekly E-news for updates on OLLI activities, special events, Winter Registration (early December online), and other items of interest to OLLI members.

We now have over 920 OLLI members in the Greater Huntsville/Madison County area. We have room for more! Encourage your friends and family to join OLLI.

## Special Events Committee



Bill McAllister

On Friday, November 13, the movie *Shakespeare in Love* was shown in Room 152 of Wilson Hall. The OLLI movie events continue to emphasize award winners, while also showing lesser known movies that might appeal to our membership.

On a rainy morning, November 18, twenty OLLI members gathered at the Von Braun Astronomical Society's (VBAS) planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. This was for a special planetarium show for OLLI put on by VBAS planetarium presenter and OLLI member James Brelsford. He began with a history of how the planetarium came into being. In 1954, a high school student asked Werner von Braun if he could help get a planetarium in Huntsville. With support from von Braun and other members of his missile team, a 16" Schmidt-Cassegrain Celestron telescope was purchased. A 21" Newtonian focus telescope was made by the group in the 1950's. This early astronomy group, initially called the Rocket City Astronomical Association, provided Huntsville a first class astronomical educational tool.

James then presented an interesting planetarium show with slides and the Spitz planetarium projector about the notable stars and constellations visible this time of the year. Afterwards, James and Doug Horacek, resident VBAS astronomer, gave us a tour of the two telescopes housed at the Observatory with explanations of how they operated and answered many OLLI questions.

## Cultural Committee



Nancy Darnall  
Chair

Twenty-five of our OLLI members attend the sneak preview of the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra on November 12. Fifteen of them also met for dinner at Carrabba's before the event. Thank you, Barb Halupka, for coordinating this activity. The sneak previews are only \$5 and are a dress rehearsal for the performance the following day.

The iconic *Steel Magnolias*, performed November 21, at Lee High School Black Box Theatre was outstanding. There was barely a dry eye in the house, including the actors onstage.

Eleanor Schweinsberg organized twelve members to attend the matinee and eleven members to go to dinner at the Po' Boy Factory. New Orleans food after a Louisiana-set play was a great plan. John Schweinsberg joined us for dinner. As always, thank you, Eleanor, for arranging our event.

An expert docent will enhance our tour of **The Tsars' Cabinet: Hundred Years of Russian Decorative Arts Under the Romanovs** on **Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 1:00 P.M., Huntsville Museum of Art (HMA)**. Let's ring in the yuletide season with 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.

We look forward to many events coming up in the Winter and Spring Terms, including *Smokey Joe's Cafe*, a simulcast of the New York Metropolitan Opera productions at the Hollywood 18, the April 10 matinee of *Peter Pan* from the Huntsville Ballet Company, and a planned trip to Monroeville and Selma during Spring Break. Watch for details!

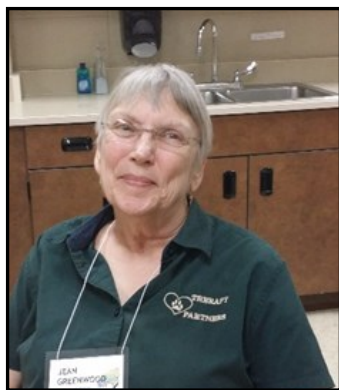
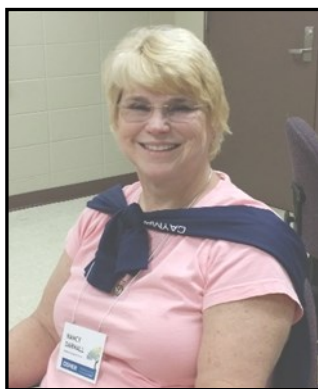
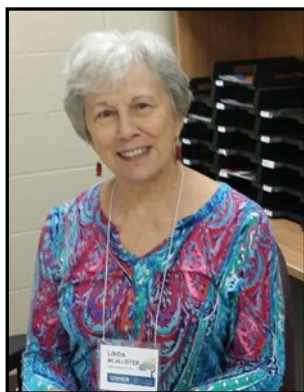
Details concerning the **Huntsville Master Chorale's *Mosaic of Love*, Saturday, February 13, 2016**, will be released soon. This annual event has been very popular with OLLI and the greater community, with tickets selling out each year. Watch your Weekly E-news for price and ticket sales.

## THANK YOU!

A special thank you to the ladies who provided goodies in the OLLI Lounge before the Weekly Bonuses in the Fall Term. This was a special treat at noon each Tuesday before each Bonus. When you see these ladies on campus, please give them a personal thank you.



Sue Chatham  
Chair

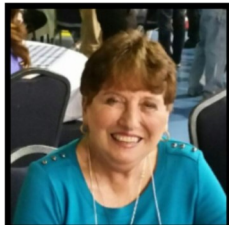


A suggestion has been made to have a cup of soup or chili before the Weekly Bonuses in the Winter Term. The bonuses (Wednesday, winter term) will begin on Wednesday, January 27. If you would be willing to prepare something hot to share with OLLI members, please let me know. There is reimbursement for supplies upon request. More than one person may sign up for a given date. Please contact Sue Chatham, [chatham@knology.net](mailto:chatham@knology.net) or 256-684-7950.

Photos courtesy of Sue Chatham. Left to right, top row: Linda McAllister, Nancy Darnall, Linda Dimmock. Bottom row: Jean Greenwood, Margrit Earles, Carolyn Johnson.



## ***SOCIAL COMMITTEE***



Leah Black

Chair

The OLLI Social Committee is busy planning more fun and exciting social events for OLLI members. The next Social event will be the Back to School Pot Luck. It will take place the Friday of the first week of Winter Term classes. That is January 29, 2016. Trinity United Methodist

Church (TUMC) is the venue and the time is from 12:30-2:30 PM. Main dishes will be provided but members are encouraged to bring side dishes and desserts to share. We will provide beverages and paper goods. To entertain us, we will have a well known storyteller. This is always a good time to visit with other OLLI members, make new friends, and chat with OLLI instructors. What a great way to start out the Winter Term.



At the November Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, we honored Betty Carlton, a dedicated OLLI teacher for the past fifteen years. Under her caring tutelage, hundreds of students began writing their life stories.

Each week, Betty shared her knowledge, articles, and books to assist her student friends in creating works to share their lives with future generations. Her warm encouragement allowed her classes to develop a body of written works, make new and lasting friend-

ships, and sometimes, many times, opened up forgotten chapters of our lives. Even telling the sad/bad stories has positive repercussions. Five volumes of ***Slices of Life***, a compilation of stories written by students in "Writing your Life Story" have been published to date.

Thank you, Betty Carlton, for leading us, for showing us how to age gracefully, how to remain engaged in life, and for being our teacher and friend.



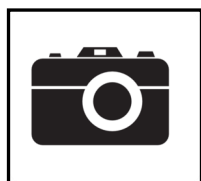
## WINTER SESSION

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 online. 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: The Power of Genetics  
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

## End of the Year Giving

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 to benefit OLLI operations.

Please go online to make your tax deductible gift to the OLLI Support Fund at UAH [OSHER.uah.edu/DonateOLLI](http://OSHER.uah.edu/DonateOLLI).

## Share the Gift of Lifelong Learning

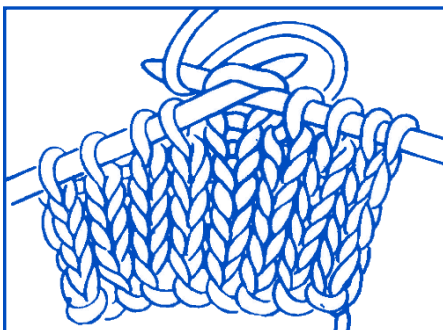
Give an OLLI membership!

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.

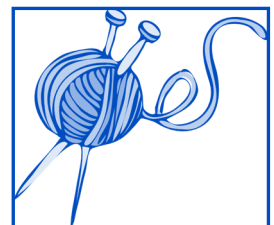
Appropriate for family, friends, and anyone in your circle.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT— NEW KNITTING MIG



Calling All OLLI Knitters...

Wouldn't it be great to have our own Member Interest Group (MIG) where knitters – from **beginners to advanced** – can share information on yarns, patterns, and techniques as well as have entertaining conversation? If you are interested in an OLLI Knitting MIG, please contact Barbara Ward: [bward@hiwaay.net](mailto:bward@hiwaay.net), 256-883-6403. We'll then get together to determine the where, when, and other particulars of our MIG.





## PAST EVENTS



Our November Teacher Appreciation Luncheon was a grand success. Pizza, cookies, and a Sing-Along. Thank you to the fabulous OLLI Social Committee for organizing and setting up the Trinity United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall for our event. Annette Shingler and Linda McAllister led us in singing some old favorites (and some new songs for a few of us). Tyler Henderson, a former student of Linda's, performed solo and led us as well. This event is designed to thank our many capable teachers and class leaders who put forth so much effort to give us the best courses possible.



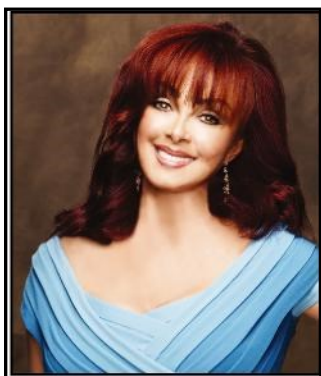
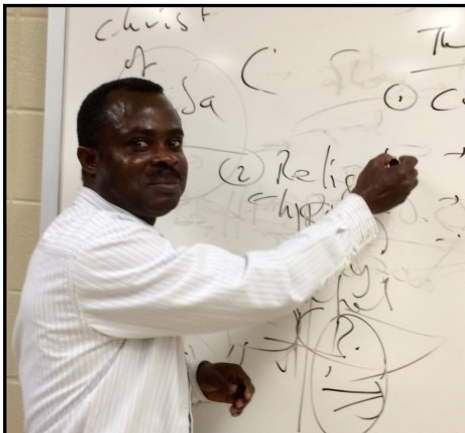
### Von Braun Planetarium Visit

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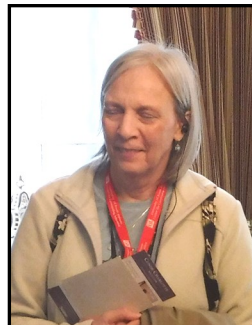
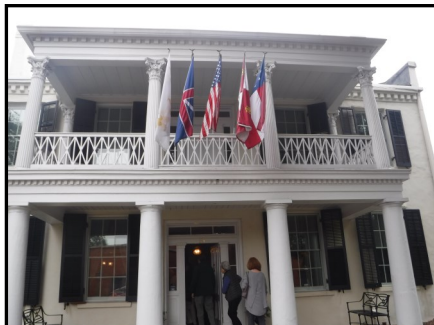


OLLI activities during this past year. Send photos to Nancy Darnall at [nbd51@icloud.com](mailto:nbd51@icloud.com).



Photos courtesy of OLLI members throughout the year.





November 8—13, fifteen OLLI members took advantage of a last-minute Road Scholar trip to Fairhope and Weeks Bay, Alabama. Among the experiences were intrepid sailors, waterside relaxation, Tom Morley (violinist for the Mobile Symphony on a nyckelharpa), aboard the Schooner Joshua and a Delta explorer. There was also architecture and birds, birds, birds.

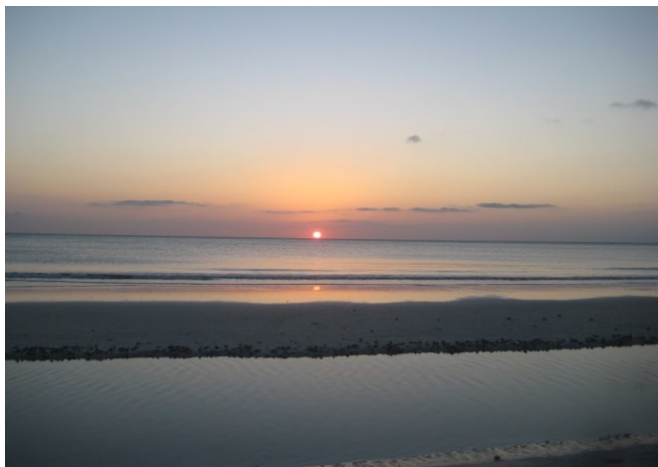
Photos courtesy of Bill McAllister and Nancy Darnall.

# 2016 OLLI Photo Contest

**May 2015 – April 8, 2016**

***“Water, Water, Everywhere”***

The theme of our 2016 OLLI Photo Contest is **“Water, Water, Everywhere.”** Whether it’s the ocean, a lake, a stream, a puddle reflecting an object, 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:** [olliphotocontest@outlook.com](mailto:olliphotocontest@outlook.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 8, 2016

***For questions, please contact Lorrie White at 256-520-4455 or email [olliphotocontest@outlook.com](mailto:olliphotocontest@outlook.com).***

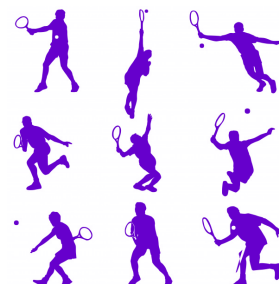
*Submitted by Lorrie White*



## MEMBER INTEREST GROUP (NEW) !!!!

### *Don't Forget: Tennis Member Interest Group*

**Tennis Anyone?** 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](mailto:chatham@knology.net) or please call 256-684-7950.



**The OLLI Insider** February issue submission deadline is Friday, January 16. (Early is better!) Please submit your articles to Nancy Darnall at [nbd51@icloud.com](mailto: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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