



News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

Winter Break 2016/17

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Your OLLI President's Message



Bob Darnall
President

I hope everyone has had a great fall term. We had more people register for fall classes this year than any term in the history of OLLI. I think the quality and variety of classes was a major reason. I would like to thank all the members of the Curriculum Committee for the outstanding job they have done, and continue to do. Everyone will be excited about the winter term classes as soon as they see the catalog in early December. Maybe it is due to the fact that I didn't have a broad background, but I am continually amazed at how much I learn in every single class.

OLLI is a volunteer-driven organization; one of our goals this year is to increase the volunteer participation of our members. During the winter break, please consider how you can help OLLI continue to be a vibrant part of our community. While classes may have ended for now, OLLI continues to have activities. Just in the month of November OLLI had numerous events including a book signing, Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, two day trips to Nashville, Popcorn & a Movie, a funny play *A Tuna Christmas* at the VBC Playhouse and the Broadway Theater League's *Dirty Dancing*. Upcoming events are listed on the Page Two Calendar. These activities don't just happen magically, they require volunteers. It's not hard work, but does require some level of coordination.

As I indicated in my previous letter we are modifying our procedures for nominating/electing members of the Board of Directors. Starting in December our Nomination Task Force will begin identifying potential candidates. Please continue thinking about individuals (including yourself) who would be good candidates for Board participation. I will be stepping down as President in May but will remain on the Board. We will have a number of open Board positions and want to ensure that we draw from the full OLLI membership to get the best team to lead OLLI next year.

Don't forget that Winter Session registration is ongoing. You won't want to miss a thing!



There may still be openings for the Spain trip, Spring Break 2017!
Contact Nancy Darnall at nbd51@icloud.com.

"Aun aprendo." (I am still learning.)

— Goya

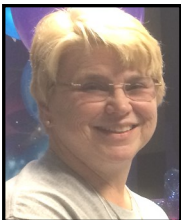
A Calendar of Upcoming Events will be published in each edition. Committee Chairs should contact Nancy Darnall at nbd51@icloud.com or Maxine Doherty at maxine.doherty@uah.edu to add items. Check your Weekly E-news for updates and details.

Month	Time	Event
Registration is ongoing!		
December 8	6 - 10 PM	OLLI Holiday Party , Conference Training Center Exhibit Hall. \$35 per person, available at osher.uah.edu/ollitickets. Dinner buffet, games, and music.
December 9	9 - Noon	Popcorn and a Movie, Spotlight , Wilson Hall 152. No charge.
December 12	9 - Noon	Winter 2017 Registration Celebration , Wilson Hall Lobby. Bring a friend.
December 15	7 PM	A Sanders Family Christmas , Burritt on the Mountain Old Country Church. Tickets are \$20. Contact Pat Tumminello at mkstars@knology.net. See Page 3 for further details. Arrive early.
January 7	2 PM	Broadway Theatre League (BTL), 42nd Street , VBC Mark C. Smith Concert Hall. Tickets are \$59. Contact Pennie at 256-6155 (BTL Office). Non-members may attend.
January 10	10 PM	Birding Excursion , Wheeler Wildlife Refuge. Contact Bill McAllister at billmcallister94@gmail.com. See Page 3 for further details.
January 18	10 PM	What's Up, Doc? Huntsville Museum of Art. Contact Pat Tumminello at mkstars@knology.net. Admission charged.
January 23		OLLI Classes Resume!
January 28	7 PM	OLLI Night at UAH Charger Hockey , VBC Propst Arena. \$5. Contact Janet Reville, jrev1988@gmail.com

Director of NIST to Speak at UAH on December 12

Dr. Willie E. May, Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology will give a talk open to the community on the UAH campus (Charger Union Theatre) at 10 am on Monday, Dec 12. The title of the talk will be "NIST: Who We Are, What We Do, and Why You Should Care?" Please help us spread the word and if you have interest – please attend. This is completely open to the public.

Join your OLLI friends at these events scheduled by the Events, Curriculum, and/or Social Committees; PCS; and UAH. Remember to check your Weekly E-news for the latest information on these and other activities. OLLI membership is required for OLLI activities. More details are available in the Committee Sections of this *OLLI Insider*.



Nancy Darnall,
Chair

Wow! Are we ever busy with the OLLI Events activities! And more to come. Check out what's in store:

Friday, December 9, 9:00-noon (note early start). **Spotlight**, WH152. Noted investigative journalist Carl Bernstein characterizes this as the "Most realistic movie about journalism" that he has even seen. Watch how reporters from the Boston globe take on the Vatican. Well-acted and reviewed. A cinematic gem!



Thursday, December 15, 7:00 PM, Renaissance Theatre presents **A Sanders Family Christmas** at Burritt on the Mountain Old Country Church. We'll return to Mount Pleasant, North Carolina, on Christmas Eve of 1941. Reverend Oglethorpe has invited the Sanders family to the Baptist Church to sing and witness, thereby getting the congregation in the down-home holiday spirit before the boys, including one of the Sanders' own, ship off to World War II. A Huntsville Christmas tradition becomes an OLLI event. A limited number of \$20 tickets is available. Confirm your reservation with Pat Tumminello at mkstars@knology.net, then pay by check made to OLLI or via the OLLI Tickets website. The performance begins at 7:00 PM. **You are strongly encouraged to arrive by 6:30 PM as seating is not reserved.** The Old Country Church is just that, with old-fashioned church pews; you may want to bring a cushion.

Saturday, January 7, 2 PM, **Broadway Theatre League's (BTL) 42nd Street**, VBC Mark C. Smith Concert Hall. The quintessential backstage musical comedy classic is the song and dance fable of the American Dream story. Tickets are \$59 and are available from Pennie at the BTL Office. Call 256-518-6155.

Tuesday, January 10, 10 AM, **Birding Excursion**, Wheeler Wildlife Refuge. OLLI is invited to witness an unforgettable phenomena: thousands of large birds appear right before your eyes, including the 46-inch tall Sandhill Cranes, a variety of ducks, geese and hawks, and maybe the very rare Whooping Cranes. Meet at the Visitor Center, located on the south side of Alabama Highway 67 about halfway between I-65 Exit 334 West just south of the Tennessee River and US Highway 31 in Decatur. (GPS coordinates are 34.547406, -86.951136). A Ranger will tell us about the birds we can expect to see, then walk us to the glass-walled Wildlife Observation Building for our special experience. Bring your binoculars or use the built-in telescopes. Come early and see the wildlife exhibits in the Visitor's Center. Stay one hour or more. Carpooling is recommended. Contact Bill McAllister at billmcallister94@gmail.com.

Wednesday, January 18, 10 AM, **What's Up, Doc? The Animation Art of Chuck Jones**, Huntsville Museum of Art, 300 Church Street. Join our docent-led tour of the eye-opening exhibit. Meet in the lobby. Admission. Contact Pat Tumminello at mkstars@gmail.com for reservations. Stay for a bite at Pan e Vino, if you'd like.

Saturday, January 21, 11:55 AM, **Metropolitan Opera simulcast of Romeo et Juliette** at the Hollywood 18. No reservation is necessary. Meet in the lobby. Consider meeting afterwards for discussion (Place TBD).

Saturday, January 28, 7 PM, **OLLI Night at UAH Charger Hockey**, VBC Propst Arena, Limited number of tickets at \$5. Join us for an exciting evening of Division II collegiate hockey and refreshments (included). UAH faces off against Michigan Tech. Contact Janet Reville at jrev1988@gmail.com. Dress warmly. If you have season tickets, come visit during the breaks.

From Our Members



Meet Dori Anthony

Dori was a facilitator for OLLI this fall. She was enthusiastic about her facilitator duties and always added a bit of humor to each class. She fascinated me so I sat down with her to find out more about her.

Dori moved back to Huntsville a little over a year ago. She moved to the Madison area to be close to family and friends. She immediately signed up for OLLI. Dori had lived in the Huntsville area before and enjoyed being an OLLI member. She not only started taking classes again but also volunteered to be a classroom facilitator.

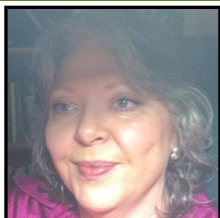
Dori likes learning and likes the fact OLLI is a relaxed way to learn. Two of her favorite classes have been Chinese Exercise and Pencil Sketching where she learned tools and techniques. She has discovered that she has a talent for drawing. When you see her ask to see some of her sketches; they are quite impressive. She also enjoys the discussion classes. She feels this is an ideal way to have interactions with other OLLI members. This is part of the social aspect of OLLI that she enjoys so much.

Dori believes that you should do the best that you can for any task that you tackle. She has shown this in the way that she performed her job of classroom facilitator.

Thanks, Dori; OLLI appreciates all that you do.

Submitted by Sue Chatham

Public Relations Committee



Jennifer Brewer
Chair

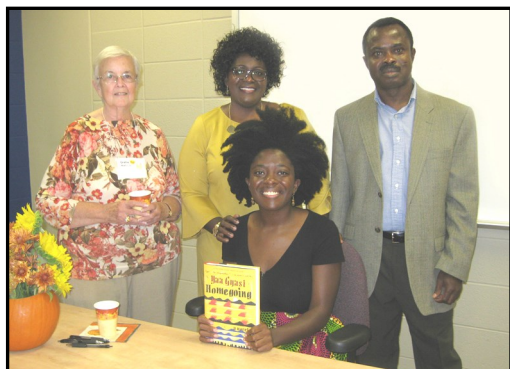
A goal of the Public Relations Committee is to spread the word about programs and opportunities available through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH. While newspapers, such as *The Huntsville Times*, continue to be sources of community information, they are no longer the ONLY source. People are reading specialized newspapers, newsletters and magazines. They are obtaining information from online news outlets and social media.

Committee members need your help to keep up with this ever-changing media world.

Many local or area publications will help publicize OLLI programs and events. Is your neighborhood receiving a focused newspaper or magazine? Are you regularly clicking onto a website for your local news? Do you receive information from other news sources, including special-interest publications? Do these publications arrive on your doorstep, or are they provided through places of business, such as your doctors' offices? Some of these specialized publications may include ***Madison Living, Just for Women, Inside Huntsville***, etc.

Please help build OLLI's local media list by sending your suggestions to our OLLI PR Committee chairwoman Jennifer Brewer at jenniferbrewer1956@gmail.com. Thank you.

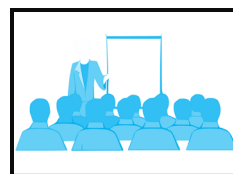
Notes from our Curriculum Committee



Gratia Mahony, Curriculum Chair, and Yaa Gyasi with Dr. and Mrs. Kwaku Gyasi at the OLLI Reception for Ms. Gyasi's talk about her *New York Times* bestseller, *Homegoing*. Over fifty OLLI members and other guests attended the reception. Dr. Gyasi, a returning OLLI teacher and UAH Associate Professor of French, will be using his daughter's book in a winter session OLLI class.

The Weekly Bonuses for the Winter 2017 session will be on Wednesdays in Wilson Hall 001 (the Auditorium) from 10:30 to

noon. These programs are offered as one of the OLLI member benefits and are open to members only. Purchase memberships on the day of the bonus in Wilson Hall 103.



A Sampling of Winter Term Courses

Gratia Mahony, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, announces a stimulating lineup of courses for the OLLI Winter term beginning January 23 through March 10, 2017.

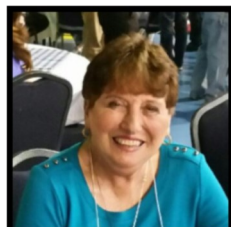
You might choose to begin your week at OLLI with ***Happy Birthday National Parks!*** lead by Ray Mulcahy, featuring content from a DVD produced jointly by The Great Courses and the National Geographic to celebrate 100 years of the National Park System in 2016.

Other new courses offered this term include ***Money and Banking*** (Rick Sisko); ***Shakespeare for Fun*** (Dannye Drake); ***History of Spain*** (Guy Collins); ***Introductory Topics in Applied Clinical Psychology*** (Bill Confer); ***History of Science*** (John Schweinsberg); ***An Introduction to World Music*** (Dan Hornstein); ***Ancient Chinese Exercises*** (Judy Young); and ***Anyone Can Draw!***(Jim Beaupre). Of course, the full complement of Foreign Language courses will continue, as will the always-popular Weekly Bonus and Friday Focus classes.

You'll also want to watch for an intriguing new course—***Alligators in the East Room and Other White House Tales*** (Tom Borchert) and be thrilled by the stories Tom tells as he describes little-known fun facts about the White House.

Registration for the Winter Session is ongoing. Even if you have already registered, come to OLLI's December 12 Registration Celebration in the Wilson Hall Lobby and OLLI classrooms from 9:00 till noon to register onsite, meet faculty, and enjoy refreshments. Join us and bring your friends. Be sure to get your tickets for the prize drawings. You must be present to win.

CLASSES RESUME on Monday, January 23. There are over seventy classes offered this term, which last seven weeks.



Leah Black
Chair

Your OLLI Social Committee is busy making plans for the next term's events. Enjoy the Holiday Party on December 8 at the UAH Conference Training Center and join us for the Winter Session Registration Celebration on Monday, December 12, from 9:00 AM till noon.

Watch for new events in your OLLI Insider and the Weekly E-news!

If you are interested in serving on our committee, please contact Leah Black at leahblack01@comcast.net.

COME FOR THE CLASSES, STAY FOR THE FUN!

A Message from Jennifer Brewer, PR Chair

Thank you all for placing the window clings on your vehicles for all to see and become curious about our wonderful program here at OLLI. Next in line for you are shirts!! Yes, in the next few weeks/months you will see a few of our members wearing collared shirts with the new logo "I'm In OLLI. Are You?" If you would like to buy one, they are \$20.00. Sign up for one or more in the OLLI Volunteer Office. At the time you sign up you will need to deposit your payment in the CPCS Registration Office, OLLI lockbox, located in WIL 103. No monies will be accepted in the OLLI Volunteer Office. We will place a new order every few weeks. All monies will go toward the cost of shirts and to support our membership!

OLLI Member Interest Groups

Hiking: Hikes on Thursday and Friday mornings. Contact Bob Goodwin, OLLIHiking26@yahoo.com.

International Dining: Try new foods and revisit favorites. Contact Nancy Darnall, nbd51@icloud.com.

Knitting: Share your enjoyment and increase your skills. All levels welcome. Contact Barbara Ward, bward@hiwaay.net.

Stock Study Club: Study and report on stocks to explore the world of investing. Contact J. Phillip, the_p_patch@knology.net

Tennis: Court time and pro tournament gatherings. Contact Sue Chatham, chatham@knology.net.

HUNGRY? UAH has you cov-

So, you're signing up for four (or six or twelve) OLLI courses. You are going to be on campus for three hours (or ten). What's for lunch? Or breakfast? Or dinner? There are several on campus options which offer a variety of food styles at reasonable prices. And—you don't have to move your vehicle!

Facility	Location	Operating Hours*
Bevill Center	Gardenvue Café	Mon – Fri Breakfast 6:00 – 8:30 am Mon – Fri Lunch 11:00 – 1:30 pm Mon – Fri Dinner 5:00 – 7:00 pm Sat – Sun Continental Breakfast available from 7:00 am – 10:00 am
Blue's Convenience Store and Boar's Head Deli	Charger Village Food Court	Mon –Thu 10 a.m. – 8:00 pm Fri 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Chick-fil-A	Charger Village Food Court	Mon – Thu 7:00 am – 8:00 pm Fri 7:00 am – 6:00 pm
Papa John's	Charger Village Food Court	Mon – Thu 11:00 am – 8:00 pm Fri 11:00 am – 5:00 pm
Blue's Tech Hall	Technology Hall, Room N-105	Mon – Thu 11:00 am – 2:00 pm Mon – Thu 4:00 – 6:00 pm Fri – Sun Closed
Charger Brew	Conference Training Center	Mon – Fri 7:00 am – 2:00 pm
Charger Brew	Salmon Library	Mon – Thu 10:00 am – 7:00 pm Fri 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Charger Café	Conference Training Center	Mon – Fri Breakfast: 7:00 – 9:00 am Continental Breakfast: 9:00 – 10:00 am Lunch: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm Mon – Thu Dinner: 4:30 – 8:00 pm Fri Dinner: 4:30 – 7:00 pm Saturday – Sunday Breakfast: 8:00 – 9:00 am Lunch: 11:00 – 1:00 pm Dinner: 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Dunkin' Donuts	Charger Union	Mon – Thu 7:00 am – 8:00 pm Fri 7:00 am – 6:00 pm Sat-Sun 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
WOW Café	Charger Union	Mon – Fri 11:00 am – midnight Sat – Sun 4:00 – 10:00 pm
Sandella's Flatbread Café	Conference Training Center	Mon –Thu 10:00 am – 7:00 pm Fri 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

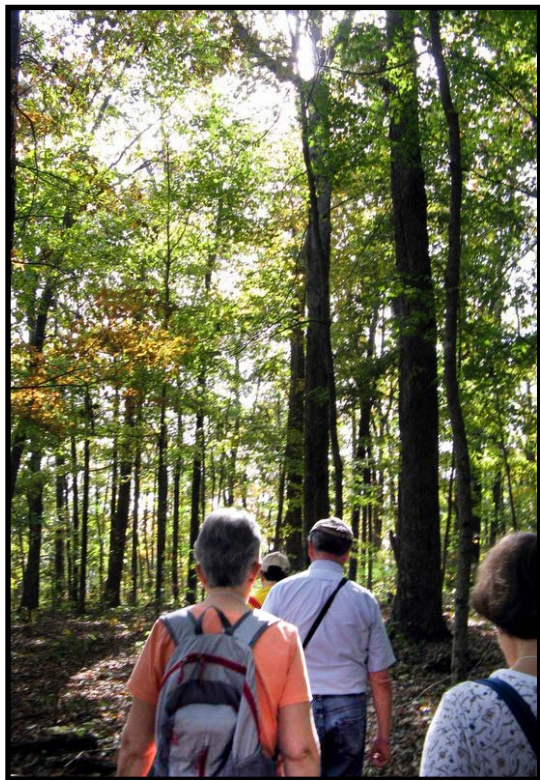
Photos - We Love

From Bob Goodwin, Hiking Member Interest Group: You are familiar with the top picture from one of the lookouts in Monte Sano State Park. However, Tom Bryant sent the second picture which is absolutely astounding—same place at night using a special lens and a 2 hour 40 minute exposure—showing star trails! I can tell you this is a very unusual photo and should win mucho awards!

From Tom: Here is my star trails from the same spot (as the first photo). Not panorama but a very wide angle lens (10 mm). Date 9-14-2015. 2 hours 40 minutes exposure. Do you recognize the tree that I used for foreground?



The tree Tom mentions is barely visible on the left near the bench, but gives a good reference point for his photo.



Photos courtesy of Bob Goodwin and Tom Bryant.

More Photos

November 9 to Fontanel and the Pritchard's Distillery onsite.



November 16 to Travelers Rest, the Loveless Café, and Belle Meade.



Photos courtesy of Nancy Darnall and Steve Wynn.
Tours arranged by Bernadette Chverchko.



From Astronomy to
the Arts, OLLI at UAH
members learn,
create, and have fun.

Photos courtesy of Jennifer
Brewer and Alice Sammon.



Hiking MIG enjoys a day outdoors!



Photos courtesy Aylett Dickman and the OLLI Facebook page.

Therapy Partners share their mission and experiences in a Weekly Bonus.





***OLLI Members defy a stereotype.
Encourage your friends, family,
and neighbors to be in OLLI, too.***

The OLLI Insider January/February issue submission deadline is Sunday, December 18. (Early is better!) 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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