

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

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### Your OLLI President's Message



Bob Darnall  
President

I was thinking about my winter class schedule and one thing I really like about our course selections is how the curriculum committee coordinates courses that complement other OLLI activities. Nancy and I are going on the OLLI spring trip to the cultural capitals of Spain. This term I am taking *The History of Spain* and *Movies with a Spanish Flare*; I feel like I have a big head start on understanding Spanish culture. Due to a conflict, however, I was not able to take *The Art of Spain* and I just can't get up enough enthusiasm to try and learn a new language. The courses offered this fall and winter provided an extensive look at this interesting country. And for the last weekly bonus this term, Dan Hornstein is going to talk to us about the *Music of Spain*. Whether you are an armchair traveler or prefer to share adventures through Weekly Bonuses and *Oh, the Places You'll Go*, you can see the world.

In the spirit of preparing us through courses, this spring *The Great Migration and American Music* will introduce us to the influence and accomplishments of African-Americans and various music genres. This is a prelude to *Motown the Musical*, an OLLI event scheduled for the October Broadway Theatre League production's debut.

But it's not just about linking courses to OLLI activities. Every time the catalog comes out I am amazed at the number of interesting courses that are available. I want to thank the Curriculum Committee and CPCS staff for everything they do to bring new and interesting topics to OLLI. Our catalog consistently has a better variety and quality of course material than many of the other catalogs I have reviewed for lifelong learning programs throughout the country. Keep up the good work. The dedication of our volunteers and the commitment of the CPCS staff assures our continuing success.

While classes at OLLI are important, there is so much more that OLLI has revealed to me these past few years. Between Feb 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, I attended two Shakespearean plays, saw two UAH lacrosse and two UAH hockey games, and heard the Huntsville Master Chorale sing love songs of the Beatles. I'm sure I would not have done any of these things if it had not been for OLLI.

***Spring Registration is now open. Tell your friends!***

### Hungry? Looking for a parking space? Maybe this helps.

The University of Alabama in Huntsville has an option. A food service gift card designed with OLLI members in mind is now available. The cards are \$100 and offer \$120 in food. You must go to the University Cashier (the new Student Services Building Room 129) to pay, take the receipt to the Charger Union Room 131, and pick up your gift card good in the CTC Charger Café, the Bevill Center, or any other food venue on campus. Find great early-bird parking and enjoy breakfast before OLLI classes. The gift card is good for all day.



# OLLI Calendar

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
<b>Spring Registration Ongoing</b>		
<b>March 13 — 17</b>		<b>UAH Spring Break – Campus Closed</b>
<b>March 20 — April 2</b>		OLLI Spain Trip
<b>April 1</b>	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Sneak Preview</b> , Admission Charged. No contact person; meet at the VBC.
<b>April 9</b>	<b>2 PM</b>	<b>Huntsville Ballet Company, <i>Billy the Kid</i> and <i>Balanchine Pas de Deux</i></b> , Admission charged. See page 13 for more details.
<b>April 22</b>	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Sneak Preview</b> , Admission Charged. See page 16 for more details.

## WLRH Supports OLLI at UAH



Have you ever heard those great advertisements on WLRH featuring the OLLI at UAH program, courses, and other events? These advertisements, or “PSAs” are provided as a public service by WLRH as part of its efforts to support our community. Learn more about how WLRH supports OLLI at UAH and our community by calling (256) 895-9574, or visiting <http://wlrh.org/>

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*.

*“When it comes to staying young, a mind-lift beats a face-lift any day.”*

*Marty Bucella*



Gratia Mahony  
Curriculum  
Chair

The slogan on OLLI book bags says, “To Teach is to Touch a Life Forever.” That is true for OLLI teachers who bring their knowledge and lifetime experiences to our classrooms. We are so fortunate to have a large group of men and women who are willing to share their teaching talents with the OLLI students. Teaching is fun and rewarding, especially so among the OLLI members who take courses that enrich our own knowledge. And learning at our age is fun too because we can contribute to classroom discussions that enrich the lives of everyone in the class.

The Curriculum Committee works hard to identify interesting courses to present to OLLI students and to find instructors who will teach them. If you have suggestions for courses that you would like to see taught at OLLI please contact someone on the Curriculum Committee. If you would like to present a course for OLLI, please let us know. Join the ranks of your friends and fellow teachers who know how rewarding teaching for OLLI can be, and how important it is to “Touch the Lives” of OLLI students.

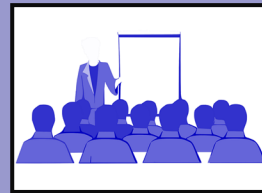
## RIP Karlee Arey



Karlee Arey, beloved instructor of Spanish and Immigration at OLLI, was hit and killed by a hit-and-run driver (who was apprehended) Sunday, February 19, 2017. She hosted a Spanish Member Interest Group as a refresher for all OLLI Spanish students. An avid walker, Karlee always had a smile and kind word for those on her path.

Karlee was a retired State Department employee who shared her knowledge of immigration policy and law, language, and travel. She made a difference to all of us who knew her. OLLI will miss her.





The Weekly Bonuses for the Spring 2016 session will be on Wednesdays in Wilson Hall 001 (the Auditorium) from 10:30 am till noon. Bonuses are open to members only. Purchase memberships in Wilson Hall 103.

**Apr 12 – Traveling the Appalachian Trail** – Alan Jones and John Potter

For many folks, hiking the 2,166 miles of the Appalachian Trail is a lifelong dream. Join Alan Jones and John Potter, lifelong hiking and camping enthusiasts as they regale us with stories about their hiking adventures around the world—including the Appalachian Trail. Each trip is an opportunity to meet new people, see new sights, refine their ultralight backpacking skills and gear, and share memorable stories of hiking. View beautiful photos and video clips and hear stories of friendships.

**Apr 19 – Caring Solutions for the Seriously Ill** – Cate Ange

What is the realistic expectation of the “final journey”? Join us for a gentle, informative discussion on this very emotional and sensitive topic. Hospice care is caring for someone with a terminal illness; the attention is no longer on treating the illness, but to provide quality of “life and support” during the final stages of the illness. Discussion on palliative care, hospice care, identifying the stages of death and dying, and nutritional needs at the end-of-life.

**Apr 26 – Travels to Botswana: A Photo Safari** – Gary and Barbara Hitt

Join OLLI members Gary and Barbara Hitt for a multi-media presentation of their recent trip to Botswana and South Africa. The Hitt’s lived in small safari camps, slept in tents with wildlife right outside the tent flaps, and had excellent sightings and close encounters with lions, leopards, wild dogs, hippos, and elephants. They also saw a variety of other African wildlife. See exciting photographs of the trip and of their visit to Cape Town and the Cape of Good Hope.

**May 3 – Football Around the World** – Hoss Johnson

Join us for a lively presentation about American football and learn how the greatest team sport in the world is creating opportunities for active and retired players to demonstrate their love of the game around the globe. Hear how programs, grants, and scholarships have enabled Hoss and others to be able to share their love of football through clinics, service projects and mission trips.

**May 10 – When Do I Get the Leading Role?** – Dr. Patricia Hacker

Fascinated by mezzo roles in opera? Here is your chance to learn how the role of a mezzo soprano has been developed through the years starting from the Baroque operas to the 21st Century. Join us to hear an exciting lecture and performance that compares the mezzo soprano opera roles to sopranos.

**May 17 – Interesting Facts about Bees** – Bob Fanning

Did you know that a male honeybee has a grandfather but no father? Honeybees depend heavily on sound and odor, yet they have neither ears nor nose! How do they breathe? A typical honeybee hive has from 15,000 to 100,000 worker bees and one queen. Both the workers and the queen are female, so how do they decide who gets to be queen? Honeybees see everything you see and more—yet their eyesight is not that good in the visible light range. Join us as we learn more about the fascinating life of bees!

## OLLI Member Interest Groups

**Bridge:** Bring or meet a partner to play bridge for fun. Bob Darnall, darnal45@aol.com.

**Hiking:** Hikes on Thursday and Friday mornings. Bob Goodwin, OLLIHiking@gmail.com.

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

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

**Stock Study Club:** Study and report on stocks to explore the world of investing. J. Phillip, the\_p\_patch@knology.net

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





Val Seaquist  
Editor

## **ATTENTION!**

OLLI *Writing Your Life Story* class participants (past and present) are invited to submit their stories for inclusion in the sixth volume of "Slices of Life." Please follow the guidelines below and submit your contributions to Val Seaquist (vseaquistj@bellsouth.net) no later than August 1, 2017. We intend to publish in late August/early September and will send information at a later date about the cost of the books and how to place an order.

## **Format Guidelines for Submitting Stories to *Slices of Life Volume Six***

### **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
- 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 fifteen pages
- Page numbers
- Justification of right margins
- Hyphenation at right margin

## *Social Committee*



Leah Black  
Chair

Can you believe the Winter Session is almost over? We hope you enjoyed all of our Winter Term social events! This term we held the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, March 10, 12:30 pm, at Trinity United Methodist Church on Airport Road. Our end-of-term luncheons gives us an opportunity to thank our instructors again for their volunteer efforts in our classrooms. As is the tradition, we served smoked barbecued meats along with vegetarian and side dishes as well as desserts and beverages. Special entertainment followed our meal. Thank you for your \$3.00 donation for your meal. Teachers enjoyed a “free lunch” to thank them for their dedication in making our OLLI courses so rich and full.

Watch your *Weekly Enews* for upcoming social events: the picnic on Green Mountain after the Spring Term ends and our Annual Dinner is. Dates and details will be announced.

If you would like to serve on our OLLI Social Committee, please contact Leah Black at leahblack01@comcast.net. We have lots of fun planning and organizing social events throughout the year.

Thank you, OLLI members, for your interest in our first Inside OLLI workshop. The planners, presenters, and volunteers had a rewarding experience and your feedback on the event is welcome. All OLLI members are encouraged to expand their involvement in OLLI. Your interest and enthusiasm assure a promising future for our volunteer-led program.

## *OLLI Support Fund*



Ken Rex  
Chair

Your donations to our OLLI Support Fund helped contribute to making the many behind-the-scenes services possible last year. And, we need the continuing financial support of our 1,000-plus members to ensure the continued sustainability of the OLLI at UAH program.

Many of us with fixed incomes cannot make large donations, but the fact is that any donation, no matter how small, helps to make a real difference—because when many OLLI members help, our combined contributions add up!

**To donate online or get a donation form go to:  
Osher.uah.edu and select “Donate to OLLI”**

# *OLLI in Pictures*

OLLI members express their artistic creativity with Brushstrokes (taught at OLLI).



Birding at Wheeler Wildlife Refuge in mid-January.



Tennis (MIG) anyone—brrrr?



OLLI at UAH Charger Hockey!

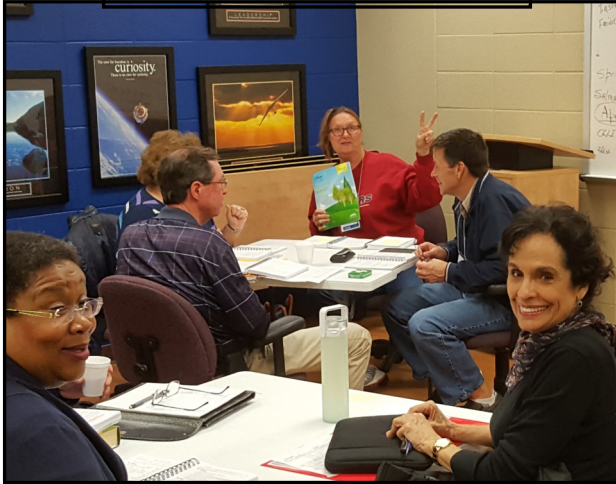


Photos from OLLI Facebook page.



# Where Learning and Fun Collide!

Bridge Class, Winter Session

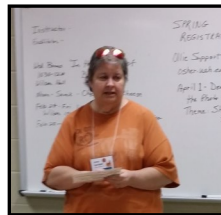


Photos courtesy of Elaine Swanson.



All photos below courtesy of Sue Chatham.

Gratia Mahony's *First Ladies*  
continues its run this spring.



U.S. National Parks commemorates the  
100th anniversary (2016) of our system.





## *Bonus Pics*



Photos courtesy of Sue Chatham.



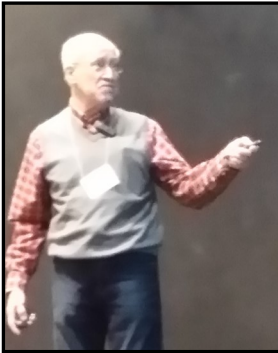
OLLI members are  
captivated at the  
*Parkinson's and  
Boxing Wednesday  
Bonus.*





# More Pics

Linda and Bill McAllister shared their photos and experiences from the OLLI Canada Trip of July 2016 at a weekly bonus.



Photos courtesy of  
Sue Chatham and  
Nancy Darnall.

Dr. Hilda Lee shared  
her story and  
knowledge of binge  
eating during a  
Wednesday Bonus.



American  
Shakespeare  
Center on  
Tour at UAH



# More Photos



Photos courtesy of  
Sue Chatham and  
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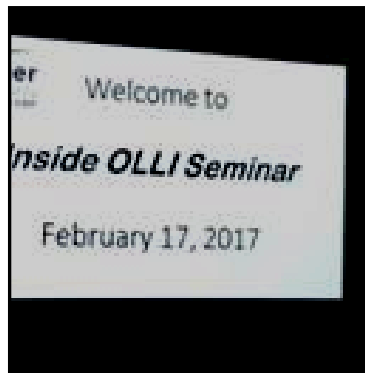
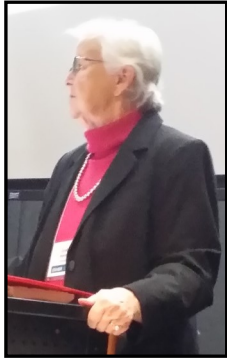


Winter Potluck Luncheon  
at Trinity United Methodist  
Church provided a "stay  
for the fun" event!



# *Inside OLLI 2017*

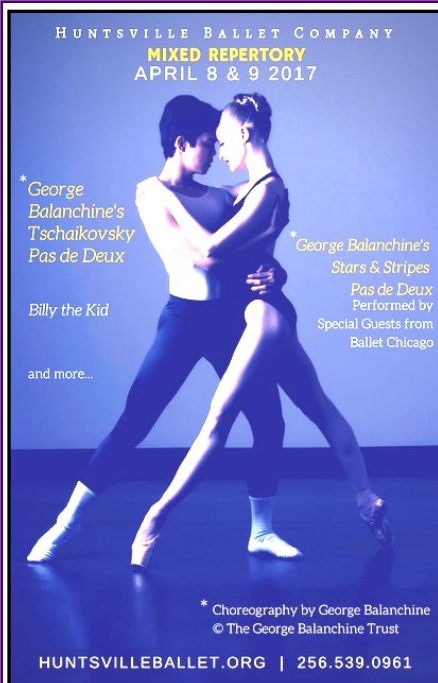
Eighty-five OLLI members including presenters participated in the first *Inside OLLI Seminar*, showing our members how OLLI operates and who is responsible for making our Osher Lifelong Learning Institute the best it can be. Participants are encouraged to volunteer and expand their OLLI activities.



Photos from the OLLI Facebook page. ([Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH](#))



## Our 2016-2017 Sponsors



### A Unique Opportunity for OLLI Members: Huntsville Ballet Spring Program

April 9th at 2:00 pm

Von Braun Center Concert Hall

Greatly reduced tickets at \$15.00 each for orchestra seating!

Get tickets from Joan May ([jmikemay@comcast.net](mailto:jmikemay@comcast.net)) or Danyne Drake ([stagestruck@wowway.com](mailto:stagestruck@wowway.com)). If it is more convenient, OLLI members may show their I.D. at the office of Huntsville Ballet Studios at the corner of Regal Dr. and L and N (near Parkway Place Mall.) OLLI members may come to the VBC at 12 noon on the day of the performance and watch the dancers take class and warm up on stage. (No Q&A).

The Huntsville Ballet Company (HBC) is proud to announce the performance of **George Balanchine's Tchaikovsky Pas de Deux** in April 2017 as part of a dynamic mixed repertory program. The debut of this masterpiece in the Von Braun Center Concert Hall by HBC Principal Dancers Sarah Pautz and Jayson Pescasio is momentous for Huntsville and North Alabama. Performance of a work by the noted choreographer George Balanchine requires the approval of the Balanchine Trust. The Balanchine Trust tightly controls performances of Balanchine's works to maintain the integrity of the original ballets and performers are carefully vetted. "This means so much to us as a ballet company," says Artistic Director Phillip Otto, "It means that our work to build this professional company has been recognized and we are delighted to share this dynamic piece with the community."

An exciting work of this caliber, performed by dancers like Pautz and Pescasio will draw ballet lovers from beyond Alabama's borders. The mixed repertory also includes the short American Folk ballet **Billy the Kid**, a performance of Balanchine's rousing **Stars & Stripes Pas de Deux** by artists from Ballet Chicago and original pieces by HBC artists. "This is a history-making moment for us," said Marketing Director Amy Price. "Although works by George Balanchine have been performed in Alabama, the performance of the **Tchaikovsky Pas de Deux** is an amazing opportunity for us and our audiences."

## *PR Committee*



Jennifer Brewer  
Chair

Be sure to check out the "I'm In OLLI. Are You?" polo shirts for sale in the OLLI office. Wear your shirt proudly and often so when the curious ask, you can share the news about our wonderful program. We plan to have a presence at Earth Day in April and will give a membership to OLLI as a door prize at the Master Gardener's Conference on May 1st.

If you have contact information for a group seeking a speaker or an idea for the PR team, please contact Jennifer Brewer at [jenniferbrewer1956@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferbrewer1956@gmail.com). Help us spread the word about OLLI at UAH. Watch for new styles!

## *Member Services Committee*



Jerry Pang  
Chair

Join us for a light snack every Wednesday at noon after the Weekly Bonus in the OLLI Lounge (WIL-152D). Discuss the topics - socialize with friends - meet new OLLI members.

Last fall, OLLI members enjoyed two special snacks: a delicious meat, cheese and croissant tray provided by Carolyn Coleman; and cheese with crackers and a fruit salad made by Sue Chatham. Thank you. We enjoyed cookies, ice cream, nachos and fresh apples as well.

If you would like to provide a dish or snack during the spring term Jerry Pang at [pang7713@gmail.com](mailto:pang7713@gmail.com). Reimbursement is available.



## *OLLI Undergraduate Scholar*

OLLI members donate to the OLLI Undergraduate Scholarship Fund to support one or more undergraduate students at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Our 2016-17 recipient, Cassidy Bateman, responded to our members' generosity with the letter below. All donations to the fund are tax-deductible and a significant benefit to our recipients, most of whom would not have been able to attend college without our support. No gift is too small. There is much competition for your donations; we appreciate your consideration. Thank you.

Osher Lifetime Learning Institute  
Osher Lifetime Learning Institute at UAH Scholarship  
UAH Office of Development  
Huntsville, AL 35899

Dear OLLI at UAH Members,

I am writing to thank you for your generous gift, the Osher Lifetime Learning Institute at UAH Scholarship. I was very excited and grateful to learn that I was selected as the recipient of your scholarship.

I am a Business Administration major with a focus in Accounting. I am currently a freshman carrying 13 hours, and I plan to graduate from The University of Alabama in Huntsville in the spring of 2020. After graduation, I plan to pursue a career in accounting with a well-known business with a high reputation. Thanks to you, I am even closer to achieving that goal.

By awarding me the Osher Lifetime Learning Institute at UAH Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden, which allows me to focus on my studies and learning, which is the most important aspect of school. Your generosity inspires me to help others and give back to my community in every way possible. I sincerely hope that one day, I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me become one step closer to achieving mine.

Sincerely,



Cassidy Bateman

# Events Committee



Nancy Darnall  
Chair

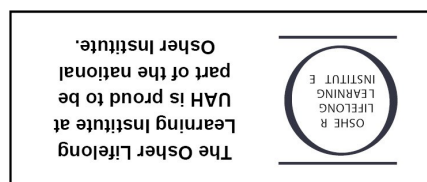
Enjoy your Spring Break. **The University is closed March 13-17.**

Events resume with the Huntsville Ballet Company presentation on Sunday, April 9, at 2 pm. (You may arrive at noon to watch the warm-up, but no Q&A this time. Joan May, [jmike\\_may@comcast.net](mailto:jmike_may@comcast.net), and Dannye Drake ([stagestruck@wowway.com](mailto:stagestruck@wowway.com)) have tickets for \$15. Also available with your OLLI badge at the HBC office on Regal Drive.

Join us on Saturday, April 22, for the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Sneak Preview. Barb Halupka at [barbh0549@hotmail.com](mailto:barbh0549@hotmail.com) is the point of contact. Going to lunch with friends afterwards is optional.

Watch for details of a Craft Brew Tasting coming in the Spring.

**The OLLI Insider** April issue submission deadline is Sunday, March 12. (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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