



News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

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Your OLLI President's Message



Bob Darnall
President

Going to class during the spring term is always one of my favorites. The trees have started to bud, the flowers are in bloom and the campus just seems happier. I am writing ahead of the trip completion; Nancy and I are thoroughly enjoying our OLLI trip to the cultural capitals of Spain during the spring break. There are 32 people converging for group activities and diverging for more specific pursuits. The classes offered during the fall and winter sessions have enhanced our appreciation for our travels. Having OLLI art teacher Debbie West along is an special treat as she gives meaning to the many exhibits on display. We thank Elaine Fredericksen for her capable translations. Guy Collins and Vanitha Singh gave us exposure to the history and literature. OLLI travel is value added to our program.

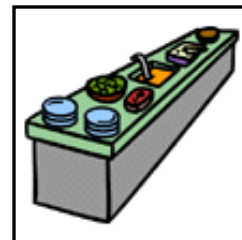
During the winter term, I volunteered to be an OLLI Ambassador and am continuing during the spring term. This is just one more way we can help our OLLI program thrive. It only takes a couple hours a week during the term. There are always things to do to help alleviate the administrative burden we put on the CPCS staff.

This year we initiated a new program called ***Inside OLLI*** to let our members better understand how our program operates. We had about 80 attendees, and we received many complimentary reviews. I want to thank Gratia Mahony and her team for all the work they did to put on this successful event. The program was informative and the lunch provided an opportunity for small groups to interact with each other and discuss various aspects of our program. Not only did we explore our knowledge of OLLI; we formed bonds with the attendees. Consider becoming more involved in your OLLI program.

REGISTRATION IS ONGOING!

DON'T FORGET!

The University of Alabama in Huntsville has dining options available. 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 hours the venues are open. The food is quite good.



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 |
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| | | Spring Registration Ongoing |
| April 1 | 11:00 am | Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Sneak Preview , Admission charged. No contact person; meet at the VBC. |
| April 9 | 2:00 pm | Huntsville Ballet Company, <i>Billy the Kid</i> and <i>Balanchine Pas de Deux</i> , Admission charged. See page 12 for more details. |
| April 10 | 8:45 am | Spring Classes Begin! |
| April 22 | 11:00 am | Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Sneak Preview , Admission charged. See page 12 for more details. |
| May 19 | 5:45 pm | OLLI Annual Dinner , Jackson Center; ticket information will be available soon. |
| June 8 | 11:00 am | OLLI Annual Potluck Picnic , Green Mountain |
| June and July | Various | OLLI Summer Program ; watch your e-news for exciting and fun classes this summer! |

Looking for something special to do this summer?

Mark your calendars now! During June and July, plan to join us for a variety of classes for your summer enjoyment:

Computer Classes:

Word
Windows 10
Computer Basics
Have Fun with Gmail
Google Photo Editing and Organizing
Online Security – Simple Steps to Keep Safe

Summer Exclusives:

It Happened in Alabama
Smithsonian Picturing Alabama

Spanish Language Classes

Exercise Classes:

Fun with Tennis Fundamentals
Yoga

Art Classes:

Brushstrokes
Zentangle

Osher.uah.edu/Summer
or call 256.824.6183
for information.

Watch for posted course schedules and full details along with **Summer 2017 Registration**.



OLLI in Pictures

Nearly 50 OLLI members enjoyed the amazing story of "SULLY" at the February Popcorn and a Movie. Watch for dates and times of our spring term movies. Expect a variety of films and freshly popped popcorn!



Photos courtesy of Sue Chatham.

Curriculum Committee



Gratia Mahony
Curriculum
Chair

Spring is here and OLLI students will be enjoying some exciting new courses. We will be taking things like Chess and Bridge to help us keep a healthy mind; Tennis and Pickleball to help us keep a healthy body; and Genealogy and Writing Your Life Story to make sure we pass our personal experiences on to our families. We will also learn foreign languages, learn about art and music, and about the natural world around us. These are just a few of the subject areas in which OLLI will be presenting courses this spring.

The Curriculum Committee is now hard at work developing a schedule of courses for the fall term that will entice new and returning students to OLLI. We strive to offer courses that our membership has requested, so let us know if you have a suggestion for a new course. Contact Gratia Mahony at dunhamgratia007@gmail.com.

OLLI Elects Board Members



Jerri McLain
Chair

Voting to fill vacancies on the 2017-2018 OLLI Board of Directors is underway. Seven newly elected board members of OLLI at UAH will begin serving at the April meeting of the OLLI Board of Directors. Online voting closes on Friday, April 7. You can vote online or obtain a paper ballot from Maxine Doherty's office, Wilson Hall 113. You should have received an email.

The OLLI Board of Directors, during the current term, consists of 22 members. OLLI By-Laws allow for a board composed of 18 to 25 members. With the election of seven new members, the 2017-2020 board maintains the current number of members.

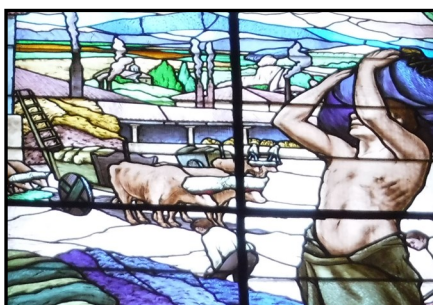
The OLLI Board of Directors will elect officers consisting of a president, vice president of curriculum, vice president of administration and finance, secretary, and treasurer from a slate proposed by the Nominations Task Force. The ballot provides for write-in candidates.

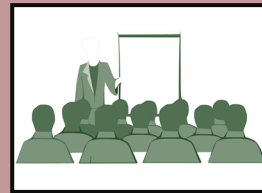
The OLLI at UAH Board of Directors, including current and new members, will be introduced at the annual OLLI meeting, scheduled for May 19, details to follow. Watch for announcements.

Members of the Nominations Task Force include Jerri McLain, past president and chair; Maxine Doherty, OLLI at UAH Program Manager, John Burnett, Linda Dimmock, and Irene Garoppo. The committee thanks our OLLI members for their nominations and participation in this important volunteer process.



Preview of the
OLLI trip to Spain.





The Weekly Bonuses for the Spring 2017 term 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 Hitts 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.

Bonus Pics



The Internet Security Bonus with Dr. James Bleier was well-attended and an insightful view at what can be done to protect ourselves on the “net!”



Photos courtesy of Sue Chatham and Jerry Pang.





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

The Winter Teacher Appreciation Luncheon was a big success. The BBQ from Smokey's was delicious and was plentiful enough to feed a crowd of nearly 140 –we were so pleased to have such a large crowd! It was the perfect occasion to thank OLLI's instructors and facilitators for the Winter term's great courses. Luana's Wahines and the Big Kahuna provided Hawaiian hula dancing for everyone's entertainment. There was much conversation and fun.

Our next social event will be the Annual Dinner. Plans are being polished for a lovely plated dinner at the Jackson Center on Friday, May 19th. Make sure you **save the date**, as it will be a very special evening. More details will follow. After that, plan for the OLLI Summer Pot Luck Picnic at Green Mountain Nature Preserve in June. Delicious foods, much conversation, and a light hike are on the agenda.

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.

There is a fountain of youth: It is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age.

Sophia Loren

DONATE TO OLLI

OLLI offers several options for donations. Each is important to our program, our members, and the mission of the University of Alabama in Huntsville. All are tax-deductible.

The OLLI Support Fund provides funds for present operations within the program.

The OLLI 501(c)3 Targeted Donations Fund receives donations for general expenditures of the volunteer committees or designated gifts with specific goals. Designated gifts include curriculum, member financial assistance, and the volunteer operations.

The OLLI Undergraduate Scholarship Fund provides a renewable scholarship to a UAH student who has demonstrated academic excellence and financial need.

Winter Teacher Appreciation

Wrapping up the Winter Session, March 10, at Trinity United Methodist Church, over 130 members enjoyed Luana's Wahines and the Big Kahuna after a delicious meal of Smokey's Barbecue and our salute to our fabulous OLLI instructors and their facilitators and A/V assistants. Thanks to all the volunteers who work to make our program so wonderful and to the Social Committee for their hard work to make these events possible.



Photos courtesy of Nancy Darnall.

PR Committee



Jennifer Brewer
Chair

Your Public Relations Committee is busy spreading the word about OLLI at UAH and is asking for your help. Please tell your friends and family about our great programs. Committee members are distributing Spring flyers and catalogs throughout the community as well as placing ads in various publications. A public service announcement promoting OLLI is being aired on Huntsville Public Radio station WLRH 89.3 FM/HD.

OLLI representatives will be present at Wheeler and Hays Nature Preserves, Earth Day events and the Master Gardeners' Conference in the coming months. Everyone is invited to attend and help promote our great OLLI programs!

You may have spotted Bob and Nancy Darnall and Jennifer Brewer wearing royal blue long-sleeve OLLI shirts. These shirts are available in all sizes for purchase through the OLLI Volunteer Office for just \$20.00. Simply sign up in the office, place your cash or check (payable to OLLI) in an envelope (provided in the OLLI office), write your name and "OLLI shirt" on the envelope, and place in the OLLI box in the Registration Office (WH 103). Jennifer will call you when your shirt is ready. You can also buy one of the remaining white polo shirts for \$10.00 each.

The Public Relations Committee will schedule presentations for local companies and groups to tell soon-to-be retirees and other interested adults about OLLI. Please email Jenniferbrewer1956@gmail.com with the HR contact information at the companies where you once worked, or at places you believe would be willing to schedule an OLLI presentation. Civic clubs, church groups, or other organizations often need speakers. We have some of the best!

Member Services Committee



Jerry Pang
Chair

As OLLI gears up for the Spring Session, the Member Services Committee swings into action for the details required for our program. We will come in the week prior to clean the tables and chairs in the OLLI classrooms, clear the refrigerator, assure the coffee and supplies are on hand, and enlist volunteers for the snacks following the Wednesday bonus.

If you wish to bring a snack, contact Val Seaquist at vjimval@aol.com. Reimbursement and planning assistance are available; snacks may be ice cream novelties, home-baked goods, or fruit and cheese with crackers. Use your imagination. A small serving is perfect.

Thank you, Karen Machamer for the homemade cookies, Sue Chatham for the chips and salsa plus cheese and crackers, and Val Seaquist for the pastries and fruit salad. We enjoyed them all very much.

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



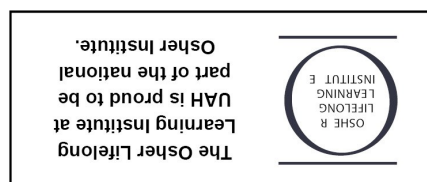
Nancy Darnall
Chair

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, and Danyne Drake: stagestruck@wowway.com, have tickets for \$15. Also available with your OLLI badge at the HBC office on Regal Drive.

Saturday, April 22, with the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Sneak Preview. Barb Halupka: 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 May issue submission deadline is Sunday, April 16. (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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