

News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

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Your OLLI President's Message



Bob Darnall
President

This is my last message in the *Newsletter* and I must say that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your President for the past 2 years. With the dedicated teachers, volunteers, and staff we have, I am confident that our program will continue to thrive in the coming years. I am looking forward to many more years of interesting and thought-provoking classes, OLLI travel, social activities, and volunteering.

Your new Board of Directors has been elected and introduced, along with the 2017-18 Officers, at the Annual Dinner Meeting on May 19. Board orientation for new and returning members on May 31 was well attended and full of valuable information, and provided time for us to get to know each other better. I want to thank the outgoing Board members: Nancy Darnall, John Dimmock, Linda Dimmock, Mike Doyle, Jane McBride, Jerri McClain, Craig Reinhart, and Birgit Stensby. I will see you in the halls of OLLI in my new position as Past President. Gratia Mahony is our new President; I look forward to supporting her however I can.

Volunteering with OLLI offers many opportunities to support our programs and activities. I encourage you to become more involved. The winning OLLI Photo Contest photos were on display before and after the dinner at the Jackson Center on the HudsonAlpha campus where we were able to come and enjoy dinner and conversation as we closed out the school year. A top-notch local trio provided music.

As summer begins, activities at OLLI will continue. Summer class schedules have been announced and many of the MIGs (Member Interest Groups) will meet during the summer. Movies and events are upcoming. Meanwhile, the Curriculum Committee is hard at work finalizing the fall term schedule and preparing the catalog for distribution later this summer. Have a safe and enjoyable summer. I can hardly wait to hear your summer vacation stories!

Looking for something special to do this summer?

There is still time to register and have fun learning something new!

Computer Classes:

Word
Windows 10
Have Fun with Gmail
Google Photo Editing and Organizing
Online Security - Simple Steps to Keep Safe
Summer Exclusives:
Smithsonian Picturing America

Spanish Language Classes

Exercise Classes:

Fun with Tennis Fundamentals
Yoga

Art Classes:

Brushstrokes

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



Events Committee



Nancy Darnall
Chair

Thank you, OLLI volunteers and members, for the past 2 years of OLLI cultural and events activities. We have traveled to exciting locales; seen exhibits, plays, ballets, historic sites, and lush landscapes; cheered on the UAH Chargers; heard popular and classical music; and made new friends. This is my last hurrah as your Events Chair; Janet Reville assumes the role this month. She will continue to work with the capable committee members scheduling fun opportunities for our OLLI members. In the works are staples such as *Popcorn and a Movie*, museum tours, theatre, ballet, opera, symphonic works, and field trips. Janet will also expand our range of UAH Charger sports events and offer some new surprises as the year unfolds. But before I go, let me share our schedule so far.

Popcorn and a Movie: *Hidden Figures*, Friday, June 23 at 10:00 am, WIL 152. Watch this landmark 2016 film which teaches us about “computers” when the term referred to human mathematicians.

Independent Musical Productions’ *Ragtime Backstage Tour*, Thursday, June 22, 6:00 pm, at Lee High School. Vivienne Atkins, Co-Founder and Artistic Director, will meet members in the lobby for an OLLI exclusive tour. Stay for the show at 7:30 pm. Purchase your senior tickets online at imphuntsville.org. The orchestra section cost for seniors is \$26. You may want to coordinate with friends to purchase seats together. Contact Linda McAllister at wmca@hiwaay.net for more information.

Popcorn and a Movie: *Lion*, Friday, July 21, at 10:00 am, WIL 152, is an underappreciated movie about a young man looking for his past. This features a familiar cast in a less-than-familiar setting.

September 7, 4:30 to 7:30 pm, US Space and Rocket Center German Biergarten Stein and Dine. Kick off the fall Session with your OLLI friends at this family-friendly event. Watch for the OLLI sign and join us. Bring friends. Free admission; food and beverages are available for purchase. Dance to authentic German music.

Watch your **Weekly E-news** for upcoming events. It’s going to be a busy year!

OLLI Member Interest Groups



Bridge: Bring or meet a partner to play bridge for fun.

Bob Darnall, darnall45@aol.com.

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

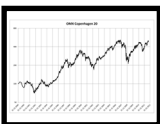


International Dining: Try new foods and revisit favorites.

Nancy Darnall, nbd51@icloud.com.

Knitting: Share your enjoyment and increase your skills.

Barbara Ward, bward@hiwaay.net.

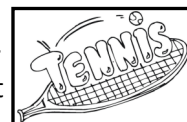


Stock Study Club: Study and report on stocks to explore the world of investing.

J. Phillip, the_p_patch@knology.net

Tennis: Court time and pro tournament gatherings.

Sue Chatham, chatham@knology.net



Welcome, 2017-18 Board of Directors

ANNUAL DINNER



Gratia Mahony
2017-18
OLLI Board
President

Over 100 OLLI members gathered at the Jackson Center on the evening of May 19th for the Annual Dinner. Social Chairman Leah Black and her committee arranged an elegant evening with live music and delicious menu options.

UAH President Dr. Robert Altenkirch spoke in glowing terms about the ongoing growth and development of The University of Alabama at Huntsville. Debbie Tromblee announced the winners of the 2017 photo contest and stated that next year would be the 10th anniversary of the OLLI photo contest. In that vein the theme for the 2018 photo contest will be "*Celebrations*." Watch for details in your **Weekly E-news** and the **OLLI Insider**.

Dean Karen Clanton addressed the assembly and Jerri McLain, past president and chairman of the nominating committee, introduced the newly elected board members and officers. Immediate past president Bob Darnall, MC for the evening, passed the baton to Gratia Mahony the newly elected president.



Annual Dinner Photo includes 14 of the 2017-18 Board Members.

Back, left to right: Dick Fisher, Janet Reville, Bob Darnall, Ken Rex, Jennifer Brewer, Cliff Lanham, Dr. Karen Clanton.

Front, left to right: Jerry Pang, John Burnett, Linda McAllister, Gratia Mahony, Peggy McClure, Leah Black, Val Seaquist.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Leah Black
Chair

As we wrapped up another spring session at OLLI, we looked back at the many social events. Our Summer Picnic on Thursday, June 8, from 11:am to 2:00 pm, at Green Mountain Nature Trail in the Pavilion was enjoyed by attendees. The area is beautiful, and attendees came early and stayed late. They enjoyed the covered bridge, hiking trails, and visiting with fellow OLLI members, and took their turns in one of the rockers overlooking the lake.

Lunch was served at noon, and delightful covered dishes were shared. Cold drinks and paper products were provided by the social committee.

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

Public Relations



Jennifer Brewer
Chair

Public Relations team member Bob Goodwin staffed a table at the Master Gardener State Conference on May 1, where he promoted our OLLI program and gave away a 1-year OLLI membership to a lucky guest. Rain canceled plans to promote OLLI at the Earth Day events in April. We are looking for clear skies and new opportunities for future events.

The Public Relations Committee is selling the blue long-sleeved OLLI shirts for \$20 and the white polo shirts for \$20. Comfortable and sharp-looking, these shirts can be worn just about anywhere. If you are interested in purchasing an OLLI shirt, please email OLLInfo@uah.edu.

Many thanks to outgoing Public Relations Chair, Jennifer Brewer! Jennifer has recently accepted part-time employment, but will participate in OLLI as often as she can. The Public Relations Committee is looking for ideas to expand efforts to promote OLLI in the community. These can include speaking engagements, events participation, etc. Please contact Gratia Mahony, dunhamgratia007@gmail.com to share your ideas.

Month	Time	Upcoming Events for Your Enjoyment
June 22	6:00 pm	<i>Ragtime</i> , Lee High School, admission, contact wmca@hiwaay.net .
June 23	10:00 am	Popcorn and a Movie, <i>Hidden Figures</i> , Wilson Hall 152, meanjean@knology.net
July 21	10:00 am	Popcorn & a Movie, <i>Lion</i> , Wilson Hall 152, meanjean@knology.net .
July 29—Aug 2		2017 Southern Regional Conference for Learning in Retirement, Eckerd College, 727-864-7600
August 25	9:30 am	Popcorn & a Movie, <i>The Martian</i> , WIL 152, meanjean@knology.net
August 25	Noon	Brown Bag Lunch, WIL 152—Rick Chappell discusses NASA's Consultation on <i>The Martian</i> .
August 30	2:00- 4:00 pm	Registration <i>Ice-Cream Social</i> , WIL Lobby, wmca@hiwaay.net
September 7	4:30 pm	Biergarten, US Space and Rocket Center, janemcbride@knology.net

2016 OLLI Photo Contest Winners

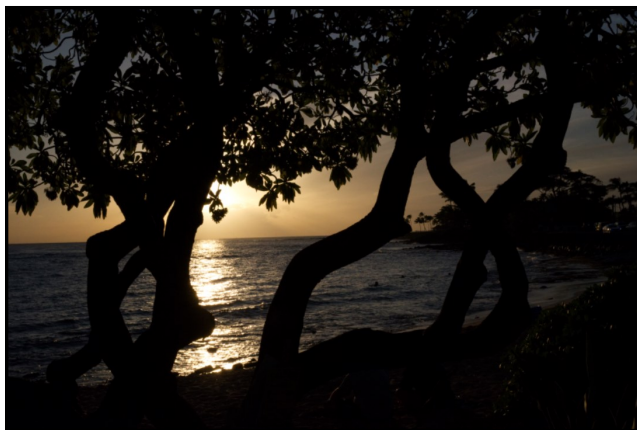
Photo Contest Coordinator Thanks Photo Entrants

Using the theme, *Shadows & Silhouettes*, 17 members entered 42 impressive photos. The judges, Jose Betancourt, Sam Tumminello and Danye Drake, awarded three honorable mentions as well as the top three photos.

Thank-you to all the participants. Your photos were great!

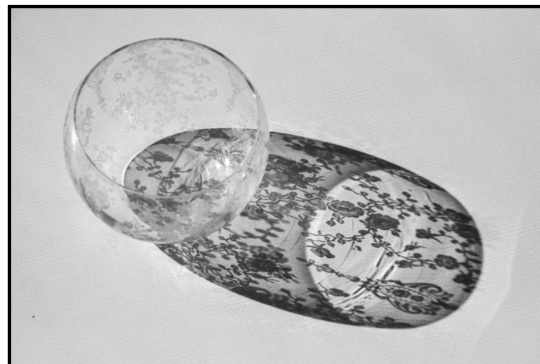
- Debbie Tromblee

Photo Contest Coordinator



Second Place: *Kauai Sunset*

Woody Grayson

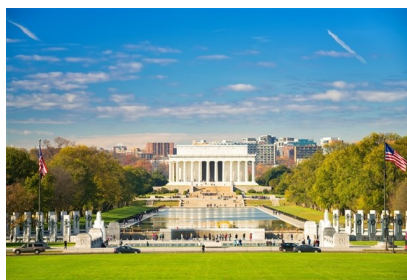


First Place: *Etched Glass and Shadow*
Johnnie Shue



Third Place: *Don't Fence Me In*
Don Bennett

ATTENTION, OLLI TRAVELERS!



Plans are forming for a trip to our Nation's Capital departing the week after Thanksgiving 2017. A 6-day trip, with an optional day or two, will complement our popular OLLI American history courses, past and Fall '17 term. We'll discover the most fascinating aspects of Washington's rich history and culture by exploring the nation's most treasured institutions and landmarks with local experts. There will be ample free-time for museums, performances and first-class Christmas shopping in Smithsonian Museum shops. It's the **perfect time** to visit *the jewel of American cities*.

We also have set our sights on Central or South America for late summer 2018 and a grand river cruise in Central Europe in 2019.

Spring Photo Highlights

An Abundance of Smiles at the Annual Dinner



Photographs courtesy of Val Seaquist.



Spring Break 2017—The Cultural Capitals of Spain

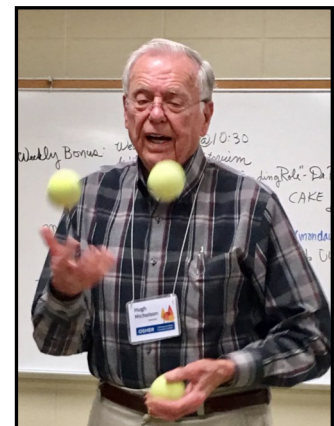


Photo Courtesy of Nancy Darnall.

Spring Class Highlights

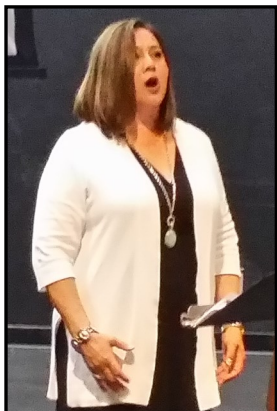


Photos Courtesy of Sue Chatham, Sam Tumminello, Linda McAllister and Nancy Darnall.



BONUSES, FRIDAY FOCUS, AND MIG PHOTOS

Weekly Bonuses and Friday Focus

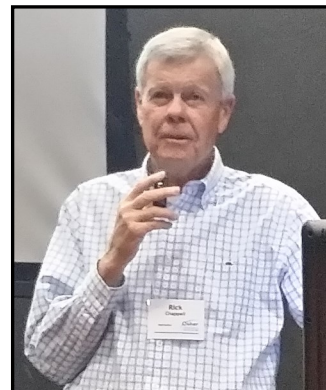


Dr. Patricia Hacker
teaches members about
mezzo soprano operas.



Dr. Alan Jones and Dr. John Potter take us
on a hike on the Appalachian Trail.

Photos courtesy of Sue Chatham.



Dr. Rick Chappell tells us
what it will take to go to
Mars.

OLLI Members Love Hiking



Photos courtesy of Bob Goodman.

Looking Ahead to Fall Term!

Good news! OLLI members have asked us to keep the new classes coming, and our fall term is definitely a success story. We have over 30 new classes scheduled to begin during the fall term. Look for your catalog announcement later in the summer. Here's a preview of *just a few* of the new courses:

How to Listen to Jazz

Introduction to Forensics and Applied Forensics

A New Era of Gravitational-wave Cosmology

Maintain Your Equilibrium!

Open Book, Open Mind: Exploring Contemporary Literature

HudsonAlpha Advancements

Turning Points in Middle Eastern History

Kitty in the Korner Quilt

LET'S EXERCISE



Staying active with *Fun with Tennis Fundamentals*.



Photographs courtesy
of Sue Chatham.



The OLLI Insider July/August issue submission deadline is Monday, June 26. (Early is better!) Please submit your articles to meanjean@knology.net. OLLI photos are welcome. 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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