

News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH
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Your OLLI President's Message



Gratia Mahony
President

A delegation of OLLI Board members attended the Southern Regional Conference for Learning in Retirement held at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida, this August. This conference is held each year to allow people from lifelong learning organizations to share methods and ideas about maintaining the long-term sustainability of our programs.

It is always rewarding to know that we have one of the best lifelong learning programs here at OLLI at UAH. It is also rewarding to know that by attending these conferences, we can learn the latest techniques for enhancing our program and bringing to you, our members and students, the best methods for maintaining a strong lifelong learning experience.

OLLI at UAH will host the Southern Regional Conference for Learning in Retirement next August 1-3, 2018. You'll be hearing more about our plans for a dynamic conference as time approaches.

Gratia Mahoney, President



2017 SRCLR attendees from L to R: Bob Darnall, Nancy Darnall, Dick Fisher, Janet Reville, Peggy McClure, Irene Garoppo, Leah Black, Val Seaquist, Linda McAllister, Rick Sisko and Gratia Mahoney



OLLI CALENDAR

A calendar of upcoming events will be published in each edition. Committee chairs should contact Janet Reville at jrev1988@gmail.com or Rebecca Duke at rebecca.duke@uah.edu to add items. Check your Weekly E-news for updates and details.

Month	Time	Event
August 30	2-4 pm	OLLI Registration Open House, Wilson Hall Lobby POC: Linda McAllister, wmca@hiwaay.net
September 6	9 am	Facilitator Training - Wilson Hall Auditorium, Room 001 POC: Rebecca Duke, rebecca.duke@uah.edu or Linda McAllister wmc@hiwaay.net
September 6	8:45 am	Behind the Scenes: Galaxy of Lights - Huntsville Botanical Gardens POC: Janet Reville, jrev1988@gmail.com
September 7	4:30 pm	Biergarten @ U.S. Space and Rocket Center POC: Nancy Darnall, nnbd51@icloud.com
September 11		OLLI Fall Term Classes Start
September 15	10:30 am	Weekly Bonus - Cultural Capitals of Spain with Nancy & Bob Darnall, WIL 001 <i>Be sure to stay for the post snack of tapas at NOON</i>
September 22	1 pm	Popcorn and a Movie - <i>Chef</i> - “deliciously entertaining” Wilson Hall 152
September 29	10:30 am	Weekly Bonus - Scottish Highlands with Barbara Staggs; <i>Post snack of Scottish treats at NOON</i>
October 4	4:30 pm	Retirement Reception for Maxine Doherty - Huntsville Botanical Gardens

Join your OLLI friends at these events scheduled by the Events (E), Curriculum (CR), and/or Social (S) Committees and the College of Professional and Continuing Studies at UAH. Remember to check your Weekly E-news for the latest information on these and other activities. Active OLLI membership is required for OLLI activities. More details are available in the committee sections of this *OLLI Insider*.

Things do not change; we change. - Henry David Thoreau



WEEKLY BONUSES

The weekly bonuses for the fall 2017 session will be on Fridays 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. You may purchase memberships on the day of the bonus in Wilson Hall 103.

September 15—10:30—noon
WIL 001

Cultural Capitals of Spain— Bob and Nancy Darnall
In March 2017, 30 OLLI members traveled the picturesque country of Spain.
Experience the travelers' adventures through photos of the beautiful scenery, historical sites, architecture, spectacular museums, and cathedrals. Relive their visits to Madrid, Valencia, Bilbao, Malaga, and Barcelona. Hear stories of the Spanish people, art, music and specialties, and learn how the travelers weathered four seasons in 16 days!

Noon — OLLI Lounge -Join us for a selection of tapas, Spanish appetizers.

Sept. 29—10:30 —noon

Scottish Highlands — Barbara Staggs
Travel with Barbara Staggs, extensive traveler and master photographer, to the Scottish Highlands and the Isle of Skye. Discover what makes the Scottish Highlands one of Europe's most unique natural wonders as you learn the history of ancient lochs, clan lands, castles and glens.

Noon — OLLI Lounge -Join us for a selection of Scottish sweet and savory treats

OLLI Member Interest Groups

MIGs are open to all members of OLLI at UAH. Please contact the MIG coordinator listed below to find out more information.

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

Bridge: Bring or meet a partner to play bridge for fun. Bob Darnall, darnall45@aol.com.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Social Committee



Leah Black
Social Chair

The Social Committee is busy with plans for a fun Fall Teacher Appreciation Lunch. It will be on Friday, October 27th, at Trinity Methodist Church on Airport Road, west of Whitesburg, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. This is our traditional pizza party event that everyone seems to enjoy so much. We also provide veggies, beverages, and dessert. Extra goodies are provided to meet the needs of those with special food concerns.

It is a great time to visit with OLLI friends or, maybe, bring someone to introduce them to OLLI as a wonderful way to add to their lives. New members for the social committee are always welcome. We are a fun group where everyone pitches in as much as they can and we put together wonderful events.

Curriculum Committee



Linda McAllister
Curriculum Chair

Summer is coming to a close and many of us have enjoyed relaxing and invigorating vacations. I have just returned from such a time spending one week at the Chautauqua Institution in western New York. I am refreshed, energized and enthusiastic about lifelong learning with friends.

The Chautauqua Institution was founded in 1874 and continues to provide learning experiences for nine full weeks each summer. More than 10,000 persons per week hear dynamic lectures and good panel discussion every day. An ecumenical worship service, numerous discussion groups, and lively performances are also held daily throughout the 750 acre property located on the idyllic Chautauqua Lake.

Why do I mention this? Because our OLLI mission is so similar to this historic institution of lifelong learning. We, too, want to provide learning opportunities as well as social occasions for our members and our community. We want to continue to be informed and pursue knowledge. We want to engage in civil discourse and seek the truth as we challenge each other and share our own lifetime of gathered knowledge and well-honed skills. We want to explore and learn new ideas. And we want to actively engage in social opportunities by attending performances, chatting in the OLLI Lounge, hiking and dining together or traveling with OLLI friends.

So, if you have not registered for any of the vast array of fall term courses, now is the time. Classes begin the week of September 11 and our volunteer teachers are eager to engage you. Renew your membership if it has lapsed and bring a new friend to OLLI. Let's enjoy another exciting year of lifelong learning together.

EVENTS COMMITTEE



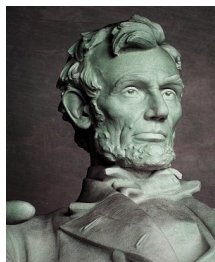
Janet Reville
Events Chair

OLLI Small Group Tour Washington, DC

11/28—12/3

Here is your chance to explore the Library of Congress, go behind the scenes at the Kennedy Center, and have high tea in Tudor Palace! There are lots of surprises on this spectacular tour of Washington, DC. Registration is open at Road Scholar for *Signature City Washington, DC*. This is exclusively for members of OLLI at UAH.

Make your reservation by calling (800) 322-5315, reference Program #20744. For additional information contact Nancy Darnall, nbd51@icloud.com or Jane McBride at janemcbride@knology.net.



OLLI Welcomes New Director

Our new OLLI Director, Rebecca Duke, comes to UAH with a wealth of experience, an engaging smile, and a strong belief in lifelong learning! Rebecca has worked as a history instructor at both Gadsden State Community College and Jacksonville State University, and has served in museum administration positions in Alabama and Tennessee. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts and a Master's degree in history from Jacksonville State University, and is close to completion of her doctorate at Middle Tennessee State University. Please take a minute to welcome our wonderful addition to CPCS and the OLLI at UAH Program.

Forgetting is a form of freedom.—Kahlil Gibran

MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

Looking for a Way to Meet OLLI Members?

In the last newsletter, you learned about the Member Services Committee, explaining what WE do: staff the volunteer office, make sure coffee is available, publish the newsletter, and organize the annual photo contest, among other things.

Are you looking for opportunities to meet OLLI members and don't want to join a committee? Try volunteering. One of the best opportunities to meet people and know what's going on is to volunteer in the OLLI Office each week. If you have a morning class and another in the afternoon and are trying to figure out a way to kill time, the office is a great place to do it.

Our volunteer office is located in Wilson Hall, Room 151 and sometimes is a bustle of activity with people dropping in to get information, pass time before going to class, or stopping to chat with other members.

There are several shifts available for the fall term. It's very easy to do; training is provided, and there is a handbook in case something comes up you're not sure about. If you think you may be interested in this opportunity or would like additional information, please contact Irene Garoppo, igaroppo@knology.net for available shifts and/or information.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of OLLI!



Look for the White Circle

UAH is restructuring its parking areas into zoned parking. OLLI members, just as other students that do not live on campus, have been designated "commuters". As such, we must use the parking areas displaying a white circle. You can find an interactive campus parking map on-line that shows all commuter parking across campus: <http://www.uah.edu/map>

As always, anyone with a legal handicapped hang-tag or license plate can use any handicapped parking spot. Wilson Hall handicapped parking is accessed by the former entrance from Ben Graves Drive.

Please be patient as the as this is the first semester zoned parking has been implemented. Make sure to allow ample time to park prior to the start of your classes.

OLLI HAPPENINGS



October 4th Reception to Honor Maxine Doherty

The OLLI Board of Directors will host a reception in honor of Maxine Doherty on her retirement as the OLLI Program Manager. The reception is also an opportunity to extend a warm welcome to Rebecca Duke, the new Director for the OLLI program at UAH.

Maxine's dedication and professional skill in managing the OLLI program at UAH has earned her a place dear to the hearts of many OLLI members. The best way to show appreciation and thank her is by asking each guest for a contribution to the OLLI Support Fund in her honor.

All members of OLLI will receive an invitation to the reception to be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, from 4:30—6:00 p.m. The reception will be at the Carriage House at the New Guest Center, Huntsville Botanical Gardens. The reception is open to the public. All guests will be asked for a contribution to the OLLI support fund.

Your tax deductible contribution to the OLLI Support Fund may be made by cash, check or credit card at the door on the day of the event or by mail prior to October 4th. Checks should be made out to the UAH Foundation—OLLI Fund and mailed to The University of Alabama in Huntsville, Office of Development, 301 Sparkman Drive, SKH third floor, Huntsville, AL 35899. You may also donate to the OLLI Support Fund online: <http://www.uah.edu/giving>

Thank you Maxine for your years of dedication and service!

OLLI IS OUT OF THIS WORLD



OLLI members view the Solar Eclipse over Huntsville on August 21st.—Photos by Linda McAllister



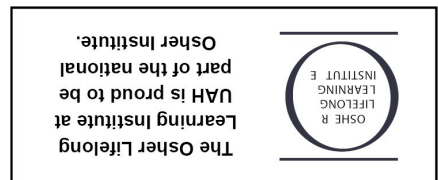
Make the Best of Aging!



OLLI Open House—August 30th

Don't forget the OLLI Registration Open House on Wednesday, August 30 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Wilson Hall Lobby. Eat gourmet pops from *Suzy's Pops*, talk to discipline chairs about classes, pick up parking permits, and register for fall term classes. Bring a friend and tour the facility! For more information call 256-824-6183.

The OLLI Insider October issue submission deadline is **September 11th**. (Early is better!) Please submit your articles to meanjean@knology.net. Any OLLI photos are welcome; just send them to vsequistj@bellsouth.net. 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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