

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



**Gratia Mahony**  
**President**

### Parking Reminder

OLLI members are "commuters" and must park in the commuter zone (white circle) or handicapped space, if applicable. You must have the appropriate hangtag for either space.

Now we are back in school, and isn't it fun? New classes in different subjects are stimulating our brains and provoking our interests. Some of the things we're learning about are Critical Economic Thinking, How to Listen to Jazz, America's Founding Fathers, Shakespeare at the Movies, Open Book-Open Mind, and How do We Decide. We're also keeping our bodies fit by learning about medical issues in Grand Rounds Cases, by taking Breath-Centered Yoga, Tai Chi and by exercising in the Have Fun with Pickleball class. We can exercise our vocal cords by taking Singing for Fun and Fitness, and sharpen our mental skills with bridge and chess. And, of course, there are the popular hikes led by Bob Goodwin and the tennis MIG led by Sue Chatham.

What a great job events chair, Janet Reville, is doing! Have you seen all the exciting things there are to do at OLLI? Check out the weekly bonus schedule and the *Popcorn and a Movie* offerings. And don't overlook the opportunity to see *Motown the Musical*. This Broadway musical experience tells the true story behind the beat that touched lives and made history. Events to look forward to include the OLLI trip to Washington, DC on November 28-December 3, 2017.

Please don't forget the popular Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on October 27th at Trinity United Methodist Church on Airport Road at 12:30. Our teachers volunteer many hours to present the courses that we all enjoy, and this lunch is only a small way that we can thank them.

Whether you're taking one class or several classes, I do hope you are enjoying your OLLI experience.

*Gratia Mahony, President*

*I am still learning.—Michelangelo, age 87*



# OLLI CALENDAR

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

| Date       | Time     | Event   |
|------------|----------|---|
| October 4  | 4:30 pm  | <b>Maxine Doherty Reception</b><br>Carriage House, Huntsville Botanical Garden  |
| October 6  | 10:30 am | <b>The National Mall — America’s Front Yard (DVD)</b><br>WIL 001 (Auditorium)   |
| October 10 | 7:30 pm  | <b>Broadway Theatre League —<i>Motown the Musical</i></b><br><i>Von Braun Center — OLLI night. Purchase tickets from Broadway Theatre League for \$59.00. Contact Pennie at 1-256-518-6155.</i> |
| October 13 | 10:30 am | <b>Weekly Bonus — Day Hiking Yosemite’s High Sierra Camps</b><br>Speaker: Ray Mulcahy WIL 001 Snacks in Lounge afterward.   |
| October 20 | 10:30 am | <b>The White House —Inside Story (DVD)</b><br>WIL 001 (Auditorium)  |
| October 27 | 10:30 am | <b>Weekly Bonus — The Dilemma of our National Parks</b><br>Speaker: Dr. Daniel Hornstein WIL 001 Snacks in Lounge afterward.  |
| October 27 | 12:30 pm | <b>Fall Teacher Appreciation Luncheon</b><br>Trinity United Methodist Church, Airport Road (\$3.00 donation requested)  |
| November 3 | 10:30 am | <b>Weekly Bonus — Crafting a Life: The Stories Behind the Poems</b><br>Speaker: Dr. Melissa Morphey WIL 001 Snacks in Lounge afterward.   |

**CORRECTION:** Ms. Jean Winfrey was inadvertently left off the list of OLLI donors in the July/August newsletter. We apologize and thank her for her donation to the OLLI Support Fund.

*Education is not preparation for life. Education is life itself.—John Dewey*

# Events Committee



**Janet Reville**  
**Events Chair**

## OLLI Small Group Tour Washington, DC

November 28—December 3

ONLY A FEW SPACES LEFT!!

Here is your chance to explore the Library of Congress, go behind the scenes at the Kennedy Center and have high tea at Tudor Place! 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 reservations by calling (800) 322-5315, reference Program #20744. For additional information, contact Nancy Darnall at [nbd51@icloud.com](mailto:nbd51@icloud.com) or Jane McBride, [janemcbride@knology.net](mailto:janemcbride@knology.net).

**Join us for two educational presentations about our Nation's Capital!**

### **The National Mall — America's Front Yard**

DVD is 55 minutes

October 6 at 10:30 a.m.

WIL 001 (auditorium)

Here is an inside look at this evolving American treasure, revealing its secret places, telling the story of its magnificent monuments and ways it mirrors the country's story. With unprecedented access from the National Park Service and assist from the Trust for the National Mall, National Geographic tells the story of the Mall from its development out of wilderness and wetlands to the centerpiece of a grand capital city. This contemporary film showcases the earliest and most recent features of the Mall we see today.

### **The White House—The Inside Story**

DVD is 120 minutes

October 20 at 10:30 a.m.

WIL 001 (auditorium)

This film was produced in 2016 for PBS in celebration of the 200-year history of America's most famous residence. Through beautiful images and archival film, some of it never-before-seen, this illustrious building is opened as never before. The White House is an icon of democracy, a symbol of shared history, and home to one of the most powerful leaders on earth. Here history is made every day, as the President charts the country's course, and the First Family lives in the world's spotlight. Experience the history, the grandeur and the intimacy of life inside the White House.



# Weekly Bonuses

The Weekly Bonuses for the fall 2017 session will be on Fridays in Wilson Hall 001 (the auditorium) from 10:30 am 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.

October 13 — 10:30  
WIL 001

**Day Hiking Yosemite's High Sierra Camps** — Ray Mulcahy  
A travelogue of two separate week-long trips hiking in the High Sierra backcountry of Yosemite National Park. Listeners can expect to learn about the beauty of the High Sierras and how hikers can spend a week hiking there while wearing only a daypack.

October 13 — noon

Post-bonus snack in OLLI Lounge.

October 27 — 10:30  
WIL 001

**The Dilemma of our National Parks** — Dr. Daniel Hornstein  
Join OLLI member and instructor Dr. Daniel Hornstein as he discusses the contradiction of the national parks' core mission, to preserve and protect, and allowing people to enjoy the wonders of nature. Yellowstone National Park is absolutely breathtaking but, with over 4.2 million visitors last year, traffic jams, crumbling roads, understaffing, and overflowing parking lots are not unusual. What efforts are being made to cope with these problems? Learn how our National Park Service is working on these problems while conserving our pristine parks for future generations.

October 27 — noon

Post-bonus snack in OLLI Lounge.

November 3 — 10:30

**Crafting a Life: The Stories Behind the Poems** — Dr. Melissa Morphey

## OLLI Member Interest Groups

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.

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

Tai Chi: An opportunity for tai chi class members to practice their skills. Jerry Pang, pang7713@gmail.com.

# OLLI Announcements



## 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. Maxine's dedication and support of OLLI over more than a decade, as well as her professional skill in managing the OLLI program at UAH, have earned her a place dear to the hearts of many OLLI members.

The reception will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 from 4:30—6:00 pm at the Carriage House at the new guest center, Huntsville Botanical Garden.

One way to show appreciation and thank her for her support is by asking each guest for a contribution to the OLLI Support Fund in her honor. 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 UAH Foundation-OLLI Fund.

The reception is also an opportunity to extend a warm welcome to Rebecca Duke, the new Director for the OLLI program at UAH.

If you cannot make the reception, but would still like to make a donation in Maxine's honor:

Donate Online: Fill out [secure digital form](#). Select OLLI - Osher Lifelong Learning Institute from dropdown. Specific Designation, OLLI Support. Select "My gift is in honor or memory of someone". In Tribute Type, select "In Honor of" and add Maxine Doherty.

Donate by Mail: Print and complete [the donation form](#) and contribute today!

The Member Services Committee has a new coordinator for the OLLI MIGs. Lynda Locke has agreed to take responsibility as the MIG Coordinator. She will act as the liaison between the MIG Leads and CPCS for meeting room requests and the point-of-contact for setting up new MIGs. She will also coordinate with Irene Garoppo to post our meeting dates on the OLLI SharePoint calendar. Lynda can be contacted at 256-426-3349 or [locke.lynda@gmail.com](mailto:locke.lynda@gmail.com).

## OLLI Participation in 2017 Veterans Day Parade

OLLI has requested entry in the 2017 Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 11 beginning at 11:00 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to show support for our veterans, some of whom are OLLI members, and promote OLLI membership in this annual televised event. We are looking for people willing to use their vintage vehicles as parade transport, along with members walking/riding in the vehicles to hand out information. If you are interested, please contact Janet Reville as soon as possible at [jreville1988@gmail.com](mailto:jreville1988@gmail.com) for all the information on the pre-parade line-up, the route, and any rules we will have to follow.



# Curriculum Committee



**Linda McAllister**  
**Curriculum Chair**

Wilson Hall was buzzing with lots of excitement at our Open House Registration Event on August 30. In spite of rainy weather, numerous new members came to register and tour our OLLI site, and others enjoyed seeing old friends and checking out what's happening at OLLI this fall. *Suzy's Pops* and chocolates also helped sweeten the day. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this a fun and successful event kicking off our Fall Term.

Fall Term classes were due to begin September 11 but predicted weather events delayed the opening of school for a couple of days. Nevertheless, weather did not dampen our spirits and many folks have delved into a variety of stimulating and fun courses these past few weeks. A big thank you even now to all our terrific instructors and facilitators who help with organizational matters for each class.

Discipline Chairs who serve on the Curriculum Committee have been extremely busy helping to kick off Fall Term and, at the same time, finding courses and instructors for Winter Term. Planning for each new term begins months ahead and the volunteer OLLI Curriculum Committee, as well as staff from the College of Professional and Continuing Studies (CPCS), work closely together to develop a workable spreadsheet. Instructors submit syllabi and bios and, eventually, after much tweaking, the catalog is developed. It is a daunting task but all who serve are excited to be involved in helping to provide such dynamic course offerings for our membership. All indications point to an exciting year for lifelong learning for OLLI at UAH.

## **Don't Forget the OLLI Fall Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**

The OLLI Social Committee is hard at work finalizing the plans for the Fall Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at Trinity United Methodist Church on Airport Road, October 29 at 12:30 p.m. Please come and support your teachers who give so much of their time. A donation of \$3.00 from non-teachers is appreciated.

*All the answers you seek in life. It is hidden a book.—Lailah Gifty Akita*

# OLLI Event Photos

The OLLI Open House Registration Event was a successful, tasty, friendly, colorful, boisterous event. Everyone seemed to have a good time while taking care of the business of joining, registering and obtaining parking passes. Photos by Bob Goodwin





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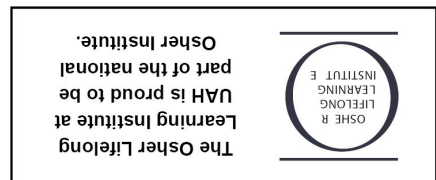


## Free UAH Sports Pass for OLLI members!

The UAH Athletic Department is offering an exclusive sports package to current OLLI members. By purchasing season tickets to UAH Hockey games, OLLI students will receive an All-Sports Pass valid for entry to all UAH sporting events for the entire 2017-18 season. The exclusive OLLI price for the UAH hockey season is only \$100 (almost half the retail cost). For more information, contact Janet Reville at

[jrev1988@gmail.com](mailto:jrev1988@gmail.com) or, to purchase tickets, contact Jason Rucker in the UAH Athletic Department at 256-824-6584 or [jason.rucker@uah.edu](mailto:jason.rucker@uah.edu)

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