

News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH  
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**Gratia Mahony**  
President

## President's Message

Teachers, friends and colleagues, we applaud you! Small remuneration but great recognition come your way. Our teachers are the greatest asset we have and they all make OLLI a fascinating and interesting place to be. Aren't we lucky to be able to enjoy this great learning experience?

Think of the talent and tremendous amount of knowledge that fill our classrooms every day. Our courses tap into the professional careers of all our instructors no matter what field they were in. Our classes also tap into the hobbies and skills of our creative thinkers and doers. Our peers and classmates bring their own thoughts and life experiences together for the benefit of all.

It takes a joint effort to put together the courses that we offer three terms each year. It takes work on the part of the Curriculum Committee to design an interesting schedule. It takes work on the part of the OLLI Director and CPCS staff to produce the course catalog and register hundreds of members who wish to take classes. It takes work on the part of the instructors to put their classes together and offer the best of their teaching skills to the students.

But there is another segment of our OLLI program that is a great asset. That is our Facilitators. These folks are the "face of OLLI". They are the first people we meet in the classroom. They greet us as we come into the classroom. They give us guidance for all the extra things that happen at OLLI, such as the weekly bonuses, the movies, the snacks offered after a bonus program, and the extracurricular happenings around town that might appeal to OLLI students.

In recognition of all that our teachers do for us we invite them to attend our Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. It is a small token offered to thank them for their service to OLLI. It is, however, with heartfelt thanks that we do thank them. We appreciate their commitment and skill in presenting their courses. Besides, it is fun to teach at OLLI. I'll look for you at the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, the ninth of March!

Gratia Mahony, President

"I'm young at heart! Slightly older in other places."



# EVENT CALENDAR

Month	Time	Event
3/2/18	10:30 am	<b>POPCORN AND A MOVIE</b> — “The Descendants” WIL 152. Dramatic comedy starring George Clooney. PoC: Jean Greenwood at <a href="mailto:meanjean@knology.net">meanjean@knology.net</a> .
3/2/18	12:00 pm- 2:00 pm	<b>OLLI SPRING TERM OPEN HOUSE.</b> Wilson Hall Lobby. Come join, register, obtain a parking pass and visit with OLLI friends. Light refreshments.
3/9/18	10:30 am	<b>WEEKLY BONUS</b> — “Exotic India: Tigers & Taj Mahal, Peacocks & People” Barbara & Gary Hitt—photographic tour of India.
3/9/2018	12.30 pm	<b>TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON</b> - Trinity United Methodist Church (Airport Road—enter on the east side of the church.) \$3.00 donation requested from non-teachers. Please sign up in the OLLI Volunteer Office so we have a good head count.
3/16/2018	10:30 am	<b>WALKING TOUR OF UAH</b> —Meet at the back entrance to Wilson Hall under the covered patio. Tour the campus with the UAH Ambassadors. Take a leisurely stroll and discover the campus as only a student can share. Time for lots of questions. Dress comfortably; approximately 90 minutes. PoC: Janet Reville at <a href="mailto:jrev1988@gmail.com">jrev1988@gmail.com</a> .
3/21/2018	10:30 am —12:30 pm	<b>HUNTSVILLE BALLET COMPANY BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR</b> Tour and hear a presentation by Artistic Director, Phillip Otto, as the company prepares for “Cinderella.” Please RSVP your attendance to the tour to Janet Reville at <a href="mailto:jrev1988@gmail.com">jrev1988@gmail.com</a> .
3/23/2018	10:30	<b>POPCORN AND A MOVIE:</b> “Big Fish” Room 152 Wilson Hall. Albert Finney, Ewan McGregor, Billy Crudup. PoC: Jean Greenwood at <a href="mailto:meanjean@knology.net">meanjean@knology.net</a> .

If you do not receive the OLLI *Weekly e-News* every Friday evening, please stop by the OLLI Volunteer Office (Room 151 Wilson Hall) and leave your email address. This will keep you informed of OLLI activities in a timely manner.

# Curriculum Committee



**Linda McAllister**  
Curriculum Chair

Thank goodness for OLLI during a mostly rainy and dreary Winter Term. It felt good to socialize with fellow members. My mind has been stretched and filled with enlightening and interesting ideas from my four OLLI courses this winter.

The Curriculum Committee did a fine job of planning courses and securing excellent instructors. I congratulate them and encourage you to take a look at what each Discipline Chair was responsible for on pages 4-5. And, while they celebrated the holiday season and Winter Term was commencing, they were finalizing the Spring Term offerings.

I hope you have registered for Spring Term and invited new friends to join us. The early spring weather and blooming daffodils give us hope for a dazzling six weeks of learning and exploring new ideas with OLLI friends beginning April 9.

Our spring catalog is online now! Find it at [osher.uah.edu](http://osher.uah.edu). Peruse the course offerings, learn how to register, and find out about all of the events going on this spring!

## Parking Permit Reminder

Remember to renew your parking hang-tag for the Spring Term. Hang-tags MUST be renewed every term. The Spring Term tag will allow parking in the commuter spaces (white circle) through summer. Official handicapped hang-tags or license plates allow you to park in any of the Wilson Hall faculty slots (black circle) if the handicapped spaces in front of Wilson Hall are full.

Tip: your hang-tag application requires your license plate number. If you don't remember it, take a photo to avoid an extra trip to the parking lot.

## OLLI Member Interest Groups (MIG)

**MIGs are open to all OLLI members. (Please note the requirement for the tai chi MIG.)**

Hiking: Hikes on Thursday and Friday mornings. (Bob Goodwin, [ollihiking@gmail.com](mailto:ollihiking@gmail.com) )

Dining Out: Featured local restaurants each month. Sandy Dabrowski ([dabros1@comcast.net](mailto:dabros1@comcast.net) )

Knitting: Share your enjoyment and increase your skills. All levels welcome. Barbara Ward ([bward@hiwaay.net](mailto:bward@hiwaay.net))

Stock Study Club: Study and report on stocks to explore the world of investing. J. Phillip. ([the\\_p\\_patch@knology.net](mailto:the_p_patch@knology.net))

Tennis: Court time and pro tournament gatherings. Sue Chatham ([chatham@knology.net](mailto:chatham@knology.net))

Tai Chi: Practice sessions for members who have taken tai chi classes. Jerry Pang ([pang7713@gmail.com](mailto:pang7713@gmail.com))

Bridge: Bring or meet a partner to play bridge for fun. All levels welcome. Bruce Machamer ([bnmacham68@gmail.com](mailto:bnmacham68@gmail.com))

**Thank you to our Winter Term 2018 OLLI Instructors!**

**We couldn't do it without you!**

Our instructors devote many personal hours researching and preparing for the classes they teach. The variety of topics is always impressive and their knowledge and enthusiasm for their subjects enriches our days. Please thank your instructors and consider teaching a class yourself.

**Discipline Chair & Instructors**  
**C61 Arts & Letters**

***Jane Norrell & Val Seaquist***

Jill Chadwick  
Sally Warden  
Kwaku Gyasi  
Dan Hornstein  
Debbie West  
Dannye Drake  
Ryan Blocker  
Ken Gaddy  
Vanitha Singh  
Val Seaquist  
Dona Pratt  
David Strickland  
David Kyle  
John Burnett  
Sally Warden

**Discipline Chair & Instructors**

**C63 Finance & Economics**

***Rick Sisko***

Bradley Williams

**Discipline Chair & Instructors**  
**C65 Psychology/Philosophy  
/Religion**

***Bill Confer***

Richard Brooks  
Kathy Sieja  
David Newberry  
Bill Confer  
Terese Penix

**Discipline Chair & Instructors**

**C66 Leisure and Nature**

***Joan May***

Bill McAllister  
Barbara Euting  
Will Kirkpatrick  
Jack Albers  
Joy Hall  
Sam Tumminello  
Jim Beaupre

**Discipline Chair & Instructors**  
**C68 Science & Mathematics**

***Harriett Somerville***

Craig Reinhart  
John Schweinsberg  
Jack Fix  
Lois Dreher  
Harriett Somerville  
Elaine Swanson  
Renee Weber  
Mitzi Adams  
Gordon Telepun  
Pete Robertson  
Linda Rawlins  
Dennis Gallagher  
Kevin Knupp  
Alphonse Sterling  
Sam Campbell  
Ghee Fry  
Ken Rex

# OLLI Winter Term Instructors

## Winter Term 2018 OLLI Instructors (cont.)

**Discipline Chair & Instructors**

**C64 Foreign Language/Literature**  
***Beth Altenkirch***

Dan Hornstein  
John Schweinsberg  
Leka Mendenbach  
Lucia Marotta  
Jill Utihoven  
Mia Cushman  
Flora Boardman  
Vicki Earnest  
Barbara Johnson

**Discipline Chair & Instructor**

**C71 Nat. Res//Geography**

***Joel Weinbaum***  
Jim Brown

**Weekly Bonus**

***Rick Schwarz***  
Barbara Staggs  
Pam Clagens  
Jonathan Edwards  
Mon Viriyakitja  
Barbara & Gary Hitt

**Discipline Chair & Instructors**

**C67 History & Government**  
***Cliff Lanham***

John Mason  
Liz Kocir  
Cliff Lanham  
Deborah Abu-Alrub  
Tennent Lee  
Bob Robertson  
Randy Frederick  
Gratia Mahony  
Guy Collins  
Jennifer Garlen

**Discipline Chair & Instructors**

**C70 Health & Fitness**  
***Judy Oljey***

Rebekah Frank  
Judy Young  
Pamela Tejas  
Keren Hilliard

**Discipline Chair & Instructor**

**C73 Skills and Hobbies**

***Barbara Hitchings***  
Jim Brown  
Brimmer Sherman  
Donald Hodge  
Pat Long  
Barbara Johnson

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR TIME AND TALENT  
WITH OLLI!!





# MEMBER SERVICES



**Jerry Pang**  
Member Services Chair

## After Bonus Snacks!!

If you didn't join us in the OLLI Lounge after the Friday's Weekly Bonus, you missed some great treats. Rexanne Warfel provided a muffin smorgasbord after the NCAC "Stewards of Children" bonus and Judy Oljey, Beth Altenkirch and Rexanne Warfel provided a wonderful spread of fruit and veggie trays, rolls and meatballs after the bonus, "Resisting the Resistance".

If you are interested in helping with future bonus snacks, contact Rexanne Warfel at: [rewarfel@yahoo.com](mailto:rewarfel@yahoo.com).

The Member Services Committee oversees numerous activities that enhance the OLLI experience. A few, but not all, of these services are listed below. If you would be interested in joining Member Services to help with any activity, please contact Jerry Pang at [pang7713@gmail.com](mailto:pang7713@gmail.com).

- The OLLI Volunteer Office is staffed, in two-hour shifts, Monday-Friday when classes are in session. Office volunteers answer the phone, provide direction to classrooms, coffee supplies, lost & found area, and assist with copying class materials. Volunteering in the office is a good way to get to know some of the inner workings of OLLI. Irene Garoppo is the Volunteer Office coordinator.
- Member Services oversees the OLLI Annual Photo Contest. This year's contest entries are due no later than April 1 and the theme is "Celebration". Remember a celebration doesn't need fireworks and a band—sometimes it can be the quiet moments like holding a new baby. Submit entries to Debbie Tromblee at [dtromblee@hotmail.com](mailto:dtromblee@hotmail.com).
- Member Services provides snacks in the OLLI Lounge after the Friday Bonus presentations. These will resume with the start of the Spring Term in April. If you are interested in providing snacks (reimbursement available), please contact Rexanne Warfel at [rewarfel@yahoo.com](mailto:rewarfel@yahoo.com).
- The Member Interest Groups (MIG) also fall under Member Services. A Member Interest Group provides OLLI members with similar interests an opportunity and place to meet. See MIG information on page 3. Lynda Locke ([locke.lynda@gmail.com](mailto:locke.lynda@gmail.com)) is the MIG coordinator and should be contacted with questions.
- OLLI maintains a lending library of scores of educational DVDs (primarily from the Great Courses Series) and they are available for members to check out. Please visit the OLLI Volunteer Office to review the library holdings and check out a DVD of interest.
- Member Services maintains a Lost & Found basket in the OLLI Lounge. Come by and check if you have misplaced anything or bring found items there.
- Member Services is responsible for preparation of the OLLI newsletter (Jean Greenwood and Val Seaquist) and mailing the printed version (Liz Kocir).

# OLLI Hiking MIG Report

The OLLI Hiking Member Interest Group (MIG) is a fitness, fun and social activity that was four years old last fall. At one time, Hiking was one of the regular courses and was limited to 20 per course. Later we expanded the minimum number and we finally made it a MIG with no minimum number in 2013. The OLLI Hiking MIG now has over 200 members. We have the easier hikes on Thursday and the more difficult ones on Friday with fifty-four hikes given last year. We have multiple hike leaders for maximum flexibility. Some have areas of expertise that add to the hiking experience such as: a botanist, an historian and an ecologist.

One interesting aspect of our group is our relationships with the North Alabama Land Trust and Monte Sano State Park. Just recently the Land Trust led a special hike for us at Bethel Spring, one of their properties that is not yet open to the public. It has the highest waterfall in Madison County.

We also maintain a very good relation with the Varnedoes family. Bill and his wife Louise are invited to the trailhead at Blevins Gap (pass between Green Mountain and Huntsville Mountain) once a year to hike with our OLLI MIG. Bill has done everything from navigating a B-17, serving as Fire Chief on Green Mountain, developing trails and providing material assistance to the Land Trust, and hiked in the Himalayas. During the hikes, Bill discusses historical aspects of the trails in the area and many other things he has been involved with such as exploring a vast cave system on Green Mountain. A few years ago he wrote a book on caving in the Huntsville area. After his informative talk, we hike the Varnedoe Trail, named after him. We all enjoy our visit with Bill and Louise every year!

We continually gain new members and welcome them to our MIG! For more information on upcoming hikes, contact [ollihiking@gmail.com](mailto:ollihiking@gmail.com)



Photos by Bob Goodwin

# NOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

## Nominees for the OLLI Board of Directors

The OLLI Nomination Task Force - Linda McAllister, Chair, and Members: John Burnett, David Rabb, and Mark Francis—is pleased to announce the following candidates for the OLLI Board of Directors:



**Richard Brooks** is a semi-retired businessman and Presbyterian minister who is currently serving on the Board completing the unexpired term of a former Board member. He has had numerous leadership roles in many civic organizations. At OLLI he is currently teaching a course this term and serves on the following OLLI committees: Curriculum, Public Relations and Administration and Finance. Richard is passionate about the importance of OLLI and eager to work to keep it vital and spread the news of the lifelong learning opportunities in our community.

**Linda Harman** retired from thirty years at Intergraph where she managed large-scale projects and organized annual conferences. She has been active in Heritage Quilters and served in leadership roles. At OLLI she has been a Facilitator for numerous classes and a big support to her husband, Brimmer, who has become an OLLI instructor. She understands that our “organization runs via the power and dedication of volunteers” and she values the organization and lifelong learning.



**Jennifer Humiston** has been active in OLLI for fifteen years and has taken a number of courses. She currently serves on the Curriculum committee and has also presented a Bonus and taught a variety of courses in several disciplines. She has “traveled most of the globe interacting with various ages, cultures and attitudes; she has many and varied interests, enjoys excellent health and great energy and enjoys making new friends.” Jennifer says, “It is time for me to give back some of what I have gained from OLLI.”

**Elizabeth Kocir** is a relative newcomer to Huntsville and OLLI but she has quickly become a leader - serving as Facilitator, a member of the Public Relations committee, the Member Services Committee, and a volunteer for the *Southern Regional Conference for Lifelong Learning* hosted by UAH in August 2018. Furthermore, Liz is currently serving as an instructor. Before retiring she worked for thirty years in marketing and sales in the healthcare industry. She was an Officer and Board Member for insurance related associations working with California legislators on healthcare reform issues. Liz is impressed with OLLI and its people. She wants to offer her services to “further the education process for the over-50 market as well as the ‘image’ of this market.”





# NOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

**Linda Lowe** is involved in OLLI courses and has served as a volunteer OLLI Ambassador working with the OLLI Director in the College of Professional and Continuing Studies since 2016. As an ambassador, she helps with prepping the term facilitator packets, preparing new member letters and badges, and other clerical tasks. She works as a leader and teacher at her church and was a Finance Manager with a large national telecommunications corporation prior to retirement. Linda says, "I think OLLI is a great program. I love working in the office and think that expanding my activities to further help the program will be fun and fulfilling."



**David Styers** is a professional engineer and was director of three companies prior to retirement. At OLLI David serves as a Facilitator, Chair of the Public Relations Committee and a member of the Curriculum Committee. Working through the Public Relations Committee, David has made presentations to local businesses on behalf of OLLI, seeking to inform upcoming retirees about our lifelong learning opportunities at OLLI. He is currently serving an unexpired term of the OLLI Board and would like to continue serving on the board "to contribute to the success of OLLI."

All active OLLI members will receive an email announcing the opening of the voting period. You will have three weeks to cast your ballot. The ballot is an electronic survey. Follow the directions given in the email. We want to hear from you!!!

# REMINDERS



## **SPRING OPEN HOUSE REMINDER!!**

Join us on March 2 from noon until 2:00 pm in the Wilson Hall Lobby to register for the spring term!

Come early and join us for the Popcorn and a Movie featuring *The Descendants* at 10:30 am in WIL 152.

## **2018 OLLI Photo Contest**

### **Celebrations!**

**Deadline: April 1, 2018**

With the deadline fast approaching, we want to be sure everyone is clear on the rules.

1. Submit up to 3 entries.
2. Open to all current OLLI members.
3. Photo must have been taken between May 2017 and April 1, 2018.
4. Any type of camera, phone or other device may be used.
5. Gentle photo editing is permitted, but keep the original.
6. Photos must be submitted in a standard .jpg format.
7. Recommend at least 2 MP final photo size.
8. Color photo preferred but not required.
9. Name your photo.
10. A photo release must be obtained from any recognizable person in the photo.  
([olliphotcontest@outlook.com](mailto:olliphotcontest@outlook.com) for a form)

You do not have to have people in your photo to convey a celebration— Fireworks, the eclipse, a bottle of champagne, a couple of glasses and some confetti—Be creative!

# Food and Fun in Wilson Hall



Post—Bonus snacks  
and fun and  
interesting classes  
with friends.







# REDISCOVER THE JOY OF LEARNING

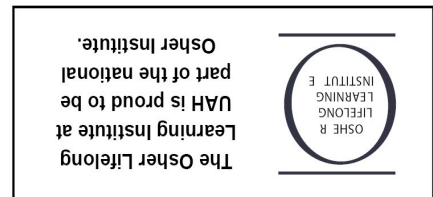
## OLLI at UAH Presents Canadian Rockies by Train

All aboard! OLLI is planning a trip to western Canada on August 4-12, 2018. Explore breath-taking scenery and visit several cities and national parks along the way, including Lake Louise, Banff, Jasper, Vancouver, and Calgary. Take a walk on the Glacier Skywalk and see the dramatic landscape from the glass-floored platform. Enjoy first-class meals and awe-inspiring Canadian Rockies vistas during the day. Spend the night in the comfort of your own bed inside a private sleeping room on the overnight train ride as well as your stays at the Lake Louise Fairmont and the Fairmont Banff Springs.

Make your reservations by calling 800-852-5655. Reference group reservation #857481. For more information please visit: <https://gateway.gocollette.com.link/857481>.



**The OLLI Insider** April issue submission deadline is **March 26**. (Early is better!) Please submit your articles to Jean Greenwood, [meanjean@knology.net](mailto:meanjean@knology.net).



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