

News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

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Your OLLI President's Message



Gratia Mahony
President

Spring is a good time to reaffirm our core values, and that includes respect for our fellow OLLI students and instructors. Of course, we all know how to be polite and respectful of others—we've lived our lives and fulfilled our commitments to our jobs and our families. But it is good to think again about our OLLI activities, whether we are students, instructors, or on OLLI committees. This came to light recently when the OLLI National Resource Center (NRC) presented a webinar about the importance of having a Code of Conduct. The webinar was attended by thirteen OLLI committee members and students.

A University should be a place where discussion of all ideas can be frank, open, and non-contentious. The OLLI classes that we attend are places where we can discuss ideas, learn new things, have interesting discussions, and even challenge the status quo. That is what keeps our minds sharp and makes OLLI so enjoyable. But we must remember to be respectful of all and share our ideas in a courteous way. In fact, it would be wise to note the short paragraph on the front page of every OLLI course catalog which states "Courses listed in

this catalog are offered in the spirit of academic freedom. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and the University of Alabama in Huntsville do not endorse any creed, concept, service, or product that might be presented by the instructors."

So come and learn at OLLI and enjoy the spirit of academic freedom that we are so fortunate to enjoy.

Gratia Mahony, President of OLLI

The Great American Read



OLLI will participate in THE GREAT AMERICAN READ beginning this spring and ending next fall with a nation-wide vote for the most beloved American book. This project is sponsored by PBS, and they will soon release a list of 100 books from which to select your favorite. Watch PBS for more on this fun and interesting project and stay tuned to the *OLLI Weekly e-News* and facilitator messages for more about how OLLI at UAH will participate. A fall term course is being planned by Betty Koval and Gratia Mahony with OLLI members reporting on their choices. The final vote for America's favorite book will occur on October 23, 2018.



EVENTS CALENDAR

Contact Janet Reville at jrev1988@gmail.com if you wish to add an event to the OLLI calendar.

Month	Time	Event
4/6/2018	10:30 am	Popcorn and a Movie: <i>Hell or High Water</i> . When a desperate father learns the bank is going to take his family's land, he and his ex-con brother are left with no choice, putting themselves in the crosshairs of an aging Texas Ranger (Jeff Bridges). The 2016 film received 4 Oscar nominations. PoC: Jean Greenwood at meanjean@knology.net .
4/9/2018	8:45 am	Spring Term Begins. Be sure you have your new Spring/Summer parking pass!
4/13/2018	10:30 am	Weekly Bonus: WIL 001—"The Mathematics Machine", Dr. Bonita Lawrence. Marshall University in Huntington, WV, houses the largest publicly accessible differential analyzer in the USA. Hear the history of the machine and the mechanics the machine uses to model mathematics. Bonus snack following at noon in the OLLI Lounge: Chili hotdog buffet.
4/17/2018	5:30 p.m.	Dining Out MIG—Join OLLI friends for the first Dining Out MIG experience of the year. Dinner at <i>1892 East Restaurant and Tavern</i> at 720 Pratt Avenue (Five Points). PoC: Sandy Dabrowski at dabros1@comcast.net . More info on page 3.
4/20/2018	10:30 am	Weekly Bonus: WIL001—"Lung Cancer Explained", Dr. Evan Cohen, a cardiothoracic surgeon, will explain symptoms and advancements in the treatment of lung cancer. Bonus snack following at noon in the OLLI Lounge: Cookies, cookies, cookies!
4/21/2018	10 am - 2 pm	Earth Day—Hays Nature Preserve: butterfly release, events for children, free fishing, & hotdogs and drinks while supply lasts. OLLI will have a booth. PoC: David Styers at 2docdad@bellsouth.net .
4/22/2018	12 pm - 5 p.m.	Earth Day—Monte Sano State Park. Many nature exhibits. OLLI will have a booth. PoC: David Styers at 2docdad@bellsouth.net .
4/26/2018	4:30 - 7:30 pm	Biergarten at US Space & Rocket Center. More info on page 3.
4/27/2018	10:30 am	Weekly Bonus: WIL001—"Leaving a Legacy: Wills & Giving" Connie Glass, Ken Rex & UAH Advancement Office. Bonus snack following at noon in the OLLI Lounge: chicken salad croissants, chips & veggies.

EVENTS COMMITTEE



**Janet Reville
Events Chair**

Have you attended an event where you thought to yourself, “This would be great for OLLI members?” Do you have a connection within the Tennessee Valley which would help us coordinate a tour of a local business or facility? Maybe you volunteer for another local organization our members may be curious about.

These are the many ways we schedule and coordinate our OLLI Events. We have such a diverse membership the possibilities are endless! On the Events Committee, we assign a single Point of Contact for each event and simply coordinate the details. In reality, every OLLI member joins the Events Committee by sharing their ideas. We are constantly looking for your suggestions for member events and hope you will help coordinate a future activity.

Please share your ideas and connections by becoming an active member of the Events Committee! Contact Janet Reville at jrev1988@gmail.com.

Want to honor a favorite OLLI instructor? Pay tribute to an OLLI friend?

A donation to the OLLI support fund would be a great way to do this. Go to osher.uah.edu/donateOLLI to learn how.



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If you would like to help with OLLI after-Bonus snacks, contact Rexanne Warfel at rewarfel@yahoo.com. Reimbursement is available for items purchased.

Two Dining Opportunities

OLLI Dining Out MIG: The OLLI Dining Out MIG will meet at **5:30 p.m. on April 17 at 1892 East Restaurant & Tavern** in Huntsville’s Five Points (720 Pratt Avenue—one block east of Andrew Jackson Way). Order from a fixed menu of beef, chicken or salmon (vegetarian available) with prices ranging from \$18—\$26 (individuals pay for their selections). A sign-up sheet is available in the OLLI Volunteer Office—151 WIL until April 16. Contact Sandy Dabrowski (dabros1@comcast.net) if you have questions.

Biergarten at U.S. Space & Rocket Center: The Space & Rocket Center (in the Davidson Center) is featuring a different nonprofit organization each month and a portion of food sales on designated evenings will be donated to that organization. OLLI is the recipient on **Thursday, April 26, from 4:30—7:00 p.m.** Please come with friends and family and enjoy food, spirits and fun as we publicize and benefit the OLLI program. More information and a menu can be found at www.rocketcenter.com/Biergarten. See you there!

Six myths about old age: 1) That it’s a disease; a disaster, 2) That we are mindless, 3) That we are sexless, 4) That we are useless, 5) That we are powerless, 6) That we are all alike.

Maggie Kuhn, founder of the Grey Panthers movement

OLLI Volunteer Opportunities



Would you like to volunteer at two local Earth Day celebrations? OLLI will have a booth sites listed below. Contact OLLI Publicity Chair David Styers at 2docdad@bellsouth.net.

Saturday, April 21, 10:00 am-2:00 pm at Hays Nature Preserve and/or

Sunday, April 22, 12:00-5:00 pm at Monte Sano State Park

Come celebrate Earth Day and promote OLLI in our community!

OLLI needs a newsletter for the monthly publications, *OLLI Insider!* This position is available after the May issue. Usually the June/July issues are combined and then it is monthly for the remainder of the OLLI year. Please contact Jerry Pang, the OLLI Member Services Chair at pang7713@gmail.net if you are interested.

Taking classes and want to get more involved? The OLLI Volunteer Office is looking for a few good people. Working in the office is a great way to meet people, know what's going on, and understanding the workings of OLLI better. If you have a 10:30 class, working a morning office shift is a way to beat the traffic problem. There are several shifts available this term. If you may be interested, stop by the office, Room 151, and leave your name and number or contact Irene Garoppo, igaroppo@knology.net. Training is provided.



WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

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@yahoo.com)

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

See the announcement for this month's Dining Out Event on page 3!!

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)

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

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



SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Leah Black
Chair

The Social Committee hopes that OLLI members who have attended our social events so far this year have really enjoyed the opportunity to spend time together. Not all of the members take classes each term and the social events give them the chance to keep up friendships. Sharing tasty food together just makes it that much better. The committee really enjoys putting it all together and sharing the smiles and great conversations.

We are in the process of planning for the Annual OLLI Banquet. It will take place on May 17th this year and we are looking forward to having it in the new Student Services Building on the UAH campus. We are working on the details to make this event something very special and we will let everyone know about them soon.

Plans are also being made for our Annual OLLI Pot Luck Picnic in June. This is always a very popular event and the members enjoy sharing great food with each other. So look for further information and plan to attend these events.

Spring Registration Open House

The OLLI Spring Registration Open House was held April 2 from noon-2:00 p.m. in the Wilson Hall lobby. Some instructors provided class displays and others were on hand to answer questions. We enrolled new members, registered for classes, renewed our parking hang-tags and visited with friends. Spring term begins at 8:45 a.m. on Monday, April 9.



Photos by Val Seaquist & Linda McAllister

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE



Linda McAllister
Curriculum Chair

By the time you read this, I am hoping that you have had a refreshing spring break and that you will join us again for Spring Term. We are excited about our courses, which begin April 9 and run for six weeks. If you have not yet registered, there are many courses that may interest you. Meanwhile, the Curriculum Committee is already busy lining up courses for Fall Term. Your volunteers on this active committee are dedicated to planning a year-round dynamic curriculum for you. Rebecca Duke, OLLI Director, is also planning some exciting things for the Summer Term.

At our Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at the end of Winter Term, attendees were asked to share two things they learned in OLLI classes during the term. What a fun activity. No names were submitted and I have not verified any of these facts, but it seems that all disciplines were represented with the positive comments. A few comments are shared below:

“I have lots to learn.”

“I’m having fun.”

“I like smart people.”

“I learned...

Art is associated with a lot of history.”

Osage Indians were the richest people on earth in the early 1920s.”

Decisions are made by default—we are usually not proactive.”

Smoking was allowed in the field during the Vietnam War.”

The original survey and plan for Washington DC was done by a free black man.”

There are far more early American artists than I knew.”

The difference between a coloratura soprano and a contralto.”

Opera can actually be enjoyable.”

To check my SSA.gov account.”

How to draw drapery to get a 3-D effect.”

In the 8th century a woman established the world’s first university in Fez.”

John Sparkman got his political start in First Methodist Church, Huntsville.”

All about craft beer.”

How to appreciate weather maps.”

The approaches to writing your life story are very diverse.”

What kind of owl was calling from the woods behind our house.”

What will YOU learn this term?

OLLI MEMBERS DURING THE BREAK

A reception was hosted by OLLI Foreign Languages Discipline Chair, Beth Altenkirch, to honor Huntsville-area Arts volunteers. Several OLLI members are nominees for this year's prestigious Virginia Hammill Simms Award. The reception marked the 50th anniversary of the establishment of this award.



Kathy Chan and Sally Priester



Susan Webb and Beth Altenkirch

OLLI history instructors and other members enjoyed a tour of the U.S. Veterans Memorial Museum.




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Friends
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Young!

The OLLI Insider May issue submission deadline is April 23rd. (Early is better!) Please submit your articles to Jean Greenwood, meanjean@knology.net. Any OLLI photos are welcome; just send them to Val Seaquist, vjval@aol.com. 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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