

News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH June-July 2018

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Your OLLI President's Message



Gratia Mahony
President

I hope everyone is enjoying a good book this summer. If you haven't checked yet, see the list of 100 books that are on the list developed by PBS for [*The Great American Read*](#). Maybe you have a favorite book on that list; or perhaps you'll see a book that you would like to read. Remember that there will be a course offered this Fall term called *OLLI Does the Great American Read* in which sixteen of the books from *The Great American Read* will be briefly discussed by your fellow OLLI students.

If you would rather learn the story by watching a movie based on some of these books, check out the bi-weekly movie schedule offered every other Friday at 10:00 in Wilson Hall room 152. You can find the schedule of films in the *OLLI Weekly e-News* which goes out to all OLLI members on Friday afternoons and on page 2 of this newsletter.

The end of summer brings anticipation for the Fall course catalog to appear online. The Curriculum Committee has assembled some intriguing courses for the Fall term. Check out Linda McAllister's article in the newsletter (page 6) to get a sneak peek of some of the course offerings. Tell your friends about the OLLI program on the campus of UAH and let them know about the good times to be had with fellow students and friends.

I'll look for you at OLLI this Fall,

Gratia Mahony, President

OLLI Fall Open House Registration Event

You will hear more in the August newsletter, but mark your calendar now for **OLLI's Fall Open House Registration Event**. The date is **Wednesday, August 29**, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the lobby of Wilson Hall. Come in and visit with friends, register for classes, get your Fall Term parking hang-tag, have a few snacks and maybe win a door prize! Bring a friend to join OLLI! See you on August 29th!

OLLI CALENDAR

Contact Val Seaquist (vseaquistj@bellsouth.net) to add an event.

Date	Time	Event
6/29/18	10:00 a.m.	Great American Read movie: <i>The Help</i> . Room 152 Wilson Hall. PoC: Jean Greenwood (meanjean@knology.net).
7/13/18	10:00 a.m.	Great American Read movie: <i>Rebecca</i> . Room 152 Wilson Hall. PoC: Jean Greenwood (meanjean@knology.net).
7/27/18	10:00 a.m.	Great American Read movie: <i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i> . Room 152 Wilson Hall. PoC: Jean Greenwood (meanjean@knology.net).
8/1-8/3/18		Southern Regional Conference for Learning in Retirement. Most events will be held at the UAH Student Services Building. For more information go to: www.uah.edu/pcs/olli/srclr or page 11 of this newsletter.
8/4-8/12/18		Canadian Rockies by Train. Explore breathtaking scenery by train from Vancouver to Calgary. To make reservations, call Collette Travel at (800) 852-5655, reference Group Reservation #857481. UAH contact: Jane McBride (janemcbride@knology.net).
8/10/18	10:00 a.m.	Great American Read movie: <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> . Room 152 Wilson Hall. PoC: Jean Greenwood (meanjean@knology.net).
8/24/18	10:00 a.m.	Great American Read movie: <i>The Color Purple</i> . Room 152 Wilson Hall. PoC: Jean Greenwood (meanjean@knology.net).

OLLI Photo Album

Want to see photos of past OLLI classes, events, trips, MIG activities? They are posted on the UAH OLLI website. Go to: OLLI at UAH, click on the blue “photo album” box on the left and scroll down to enjoy the photos. And, as you can see, every blue button will take you to a wealth of information about OLLI.

OLLI Support Fund

Please consider donating to the OLLI Support Fund. Go on-line to “OLLI at UAH” and click on the blue “Donate to OLLI” button on the left side of the page. From there you can provide the information to complete your donation. OLLI Thanks You!

OLLI Board 2018-19



The 2018-2019 OLLI Board of Directors was introduced during the Annual Dinner in May. From left to right: Dr. Karen Clanton, CPCS Dean, Janet Reville, Irene Garappo, Rebecca Duke, OLLI Director, Liz Kocir, David Styers, Dr. Bill Confer, Val Seaquist, Richard Brooks, Dr. Ken Rex, Bob Darnall, Jennifer Humiston, Linda Lowe, Gratia Mahony, Linda Harmen, Linda McAllister, and Jerry Pang.

OLLI is Powered by Volunteer Effort!

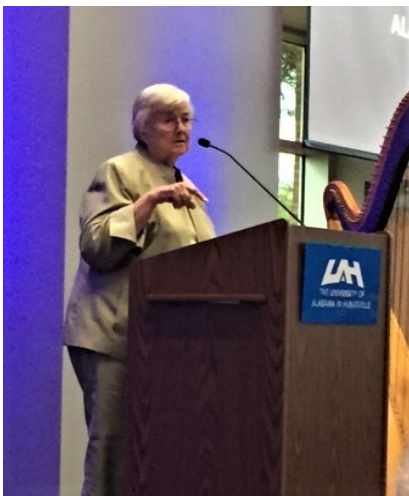
If you would like to assist with snacks after the weekly Bonus please contact Rexanne Warfel at rewarfel@yahoo.com.

If you would like to help staff the OLLI Volunteer Office during the fall term, contact Irene Garappo at igaroppo@knology.net.

If you have an interest in becoming an OLLI Ambassador and assist in the UAH College of Professional and Continuing Studies OLLI office, please contact Alice Sammon at alice.sammon@uah.edu or 256-824-6183.

OLLI Annual Dinner

On May 17, OLLI members enjoyed meeting with friends for the OLLI Annual Dinner in the Student Services Building. Board President, Gratia Mahony, welcomed members and visitors and introduced UAH President Altenkirch who gave us a “State of the University” talk. Linda McAllister, Chair of the Nominating Task Force, introduced new OLLI Board members. The winners of the 2018 OLLI Photo Contest were announced and are pictured with their winning photographs below.



First place: Johnnie Shue, Third place: Lynda Lamitie, Second place: Joan May, Honorable Mention: Chip Manning, not shown.

OLLI Leadership Changes



Leah Black



Janet Reville

On behalf of the Board of Directors and all OLLI members, a big note of appreciation to our outgoing Social Committee Chair, Leah Black, Events Committee Chair, Janet Reville, and Treasurer, Dick Fisher. They all gave outstanding service to OLLI.

Leah and her committee planned and arranged all of our dinners, parties, and picnics—no small task! Janet insured that our events calendar was always up-to-date bringing together information from many sources to keep us all informed. She also sought out many local events for us to participate in giving OLLI more public visibility. Dick Fisher is stepping down after four years as OLLI Treasurer. He managed the financials of the Board. His dedication is appreciated by all OLLI members.



Dick Fisher

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE



Linda McAllister
Curriculum Chair

As we enjoy the summer months, I know that many of you are taking advantage of the varied courses and social opportunities OLLI offers in June and July. Soon we can anticipate an exciting Fall term at OLLI. Your Curriculum Committee members, especially Discipline Chairs, were busy during the Spring securing teachers and subject material. The wheels turned and as the spreadsheet was finalized, our cooperative OLLI Director, Rebecca Duke, and her UAH staff finalized the catalog. Our goal is for you to see the catalog online by the end of July.

In the Fall term catalog, you will surely see some of our faithful teachers and popular courses continue. Some new language courses will begin while others will move on into more advance practice. *Topics in American Art* will be taught by Debbie West; *Rumble Strips Ahead*; *Dangerous Ideas* by Vanitha Singh will stretch us again with various hot topics; *Socrates Café* led by Sam Tumminello will engage students in weekly discussions on current topics. In *Writing Your Life Story*, Val Seaquist will encourage students to preserve their memories and two music courses: *Soli Deo Gloria: Vocal Music of the Counter Reformation* and *Music Theory for the Listener* will be presented by Dan Hornstein. Bill Confer will begin anew his popular psychology

series—*Intricacies of the Mind*. Harriett Somerville and Elaine Swanson will finish their *World of Chemistry* course and Craig Reinhardt will complete his *Biology: Study of Living Organisms* series. *Elder Law* will be offered again by Connie Glass; and for those who like to have “hands-on” activities, Jim Brown will offer three art courses and Leah Black will repeat *Experience the Odyssey*. Other popular courses such as *Yoga*, *Pickleball*, *Tai Chi*, *Chess*, *Ballroom Dancing*, *Quilting* and *Bridge* also will be offered.

There are numerous new courses listed in the catalog but I will risk mentioning just a few that are unique or are taught by a new teacher. HudsonAlpha has developed a special course just for OLLI students. *OLLI Does the Great American Read* will tie in with the PBS’s *Great American Read*. *A Most Crucial Mid-Term Election* will be taught by Randy Frederick. *English Language and Vocabulary Building* is a hobby pursuit Bill Confer will share. *Topics in Real Estate Purchasing and Financing* will be offered by Barbara Martin. Edward Kennedy will teach *Korean War Today* and *Exploring Diverse Houses of Worship* will be led by Pat Tumminello. Stephen Jones will teach *Nature-Inspired Living, Learning and Serving* and *Hobby Photography* will be offered by Cliff Loher. *Making Beer at Home* will be led by Tim Miller and Brimmer Sherman.

Oh my! Even as I write this simple article I am overwhelmed with the generosity of our volunteer teachers and also extremely pleased with the many courses OLLI offers to stretch our minds and keep us active socially. We are indeed privileged to be experiencing our 25th year of Lifelong Learning through our host university: UAH. So, sign up for classes soon and encourage your friends to join the fun!

OLLI Member Interest Groups

What is a MIG?

New members may hear the term “MIG” and wonder “what on Earth is a MIG?” MIG is an acronym for “Member Interest Group”. Over time, members engaged in classes have found that they want to share the experience outside of class with others in a variety of activities such as hiking, knitting, tennis, bridge and others. The MIGs do not compete with or replace the classes, they enhance the experience. If you are interested in any of the MIG activities below, contact the MIG leader to learn time and place of meetings. For the Dining Out MIG, Sandra Dabrowski will post notices of the next dining out date and location in this newsletter and the *OLLI @ UAH Weekly e-News* and will have a sign-up sheet in the OLLI Volunteer Office (Room 151, Wilson Hall). If it is a good fit for you, consider joining a MIG to expand and enhance your OLLI experience!

OLLI Member Interest Groups (MIG)

For overall MIG questions, contact the MIG Coordinator Linda Harman at linda.e.harman@gmail.com, or the Member Services Chair Jerry Pang at Pang7713@gmail.com

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)

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. Judy Eckert (juaeckert@gmail.com)

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)

Paper Craft Card Making: Meet people who share your interest in this fun activity. Diane Vaughn (g.dianne.vaughn@gmail.com)

Craft Beer: Learn about the variety of craft beers. Brimmer Sherman (brimmersherman@gmail.com)

OLLI Annual Picnic

The Annual OLLI Picnic was held June 12 at the Green Mountain Nature Trail pavilion. OLLI members enjoyed a pot-luck lunch, visiting with friends, hiking and just sitting in the rocking chairs.



Sometimes at OLLI, We Just Clown Around!



Members of the Rocket City Clown Alley presented a Weekly Bonus presentation on May 18th.

It's Not Too Late—Sumer Courses Still Going!

We have couple of courses that are starting in July. Don't miss the opportunity to sign up for the following:

Intro to Relief Block Series—7/13 – 27 | F | 1 – 2:30 pm | C73M1806 | \$95

Learn to use a printing press to produce a single color image using a hand-carved relief block. Three class sessions will cover block preparation, carving techniques, and printing methods. Printing media, carving tools, and ink will be provided. Participants only need to bring their single color image, roughly 8 x 10 inches. All lab fees are included.

Preserving Your Family Memories—7/2 – 23 | M | 1 – 2:30 pm | C67M1840 | \$49

The reality of aging is that memories and knowledge of family history will eventually disappear. It doesn't take a preservation expert to ensure that the physical pieces of your family story survive for generations—but it does take thought and planning. Learn cost effective methods and best practices to preserve your family's material memory. This course will cover how to preserve photographs, paper products, textiles, and other personal ephemera, as well as capturing oral histories.

OLLI 2019 Photo Contest

ALABAMA200: *Landmarks of Alabama*

Landmarks can be man-made or natural—a historic building or a cavern, or store front or sign. Just get out there and take some photos of Alabama, the state you love!

Guidelines:

Theme: “Alabama200: Landmarks of Alabama”

- Specs:**
- * Gentle photo editing is permitted but keep the original photo
 - * Photo must not have identifying/copyright marks
 - * Photos must be submitted in digital jpg/jpeg format
 - * Recommend at least 2 Megapixels (MP) final pixel size
 - * * Color photos are preferred
 - * Name your photo
 - * Email as an attachment

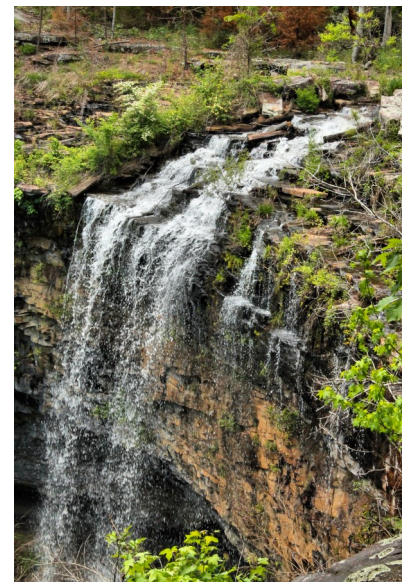
Submit to: olliphotocontest@gmail.com. You can submit up to three entries; include your name, phone number, and email address. Give some information about the photo, where you took it and the date .



**Photos must be taken between
April 1, 2018 and March 31, 2019**

Submission deadline: April 1, 2019

Questions? Email:
olliphotocontest@gmail.com



SRCLR Coming to UAH



The Southern Regional Conference for Learning in Retirement is celebrating its 10th consecutive meeting, hosted for the first time in the Rocket City. We are excited to welcome 200 lifelong learning professionals, volunteers, and members to the UAH campus. Are you ready to explore innovations for modern seasoned adults in the areas of curriculum, marketing, volunteerism, travel, and more? Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity!

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Welcome Reception at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center
- Network and learn from leaders in lifelong learning
- Luncheon featuring Candi C. Williams, State Director of AARP Alabama
- Learn about advancements in Genomics from HudsonAlpha researchers
- Participate in pre and post-event activities to include Space Camp® designed for lifelong learners
- Select from over 20 concurrent sessions
- Go on an adventure with Best-Selling Author Homer Hickam

\$225 Standard Attendee Register by July 25, 2018, For more information call 256-824-6183



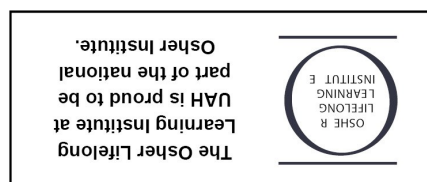
The Last Word

Think about it: as an OLLI member you are part of a large and ever-growing network of individuals who are committed to staying mentally, physically and socially active. Wikipedia defines lifelong learning as “the ongoing, voluntary and self-motivated pursuit of knowledge for personal or professional reasons.”

Our community is fortunate to have had a lifelong learning institute at UAH for 25 years. We weren't always “OLLI”; early on the name was “Academy for Lifelong Learning” but the intent and benefits were the same. We became OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) after receiving an endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation. Our 25th anniversary as a lifelong learning institute at UAH will be in early August. To celebrate this milestone event, we have planned some exciting guest lecturers. These activities will be announced in upcoming newsletters.

Don't forget to read your *OLLI @ UAH Weekly e-News* which is sent every Friday evening.

The OLLI Insider **August** information submission deadline is **July 24**. (Early is better!) Please submit your articles and photos to Val Seaquist at vseaquistj@bellsouth.net. As always, please include the photographer's name, the names of those in the photo, and the event.



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