

News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH
November 2018

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Your OLLI President's Message



Gratia Mahony
President

Fall term for 2018 is over, but folks are still talking about some of the great classes they took this past term. Classes like “Spooks and Snoops,” “Music Theory for the Listener,” “Law School for Everyone,” and “Digging into DNA” were all extremely popular. I also heard comments from people saying there were so many interesting sounding classes offered that they had trouble deciding which ones to take. Well, the Winter term is coming up, and there are many equally great classes being offered. The Winter term catalog will be out around Thanksgiving, so keep an eye out and register early.

The first lecture in the OLLI at UAH 25th Anniversary Speaker Series occurred on October 26. A capacity audience attended the lecture held in room 103B at the Nursing Building. Dr. Wayne Flynt, Professor *Emeritus* at Auburn University, presented a lecture on “Pulitzers and Politics: The Alabama Legacies of Harper Lee and George Wallace.” The second lecture, “Behind the Scenes of Louis Comfort Tiffany—Treasures from the Driehaus Museum” presented by Peter Baldaia, Director of Curatorial Affairs of the Huntsville Museum of Art, and David Reyes, Curator of Exhibitions and Collections, in room 103B of the UAH Nursing Building will be Friday, November 9 at 1:00 p.m. There will also be a docent-led tour of the Tiffany glass exhibit at the Museum of Art on December 12, so please reserve a spot for this tour. The third lecture of the series, “Reelin’ in the Years: Pop Music from 1950s-1990s,” will be presented by Bob Labbe, Pop Music Historian and WLRH Host, Friday, December 7. More details about these events and more can be found on page 2.

I want to compliment all our OLLI students for their understanding of the UAH parking situation at the Wilson Hall parking lot during the Fall term. Many folks got to classes early or used the alternative parking lots at the Conference Training Center or Executive Plaza. There is also a new lot, G-16, open to commuter parking located across Ben Graves Drive from Roberts Hall. This should ease some of the parking problems and would be a good place to park if you have classes in the Nursing Building.

I wish everyone a good and productive holiday and, especially, a Happy Thanksgiving!

Gratia Mahony

OLLI at UAH Board President

As the years go by you get older but you don't have to get old—OLLI can help!

OLLI CALENDAR

Month	Time	Event
11/2/18		Fall Term 2018 Ends
11/14/18	1:00 PM	National Parks and Cultural History by Miriam Hornstein, a Supervisory Park Ranger with the National Park Service at Yellowstone National Park. WIL 212. POC: Linda McAllister (wmca@hiwaay.net).
11/16/18	10:30 AM	Great American Read Movie: “ The Sun Also Rises ”, an adaptation of Ernest Hemingway’s novel of the same name. WIL 152.
11/30/18	10:30 AM	Great American Read Movie: “ The Picture of Dorian Gray ”, an adaptation of Oscar Wilde’s novel of the same name. WIL 152.
12/7/18	1:00 PM	25th Anniversary Speaker Series: “Reelin’ in the Years: Pop Music from 1950s-1990s” by Bob Labbe , Pop Music Historian and WLRH Radio Host. UAH Nursing Building, Room 103B. Free to Public with refreshments following the presentation. POC: Janet Reville (jrev1988@gmail.com) or Sue Chatham (sue_chatham@gmail.com).
12/12/18	10:30 AM	Docent-led Tour of the Huntsville Museum of Art exhibit: “Louis Comfort Tiffany: Treasures of the Driehaus Collection” . Tour reservations: email Jane McBride at janemcbride@knology.net no later than 12/8. HMA members are free; others will pay \$8.00 in the lobby. After the tour, you might be interested in lunch at <i>Pane e Vino</i> at the park level of the museum.
12/18/18	6:00 PM	Annual Holiday Party – Join us for a holiday party at the beautiful Jackson Center. Holiday entertainment and dancing immediately following dinner Price is only \$35.00 per person! Feel free to bring friends, family, and guests (non-OLLI members are most welcome!). Tickets Available Now! Click here for more information.
1/11/19	9:30 AM	Winter Open House – WIL Lobby
1/28/19		Winter Term 2019 Begins

Contact Linda Lowe (l Lowe38@gmail.com) to add an event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fundraiser at Straight 2 Ale Raised \$219.00 for OLLI



OLLI is Stronger with its Volunteers!

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.

If you would like to assist with snacks after the weekly Bonus please contact Rexanne Warfel at rewarfel@yahoo.com. Note: a snack schedule has been posted on the board in the lounge to make it easier to sign up for particular days.

If you would like to help staff the OLLI Volunteer office, contact Irene Garoppo at igaroppo@knology.net.

OLLI Needs Your Support

In support of the 25th anniversary of lifelong learning at UAH, the OLLI Support Fund has a campaign, “*\$25 for 25 Years of Lifelong Learning.*” We are asking for a contribution of \$25.00 and hope at least 25% of the members respond. The easiest way to donate is by credit card online at osher.uah.edu. If you would prefer to donate by check, print out the [donor form](#) page (this insures tax credit) and mail the form to:

Shelbie King Hall, 3rd Floor
301 Sparkman Drive
Huntsville, AL 35899

DONATE TO OLLI

25TH ANNIVERSARY SPEAKER SERIES



Gratia Mahony and Dr. Wayne Flynt

Friday, October 26th, was a dreary day outdoors, but the large crowd attending the first Anniversary Speaker Series presenter was in a celebratory mood. Gratia Mahony, President of OLLI, introduced Dr. Wayne Flynt, who presented a lecture entitled “Pulitzers and Politics: The Alabama Legacy of Harper Lee and George Wallace”.

Dr. Flynt is a distinguished Alabama Historian, author and Professor *Emeritus* at Auburn University. His discussion of Harper Lee was enhanced by the recent vote on October 23rd of the book selected as the most beloved American novel in a poll conducted by PBS. The book selected was *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. Dr. Flynt and his wife were good friends of the Monroeville, Alabama author, Harper Lee.

Dr. Flynt is co-author of *Alabama: History of a Deep South State*. The Bicentennial Edition of this book was just published in August 2018. This up-to-date edition examines the history of Alabama politics, military history, economics, race and class. Dr. Flynt’s talk addressed several of these subjects and personalities involved, including the late Governor George Wallace.

The lecture was followed by a reception in the lobby of the Nursing Building on the campus of The University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Do you have a suggestion to improve OLLI’s educational offerings or services to members? There is a suggestion box in the hallway outside the OLLI Volunteer Office. We would like to hear from you. Do you have a concern you would like addressed? Do you want to volunteer for something but don’t know who to approach? Please let us know. For further questions or concerns, OLLI.Info@uah.edu.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE



Linda McAllister
Curriculum Chair

Fall term is ending and what a great time we have had. It is exciting to be engaged with a group of curious and experienced adults willing to share in reasoned discourse and learn together. My classes have been rewarding, and I hope yours have been also.

A big shout out to the Social Committee for our recent Teacher Appreciation Brunch. The Fellowship Hall at Trinity United Methodist Church was filled with energy and excitement. We enjoyed a delicious brunch as well as a very impressive demonstration of Tai Chi by instructor and OLLI member, Jerry Pang. We enjoyed a story from Nancy Darnall written for her Writing Your Life Story class and were entertained by a fine saxophonist, Alex Banks. Alex is an Engineering major at Alabama A&M University and I, literally, met him one day prior to our brunch when he played at the *Successful Aging Initiatives Conference* sponsored by the lifelong learning program at Alabama A&M University.

Also present at the brunch were our hard-working Discipline Chairs. They took delight in thanking and recognizing their Fall term teachers. And once again, let me say “thanks” to our excellent volunteer teachers (see pg. 6).

Currently, Discipline Chairs and teachers have completed their course syllabi for Winter term and our new Program Manager, Alissa McKinnon, is busy laying out the new catalog. We hope the catalog will be available and online for Winter term registration by the end of November so stay tuned for more exciting course offerings next term. Winter term begins January 28; meanwhile, I hope you will be able to enjoy the numerous opportunities offered by OLLI during our break.



Photos by Linda McAllister & Nancy Culpepper

THANK YOU TO OUR FALL TERM INSTRUCTORS!

OLLI Fall Term 2018 Instructors

Arts & Letters

Bill Confer
Dan Hornstein
Jill Chadwick
Irene Garoppo
Gratia Mahony
Betty Koval
Dannye Drake
Debbie West
Val Seaquist
Vanitha Singh
Nancy Darnall

Finance & Economics

Ann Beltz
Barbara Martin
Bradley Williams
Kent Kraus
Connie Glass

Foreign Language

Dan Hornstein
Leka Medenbach
Fiorenza Todaro
Jill Uithoven
Mia Cushman
Andy Kochis
Flora Boardman
Vicki Earnest

Psychology, Philosophy & Religion

Richard Brooks
Bill Confer

Leisure

Sam Tumminello
Will Kirkpatrick
Charles Cataldo
Barbara Euting
Sally Foos
Bob Darnall
Joy Hall
Janet Reville
Cliff Loehr

History & Government

Edwin Kennedy
John Mason
Tennent Lee
Bob Robertson
Randy Frederick
Pat Tumminello
Tom Borchert

Science & Mathematics

Craig Reinhart
Jim Beaupre
Harriett Somerville
Elaine Swanson
Birgit Stensby
John Schweinsberg
Jennifer Carden

Health & Fitness

Nick Flynt
Rebekah Frank
Thomas Amsden
Barbara Johnson
Vivian Stokes
Bert Morris
Pamela Tejes
Jerry Pang

Natural Resources

Stephen Jones

Travel Topics

Nancy Darnall

Skills & Hobbies

Nona Rogers
Donald Hodge
Tim Miller
Traci Romine
James Brown
Jean Greenwood

Weekly Bonus

Monica Williams-Murphy
Herb Lewis
Bill Staggs
Liz Staggs
Richard Schwarz
Thomas Rees

Discipline Chairs:

Arts & Letters--
Val Seaquist

Finance & Economics--
(available)

Foreign Language--
Beth Altenkirch

**Psychology, Philosophy,
& Religion--**
Bill Confer

Leisure--
Joan May

History & Government--
Cliff Lanham/Birgit Stensby

Science & Mathematics--
Harriett Somerville

Health & Fitness--
Judy Oljey

Natural Resources--
Stephen Jones

Travel Topics--
(available)

Skills & Hobbies--
Barbara Hitchings

Bonus Presentations--
Rick Schwarz



OLLI MEMBER INTEREST GROUPS

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)

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)

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

To establish a new MIG or for general information about MIGs, contact the OLLI MIG Coordinator, Linda Harman at linda.e.harman@gmail.com.

Do you have a civic, social or religious group that might be interested in learning about OLLI and all we offer? If so, contact David Styers, OLLI Public Relations Chair at 2docdad@bellsouth.net to arrange a speaker for your group.

Remember: YOU are the best PR person for your group. Share your experiences with friends and encourage them to become members.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Bob Darnall
Social Committee Chair

Working with the Curriculum Committee, we had a very successful Teacher Appreciation Brunch on October 19th, with over 100 members attending to show our instructors how much we value what they do for us.

Our next social function is the annual Holiday Party. It will be Tuesday, December 18, at the Jackson Center in Research Park (in front of HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology). There will be a social at 6:00 p.m. with sit-down plated dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by dancing. Dinner includes a choice of three entrees (grilled Atlantic salmon, sliced roast beef or vegetable moussaka) and wine with dinner. A cash bar will be available.

Ted Cannon, local DJ and owner of *Music Machine DJs*, will provide holiday entertainment. If you have any favorite songs you would like to dance to, contact me and I will see about them being included in the program.

Cost of the Holiday Party is only \$35 per person. You can sign up on the OLLI web page or respond to the electronic invite you should receive via email.

I hope to see you at the Holiday Party!

If you would be interested in serving on the Social Committee or you just have some ideas about what events you would like to see at OLLI, please contact me at darnall45@icloud.com or 256.508.6033.

Bob Darnall

OLLI Board of Directors

OLLI at UAH is a volunteer organization managed by a Board of Directors elected each year by the general membership. Board members are elected to a three-year term that can be extended for one additional three-year term. There will be several positions available for the 2019-2022 term beginning in May 2019. If you would be interested in serving on the Board to help us as we expand our horizons, please consider submitting an application; or if you know someone who you think would be an excellent Board member, submit their name as well. Applications will be available soon. In early March, the Nomination Task Force will review all the candidates and generate a ballot to be voted on by the entire OLLI membership. If you would like more information about the Board and its responsibilities, please contact Bob Darnall at darnall45@icloud.com or 256.508.6033.



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF LIFELONG LEARNING AT UAH



YEARS OF LIFELONG LEARNING AT UAH

ANNIVERSARY SPEAKER SERIES

1:00 – 2:30 pm • UAH Nursing Building 103B

October 26

Pulitzers and Politics: The Alabama Legacies of Harper Lee and George Wallace

Wayne Flynt, Alabama Historian, Author, and Professor Emeritus at Auburn University

November 9

Behind the Scenes of Louis Comfort Tiffany – Treasures from the Driehaus Museum

Peter Baldaia, Director of Curatorial Affairs, Huntsville Museum of Art

December 7

Reelin' in the Years: Pop Music from 1950s-1990s

Bob Labbe, Pop Music Historian and WLRH Radio Host

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

In 1993, The Academy for Lifetime Learning, Inc. was founded with seven courses offered the first term. It attracted the attention of seasoned adults and grew rapidly.

In 2005, The Academy became one of 119 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes in the U.S. after an endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation to UAH. OLLI at UAH has since grown to over 1000 members and offers 70+ courses each term.

FOR DETAILS: OSHER.UAH.EDU/25



FUTURE OLLI TRIPS

OLLI members love to travel and have had great experiences going to Alaska, England/Wales/Scotland, Fairhope, Memphis, eastern and western Canada, Spain and Washington, DC in the past four years. We now have three new trips planned for 2019!

NEW ORLEANS

Happening first is a five-day trip to New Orleans, beginning January 13, 2019. Join your OLLI friends on a small-group adventure in New Orleans planned just for us. Get to know the “Crescent City” as you explore the French Quarter and Garden District, take in a jazz performance, learn to cook Cajun-style and enjoy plenty of time to explore on your own. Program price includes five nights in an elegant historic hotel in the French District, three expert lectures, three expert-led field trips and four performances. And, how about a ride on a streetcar named “Desire”? For more information contact **Jennifer Humiston** at 256-209-4634 or email at calabash107@gmail.com. Register now with Road Scholar at 877-209-4634 referencing **NOLA Program #21665 for UAH OLLI**.

NATIONAL PARKS

Next up is a thirteen-day trip to some of our National Parks, beginning July 12, 2019. The trip begins in the capitol city of Utah, Salt Lake City, site of world headquarters of the Mormon Church and the 2002 Winter Olympics. From there we will travel north by motor coach to begin exploring several of our epic National Parks including Yellowstone, Grand Teton, and the Badlands. We will also float the Snake River, visit Jackson Hole, a Japanese-American Confinement Site, Buffalo Bill Centre, Devil’s Tower, Crazy Horse Memorial and Mount Rushmore before concluding in Rapid City, South Dakota. For more information, contact **Linda McAllister** at wmca@hiwaay.net or look at the complete program details online at www.gct.com/npt2019. Register now with Grand Circle at 800-221-2610 referencing code **G9-28254 OLLI UAH trip to the Great National Parks**. **Please note: 24 OLLI members have already signed up so don’t wait too long to jump onboard!**



CHRISTMAS MARKETS ALONG THE DANUBE

Ending the year, we are cruising the Danube, as we shop for the holidays. *The Christmas Markets Along the Danube Tour* will be the first week in December 2019 departing Huntsville December 2 and departing Vienna December 10. We will begin our cruise in Nuremberg and pass through Regensburg, Passau, Linz, Melk and the Wachau Valley ending in Vienna where we will board the plane for home. We will be stopping at the world-famous Christmas markets along the way so leave plenty of room in your suitcase for the treasures you’re sure to find. Pre-register now with **Grand Circle** at 877-220-2540 referencing code **G9-26157 OLLI UAH trip for Christmas on the Danube**. On-line go to <https://www.gct.com>; in the “where would you like to go” block, type “Christmas Markets Along the Danube” and hit “enter”. Updated flyers are in the OLLI Volunteer Office. Contact Irene Garoppo at iga-ropo@knology.net for additional information. **See pg. 11 for information on early registration savings!**

MORE TRAVEL INFORMATION

Our three 2019 trips are described on page 10 but, sometimes, important details get lost in all the information. It may seem early, particularly for the July and December trips but registration is on-going and travel companies often offer discounts for early registration. If OLLI at UAH members don't fill the spaces available, companies will open the trip to non-OLLI members. Below is some additional information about each trip:

January 13-18: Out and About in New Orleans: Jazz, Jambalaya and Joie de Vivre

Contact *Road Scholar* at 1-800-322-5315 and reference NOLA Program 21665 for OLLI at UAH. Our UAH at OLLI contact for this trip is Jennifer Humiston at calabash107@gmail.com.

July 12-24: The Great National Parks: Yellowstone, Grand Teton & Mount Rushmore

Contact *Grand Circle Travel* at 1-800-597-2452, press 2 and ask for details about G9-28354 or go to www.gct.com/npt2019. Our UAH at OLLI contact for this trip is Linda McAllister at wmca@hiwaay.net.

See page 2 for details on Guest Lecture on our National Parks on November 14th!

December 2-10: OLLI European River Cruise—Christmas Markets Along the Danube

Contact *Grand Circle Travel* at 877-220-2540 and reference G9-26157 OLLI UAH. Our UAH OLLI contact is Irene Garoppo at igaroppo@knology.net.

Now is the time to register for this trip and receive certain incentives, including savings of 7.5% if paid in full by e-check no later than the end of November 2018. If you have already registered, this incentive applies as long as you make the final payment by e-check no later than the end of November 2018. The trip is more than a year away so some of you may be thinking of waiting closer to departure time to register. This is a popular trip and is booked early and, if you are hoping for single accommodations, be warned that only a few are left even this early.

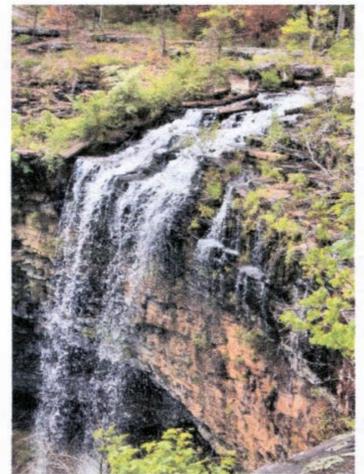
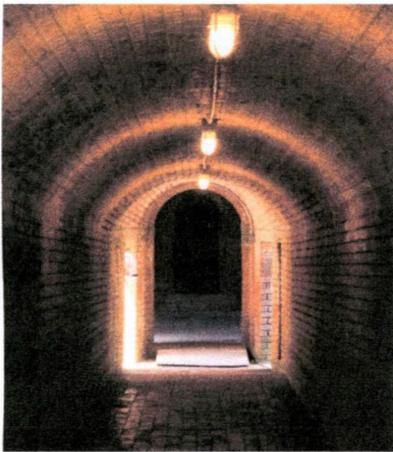
OLLI PHOTO CONTEST

2019 OLLI Photo Contest

ALABAMA 200:

Landmarks of Alabama

It can be man-made or natural. An historic building or a cavern. Just get out there and take some photos of the Alabama you love!



Guidelines:

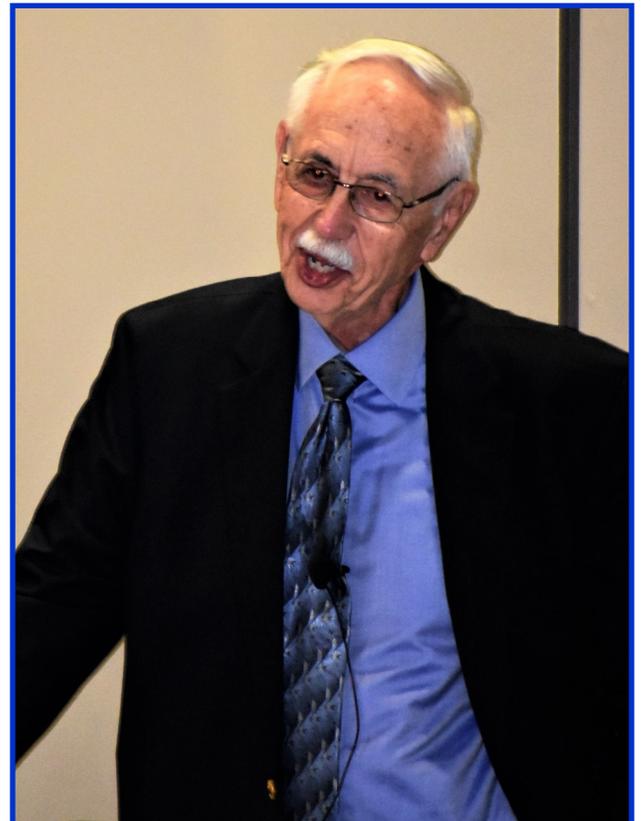
- Theme: “Alabama 200: Landmarks of Alabama”
 - Specs:
 - * Gentle photo editing is permitted but keep the original photo
 - * Photo must not have identifying/copyright marks
 - * Photos must be submitted in digital jpg/jpeg format
 - * Recommend at least 2 Megapixels (MP) final pixel size
 - ** Color 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

OLLI Membership Fee Increase

You may notice a small change the next time you renew your OLLI annual membership. The OLLI Board of Directors recently recommended and approved an increase to the annual fee, from \$16 to \$25. At the formation of the Academy for Lifetime Learning in 1993 the membership fee was set at \$15.00. Several years ago a \$1.00 charge was added to cover the cost of processing. However, the increase to \$25.00 is the first actual fee increase in the history of OLLI at UAH.

We are so fortunate to live, laugh and learn together at OLLI. Where else could you get the comradery and delightful social events that are so beneficial to us all, and so much fun to attend? This increase will help enable OLLI to continue providing valuable lifelong learning for years to come.

Gratia Mahony, OLLI at UAH Board President



MORE NEWS AND PHOTOS

OLLI at UAH Represented at 2018 Osher Institutes National Conference

OLLI Vice-President for Curriculum, Linda McAllister, and OLLI Program Manager, Alissa McKinnon, attended the 2018 Osher Institutes National Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona, October 22-24. Representing OLLI at UAH, they met colleagues from all over the country and shared experiences and advice to help improve service to our members. Some of the topics explored in panel discussions were: Meeting the Needs of Your OLLI Members, Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers, Membership Recruitment, Diversity and Inclusion at OLLI, and Fundraising.



Members of Flora Boardman's Spanish class enjoy the Teacher Appreciation Brunch.

Photo: Nancy Culpepper

THE LAST WORD

The OLLI Insider has a new editor. Please welcome Lisa Brunegraff to this position. Photos and news items should be sent to Lisa at brunela@hiwaay.net.

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

The OLLI Insider **December** information submission deadline is **November 26**. (Early is better!) Please submit your articles and photos to Lisa Brunegraff at brunela@hiwaay.net. As always, include the photographer's name, the names of those in the photo, and the event.



Photos by Danyne Drake