

News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

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Your OLLI President's Message



Gratia Mahony
President

The holiday season is here and this gives us the opportunity to remember our OLLI friends and the courses we took together last fall. It also prompts us to look forward to a new term and select the courses we'll take this winter. The course catalog is out and many new and stimulating courses are offered. Why not select a subject that is new and different from something you've taken in the past?

The OLLI 25th Anniversary lecture series was a delightful way to acknowledge 25 years of lifelong learning on the campus of UAH. I want to thank our speakers Dr. Wayne Flynt, Professor Emeritus at Auburn University; Mr. Peter Baldaia, Director of Curatorial Affairs at the Huntsville Museum of Art, and Mr. David Reyes, Curator of Exhibitions and Collections at the Huntsville Museum of Art; and Mr. Bob Labbe, Pop Music Historian and WLRH Radio Host. I also thank the 25th Anniversary Committee for planning the celebration. Our acknowledgement of OLLI's 25th year will continue until next August when we will begin our 26th year at UAH.

OLLI between term activities are ongoing. In addition to Popcorn and a Movie (The Hunt for Red October- 12/14/18), there will be a docent-led tour of the Louis Comfort Tiffany exhibit on December 12th at the Huntsville Museum of Art. The annual Holiday Party will be December 18th, and this social gathering of our OLLI friends is a not-to-be-missed occasion. Of course, the Huntsville Ballet, concerts, and plays presented during the holidays also offer an opportunity for folks to gather and attend as a group.

If you are looking for something that will make the coming year special, consider joining one of the OLLI trips. Three trips scheduled for the coming year include *Out and About in New Orleans* (January 13, 2019), *The Great National Parks* (July 12, 2019), and *Christmas Markets Along the Danube* (December 2, 2019).

Wherever you will be this holiday season, I hope that it will be a wonderful and happy time.

Gratia Mahony, OLLI at UAH Board President

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS



CALENDAR

Month	Time	Event
12/12/18	10:30 AM	Docent-led Tour of the Huntsville Museum of Art exhibit: “Louis Comfort Tiffany: Treasures of the Driehaus Collection”. <i>Tour reservations:</i> 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 Pane e Vino at the park level of the museum.
12/14/18	10:30 AM	Popcorn & A Great American Read: The Hunt for Red October. Based on the popular Tom Clancy novel. WIL 152.
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. \$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.
12/24/18 - 1/1/19		The University of Alabama in Huntsville closed for Winter Break
1/11/19	9:30 AM	Winter Open House – Register for winter term, meet instructors, enjoy refreshments, meet new and old friends, and maybe win a door prize! WIL Lobby
1/16/19	10:00 AM	Ranger Tour of Sandhill Cranes – Wheeler Wildlife Refuge. Mark the New Year with a visit to Wheeler Wildlife Refuge. POC: Bill McAllister (billmcallister94@gmail.com).
1/18/19	10:30 AM	Popcorn & A Movie: Anne of Green Gables (Part 2) - Continue following the life of orphan Anne Shirley. WIL 152.
1/25/19	10:30 AM	Popcorn & A Movie: Woman in Gold - WIL 152.
1/28/19		Winter Term 2019 Begins
2/2/19	11:55 AM	The Metropolitan Opera presents <i>Carmen</i> at Regal Hollywood 18 at 3312 S. Memorial Pwky. Mark your calendars! More details to come soon– POC: Eleanor Schweinsberg (eschweinsberg@bellsouth.net)
2/9/19	3:00/7:00 PM	Huntsville Master Chorale– Mosaic of Love. Join OLLI friend’s for this Valentine’s spectacular! Advance ticket purchase required.

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

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE



Linda McAllister
Curriculum Chair

'Tis the season. For me the holiday season begins with Thanksgiving and stretches until the Twelfth day of January with many gatherings, traditional foods, decorations, music events and gifts shared with neighbors, friends and family. But mainly, I always notice and enjoy generous spirits and the festive atmosphere during the holiday season.

In that spirit of gratefulness and as a part of our 25th lifelong learning anniversary, the OLLI Curriculum Committee recently expressed our thanks to OLLI teachers who have taught twenty-five or more courses. Out of curiosity, I recently had occasion to scour through OLLI catalogs I have saved for the fourteen years I have been taking courses at OLLI. Much to my amazement, I discovered many teachers who have taught well beyond twenty-five courses and one who has taught sixty-seven courses. Furthermore, several of these dedicated teachers are still teaching on a regular basis! I was shocked and thought it only appropriate we find a way to honor them. The teachers who have taught twenty-five or more courses are Vita French, Hugh Nicholson, Vanitha Singh, Flora Boardman, Betty Carlton, Debbie West, Gratia Mahony,

Mary Galbreath, Jim Brown, Leka Medenbach, George Thurlow, Denise Selah and Gene Zajicek. We are indeed grateful for their dedication to our OLLI program and hope to recognize them at our May Annual Meeting and Banquet. Other long-time teachers who have also taught numerous courses or presented many Bonuses will also be recognized at that time

The Curriculum Committee and Board of Directors are indeed grateful to all of our teachers and all who volunteer to make OLLI a viable option for learning. We had a successful Fall Term and are excited to now have the Winter Term Catalog available. There are many excellent offerings from which to choose. Furthermore, the Discipline Chairs are busily compiling exciting courses for Spring Term. It is imperative we think long-range even while working on the details for Spring Term which is just around the corner. We were delighted to welcome John Mason as our new Discipline Chair for Economics & Finance. We mourn the recent passing of Dirk Drawe who served as a Discipline Chair and also a long-term teacher. We also were sorry to lose Kay Magnant, an OLLI member since 2004, who took 300+ courses right through the end of our recent Fall Term.

You too can be involved in course development by suggesting teachers and topics for courses, by joining the Curriculum Committee or by volunteering to teach a course or present a Bonus. Do not wait to be asked. Just look on the back of your catalog to see the names of Board members, Curriculum Committee members or staff in our College of Professional and Continuing Studies office and present them with your ideas. We appreciate long-term teachers and volunteers, but we always welcome new ideas that will make our program even stronger.

'Tis the season! Celebrate and look forward to seeing your OLLI friends in Winter Term classes as well as at the numerous special events planned for the weeks prior to Winter Term commencing on January 28th.

Linda McAllister
Curriculum Chair

EVENTS COMMITTEE



Linda Lowe

The purpose of the Events Committee is to host activities for OLLI members outside of OLLI courses. This may be community events we can attend as a group or opportunities to visit historical, educational, or cultural sites through small group tours. We also have fun with “Popcorn & a Movie” Fridays.

If you enjoy doing activities with a group, come join the Events Committee to help plan and coordinate our activities in 2019. To become a member, contact Linda Lowe at [llowe38@gmail.com](mailto:l Lowe38@gmail.com).

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 AT UAH ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

December 18 | 6 pm | Jackson Center

Join us for cocktails, dinner and dancing!

Tickets online: Osher.uah.edu/Holiday
or OLLI office, Wilson Hall 113
by Friday, December 14, 2018.

Contact: Bob Darnall – darnall45@icloud.com



\$35 per person • friends & family invited

FUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



Ken Rex
Fund Development

In considering possible donations to the OLLI Support Fund before the end of the year, it is important to be aware of the new Federal Income Tax law regarding contributions to charities.

New Tax Law

The tax law for 2018 regarding charitable contributions may suggest a different approach for some OLLI members. The standard deduction has doubled, \$6000 to \$12,000 for individuals and \$12,000 to \$24,000 for couples. This will be good for many people, but not for people who normally itemize deductions for medical expenses and/or charity donations. This means your donations to charity will not decrease your taxes unless your deductions go over the new standard deduction.

However, retired people over 70 1/2, who have an IRA, can make tax free donations directly from their IRA. These donations will also count against the Required Minimum Distribution that such people are required to take.

Have a Happy Holiday Season!

Ken Rex, OLLI Fund Development Committee

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. Learn how you can donate to this campaign below!

Support our Scholarship Fund

Education at any age is a wonderful journey! Each year, the OLLI at UAH Scholarship Fund provides support for two deserving UAH undergraduate students. This fund gives OLLI at UAH the opportunity to create a bright future for scholarship recipients in our campus community.

How to Donate:

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 the below address. Whichever method you choose, be sure to designate which fund you would like to donate to.

OLLI at UAH Fund
Shelbie King Hall, Third Floor
Huntsville, AL 35899

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Online!](#)

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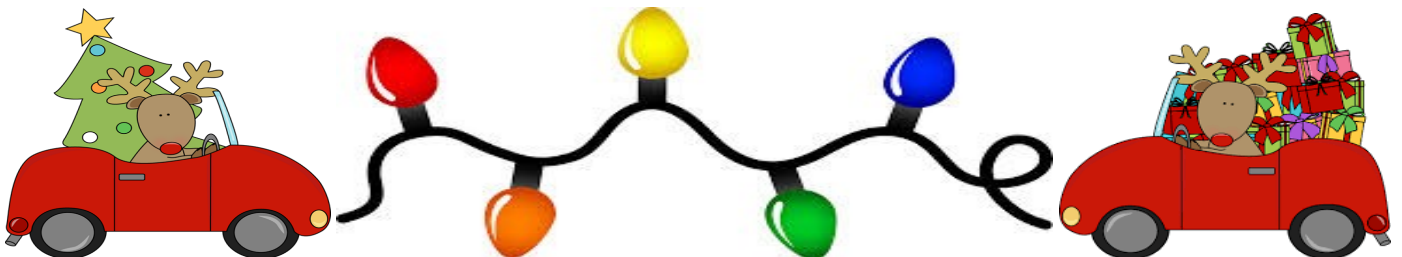
On Saturday, November 17th, the Rocket City Mustang Club (RCMC) caravanned to Wilson Hall on the UAH campus to present a donation of \$1,000 to the OLLI Support Fund.

On hand to greet the caravan were members of OLLI's Board of Directors; Alissa McKinnon, OLLI Program Manager; and Dr. Karen Clanton, Dean of the College of Professional & Continuing Studies.

Upon presenting the check to Ken Rex, Chair of the Fund Development Committee, Vicki Keane, President of the Rocket City Mustang Club, thanked OLLI and UAH for their efforts in providing a valuable service to the over 50 age market in our community.

Rocket City Mustang Club, a member of the American Mustang Association, holds two car shows a year to raise money for local charities and non-profit groups. This year OLLI was selected by RCMC Board of Directors as one of groups to receive a donation.

After the presentation, OLLI members present were invited to view the Mustangs and select their favorite car. Chad Whisnant, RCMC Treasurer won that honor.



25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Museum Experts Present 25th Anniversary Lecture

Huntsville Museum of Art curators Peter Baldaia, Director of Curatorial Affairs, and David Reyes, Curator of Exhibitions and Collections, teamed up to present the second lecture in the 25th Anniversary lecture series on November 9, 2018. “Behind the Scenes of Louis Comfort Tiffany-Treasures from the Driehaus Museum” was the subject of a very entertaining and informative lecture.

It was amazing to learn the process of acquiring a particular exhibit to be displayed at the museum, and the level of care and handling that goes into moving the exhibit from its origin to its destination showplace. Not only is packing and crating the objects a very carefully orchestrated process, but making the new exhibit space ready to receive the exhibition requires thought and care. The audience was entertained by the descriptions of selecting the color to paint the walls of the galleries, the care of placing the Tiffany pieces, the lighting of the objects, and the final hiding of the electric cords prior to the opening of the exhibit.

Ambiance at the reception following the lecture was enhanced by a lovely Tiffany lamp brought by OLLI member Alice Chang to decorate the refreshment table.



GUEST SPEAKER

OLLI had the pleasure of welcoming special Guest speaker, Miriam Hornstein, a Supervisory Park Ranger with the National Park Service at Yellowstone National Park on November 14th to present on **National Parks and Cultural History**. Ms. Hornstein is the daughter of Dr. Dan Hornstein, an OLLI Member and instructor. Ms. Hornstein's visit and presentation was a wonderful introduction to Yellowstone Park. She shared information on the geology/natural history, as well as the cultural history, of the parks and some everyday occurrences one might experience in the parks today. The presentation was very well attended by those who are planning on the OLLI trip next summer, those who have been to the park and those who have a visit on their bucket list



MEMBER INTEREST GROUPS

One of the characteristics of OLLI is bringing together people who are like minded- or like “interest” minded. The Member Interest Groups were formed by people who had similar interest in exploring or participating in activities beyond the classroom setting. This month the newsletter is highlighting a couple of these groups.

HIKING GROUP



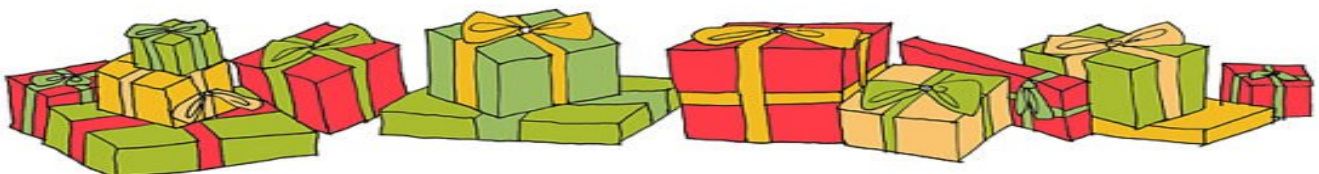
The Hiking Interest Group meets on Thursday and Friday mornings starting at 9:00 am. For more information contact Bob Goodwin, OLLIHiking@yahoo.com

MEMBER INTEREST GROUPS

BRIDGE GROUP



The Bridge Interest group meets in the lounge in Wilson Hall at UAH on Fridays at 12:30 pm. Bring or meet an OLLI partner to play bridge for fun. All levels welcome. For more information contact Bruce Machamer (bnmacham68@gmail.com)





MEMBER INTEREST GROUPS

**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)

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.

FUTURE 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—two with Grand Circle Tours and one closer to home with Road Scholar!

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 Nuremburg 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 igaroppo@knology.net for additional information.

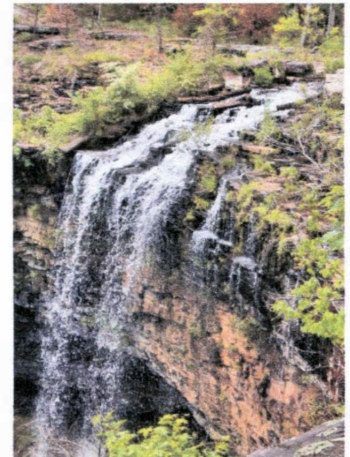
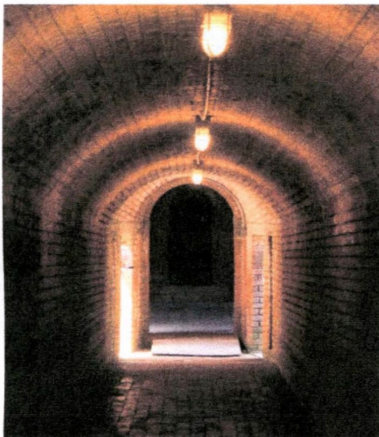
PHOTO CONTEST

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**

FROM OUR MEMBERS

So many times leaders are taken for granted. It is my opinion that outstanding leaders make OLLI work. Just wanted you to know what a positive impact OLLI has on old birds who are still curious to learn new things. A day at OLLI is like a day at Chautauqua, a lifelong learning place in western New York I have been attending for the past 20 years. Therefore, here in my hometown, I get the Chautauqua experience roughly 21 weeks a year as I try to take 3-4 classes each term.

OLLI makes me want to get up and out every day it's offered. The folks with whom I interact are incredible. I truly believe without strong, intelligent, and energetic OLLI leaders, a myriad of local retirees would be suffering in the Desert of Dullness instead of meeting often at the OLLI Oasis.

With deep gratitude,
PATTI PATRICK

HIGHLIGHTS FROM FALL 2018

Intricacies of the Mind- “Handouts and accompanying AV were excellent as were the discussions; learned new aspects to mental health and the mind; questions, comments from the class added much to the course.” “Bill Confer is a marvelous instructor--accepts and encourages all questions & comments.”

Digging into DNA- “Discussions and updates about new technology and medical research is most interesting. I now know much more about genes and the human genome.” “Everyone should take this course!”

Caesar’s Civil War- “Outstanding research and presentation of material!” “I think John Mason has developed a new following.”

Mid-Term Elections- “Teacher and students were intelligent, thoughtful, and a joy to be with.”

Elder Law- “The best class I have ever taken with OLLI!” “This is my second time taking this course– it is stuffed full of important information!”

Socrates Café- “Instructor is very skilled at leading the discussion and being fair to all who want to speak. This calm, organized methodology allows for constructive, positive discussion of important topics of interest to class.”

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY
SEASON FROM OLLI AT UAH!**

THE LAST WORD

What's Happening in Winter?

The [Catalog](#) for Winter classes is now available. Registration is now open.

We have classes, of course, but don't forget Bonus sessions (no registration required), movies, dining out evenings, guest lectures, field trips, a holiday party, lunch & visiting in the Lounge with friends. Most of these activities are free with your membership. Take advantage of the opportunities!

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

Winter Term Parking Hang-Tags

The parking permit procedure has changed for this academic year. You no longer have to obtain a new parking permit each term. You do have to get your permit (hang tag) validated each term. If you have a permit from Fall term and are registered for Winter term, take it to the OLLI Registration Office (Wilson Hall, room 103) to have your permit validated for the term. The same process will apply for Spring and Summer terms.

Do you have a suggestion to improve OLLI's educational offerings or services to the 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 that you would like addressed? Do you want to volunteer for something but don't know who to approach? Please let us know.

The OLLI Insider **January** information submission deadline is **December 24** (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.

