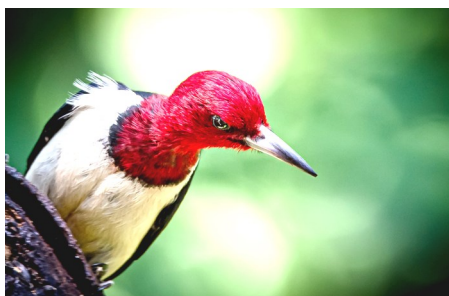


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Sign up for each event by clicking “online”. All bonuses/events are through Zoom videoconferencing. You will receive an email with the Zoom meeting invitation one business day prior. There is a limited capacity per event.

Aug 13 | Th | 10:00 am | [Online](#) **Fall Term Virtual Open House**

Discover OLLI at UAH virtually! Do not miss out on this opportunity to get ready for the fall term while meeting fellow OLLI members, learning more about the courses offered, and registering for term. Attend for a chance to win a complementary OLLI membership or term tuition + one course gift certificates. Sign up at [Osher.uah.edu/OLLIOpenHouse](https://osher.uah.edu/OLLIOpenHouse) for the virtual Open House. You will receive an email with the Zoom invitation the day prior.

Aug 14 | Fri | 9:30 am | [Online](#) **Social: Meet the OLLI Pets!**

Get to meet the pets of your fellow OLLI members while enjoying their company. If you are interested in showing your pet, please contact Janet Reville at jrev1988@gmail.com. If you don't have a pet to share, but still want to join in on the fun, sign up [online](#) for the Zoom social. You will receive an email with the Zoom invitation the day prior. There is a limited capacity per social.

Aug 21 | Fri | 11:00 am | [Online](#) **Bonus: Dismantling Systemic Racism: The Path to People Power**

Gain a better understanding of the economic status of “power” and how it has become racialized. Unpack privilege through the lens of white supremacy, and define who benefits and loses from it. Discover what you can do to dismantle systematic racism and reimagine a democracy that works for all U.S. citizens. Sign up [online](#) for the Zoom bonus lecture.
Presented by Stephanie Strong

Aug 28 | Fri | 11:00 am | [Online](#) **Bonus: The Places Where Huntsville Women Made History**

Through a virtual walking tour, explore the women’s suffrage movement in Huntsville, meeting those who led the effort and advocated for equal voting rights. Also, discuss the story about six African American women who met the property and literacy requirement imposed by Alabama’s 1902 constitution and consequently claimed their right to the ballot box. Sign up [online](#) for the Zoom bonus lecture.
Presented by Donna Castellano

Sept 2 | Wed | 11:00 am | [Online](#) **Pre-recorded Lecture: Yemen: A History of Conflict**

Investigate the origins of the conflict and explore steps for resolution. Participate in the live Zoom discussion based on the Great Decisions pre-recorded lecture presented by the *Foreign Policy Association*. Sign up [online](#) for the Zoom discussion.

Sept 18 | Fri | 11:00 am | [Online](#) **Bonus: Huntsville in 1898**

Learn the history of Huntsville during its industrial growth, yellow fever and the Spanish-American war. Huntsville was developing new cotton mills and urban growth under visionary Tracy Pratt. Meanwhile, a war broke out to liberate Cuba, featuring the most unlikely of military heroes: an old Alabama congressman, Joseph Wheeler; and a brilliant New York politician, Theodore Roosevelt. Discover how Huntsville became a military encampment due to the constant fear of disease. Sign up [online](#) for the Zoom bonus lecture.
Presented by Guy Collins

Sept 25 | Fri | 11:00 am | [Online](#) **Coffee Chats - Scattergories**

Bring on your creative side as you name objects within a set of categories in a short time! Sign up [online](#) for the Zoom discussion.

**KEEP UP WITH THE LATEST
EVENTS AT
[OSHER.UAH.EDU/OLLIEVENTS](https://osher.uah.edu/ollievents)**

FROM THE EDITOR

WELCOME BACK, OLLI MEMBERS



It is August, and OLLI is preparing its Fall term. While we may not be able to do things the way we have in the past due to the COVID-19 situation, we are still able to enjoy some excellent courses and bonus lectures, as well as other enjoyable activities.

In this month's issue of *The OLLI Insider*, we feature articles on the new Board of Directors members and officers, as well as the Photo Contest winners, Volunteer of the Year, and so much more!

While we may not be able to physically be with each other, there has been a way we can still connect and share our experiences over these past few months. Read on for more details.

Do you remember when you were a child and went back to school after summer vacation and the teacher would ask you to write a story about what you did over the summer?

Well, the *Insider* would like to hear your story, and perhaps include a photo or two, about what you did over these past few months to enhance your new normal this summer.

Did you learn a hobby? What was your experience with taking a Zoom course? Did you volunteer at a Food Bank or maybe at your local church, distributing food to those in need? Did you participate in one of the many parades to celebrate a special birthday or other event?

If you are a volunteer for one of your local community organizations, such as the library, art museum, botanical gardens, etc., how did they handle their operations while being shut down?

Each month, in the *OLLI Life* section, the stories and pictures we receive will be featured. Stories submitted must be 150 words or less. Pictures can be submitted along with your story.

Submissions are to be sent to OLLINewsletter@uah.edu. All submissions must be received by the 17th of the month. When submitting, please write "COVID-19 story" in the subject line of the email. Be sure to include your name and email address.

The more stories, along with pictures, we receive and share, the more we stay connected, so please tell us your story.

Elizabeth Kocir
PR Committee Chair

Share Your Quarantine Story!

Tell us what you have been up to during this time.

Submit your story to
OLLINewsletter@uah.edu
by August 17th.



PUT ON A HAPPY FACE

"WEAR A MASK!" JILL STEWART WROTE WHEN SUBMITTING THIS PHOTO OF HERSELF. "AND MAYBE HELP FOLKS LAUGH A LITTLE. WE COULD ALL USE SOME HUMOR RIGHT NOW."

FROM THE PRESIDENT

BREAK IS OVER; TIME TO RESTART!



I am sure each of you has missed our newsletter for the last two months, but we had to give our editorial team and the College of Professional Studies staff a needed break. They utilize that time to plan our next calendar year and to gather a little time together with their families. Having said

that, it is now time to restart.

Just a few notes, to catch each of you up on your OLLI. Your board, with support of the CPS staff, has decided that for our safety, we will schedule all courses and activities through the end of the calendar year online.

Your Curriculum Committee, led by John Mason and Ale Pacheco, has put together our Fall program. I am sure you will enjoy what they have accomplished. Most importantly, you will be able to join your OLLI family in a safe environment that supports the demographics of our membership.

Later in the Fall, based upon University policy and the status of the pandemic, we will decide the format for our Winter Term that will begin in January. If the health conditions do allow us to return to campus, our rooms will be adjusted to allow for safe social distancing.

We have several months to watch and see what will be happening at that time. **Welcome back!**

We spoke with you several times in the last few months about the OLLI Support Fund. I am pleased to tell you that, through your generosity and support, we have reached our annual fund development goal of \$25,000.

I thank you for your contributions and support of your OLLI organization. I am especially pleased because you accomplished this during a very trying time for our organization. The funds will be utilized to assure your OLLI is healthy and viable.

Your board utilized June for training both our new and returning board members. We held a series of four online training sessions where we discussed our governance, policies and committees. At the conclusion of training, our new board members were given the opportunity to identify which committees they would like to join to support OLLI. Each board member is requested to actively participate in at least two of our committees.

As a part of that process, we have named some new committee chairs for some of our committees. Specifically, Janet Reville will assume the role of chair for both the Fund Development and Scholarship Committees. Marilyn Szecholda will assume the chair of the Social Committee. John Mason is now the chair of the Curriculum Committee.

Finally, there is one area I need your support to fix. Our goal is to maintain our membership between 1,100 and 1,200 members. Since we have been off campus, several of us have allowed our membership to lapse.

Please take the time to renew your membership if you have allowed it to lapse or are getting close to lapsing. Even though you may not be attending classes, your membership gives you the opportunity for Bonuses (returning in the Fall), suggestions for online activities, and sometimes just conversation with your OLLI peers.

That simple \$25 membership offers you that gateway into our community. Please keep your membership current.

David Styers
President, OLLI at UAH Board of Directors

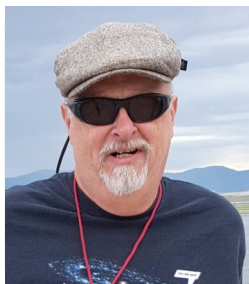
2020/2021 OLLI Officers and Committee Chairs

President - David Styers
VP of Curriculum - John Mason
VP of Admin & Finance - Allan Williamson
Secretary - Betty Koval
Treasurer - Linda Lowe
Exec Emerita - Janet Reville

Events - Open (*Linda Lowe acting in interim*)
Fund Development - Janet Reville
Member Services - Leah Black
Public Relations - Elizabeth Kocir
Scholarship - Janet Reville
Social - Marilyn Szecholda
Travel - Betty Koval
Volunteer - Irene Garoppo

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

EMBRACE NEW EXPERIENCES IN CHALLENGING TIMES



What a way to start!

Assuming the responsibility of overseeing this committee — on one of the most important ones in the OLLI family — is quite a challenge in itself. Assuming those duties in the midst of a global pandemic that has imposed almost unheard-of restrictions on nearly

every aspect of all of our daily lives is perhaps the most daunting task any leader could undertake.

As we move forward, every day is a new paradigm. Yet the OLLI staff and membership continue to thrive. This is a testament to your professionalism, desire to learn, and sense of duty.

I came to this position after having been associated with the OLLI family for only a few years. Before that, I had served as a contracting officer with the Space and Missile Defense Command for over 10 years.

That job, built on negotiating and finding win-win outcomes for complex situations, was, I believe, the perfect background for this role.

But I am only an overseer. The foundations for the success of OLLI at UAH have long been set by the outstanding people who have come before me, and hopefully, when my time is done, I can hand over an equally strong and successful program to those who follow.

So with that in mind, I want to give a particular shout-out to Linda McAllister for the job she did while at the controls. She found and mentored a terrific group of people, the discipline chairs, who work together like a well-oiled machine to find great instructors and offer world-class presentations to our members year-in and year-out. Because of the work Linda did, I think I may have the easiest job there is. Linda, thank you!

Why do I feel so confident in the success of our committee?

Well, on one side, I work with the College of Professional Studies staff. Led by Dr. Karen Clanton, and supported by Fathia Hardy, Ale Pacheco and Alice Sammon, they make this team all anyone could ask for in a partner. Highly competent and motivated, they approach every situation

with a smile and a “can-do” attitude that simply can’t be beat.

And on the other side sit those aforementioned discipline chairs: 14 men and women who strive to be great in all that they do every day. And it shows. So in essence, I sit here between these groups of great people and serve more or less as just a conduit. Who could ask for more?

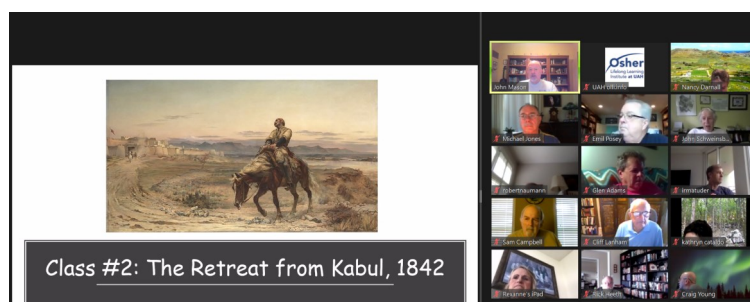
As for the new paradigms, I am excited about the possibilities they present us as we move forward. An online world is a totally new experience for most of us, but it is one we should embrace.

Take a chance. Step outside of your old comfort zone. If you do, I believe you’ll find whole new worlds will begin to open up.

I will continue to work to expand our opportunities and the educational experiences available to us all. And we on the Curriculum Committee will be there to ease the journey’s transition and make the final destination one you’ll look forward to reaching. I know I am!

John Mason

VP of Curriculum, OLLI at UAH Board of Directors



John Mason teaching Military Blunders.

TRAVEL COMMITTEE

TRIPS TO SOUTH AMERICA & U.S. SOUTHWEST



Hello, Fellow Travelers!

I do hope by 2021 you will be ready for some new adventures. Hopefully, we will be able to travel and not be hindered by this current COVID-19 outbreak we are all dealing with. I trust that everyone is staying safe and well.

As far as we know, the December 2020 South America trip is still on. We will report any updates via the Weekly eNews. Anyone interested to join this trip should contact Nancy Darnall at nbd51@icloud.com.

We do have one trip set for next Aug. 22 - Sept. 2, 2021, to the Southwestern National Parks. This trip begins in Durango, Colorado, and ends in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The group code is G1-29136. The reservations phone number is 800-221-2610.

The base tour will cost \$2,995 per person; airfare from Huntsville will be \$580 per person. There is still time for some discounts.

The post-trip from Salt Lake City to Santa Fe, New Mexico, will cost \$1,295 per person. The return date will be Sept. 6.

We were all disappointed about the cancelation of the Philadelphia art trip in June. We have worked on a new trip, which will be presented at our next board meeting in August. Details will follow soon.

If you need to contact me, please do so at bbkoyal@aol.com.

Betty Koval
Chair, OLLI at UAH Travel Committee



ONLINE COURSES AND MORE!



Wow! I cannot believe it is already August! We have absolutely loved seeing many of you participate in our OLLI Express Online program in May and in OLLI Online LIVE during the summer. We know these are still trying times, but OLLI at UAH and the CPS staff are working together to make sure you still get

an amazing experience within our program. With that, I want to thank our BOD and committees for their hard work this past year and especially in the past months. Without you, OLLI wouldn't be the same.

Fall term is coming up soon. It will start on September 14th and go until November 13th totaling nine weeks. This fall term is a little different than previous years. Courses will be online through Zoom and they will either last four or five weeks each. When registering for courses, please make sure you check the start/ends dates to avoid any confusion. We have 38 amazing courses with excellent instructors, and we know you will enjoy them. We hope you can join us virtually! Please note this fall we won't be sending out printed catalogs. You will be able to find the online course guide on our website and through your weekly eNews.

The cost structure is a little different as well. The fall term tuition is \$20, plus the fee of \$20 for a 4-week course or \$25 for a 5-week course. You can register for fall term online at [Osher.uah.edu/OLLIRegistration](https://osher.uah.edu/OLLIRegistration), by calling our Registration Office at 256.824.6010 from Monday through Friday, 9 am to noon, or by mailing the registration form found in the online course guide.

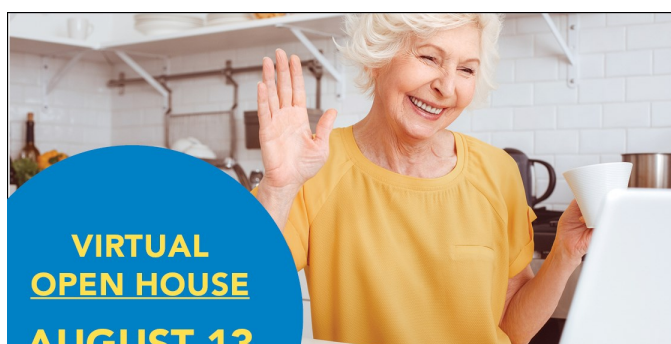
We will be hosting a virtual Fall Term Open House on August 13th. You will be able to register for courses, talk to discipline chairs about upcoming courses, win door prizes, and get together with fellow OLLI members.

Lastly, August marks my one year anniversary in my current position. I want to thank all of our members for a wonderful year as you welcomed me in to this wonderful program. I can't wait to see what the future holds!

We hope you are doing well and staying safe. As always you can reach us at OLLI.info@uah.edu or at 256.824.6183.

Take care!

Ale Pacheco
OLLI Program Manager



**VIRTUAL
OPEN HOUSE**
AUGUST 13
10 am – noon

RSVP online at
[Osher.uah.edu/OLLIOpenHouse](https://osher.uah.edu/OLLIOpenHouse)

Learn about virtual courses and more!

Get ready for the fall term while meeting fellow OLLI members, learning more about the courses offered, and registering for term.

- **10:00 am** – Welcome and explore Zoom/Google Classroom features
- **10:30 am** – Learn more about our courses with our discipline chairs and instructors
- **11:30 am** - Message from the VP of Curriculum

* Fall term registration will be open 10 am – noon

Attend for a chance to win an OLLI membership or term tuition + one course gift certificates.

COURSE SPOTLIGHT

FALL TERM IS HERE WITH SOME NEW COURSES



Probability and Modeling: The Basics

Randomness and uncertainty are a part of life. While we can't control the random events that occur in nature, we can use statistics and probability to recognize patterns and provide a basis for predicting trends. From games to quantum mechanics, the instructor will use Python to demonstrate the basics on how probability shapes our world and how you can better understand seemingly random events and everyday statistics. Member knowledge of programming language is not required.

9/14-10/5 • M • 8:30 - 10:00 am (4 sessions)



Alaska- Adventures in the Last Frontier

Discover the beauty and learn more about the United State's largest state! Follow the instructor's numerous trips to Alaska through his photos and story telling. Explore the five regions while learning more about the history, local weather, culture, wildlife and more for each one of them. We hope this course inspires you to visit this breathtaking state!

9/15-10/13 • T • 10:30 am - noon (5 sessions)



Dinosaurs Rise to Dominance

As a known paleontologist mentioned "dinosaurs are one of the most fascinating topics in science—some of the greatest creature evolution has ever produced." And they are. Discover details on the evolution of the dinosaurs including the largest carnivore that ever walked the earth and discuss how they took flight. "The Death of the Kings" lecture will be presented to learn about the day a meteorite put this entire class of highly successful creatures into the Hall of Extinction.

10/20-11/10 • T • 5:00 - 6:30 pm (4 sessions)



Composing Great Photos: The Basics

Texture, symmetry, foreground, etc...what does this all mean? Learn the tricks, tools and elements of photograph composition to improve your photos through various examples and feedback from the instructor. Since learning by doing is the best way to understand concepts, participation will be encouraged each week by submitting your photos for feedback after each lesson. Basic knowledge of cropping photos and exporting them is recommended.

9/17-10/15 • Th • 3:00-4:30 pm (5 sessions)

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

2020 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: REXANNE WARFEL

Congratulations! This is the second year a Volunteer of the Year (VoY) award has been presented. It's been a strange year because we had no Spring Term or Annual Dinner, but for the VoY program, it was business as usual.

In February, we asked members to think about the various volunteers we all come into contact with every day and to nominate someone they felt was worthy of the VoY honor. You answered the call. We had over 40 nominations. Thanks to all who thought this through and submitted names.

Even though all suggestions were outstanding, we had to narrow them down to one. I'm proud to announce that this year's recipient is **Rexanne Warfel**.

If you've ever attended a Bonus, I'm sure you are well-acquainted with Rexanne. For the past couple of years, she's been providing terrific snacks and light lunches in conjunction with the Bonuses, often matching the goodies with the Bonus that was presented and giving attendees a great opportunity to socialize. She has truly taken the term "snack" to new heights.

Even though we've been on shutdown and doing more and more through the use of Zoom, the weekly eNews has included links that Rexanne has provided so you can still put together a snack. This definitely has shown her above-and-beyond effort.

Rexanne is a retired nurse and has been with OLLI for almost four years. She is a great example of how volunteering can help to enhance the OLLI experience for everyone. She obviously enjoys cooking and cake decorating and has often used her expertise to provide delicious goodies for us.

In addition to feeding us, she was recently nominated and selected as a new Board of Directors member. She's also been an instructor, facilitator and

committee member. She's truly the definition of "volunteer."

Later this year, if the opportunity arises and we meet as a group, Rexanne will be presented with the Volunteer of the Year plaque and certificate, along with a certificate for a free term of tuition. Her name will also be placed on the VoY plaque located in the OLLI Volunteer Office.

When we can finally get together again, please remember to congratulate Rexanne for all her efforts in supporting us OLLI members.

Again, congratulations!

Written by Irene Garoppo



Rexanne Warfel at a Bonus.

OLLI SCHOLARSHIP HELPS CUBAN STUDENT AT UAH

Each year, OLLI awards scholarships to UAH students. One of two scholarships this year went to Odalys Miranda Suastegui.

Odalys was born in Cuba. Her father was a chef and her mother a craftsperson. After taking several college courses in Cuba in library sciences, she decided to come to the U.S. for further study. She has attended both Calhoun Community College and UAH.

"I am an English as a second language (ESL) student," said Odalys. "Studying in the U.S. helped me communicate in English. I now can read, speak and think in English."

"It also gave me the opportunity to learn about American culture. Studying in the U.S. has been a great experience. I am very grateful for this opportunity and for all the support I have received from UAH."

Odalys has majored in Professional Studies with a concentration in Technology, Science and Society.

How will the scholarship help Odalys' studies?

"The scholarship will enable me to pay for classes that will extend my experience and professional growth beyond the classroom."

"My goals include advancing my knowledge of research and management of library resources, including digital resources, while acquiring a sophisticated understanding of how to become a leader in the educational field. As a result, I will be able to serve children, young adults and adults more efficiently in our communities and educational centers."

Odalys will continue her studies at The University of Alabama, where she will pursue a master's in library sciences. We thank all of the members who have donated to the Scholarship Fund and we hope to help more UAH students in the future.

Written by Glen Adams



Odalys Miranda at the UAH Campus.

EIGHT NEW MEMBERS JOIN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OLLI at UAH members have elected eight new members to the Board of Directors: Kathryn Cataldo, Barbara Johnson, Dr. Steve Jones, John Mason, Dr. Harriett Somerville, Marilynn Szecholda, Rexanne Warfel and Jan Williamson.

Below is information about the new members.



Kathryn Cataldo

Kathryn has been an OLLI member for almost one year and has participated in two terms. OLLI has offered her the opportunity to connect, contribute and serve others who never stop learning in a rapidly changing environment.

"Communications has been her lifework since coming to the Tennessee Valley in 1984. She has been a news reporter, been a television producer, and worked in National Aeronautics and Space Administration television at Marshall Space Flight Center. She owned a small government contracting business which did communication work with NASA, Army Corps of Engineers, and various large and small companies.



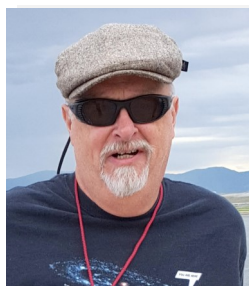
Barbara Johnson

Barbara has been an OLLI member for four years and has participated in eight terms. She wants to bring new ideas to OLLI and has a long history with our organizations since her late husband was involved even long before it became Osher. She has a B.S. from Auburn University and an M.S. from the University of Wisconsin. She has been an educator at Alabama A&M University, Oakwood and UAH. She ran the Coordinated Dietetic Program at Oakwood. She currently teaches at her church, and does many volunteer tasks besides OLLI.



Dr. Steve Jones

Steve has been a member for two years and has participated in three terms. He has 35 years in higher education experience at nine universities, and is now retired and would like to get more involved in OLLI. He has taught several courses for OLLI, and serves as a discipline chair in the Curriculum Committee for Natural Resources. He was the CEO at the University of Alaska Fairbanks for four years and was involved with OLLI there.



John Mason

John has been an OLLI member for almost five years and has participated in 12 terms. He has experience in serving other boards for volunteer organizations and would like to bring that experience plus new ideas to OLLI. He served three years as president of the Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table, and recently became its vice president. He has also been a longtime instructor here in the history department, and is the discipline chair for finance and economics, and not to mention, he is now the VP of Curriculum for OLLI at UAH. In addition to the skills already mentioned, he also has over 20 years of experience as an Army comptroller and contracting officer.

EIGHT NEW MEMBERS IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Dr. Harriett Somerville

Harriett has been an OLLI member for almost five years and has participated in nine terms. She hopes that through her service on the board she can utilize her skills and experience to benefit the program. Harriett has a Ph.D. in cell biology from the University of Texas, Austin. She has postdoctoral training at the Department of Biophysics, University of Chicago, and Medical Research Council, Kings College, University of London, England. She was a research associate in the Department of Cardiology at the University of Chicago. At the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, she was a professor, director of the Optical Analysis Facility and department chair, and chair of the Department of Biological Sciences. She has been a facilitator and instructor for OLLI, and has participated in various travel and field trips.



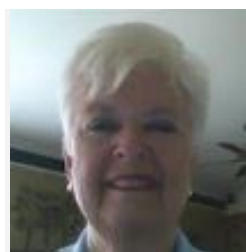
Marilynn Szecholda

Marilynn has been an OLLI member for three years and has participated in four terms. She wants to be a part of the BOD to help OLLI grow and prosper. After moving back to Huntsville almost three years ago, she again began taking classes. She has served in the social and travel committees, and as facilitator for various courses. Her professional experience included teaching and owning a bookstore. Her best skills are in the areas of organizing events and arts and crafts.



Rexanne Warfel

Rexanne has been an OLLI member for five years and has participated in 11 terms. She has also volunteered in various events and committees. As a member of the Member Services Committee, Rexanne has provided a variety of snacks each term before the Friday Bonuses in the lounge. She has also been an instructor most recently of the course "Grilling, Chilling and Tailgating." She is a retired nurse and enjoys cooking, baking and cake decorating.



Jan Williamson

Jan has been an OLLI member for six years and has participated in 17 terms. She has enjoyed seeing OLLI grow and now wants to give back to this amazing organization. She has taught for many years in both high school and post-secondary, and will bring all of her skills to help make OLLI successful.

Returning members

Returning members of the Board of Directors are ***Leah Black, Richard Brooks, Linda Harman, Jennifer Humiston, Elizabeth Kocir, Betty Koval, Linda Lowe, Judy Oljey, Janet Reville, Jill Stewart, David Styers and Allan Williamson.***

2020 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

With everything that hasn't been able to happen this spring and summer, I am happy to say that the Photo Contest went on as planned. We had an impressive 41 entries this year.

I am pleased to announce the winners of the 2020 OLLI Photo Contest: "Things That Can Fly."

First Place: *Redhead* by Philip Flowers

"Absolutely the intensity of the bird, the sharp focus of the eye and head, and who can argue with the color red? The aggressive posture and the great but not overwhelming background." — Judge Sam Tumminello

Second Place: *Ebony Jewelwing Damselfly* by Harold Dean

"The soft mosaic-like background, textures and warm tones, the perfect position of the fly and beautiful symmetry of its wings and the lush green body unifying the whole insect." — Judge Sam Tumminello

Third Place: *Water Ski* by Vivian Hsu

"Impressive capture of this large bird, wings fully extended — one foot contacts the water, leaving a wake with water droplets splashing up. There is a three-dimensional quality with this one." — Judge Sam Tumminello

Honorable Mentions (in no particular order)

Incoming by Dannye Drake

"Great capture of this bird in flight, head and beak sharp — dramatic motion of the wings and seemingly about to land. The stark, dark background adds to the intensity." — Judge Sam Tumminello

Pirate Ship Kite by Johnnie Shue

"The unusual shape of the kite — a flying pirate ship! Well-composed with just enough of the lady adding a distinct fluid-motion to the composition. One can 'feel' the pull of the kite on the string." — Judge Sam Tumminello

Feeding on the Fly by Gordon Bakken

"The nonchalance of the feeding bird — wings flapping, beak in position; two feet relaxed. The electric blue of the tailfeather as a shock of color pointing to the bird, then the flowers on a glowing green background. Well-done." — Judge Sam Tumminello

A Bird, a Plane, a Dancer by Joan May

"Wonderful rendition of flight done with the art of dance. The body position is spot-on. The handrails suggesting power lines the 'bird' just left. Marvelous to look at." — Judge Sam Tumminello

Honey! Turn Left by Lisa Brunegraff

"Very clever idea of a shadow of the flying vehicle at the perfect location — the two green patches seem to add 'wings' to the shadow." — Judge Sam Tumminello

Congratulations to all the entrants. We would like to give a big thank-you to our judges, Jose Betancourt, Sam Tumminello and Patty Horton, for volunteering their time.

Get those cameras out and start taking photos for the 2021 OLLI Photo Contest: Scenic Tennessee Valley!

*Written by Debbie Tromblee,
Photo Contest Coordinator*

2021 PHOTO CONTEST

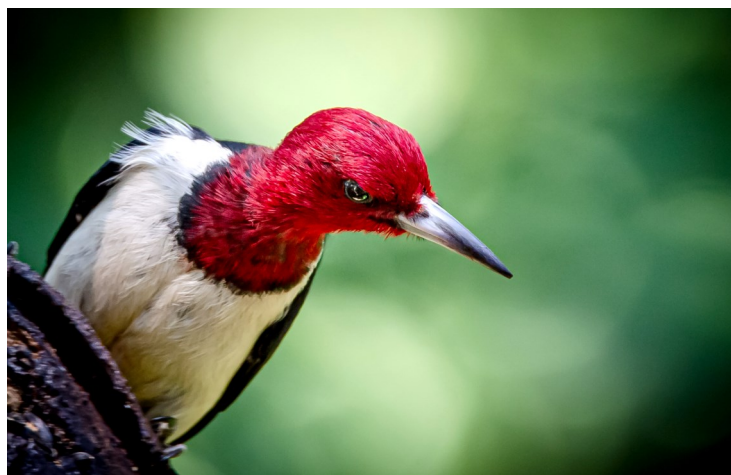
Scenic Tennessee Valley

- Photos must be taken April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021
- Photographer must be a current OLLI member
- Gentle photo editing permitted but keep the original photo
- Submit named photo in a standard digital .jpg format
Recommend at least 2 MP final pixel size

Submit entries to: olliphotcontest@gmail.com

Include when/where the photo was taken, your name, phone number and email. Osher.uah.edu/OLLIPhotoContest

2020 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS' PHOTOS



First Place
Redhead
By Philip Flowers

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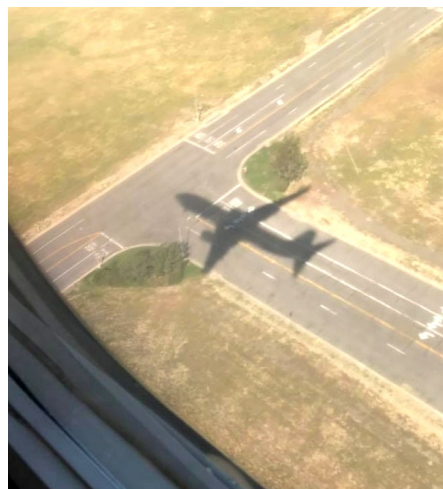
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A Bird, a Plane, a Dancer
By Joan May



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By Lisa Brunegraff

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

OLLI MEMBERS' COVID-19 EXPERIENCES

Bread-Baking Brings Success Despite a Pandemic

One afternoon while I was sitting on my patio, sipping tomato soup (no, not Campbell's — homemade), Julia Childs randomly popped into my mind.

She always enlightened me with her culinary wisdom and knowledge. During my lifetime of cooking and baking, I always struggled with baking bread. Julia kick-started me to give her "White Sandwich Bread" recipe a try. I remembered one of her quotes, "The only real stumbling block is fear of failure. In cooking, you've got to have a what-the-heck attitude."

It wasn't planned, but I had all the ingredients on hand. I threw everything in my KitchenAid mixer and watched the dough hook do all the hard work.

There really is no comfort like the smell of fresh, homemade bread engulfing your house. *I nailed it on the first try!*

Any problems, you ask? Well, yes, of course. If you're not careful, fresh, warm bread with soft butter can affect your waistline. Putting that aside, I was ecstatic. Thank you, Julia.

Written by Rexanne Warfel



Bread baked by Rexanne Warfel.

Zoom Brings More, Not Less, Contact with Family, Friends, and Church

I am living in Elmcroft of Byrd Springs, an assisted living facility. This happened after a major back surgery and an extended time of recovery.

When the coronavirus arrived, we residents found that we were to stay in our apartments for meals. Also, we were not to leave the building, nor were we to have visitors. Those meals in our rooms were brought in on plastic containers, just like the take-out containers from restaurants.

I believed that this arrangement was going to be pretty dull and lonely. Then along came Zoom. My Easter basket held my grandchildren in North Carolina and Pennsylvania and my family across the Parkway on Burlington Drive via Zoom. After that came Mother's Day, and again I had those folks and my daughter from Virginia.

I have evening chats with a couple of dear friends and a glass of wine. I go to church in Las Cruces, New Mexico. This was my church, and really my family, while living in Las Cruces.

If I had not been shut in, I doubt that any of these get-togethers would have happened. I am very grateful for Zoom.

Written by Cathy Bailey



Cathy Bailey at an OLLI function.

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Learn Zoom by Trying it With Friends

Last year at this time, if you had asked me to “Zoom,” I would have magnified the print on my phone to make it larger. Or I would have hurried out the door to my race car. Or I would have focused more on my task at hand.

But I can assure you I would not have opened an app on my phone or computer to join a meeting. Now “Zoom” is as common a phrase as any other in the English language.

Back in mid-March, when the uncertainty of future meetings and socializing was first acknowledged, the Zoom platform seemed to be at the forefront of alternative gatherings. Of course, never having heard of it, I was eager to see how it worked and whether it was a technology I could master or at least explore.

I knew I wasn't the only one in OLLI with no experience with the application, so a few of us banded together and decided to try Zoom on our own. We each downloaded the app, and through various trials we participated in our own mini-meetings, taking turns setting up invitations and hosting. During the meetings, we experimented with video and audio muting, virtual backgrounds, and even the chat features. We virtually raised our hands and changed between gallery and speaker views.

In between the trials and learning, we chatted and visited as if we were still in the hallways of Wilson Hall.

Benjamin Franklin has been quoted as saying, “Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I *learn*.” If you want to be more comfortable with the Zoom application, I highly recommend just jumping in and using it with a small group. It's much easier trying things for the first time with friends than in a classroom setting.

Written by Janet Reville



Nancy Darnall, Janet Reville, Val Seaquist and Irene Garoppo.

JIM LINDBERG

FORMER BOARD PRESIDENT HELPED ACADEMY BECOME OLLI

James Palmer “Jim” Lindberg Jr., a longtime OLLI board member and former president of the board, died May 30, 2020, at age 92.

After retirement, Jim became active in the *Academy for Lifetime Learning* at UAH, which became the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH. He served on the Board of Directors for many years, including two years as president, 2002-2004. He also served on several committees of the organization, as well as chair of the Member Services Committee for several years.

He was born on Aug. 25, 1927, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He lived in the Minneapolis area until 1943, when the family moved to Wabasha, Minnesota, where he graduated from Wabasha High School in 1945. He also enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1945. When World War II ended, Jim was discharged and attended college, graduating from the University of Minnesota in 1951 with a degree in aeronautical engineering.

After graduation, he went on active duty with the U.S. Air Force, where he served until 1954. After leaving the Air Force, he was employed by the U.S. Army in the Guided Missile Development Division at Redstone Arsenal, where he worked on flight evaluation for the Redstone and Jupiter missile flights. In 1960 when Marshall Space Flight Center was established under the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Jim transferred to NASA with the Wernher von Braun team.

During his time with NASA, he worked on the Saturn I, Saturn IB and Saturn V launch vehicles, the MSFC elements of the Space Shuttle, and the Spacelab payload carried in the Space Shuttle Orbiter as chief of the Mission Analysis Division. He also headed the MSFC Flight Evaluation Working Group, which coordinated the documentation of the post-flight evaluation results of the MSFC Laboratories and contractor teams for the Saturn IB, Saturn V launch vehicles and MSFC Space Shuttle launch elements.

He is survived by Pat, his wife of 30 years, who has been as active in the Academy and OLLI as he was. He is also survived by his two daughters, Mary Kathryn Morton (Steve) and Dorothy Havens (Calvin); stepson, Robert Nicaise; brother, Gary Lindberg (Marice); grandchildren,

Nicholas Fees (Bethany) and Kayt Morton; step-grandson, Caleb Havens; step-granddaughter, Rachel Nicaise; and two great-granddaughters, Palmer Fees and Mary Abbott Fees.

A personal note:

When I joined the Academy, Jim was very active in all phases of the organization. He had a strong belief in the program and the benefits it provided for seniors.

He helped with the transition of the Academy becoming part of the OLLI organization. He was also instrumental in helping the College of Professional Studies design the OLLI space when Wilson Hall was renovated.

My own special memory of Jim was his smile. He had a sense of humor, and when he smiled, his unique personality showed through. I have missed seeing him at UAH in the last couple of years but will miss him even more now.

Written by Sue Chatham



Jim Lindberg, Pat Lindberg and Bob Robertson.



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