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News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH

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OLLI Annual Meeting and Dinner

Thursday, May 22, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Early Works Museum in downtown Huntsville
Guest Speaker **Bruce Walker**, nationally registered storyteller

\$15 OLLI Members, \$25 Guests

Purchase tickets in the OLLI office, Wilson Hall 151

or online at www.uah.edu/pcs/0LLI



Catered by Bubba: Salad, Lemon Pepper Chicken
Bowtie Pasta, Sautéed Vegetables and Grilled Portobello Mushrooms with Pesto
Green Beans, Roasted New Potatoes
Caramel Chocolate Brownies Rolls, Iced Tea/Water

Election of OLLI Board Members for the next year will occur at the conclusion of the evening. Biographies of the Board Nominees were in the April newsletter. Come join your friends, meet new members, enjoy an evening of entertainment, and vote for new board members. **Ticket purchase deadline is May 11.**

Have you bought your ticket?

Enjoy OLLI This Summer!

- Designed to meet OLLI lifestyles and interests
 - Perfect fit for busy schedules
 - ♦ Stay connected during the summer

Something for everyone! Summer courses have been designed to entertain you, to enable your creativity, to challenge you to try something new, and — best of all — to make your summer enjoyable and fun!

Want to sit back in a comfortable seat and enjoy a "summer getaway" with Dr. Jennifer Garlen as she celebrates the supreme power of love through four great classic films?

Or, do you have an idea for an article, have a great story to tell, and the desire to publish? Here's your chance!

You can also learn about the latest trends in information technology this summer. Starting with computer basics, we'll teach you the latest in tablets, social media, organizing and editing photos, creating newsletters, flyers, and greeting cards, and upgrading your computer to Windows 8.

See the enclosed flyer for additional details.





Jerri McLain,

OLLI President

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President's Message

Nothing focuses the mind like setting a goal.

OLLI at UAH has set many goals this year, small ones and big ones. We're going about checking them off as they are realized.

A big goal was to reach 800 members. Check that one off.

Another was to increase our OLLI at UAH Scholarship beyond \$50,000. Check that one off.

Our 20th Anniversary called for a year of recognition. Maybe plan a Speakers' Series with four featured speakers. Check that one off.

OLLI at UAH needs support from the community to enhance and continue to provide a comprehensive, satisfying, broadly-reaching, curriculum-based program. Why not ask the A&F Committee to begin a Sponsorship/Donor initiative? Check that one off.

To strengthen OLLI at UAH committees, why not enlist the help of a vice chairman for each committee? Check that one off.

To meet the needs of all of our OLLI at UAH members, eager to learn, how about broadening our talented instructor base, offering new classes and increasing extra-curricular and social activities. Check that one off.

And the list goes on... Are we where we want to be? No. Does a lot remain to be done? Yes. Can everyone help? The answer to this one is surely yes. In fact, it's a requisite. We're a volunteer/PCS staff partnership. It takes all of us. This list of achievements is punctuated with names of those who have stepped forward to lead. We are indeed blessed with talent and energy.

Thank you for all that you do!

Curriculum

I think that winter is finally over. Spring is alternating between showers and sun; not seeming to know what to do when. The Spring term is in full bloom (pun intended).

We have twenty-six new courses. They cover the gamut from antique cars to the Battle of the Bulge. I am afraid that I have revealed myself as a male who never quite grew up. However for the ladies we have a stupendous flower arranging course, garden tours, and other sumptuous delights.

Where did all of this come from? YOU, my dear colleagues, are the culprits. Without you we would be sadly lacking in courses and instructors. The program is doing well but we need to keep pushing for new courses and new instructors. That is not to say that previous courses will not be well-attended. On the contrary some of our previous courses and instructors just seem to get better and better.

We need you to tell us what you want. We want you to tell us about instructors including yourselves. And having taught my first OLLI course I can tell you that it is not a hard thing to do. If you enjoy a subject think about teaching it. OLLI will supply teaching materials and handouts. All you have to do is say, "I want to teach!" We will put you to work.





Upcoming Special Events



Bill McAllister, Chair

Popcorn and a Movie

Charlie Wilson's War

June 6, 2014 10:00 a.m. Wilson Hall, UAH

Join us for a drama directed by Mike Nichols, and based on Texas congressman Charlie Wilson's covert dealings in Afghanistan, where his efforts to assist rebels in their war with the Soviets have some unforeseen and long-reaching effects.

Tour of the National Weather Service Office

5/20/2014, 320A Sparkman Drive | 10:00 am

We rely on the capabilities of our National Weather Service Office to provide accurate weather forecasting to help us plan our daily lives. But, did you know that other weather-service goals include forecasting services to support healthy communities and ecosystems? Learn all about it when we tour the National Weather Service Office in May.

Space is limited; a waiting list has been started. Please contact Mable Gordon, mablegordon44@gmail.com for reservations.

Upcoming Cultural Events



Jane McBride, Chair

OLLI Members' Works on Display

The Huntsville Photographic Society selected 50 works from 30 photographers for its <u>Huntsville Photographic Society's 2013 Members' Showcase</u> at the Huntsville Museum of Art. Several OLLI members' photographs are featured in this exhibit. The exhibition is in the Prozan Gallery of the museum until August 3, 2014.

SAVE THE DATE!! Thursday, June 5, 2014

Join OLLI friends on a day-trip to Florence, Alabama, to visit the Rosenbaum House—the only Frank Lloyd Wright structure in the Southeast open to the public. The Rosenbaum House was designed by Wright in 1939 in his "Usonian" style for Stanley and Mildred Rosenbaum and occupied by that family until 1999. It was purchased by the city of Florence and meticulously preserved as a museum—an architectural gem. The Friday Focus class featured the Rosenbaum House on May 9.

Carpools will leave from the front of Wilson Hall at 9:15 am on June 5 heading to Florence. Our tour begins at 11 a.m. and will last approximately one hour. Admission is \$5 per person for our guided tour, payable at the door.

Afterwards, you may choose where to have lunch from a number of delightful restaurants not far from the house.

Following lunch, you and your carpool may choose to visit the W.C. Handy Birthplace and Museum in Florence (\$2 admission fee), the Helen Keller Birthplace "Ivy Green" in Tuscumbia (\$5 admission fee), or other area attractions. Options for lunch and area visits will be sent to all participants in advance.

Please contact Sheila Scruggs at sheilascruggs2@gmail.com to sign up and note if you will take your car and provide a ride for others.

Other Popular Florence Attractions

Carmike Regency Square 12
University of North Alabama
W. C. Handy Birthplace, Museum & Library
Children's Museum of the Shoals
Blackberry Trail Golf Course
Key Cave National Wildlife Refuge

Deibert Park Pope's Tavern Pickwick Lake McFarland Park Indian Mound & Museum River Heritage Park





OLLI MEMBERS REAP THE REWARDS!

JOIN NOW for 2014-2015 and receive TWO MONTHS FREE!

THIS YEAR ONLY, your \$15 annual membership fee will provide you with 14 MONTHS of OLLI Benefits

June 1, 2014 – July 31, 2015.

Currently OLLI's membership year expires on May 31, 2014. The OLLI Board recently voted to adjust OLLI's membership year to better align with the course terms and in future years to allow members that join during spring term to reap the benefits throughout the summer months. To make the transition easy for members, we are providing this one-time bonus! Moving forward, OLLI's membership year will be **August 1 – July 31**.

Already Paid Your 2014-2015 Membership? Don't worry, you will automatically have your membership extended.

NEW LANGUAGE OPPORTUNITY

Most articles on maintaining mental fitness for seniors will include learning a new language as a great way to keep those brain cells stimulated. OLLI currently offers classes in German, French, Russian and Spanish. We are pleased to announce the formation of a MIG to study an entirely different language form to stimulate those brain cells.

Turkish is called an agglutinative language which means that information is built up by adding suffixes to a common root form rather than complicated declension and conjugation. While different than most of the language structures that we are familiar with, it is consistent and logical. It also has what is called 'vowel harmony."

The Turkish Language Study Group will meet in the Sewing Room at the Madison County Senior Center on Fridays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. starting May 2, and will meet through the summer. Textbooks will be available. If interested call Bill Holman at 256-882-9109 or email at https://linkinglight.noisy.net. (Or just show up at the Senior Center on any Friday morning.)

Blinking Red Light

In front of the new Charger Union on Holmes Avenue is a blinking red light. Drivers need to understand that when the red light is BLINKING, they must stop. But if the pedestrian walkway is clear and there are no pedestrians approaching, drivers are supposed to then drive through the intersection. DO NOT sit at the blinking red light waiting for it to stop blinking. Each and every car must come to a full stop at the blinking red light. After stopping, if the walkway is clear and no one is approaching the walkway, the driver should go on through the intersection. Only at a SOLID (not blinking) red light is one supposed to stay stopped.

Submitted by Beth Altenkirch

ENJOY OLLI This Summer





This summer OLLI has something for everyone –

courses to entertain you, to enable your creativity, to challenge you to try something new, and—best of all, to make your summer enjoyable and fun! Connect with adults 50+ interested in the sheer joy of learning. Whether you are working, retired, or semi-retired, you are a perfect fit for OLLI.

Information Technology (IT) Basics

IT BASICS COURSE FEES - Includes lab fee & materials.

OLLI MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
\$60 for first course \$50 each additional The More You Learn – The More You Save!	\$16* for OLLI Annual 2014/15 Membership is also required. *(\$15, plus \$1 handling)

Computer Basics: The Very Beginning

Welcome to a class for the truly beginning computer student! Step-by-step you will be introduced to a computer, and its keyboard, mouse, and screen—as well as a few simple programs and other hardware components. Practice skills such as cut, copy, and paste that will help you use almost any program. Learn how to organize files on a computer, where they go when you hit "save" and how to find them again when you need them. Also, learn how to access the internet and be introduced to the concept of electronic mail. Upon successful completion, you'll be amazed at your new skills and ready to move into our other computer course offerings.

Should I start with Computer Basics?

Computer Basics: The Very Beginning provides the basic skills necessary to be successful in our other computer courses. However, you may already possess the skills to succeed without this basics course.

Listed below are essential skills needed for success in the IT courses offered:

- Knowledge of the keyboard. Not the same as typing skills, although those help.
- Basic mouse handling skills the ability to click, doubleclick, and right-click.
- Ability to select portions of text and copy/paste to another position in the same document, another document, or to delete.
- Ability to find and open a document.
- Basic formatting skills, fonts and font size, and page set-up (margins, for instance).
- Ability to save a document to the desired location. Understand the difference between save and save as.
- File handling abilities: copy, move, and delete a file; create a folder.

How do you score?

If you answer "YES, I know how to do that!," then you are ready to start any of the other IT courses; However, you are welcome to register for *Computer Basics: The Very Beginning*, as a knowledge refresher.

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Facebook and Social Media

Facebook has more than 800 million active users, and over 50 percent of them log in to the site every day. Chances are your children, grandchildren, and friends—both long-lost and brand new—are among these users. Facebook provides a new way to stay in contact with people, organizations and causes. In this course, we will guide you through the Facebook vocabulary like your "profile," the "Wall," and "updating your status." Learn how to navigate the settings that control what others can see about you, and what appears on your Facebook wall. We'll also cover examples of other popular social media sites and applications including Google+, YouTube, and Twitter, and the pros and cons of each.

June 18 & 19 | 9:00 am - Noon | WH-202 | C62M1403 | \$60

Windows 8[©]

Windows 8 is much different than earlier versions of the Windows operating system, starting with the appearance of the "start" screen. Windows 8 offers integration with mobile devices, cloud storage, and security enhancements. You'll be introduced to new words such as "charms," (Search, Share, Start, Devices, and Settings—which are quick ways to get to actions you do often), and learn about all the essential features, including the new file and folder behaviors, and useful applications such as Calendar, Photos, and Music. Learn how to adjust system settings like default programs and volume, and how to work with external devices. You'll also learn about advanced procedures to keep your system more secure, and how to do basic troubleshooting.

June 23 & 24 | 9:00 am - Noon | WH-206 | C62M1404 | \$60

Tablets 101

Here's your introduction to the world of tablets: iPads, Androids, Windows, and eReaders! You'll learn that a tablet is simply a mobile computer with a display, circuitry, and battery in a single unit. We'll demonstrate tablet features including cameras, microphones, and touchscreens, and show you how our fingers or stylus gestures replace computer mice and keyboards. We'll also demonstrate how tablets control basic features such as speaker volume, power, and communications ports. You'll see on-screen, pop-up virtual keyboards, and be amazed by the power and capabilities of these small tablets.

June 25 & 26 | 9:00 am - Noon | WH-215 | C62M1405 | \$60

Staying Connected and Safe

Do you use email or web mail to stay connected with family, friends, or business associates, but are unable to use email to the fullest because you are unfamiliar with many email functions? In this class, you'll learn about email and web mail—and you'll also learn about ISPs and web hosting providers, and how to use your communication tools to the fullest while protecting yourself and your computer when using the internet.

July 16 & 17 | 9:00 am - Noon | WH-202 | C62M1402 | \$60

Create! Greeting Cards, Flyers, & Newsletters

Have you ever wanted to make your own flyers, greeting cards, thank you notes, Christmas cards or business cards? Have you ever wanted to create a newsletter or other document that included a variety of words, pictures, graphics and/or charts? In this exciting class, we will use Publisher as the software tool to teach you to do all of these things. Your own imagination is the limit as to what you can do with this software.

July 16 & 17 | 1:00 – 3:00 pm | WH-202 | C62M1406 | \$60

How to Edit & Organize Photos

Learn a simple, convenient, and free way to organize and edit your photos in this class. Although there are many similar tools, we will use Picasa in this class as our tool to teach you to organize your photos into folders to find them quickly and easily. In addition, you'll learn to crop, straighten, remove red eye, tweak color and exposure, and adjust color cast and white balance—and even add special effects. Picasa permits the addition of text to your photo, which is handy for adding captions or comments!

July 21 & 22 | 9:00 am - Noon | WH-202 | C62M1407 | \$60



Join Us for OLLI's Summer Mini-Term!

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH is designed for adults 50+ interested in staying intellectually stimulated and socially active, while having lots of fun! Our summer short courses do not require a long time commitment, but still provide a great opportunity to learn something new, share your interests with others, brush up on an old passion, or just make new friends!

Contact us today for more information: www.PCS.uah.edu/OLLI • 256.824.6183

Enrich Your Summer

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\$30 each course	\$16* for OLLI Annual 2014/15 Membership
The More You Learn – The More You Save!	*(\$15, plus \$1 handling)

Tales of Magic and Romance

It's a perfect "summer getaway." Escape from the ordinary as we celebrate the supreme power of love with four classic movies starring a host of Hollywood's brightest stars. We'll see Veronica Lake bother and bewilder Fredric March in *I Married a Witch* (1942). We'll watch Robert Young and Dorothy McGuire learn to look with their hearts in *The Enchanted Cottage* (1945), and we'll be haunted by Rex Harrison and Gene Tierney's supernatural romance in *The Ghost and Mrs. Muir* (1947). Finally, we'll root for Kim Novak to cast her spell on Jimmy Stewart in *Bell, Book, and Candle* (1958). Dr. Jennifer Garlen, classic movie blogger and author, will be on hand to introduce and discuss each film of the series.

June 23 – 26 | 1:00 – 3:30 pm | WH-001 | C61M1408 | \$30

Get Published in Magazines!

Do you have an idea for an article that you'd love to publish in a magazine? Learning how to get published in magazines isn't hard, but there are some things you need to know to increase your chances of success. For many inexperienced writers, just the thought of submitting a story for publication is a little "scary" because they don't know the basics of how to submit their ideas. Join professional writer, Jennifer Pinkley, to learn about publishing guidelines, submission requirements, query letters, and many tips on how to successfully submit your story ideas for publication.

July 23 & 24 | 9:00 – 11:30 am | WH-226 | C61M1409 | \$30



SUMMER REGISTRATION FORM

PERSONAL INFORMATION Name _____ Street Address City/State/Zip _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone **OLLI 2014/2015 MEMBERSHIP** ☐ I am already an OLLI Member ☐ Sign me up as an OLLI Member! (\$15, plus \$1 handling)* *Enclosed \$16 Membership Fee: \$ Badge Name _____ **COURSE REGISTRATION** Register me for the Following Courses: Course Session ID Course Session ID Course Session ID _____ Course Session ID Course Session ID *Enclosed Course Payment: \$ (Refer to pricing options on previous pages) TOTAL PAYMENT*: \$_____ PAYMENT INFORMATION ☐ Check Enclosed, payable to UAH Professional and Continuing Studies. Credit Card: ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Questions? Call Maxine Doherty or Samantha Savoy at 256.824.6183 or email Maxine.Doherty@uah.edu.

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Just select one or more courses and times from the list. REGISTER EARLY! Seating is limited and on a first-come basis.

ONLINE at www.PCS.uah.edu/OLLISummer

PHONE 256.824.6010. Credit card info is required.

IN PERSON – PCS Registration Office, UAH, Wilson Hall, Room 103

MAIL registration form with payment to: UAH Professional and Continuing Studies Wilson Hall, Room 103, Huntsville, AL 35899

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Other Information

- All classes will be held in Wilson Hall on the UAH campus. Directions will be provided with your confirmation letter.
- Parking and light refreshments are included in your registration fee.
- IT Basics course fees include lab costs and materials.



Classic Cars - New Spring Course

Nell Owen, a vintage car enthusiast and officer in several automobile clubs, arranged for the presentation of this fantastic class.



Nell Owen in front of the 1948 Keller Super Chief.

Our class lecturer, Sam Barnett (right below) worked most of one year restoring one of three known Keller Wagons. They believe that a few others might exist. The car's owner is Sam's mother (middle below). These cars are authentic handmade products of Huntsville, Alabama.



The class got to hear the story of the Keller automobile built in Huntsville in the late 1940's, and after class see one of the three known remaining Keller Super Chief "woodies" in the Wilson Hall parking lot.





Photos by Bill McAllister

The restored yellow 1948 Keller Super Chief was built at the rented Building 4471 on the Arsenal property. George Keller, a former executive of the Studebaker Corporation, became involved with a California new-start auto designer who wanted to build a small affordable car for the average family. Joining with Hubert Mitchell, a local furniture manufacturer, Keller and Mitchell produced a small number of station wagons featuring a wooden body behind the front engine compartment. Mitchell and Keller toured prototypes all over the country, and dealers signed on in all 48 states. But cost of production exceeded advanced sales promotion; few automobiles were sold before the inevitable closure of the company.



Floral Arranging Spring Course

Our Floral Arranging course has been a big hit this spring term. Class members are learning some basic techniques under the expert guidance of a different volunteer instructor each week. Flowers and supplies are provided and class members enjoy creating their own arrangements as the instructors consult.















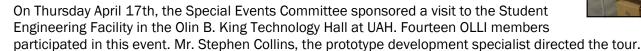


Photos by Linda McAllister



Past Events

Student Engineering Facility Tour on UAH Campus



This is a fully equipped machine shop and members moved about the area observing the students as they worked on their projects. In this class, the students learn to turn their engineering designs and ideas into real products.

Mr. Collins gave detailed information about the 3D printing process. While the shop 3D Stratasys printer was in operation, we were able to examine actual 3D products that were on display. One of the more interesting items was a model of a human femoral artery.

Submitted by Mable Gordon





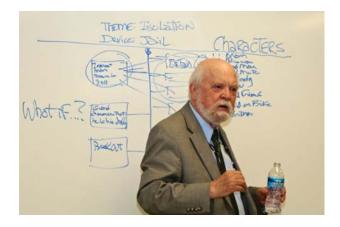




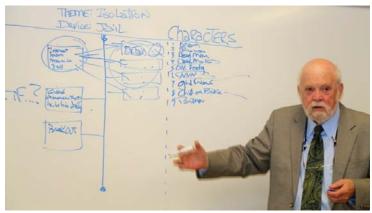
Photos by Thurman Gordon

On March 19, 2014 as the fourth and final speaker in the OLLI 20th Anniversary lecture series, Terry Kay came to conduct an "Author's Workshop" and to present the anniversary lecture in the afternoon. The ending of his talk was a beautiful and memorable summation titled "While Reading."

Photos by Bill McAllister











WHILE READING

words by Terry Kay:

While reading, I have been—
--A cowboy (and an Indian) with Zane Grey
--A Confederate soldier with Joseph Pennell
--A pirate with Robert Louis Stevenson
--An orphan with Charles Dickens
--An eccentric with Flannery O'Connor

--A dust-bowl traveler with John Steinbeck

While reading, I have been—
--A whaler with Herman Melville
--A gold-dreamer with Erskine Caldwell
--A small-town barber with Wendell Berry
--A runaway with Mark Twain
--An old-time gospel god with James Weldon Johnson

While reading, I have been—

-A b-flat coronet player with William Price Fox

--A battler of windmills with Miguel de Cervantes

--An attendant in the House of Gentlemen with Kathy Hepinstall

--A basketball player with Pat Conroy

--A fire-fighter with Larry Brown

--A defense attorney with John Grisham

While reading, I have touched the ocean's darkest depths and walked on planets in solar systems beyond our seeing..

I have climbed mountains lost in clouds...

I have flown with Lindbergh and John Glenn, stood at Gettysburg with Lincoln and in Montgomery with Martin Luther King, Jr.

While reading, I was at Dachau on the day of liberation.

While reading, I have sat at the feet of Abraham and Moses and Jesus and Muhammad and Buddha, and all the other men of God, and also those who would kill God—the insane, the madmen, the bigoted, the fanatics.

While reading, I have been boy and man, girl and woman. I have been young and old.

I have died and have been re-born.

While reading, I have become people I cannot be, doing things I cannot do. And I do not know of any other experience that could have given me such a life.



A Special thanks to the Office Volunteers

The best indicators of OLLI's health – the total membership and the number of members enrolled for classes – look great! The membership is now 812 as compared with 728 a year ago. There are 278 members enrolled for classes as compared with 228 for last spring.

OLLI's success depends on many people volunteering to do many different things. We, the office staffers, are a vital link in the chain. We can be proud to be a part of the recent growth. Thanks to each of you for your contribution.

Hugh Nicholson
Office Volunteer Coordinator

Don't Forget to Buy You^r Annual Dinner Tickets!

Important Notice: Inputs for the June newsletter are due by May 22, 2014.

Please send articles and ideas to Sue Chatham and Lorrie White, Co-editor, at OLLInewsletter@msn.com.

Please understand that due to cost and space constraints, articles may be edited for length.

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