

News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH
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President's Message



Jerri McLain,
OLLI President

I tried something new this Fall Term – registering online, and how simple, straightforward and quick it was! Heretofore, I'd just filled in the hard copy form, written a check, and sent it off in the mail. Other OLLI members call on the phone or go in person to register. All of these work just fine. The end result we all seek is to be entered in the classes of our choice. The hard part is trying to decide which of the bountiful offerings to pick, while having keen interest in many.

Some OLLI members have made good use of these summer months traveling, others have enjoyed family time or have found occupation with yard work. I'm reminded of grade- and high-school years when it was so good to see everybody again once classes started. Somehow, this is not a lot different.

Our wonderful instructors are preparing to greet us and help us to exercise our minds and our bodies. Bring your enthusiasm and enjoy the harvest.

Thanks to each and every OLLI member for renewing your membership, for serving ably on our varied committees or as an officer, for volunteering in the OLLI Office, and for inviting your friends to come and join us.

"Old age is simply a 'state of mind' - and enjoying life to the full can keep you young," UK Daily Mail, 16 April 2013. "People who perceive themselves to be old and frail are more likely to give up activities which could help keep them young." Let OLLI help keep you young!

Register now! Classes Start September 15. Don't miss out!

Membership Contest Enter Now!!

Win two tickets to the OLLI Holiday Party (December 11, 2014)

The only way to enter is to invite someone to join OLLI. If the person joins OLLI on line, ask them to email chatham@knology.net, and provide your name as the person who invited them to join. If the person submitted a printed application, please ask them to place your name on the application where it asks who referred them to OLLI. That's it! Your name will be entered into the drawing for every person who puts your name on his/her membership application form. We will draw the winner in November at the Fall Teacher Appreciation luncheon. Don't miss out on this chance; **invite your friends** to join!! They will love OLLI! For more information contact Sue Chatham, chatham@knology.net, 256-461-0262.

OLLI Office Volunteers Needed



Sue Chatham,
Chair

Have you been considering a way that you can further contribute to the OLLI program? One choice is to volunteer in the OLLI office. Not only would you be contributing to the OLLI program but there are several benefits to you:

- 👍 Develop/practice office skills.
- 👍 Learn how OLLI works.
- 👍 Meet interesting people.
- 👍 Have a comfortable place to spend time before, between, and after classes.

Take a moment, look at your schedule, and determine when you would like to volunteer in the office. The shifts are 2 hours each and can be scheduled around your classes. To volunteer, please contact Hugh Nicholson at Hughnicholson1@aol.com or call him at 256-830-9279.

Member Benefit - UAH Hockey Tickets!



The UAH Hockey team has graciously agreed to provide current OLLI members with discounted season tickets for the 2014-2015 home games! The home season kicks off on October 17 by hosting the Bowling Green State University Falcons. There will be a total of sixteen home games this season, playing both Friday and Saturday evenings at the Von Braun Center. What a great way to spend quality time with the family and support your UAH Chargers!

Huntsville is the Hockey Capital of the South and our Chargers lead the way for the strong youth hockey programs in the area. Bring your grandkids, friends, and family for a fun (and cheap) night out! There are lots of free giveaways, contests, and family entertainment offerings every weekend. The student athletes provide intense action on the ice, and they also participate in "meet and greets" after the game.

UAH brings in quality athletes from around the globe, and the students get a high quality education, you get to view a spectacular sporting event, and the Huntsville area continues its hockey tradition. Everyone wins! The season ticket price is normally \$192 per seat, but if you are a current OLLI member your price is \$100 for all 16 home games! What a deal!



To order your tickets or get additional information, please contact Janet Reville (jrev1988@gmail.com) with questions.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPCOMING EVENTS



Leah Black
Chair

The Social Committee was very busy coordinating the Fall Kickoff to make it a “go-to” event. So many of our OLLI Committees and members were instrumental in creating this introduction to the 2014-15 OLLI year. We hope everyone who attended enjoyed it.

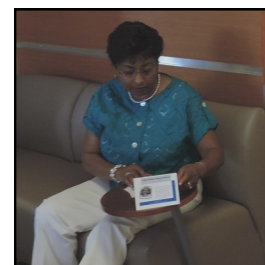
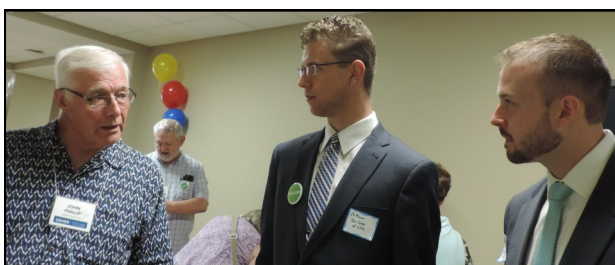
➤ Friday, November 7, noon to 2 pm — Fall Teacher Appreciation Lunch at Trinity United Methodist Church

➤ Thursday, December 11 — OLLI Holiday Party at the Summit in Big Spring Park.

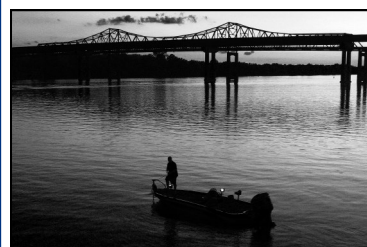
We will have more information about these events and others in the coming months. Stay tuned to your **OLLI Insider** and your weekly E-News for details.

Fall Kickoff

Wilson Hall was abuzz with activity from early morning till past noon on Friday, August 22, as we celebrated our Fall Kickoff. Among our attendees were instructors, staff, volunteers, current members, new members, and UAH hockey players.



Photos courtesy of Linda McAllister and Nancy Darnall.



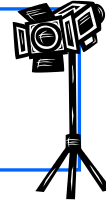
Notice the arch of the bridge and the lines of the supports. The boat adds an interesting aspect. Photo taken by Tom Bryant 2009.

Keep Your Camera Handy!

You see them everywhere: Lines and/or Curves, the current photo contest theme. Just scan your surroundings and you'll see curves on buildings, bridges, hills and mountains, roads, fences, trees, and landscape. Even pencils lined up on your desk, or books on a shelf can become a work of art in a photograph. The opportunities are endless, so keep your camera handy to capture the moment.

OLLI'S PHOTO CONTEST RUNS THROUGH APRIL 3, 2015

In the Spotlight:



ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Every successful organization requires a cadre of talented individuals willing to commit their time and energy to the ongoing management and review of the entity's infrastructure. Within OLLI at UAH, the Administration and Finance Committee is the umbrella for those tasks. Known as "A&F," the committee, chaired by Cathy Bailey, oversees all financial activities of OLLI, including

- ◇ recommending an annual budget to the Board of Directors
- ◇ recommending appropriate budget revisions during the year
- ◇ monitoring revenue generation and expenditures
- ◇ assessing the long-range financial health of OLLI
- ◇ recommending to the Board the cost of membership dues
- ◇ monitoring an annual review of all financial activities
- ◇ administering the OLLI Scholarship Fund.

The committee regularly assesses the Operating Procedures and Policies, making recommendations to the Board as appropriate and/or requested. A&F periodically reviews OLLI By-laws as well as the Policies and Procedures for our finances, property management, membership assistance, nominating committee, donations and facility use.

This year the committee appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to look into the possibilities of forming a Development Committee to raise funds to continue sustaining the OLLI at UAH program. Soon, we shall have the outcome of this study and make recommendations pursuant to the committee's results.

The Annual Financial Report is available upon request from Cathy Bailey. Each year an audit committee is appointed by the A&F Chairman. Eleanor Carter and Bruce Machamer were this year's committee; they did a thorough and splendid job and are to be congratulated. This was a particularly difficult year with the death of our treasurer, George Leach. Ed Bernstein took over the position performing yeoman service at a difficult time. We are grateful for his service.

Watch *The OLLI Insider*, as different aspects of OLLI will be ***In the Spotlight***. If you have a suggestion, please let your editor know at nbd51@aol.com. Thank you.

HELP NEEDED! SPRING GARDEN TOUR CLASS LEADER

Call Bev at 256-534-3639. It's not difficult; there are lots of resources available to assist. Two people may work together as the leader. Without a leader, we cannot offer this popular spring term class.



Unsung Heroine

Mimi Hughes



September 16, 2014 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Wilson Hall Auditorium – UAH Campus

Life of an Unsung Heroine: From Rural Tennessee to International Waters.

From a lifestyle of cigarettes and a junk-food, Mimi transformed herself into a successful triathlete, and record-holding swimmer—all in the name of being a role model for her children, a supporter of environmental responsibility and women's rights, and a believer in furthering positive relationships among countries and peoples of the world.

During the opening Weekly Bonus of the OLLI fall term, we will learn how she became an unsung heroine. We'll hear about her heroic efforts and the "tremendous international success of her 1,800-mile Danube River swim..." We'll hear about the challenges she met and overcame during her nine-country swim—flooding, bureaucracy, polluted waters, fatigue, and language barriers—and we'll learn why Mimi believes that athletic endeavors can motivate change and increase respect for diversity.

Who is Mimi Hughes?

She is a wife, mother of four, and reading teacher from a small rural town in Tennessee. She is also an unsung heroine. Perhaps Mimi Hughes never imagined she would become well known for her support of women's rights and environmental protection, but that's exactly what happened. Born in California in the 1960s, Mimi's interest in "preserving the environment began at a young age; it was sparked by a commercial featuring a Native American who wept at the sight of America's littered roadways."

Free for OLLI Members! BRING A GUEST!

OLLI Membership is only \$15 per year. Join at the door or online at www.pcs.uah.edu/JoinOLLI to enjoy this and other OLLI at UAH events.

Arrive early as seating is limited.

UAH Parking Decals are NOT Required.

Upcoming Cultural Events



Jane McBride,
Chair

On Thursday, November 13, 2014, OLLI's Cultural Committee invites you to take a day-trip to Cartersville, Georgia, to visit one of America's newest and grandest museums. **The Booth Western Art Museum** in historic downtown Cartersville is a Smithsonian Affiliate and houses the largest collection of western American art in the country, along with an impressive U. S. Presidential collection and a Civil War Gallery. There will be two special exhibits when we are there: "Prevailing Winds" featuring American women artists and "Western American Art from South of the Sweet Tea Line" – both private collections on-loan to the Booth.

We will travel round-trip from UAH by luxury motor coach and arrive in time for lunch in the charming downtown before meeting our docents for our private tour of the galleries. Cartersville is designated a "Preserve America Community" with much to see within easy-walking distance of the museum both before and after the tour. The cost of the trip is \$55 per person and includes transportation and the museum tour. Lunch, while not included in price, may be reserved in advance when you make your trip reservation. Space is limited and the **deadline for reservations is October 1, 2014.**



Our receipt of your check made out to "OLLI" and the memo "Cartersville trip" assures your reservation. Mail to Jane McBride, 1510 Clinton Ave. E., Huntsville, AL 35801. If you have questions, contact Jane McBride.
janemcbride@knology.net.



Coming up April 6-9, 2015, Arts, Blues, and Cuisine in Memphis. Leave Huntsville on Spirit's luxury coach early on Monday morning for the drive across western Alabama and northern Mississippi into the world-famous city on the river. Enjoy legendary Memphis barbecue, fine dining, and Southern eats on Beale Street. Learn about Memphis history, see art museums, listen to blues and rock and roll. Trip brochure is available in the OLLI Office. Submit your \$200 deposit to reserve your place now.

Space is limited.

Contact Nancy Darnall at nbd51@aol.com. Trip cost is \$890; single supplement is \$271.

Watch future **INSIDER** issues for more events and details.

THERE'S MORE. . .

- January 17, 2015, 11:45 am. Stadium Hollywood 18 Theaters airs the Metropolitan Opera HD Live Simulcast of *The Merry Widow*. The great soprano Renée Fleming stars as the beguiling femme fatale who captivates all Paris in Lehár's enchanting operetta.
- February 14, 2015, 7:00 pm. The Cooper House on Randolph. The Huntsville Master Chorale performs its Mosaic of Love Concert in the spirit of St. Valentine's Day--a romantic interlude complete with fabulous desserts and coffee.

PAST EVENTS

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

On a very pleasant Friday evening, July 25, OLLI members met with coolers and lawn chairs for a rocking performance by KUSH at City Lights and Stars at Burritt on the Mountain. The air was dry and temps were in the seventies; wine was chilled and music was hot--very nice venue.



Photos courtesy of Linda McAllister,
Nancy Darnall and Jane McBride

Find OLLI on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/OLLIatUAH>

SPECIAL EVENTS

On July 23, OLLI members visited the **Food Bank of North Alabama** in downtown Huntsville. Katherine Strickland, the Food Bank's new director described how they try to fill the nutrition gaps with families, especially for children. Through an extended network of churches, senior centers, and community centers, the Food Bank supplies donated food to eleven counties in northern Alabama. Members brought canned goods to support the program.



Photos courtesy of Bill McAllister

MORE PAST EVENTS

August 11, OLLI members visited the comprehensively planned Village of Providence on the west side of Huntsville. Town Founder David Slyman spoke about his belief that Huntsville needed a new concept where residents could live, work, and spend their leisure time in the same setting. Located within the village is a public school, and there is a connection with a public greenway. After ten years the village looks and functions as a small urban setting with a density that encourages walking over driving and narrow streets that encourage slower vehicular speeds.



Photo courtesy of Bill McAlister

Members enjoyed the movie *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, a comedy taking place in India, on Friday, August 8.

On August 21, AEgis Technologies invited OLLI members to participate in their 25th Anniversary celebration. Eighteen members saw a short video and then met with AEgis employees, including co-founder Bill Waite, to discuss the many diverse products being designed and developed by this Huntsville company. We were treated to demonstrations of technologies for commercial and military applications, including filters to improve solar panel efficiencies, training aids for military products, flight operations for unmanned aircraft, and simulations for supporting commercial real estate promotions. Thank you, Mable Gordon, for arranging this informative trip to a local company.



Photos courtesy of Thurman Gordon.



Bill McAllister,
Chair

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 9, 10:00 AM — Tour of the National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office, 320A Sparkman Drive, across from the UAH pond.

Friday, September 12, 10:00 AM — WH 152. Popcorn and a Movie - *The Monuments Men*, with special commentary by OLLI member Pat Hair, whose uncle Robert Kelley Posey, an Alabama native, is played by Bill Murray in the movie.

Tour England, Wales & Scotland

With OLLI Friends

Great Price & Excellent Learning Opportunity

June 1-15 2015

London, Stratford-upon-Avon, Bath, Stonehenge, Oxford, the Cotswolds, Snowdonia (Wales), York, Castle Howard, Whitby, the Lake District

& Edinburgh (Scotland)

4 Night Optional Extension – Scottish Highlands, St. Andrews, Inverness, Isle of Skye, Loch Ness, & Glasgow

For Details - Contact Bill McAllister, OLLI Special Events Chair

billmcallister94@gmail.com

Flyers available in the OLLI Office

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE



Nancy Darnall
Chair

A scholarship fund for UAH undergraduates endowed by members of OLLI at UAH now provides two annual scholarships. The 2014-15 scholarships, currently valued at \$1600 per student, were awarded to Kiley Heflin and Dejarra Johnson, both of whom are ongoing recipients. The current (July 31, 2014) total of donations to this fund is \$55,346.58. The ability to award the scholarships is based on the interest earned on the principal, and the increase in OLLI member donations has made it possible to grant two scholarships. For many years, we funded only one scholarship.

Through OLLI, there is an opportunity for donating to the OLLI Scholarship Fund. Your gift serves many purposes. First and foremost, you are helping worthy students with today's overwhelming cost of a university education. You help OLLI by demonstrating our interest in the pursuits of the University of Alabama in Huntsville beyond our own programs, which adds value to hosting OLLI on the UAH campus. And you will experience the satisfaction of helping others while making a tax-deductible gift to the University.

Whether you fill out a membership form at the beginning of the year and elect to make a donation, give online through the PCS OLLI web site, or send a check to our OLLI treasurer, your gift is always welcome. As you consider your charitable giving, please keep the OLLI Scholarship Fund in mind. Online at www.uah.edu/pcs/olli/donate. From there, you can donate online or download a printable form.

The 2014 Southern Regional Lifelong Learning Conference was held July 30-August 1 at The University of North Carolina, Asheville. Check the website www.olliasheville.com for complete details and summaries of sessions presented.

Ten members of the OLLI at UAH Board of Directors attended the conference. Included were Dick Fisher, Peggy McClure, Gratia Mahony, Jane McBride, Linda and Bill McAllister, Bob and Nancy Darnall, Leah Black, and Jerri McLain.



Linda McAllister was a presenter in the "Making Lemonade out of Lemons" session.

Points covered included what makes good instructors. They work hard and love to learn. They are great storytellers and great conversationalists.

Research shows that new members join more than 85 percent of the time because of invitations from current members.

Our contingent met after events on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings to share information and thoughts from the sessions of the day and to plan attendance at the next day's break-out sessions. We had at least one attendee at every session to maximize our coverage of the conference offerings.

Photo courtesy of Nancy Darnall

COMMENTS FROM OUR OLLI ATTENDEES

- ◇ "Self-government is hard"--remember Thomas Jefferson's eighteenth century warning about our "democratic experiment." Lifelong learning organizations' success depends on age-old tenets -- a) Keep financial viability; b) Respect every member; c) Honor diversity; d) Give back to community; e) Build strong partnerships; f) Develop leadership internally; g) Embrace change.
- ◇ Gaining new ideas for our OLLI and having quality time each evening after a day at the conference to digest and discuss these ideas with our UAH OLLI members were important.
- ◇ OLLI members, who may be natives or transplanted citizens, really enjoy learning more about the area they live in, its culture, history, natural phenomena, local treasure.
- ◇ Great lifelong learning programs are a significant way to grow or improve a community.
- ◇ Successful Lifelong Learning Institutes vary in organization, size, and funding. Common goals to provide stimulating classes, trips, and experiences are evident in the way members respond to the institutes.

Public Relations Committee



Linda McAllister
Chair

A Chance for a Do-Over

“OLLI offers you a chance for a do-over: things you wish you had done in your earlier life, subjects you wanted to learn, skills you never had time to acquire, and places you wanted to visit. . . . OLLI offers you the chance to remake your life.” Ed Bernstein, an OLLI Board member, precisely said what many of us feel. We enjoy learning in a wide variety of stimulating classes, and we enjoy opportunities to socialize with a community of people with similar interests.

How can you share some of your real stories and joys of OLLI participation with your friends? We know our friends want to make informed decisions, so give them the facts. Tell them that we have 50+ classes offered each term at a reasonable cost. Tell them that numerous socials, industrial tours, cultural events and trips are an option for members. Tell them that you can help them become a member – maybe even give a friend a gift membership – a great gift for only \$15.00! And tell them that you can help to navigate the fall term catalog and select some of the courses that you’ve enjoyed the most. And you could even escort them to a first class or guest event.

These gentle ways of encouraging will make an impact and can help everyone feel comfortable coming to the UAH campus and meeting new friends. Each of us can find positive ways to share OLLI’s legacy and the numerous ways OLLI courses, events, and friends are relevant in our lives. So spread the joy of a “do-over” experience. Personal invitations, emails, phone calls, texts, and Facebook posts all work

Welcome New Members 2014-2015

A special welcome to the following new members as of August 13, 2014.

Mary Armstrong
Bob Baker
Donna Beckett
Robert Bowen
James Bowman
Mary Buchanan
Beverly Cannon
Byron Clanton
Bob Creed
Vella Dailey
Lawrence Day
James Forte
Elise Fulda
Susan Funaro
Connie Gerlach
Vickie Goodness
Patricia Haag
Bruce Hacker

Laura Hardin
Richard Hosner
Yvonne Hughes
Tsuneo Kano
Judy Kincaid
Kathleen Lake
Victoria Laurence
Linda Lee
Stephen Letourneau
Allison Lewis
Susan Lewis
Marion Lockwood
Renee Lowder
Karen Mann
Barbara Martin
Joanne Mason
Margo Monks
Elisabeth Poleretzky

Verba Richardson
Marilyn Rue
Marty Runkle
Russ Russell
Johnnie Sanborn
Nancy Schramm
Doug Smith
Rusty Stephenson
Carol Stockdale
Jack Stockdale
Teresa M. Terrell
Tempie Thompson
Jill Tillman
Debi Walker
Lee Wayson
Susan Webb
Amber Williams
Gene Woolley
Steven Zutaut



In Memoriam – Ron Staschke



Ron Staschke passed away on August 9 after a short illness. He had been active in OLLI for several years as a participant, committee member, facilitator and instructor for several courses in the science area. Ron was a retired aerospace engineer with a B.S. in aeronautical engineering and M.S. in operations research work. He was married to Lenoir Staschke for 46 years and was fortunate to have found love a second time with Doris Williams whom he met in a photo editing course at OLLI 3 years ago. He is survived by daughter Erica Chenelle and son Dirk Staschke, a ceramic artist from the west coast. While serving as a facilitator for OLLI art classes, Ron proudly shared photos of his son's work with the class. He will be greatly missed by all.

Photo courtesy of Linda McAllister

A note from your editor: *The OLLI INSIDER* is a publication dedicated to publicizing OLLI programs and events. If you have articles or items for inclusion, please send to Nancy Darnall at nbd51@aol.com.

**Important Notice: Inputs for the October newsletter are due by September 11, 2014.
Please send articles and ideas to Nancy Darnall at nbd51@aol.com.
Please understand that due to cost and space constraints, articles may be edited for length.
Thank you for meeting the deadline!**

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