

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



Gratia Mahony
President

Fall is always an exciting time for OLLI members as we look forward to starting classes and reacquainting with our friends. This year will be especially exciting as it marks our 25th year as a lifelong program on the campus of UAH.

Founded August 3, 1993 by Dr. Mike Oliver, Director of Continuing Education, and under the direction of Jean Herron, a study program was instituted called the Academy for Lifetime Learning, Inc. Popular courses were offered and the Academy grew rapidly as it attracted the attention of seniors anxious to exercise their minds and participate in class offerings.

Then in 2005 application was made to The Bernard Osher Foundation to become an affiliate of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). The application was approved, a grant to the University from the foundation was made, and the Academy of Lifetime Learning officially became an OLLI. Since that time OLLI at UAH has grown to well over 1000 members and offers 75 courses in each of three terms.

To celebrate our 25 years, a lecture series will be offered with a special topic and presenter each month in October, November and December. These three lectures are free and open to the public and are offered as an opportunity for folks to come and discover the great lifelong learning program that we have here at OLLI. The lecture schedule will feature Alabama historian, author and lecturer, Dr. Wayne Flynt, in September; Huntsville Museum of Art's Director of Curatorial Affairs, Peter Baldaia, in October; and pop music historian and radio host, Bob Labbe in December. See page 6 of this newsletter for more information.

Please spread the word about our commemorative fall lectures and invite your friends and acquaintances to come and hear these special speakers.

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OLLI Open House & Info Session

Wednesday, August 29, 2:00-4:00 p.m./Wilson Hall lobby

Come out and visit with friends or meet new friends, register for classes, get a new parking hang-tag, enjoy refreshments and (possibly) win a door prize.

OLLI CALENDAR

Contact Linda Lowe (llowe38@gmail.com) to add an event.

Date	Time	Event
8/8/18	1:00-3:00 pm	Tour of Lowe Mill Arts & Entertainment , the largest privately owned arts facility in the U.S. Has 148 working studios for over 200 artists and makers, 6 galleries, a theatre and performance venues. RSVP Janet Reville at jrev1988@gmail.com .
8/10/18	10:00 am	Great American Read movie: <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> . A film adaptation of Jane Austin's beloved book, one of the books featured in the PBS Great American Read. Room 152 –C WIL. PoC: Jean Greenwood at
8/21/18	2:30-4:30 pm	Painting Party at Pinot's Palette (6 Parade St., Huntsville—Village of Providence). After a brief social period, a local artist will guide you step-by-step through a featured 90 minute painting. Craft beer & wine cash bar, bring your own snacks. You will leave with your own masterpiece. Cost is \$25 which is a discount for OLLI members. RSVP to Janet Reville (rev1988@gmail.com) and pay at door or pay on-line by registering at https://www.pinotspalette.com/huntsville/event/254004 .
8/24/18	10:00 am	Great American Read movie: <i>The Color Purple</i> . Based on Alice Walker's novel, this tale spans forty years of the life of Celie, an African-American woman who survives years of abuse and bigotry. This book is featured in the PBS Great American Read. Room 152-C WIL. PoC: Jean Greenwood at meanjean@knology.net .
8/29/18	2:00-4:00 pm	OLLI Open House and Info Session . Come to the registration open house and meet some of the instructors, register for classes, apply for your auto hang-tag, enjoy refreshments, visit with friends—old and new—and maybe win a door prize.
9/7/18	10:00 am	Great American Read movie: <i>Anne of Green Gables</i> . Another adaptation of a PBS Great American Read book. Follow orphaned Anne Shirley through adolescence and young adulthood in this emotionally powerful movie. Room
9/14/18	10:00 am	Great American Read movie: <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> . This literary and cinema classic of racial strife in the 1930s South is also on the PBS Great American Read list. Room 152-C WIL. PoC: Jean Greenwood at meanjean@knology.net .

If I'd known that growing older would be so interesting, I would have done it sooner!

OLLI Parking Information

Please remember that you **MUST** have a parking hang-tag displayed on your mirror or an officially issued handicap hang-tag or handicap license plate. To obtain a hang-tag you must fill out the UAH parking permit form and take it to the CPCS registration office (room 103 Wilson Hall). You can download the form at Osher.uah.edu/OLLIParkingPermit or fill one out in the registration office. You will note that the hang-tag has four spaces at the bottom: F, W, S, Su to indicate the four OLLI terms. A hole is punched in the appropriate letter. **NEW THIS YEAR:** The hang-tag will be issued for one year, September 1, 2018—August 31, 2019. You will **NO LONGER** be required to obtain a new hang-tag each term. Just bring the hang-tag to the registration office at the beginning of each term to get the next space punched out.



Look for the white dot sign as this indicates commuter parking and OLLI members are considered commuters. If you find no space in front of Wilson Hall, there is a parking area in the Executive Plaza complex (which is now UAH property) across Sparkman Drive from the Bevill Center. Come a bit early to insure time for parking and possibly walking before class.

Please insure that you have an up-to-date hang-tag or handicapped tag and that you park in the designated space. UAH safety officers will issue tickets for infractions.

Come to the OLLI Open House & Info Session on August 29 at 2:00 (Wilson Hall lobby) and fill out your forms without the rush of the first day of class. Hope to see you then!

OLLI is Powered by Volunteer Effort!

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 Bonus presentation please contact Rexanne Warfel at rewarfel@yahoo.com.

If you would like to help staff the OLLI Volunteer Office (2-hour assignments), contact Irene Garoppo at igaroppo@knology.net.

If you would like to be the editor of the OLLI newsletter, *The OLLI Insider*, contact Jerry Pang at pang7713@gmail.com.

Future OLLI Trips

OLLI members love to travel and have had great experiences going to Alaska, England/Wales/Scotland, Fairhope, Memphis, eastern and western Canada, Spain and Washington, DC in the past four years. We now have three new trips planned for 2019—two with Grand Circle Tours and one closer to home with Road Scholar.

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 256-529-7319 or email at calabash107@gmail.com. Register now with Road Scholar at 877-209-4634 referencing **NOLA Program #21665 for UAH OLLI**.

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 Center, 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**.



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. Specific dates haven’t been set yet as Grand Circle hasn’t published their 2019 river cruise dates. 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 be sure to leave plenty of room in your suitcase for the treasures you’re sure to find. For more information contact **Irene Garoppo** at igaroppo@knology.net or look at the complete program details online at www.gct.com/xmas2018. Please note that the web site will be for the 2018 trip and will be updated once the 2019 schedule is released. Pre-register now with Grand Circle at 877-220-2540 referencing code **G9-26157 OLLI UAH trip for Christmas on the Danube**.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE



Linda McAllister
Curriculum Chair

Fall is quickly approaching and excitement is in the air. Many of us are rejuvenated by our excellent summer courses as well as ideas learned at our *Southern Regional Conference for Learning in Retirement* hosted by our own UAH OLLI program.

Your Curriculum Committee has planned more than 75 courses on a variety of subjects for our Fall Term. Classes will begin September 10 and conclude November 2. Catalogs are available online now and you have likely received a beautiful full-color catalog in the mail.

August 29 our Registration/Open House from 2:00-4:00 p.m. will offer an opportunity for you to meet some of our hard-working Curriculum Committee members as well as some of the instructors. Registration tables will be set up in our Wilson Hall lobby and refreshments will be available. This casual event is always a good opportunity to introduce someone new to your OLLI friends and to our OLLI facilities in Wilson Hall. Remember sometimes folks are reluctant to make that leap to come to an unfamiliar setting and get involved with something new. You can help make that connection by being a good ambassador and promoter for our excellent OLLI program.

Again, I continue to praise our hard working Curriculum Committee. We are already busy planning Winter Term and this would be an excellent time for new members to join our committee. If you are interested in helping to brain storm and suggest potential courses and/or instructors, please know that you have an open invitation to be on our Committee. Since curriculum is the heart of OLLI, this committee is the largest in the organization and we are responsible for courses, instructors and facilitators. OLLI is strong because we have many who give back to this vibrant community organization by volunteering in some way to keep the program alive and well. We would welcome your input. Email me if you want more details: Linda McAllister wmca@hiwaay.net.

OLLI members enjoyed a variety of summer classes



Join UAH in Celebrating 25 Years of Lifelong Learning



YEARS OF LIFELONG LEARNING AT UAH

ANNIVERSARY SPEAKER SERIES

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

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

To celebrate, we are hosting a 25th anniversary speaker series. These presentations are free and open to the public. Show your friends what OLLI is all about!

Visit Osher.uah.edu/25 for more information.

October 26 – 1:00 – 2:30 pm

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

Wayne Flynt, noted Alabama historian, author, and Professor Emeritus at Auburn University

November 9 – 1:00-2:30 pm

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

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

December 7 – 1:00 – 2:30 pm

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

Bob Labbe, pop music historian and WLRH radio host

Don't forget to read your *OLLI Weekly e-News*, sent by email every Friday.

See lots more OLLI photos on the OLLI webpage at Osher.uah.edu

Access with blue button on left side of page: "OLLI Photo Albums"

OLLI Member Interest Groups

OLLI Member Interest Groups (MIG)

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

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)

Paper Craft Card Making: Meet people who share your interest in this fun activity. Diane Vaughn (g.dianne.vaughn@gmail.com)

Fall Class Preview

Critical Economic Thinking—Macroeconomic Topics

Kent Kraus—Thursdays 8:45-10:15

I created this course as an endeavor to look past political rhetoric surrounding current socio-economic issues by examining the issues from the perspective of economic theory. We address each selected issue by presenting the applicable economic theory as the basis for objective analysis and then drawing conclusions about the policy implications and surrounding political rhetoric. The Fall term will address microeconomic issues like how the market allocates resources, why it might fail in certain instances, and the proper role of government when it does fail. We will look at issues like health care, minimum wage, pharmaceutical markets, intellectual property, and disaster insurance. The Spring term will address macroeconomic issues like international trade, distribution of wealth and income, and monetary and fiscal policy. Background in economics is not required. Those who attended the first cycle of these courses will find considerable redundancy but also new material based on whatever issues are current in the news.

We had fun this summer . . .

**Belle Chevre
Creamery—
Elkmont, AL**

**Photos: Alice Sammon
& Val Seaquist**



More Summer Fun . . .

Muscle Shoals:

Alabama Music Hall
of Fame, Muscle
Shoals Sound Studio,
Fame Studio



*Photos by Jerry Pang
& Pam Emmerich*





The Last Word

Farewell and Thank You to Rebecca Duke



Rebecca Duke, Director of our Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, last day at UAH was August 3rd. We appreciate the vision and enthusiasm she brought to the position and the benefits the organization gained from her efforts. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

The OLLI Insider **September** information submission deadline is **August 27**. (Early is better!) Please submit your articles and photos to Val Seaquist at vseaquistj@bellsouth.net. As always, include the photographer's name, the names of those in the photo, and the event.

August Checklist

- *Plan to attend OLLI Open House & Info Session (8/29—2:00 p.m.)*
- *Register for Fall term which start Monday, September 10th*
- *Apply for parking hang-tag*
- *Check out the Member Interest Groups (MIG)*
- *Volunteer for office duty, classroom facilitator, ambassador, Bonus snacks*
- *Check out the "Popcorn & a Movie" schedule (pg. 2)*
- *Donate to OLLI Support Fund ([Osher.uah.edu/Donate OLLI](http://Osher.uah.edu/DonateOLLI))*
- *Dust off satchel, sharpen pencils, get ready for FUN . . .*

These are the new retirement years! Learn, grow, enjoy!



LIVE. LAUGH. LEARN.

Rediscover the joy of learning! Meet new people and stay intellectually active, while having fun! OLLI at UAH is a vibrant learning community for adults 50+. It is designed for your lifestyle. Select from over 70 courses, with no grades or tests!

12 month membership – Only \$16
Term Course Fee – \$85 per term

Up to three courses per term. Additional courses are \$15 each.

Fall courses start September 10th.

Fall Term: September 10 – November 4

Join OLLI at UAH Today!

Register and learn more about OLLI at Osher.uah.edu or call 256.824.6183. View the course guide at Osher.uah.edu/Catalog

Registration/Open House – Wednesday, August 29th.

2 – 4 pm, Wilson Hall lobby. Tour our facility, explore the fall term offerings, and see what the OLLI program is all about!



**View a full listing of courses
at Osher.uah.edu/Catalog**

**OSHER.uah.edu/JoinOLLI
256.824.6183**

Be an Active Part of OLLI at UAH,
a non-profit volunteer-supported organization.
Volunteer to teach, provide office support, facilitate a course, join a committee, help develop curriculum, organize a social activity, or plan a cultural event.

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Finance and Economics
- Fine Arts and Language Arts
- Foreign Languages
- Health and Fitness
- History and Government
- Information Technology
- Leisure and Nature
- Music and Dance
- Natural Resources
- Psychology and Philosophy
- Science and Mathematics
- Skills and Hobbies
- Travel

OLLI After Five

**Tues or Thurs,
5:15 to 6:45 pm:**

- Ballroom Dancing
- Beginning Spanish
- Breath-Centered Yoga
- Bridge Conventions
- Hobby Photography
- Rock Music: 1950s – 1989


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