

News For Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH
APRIL 2019

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Welcome,
APRIL



CALENDAR

Month	Time	Event
4/5/19	11:00 AM –3:00 PM	SAVE THE DATE: Inside OLLI Information Session. Learn about the social, educational, cultural, and volunteer opportunities that await you in OLLI. Box lunch is served. Online pre-registration required here . POC: Gratia Mahony (dunhamgratia007@gmail.com).
4/9/19	9:00 AM	Hudson Alpha Tour (FULL). POC: Linda Lowe(llowe38@gmail.com)
4/11/19	7:00 PM	Chinese Lantern Festival – Huntsville Botanical Garden. Join OLLI friends for a group visit to the Chinese lantern exhibit, boasting more than 1,000 illuminated displays. Click here for ticket pricing.
4/12/19	10:30 AM	Popcorn & a Movie: <i>Murder on Orient Express (2017)</i> . When a murder occurs on the train he's travelling on, celebrated detective Hercule Poirot is recruited to solve the case. Movie based on novel by Agatha Christie. WIL 152C.
4/12/19	1:00 PM / 2:00 PM	Spring 2019 AV & Facilitator Training. For instructors and facilitators serving in the Spring term. AV Training will begin at 1:00 PM, followed by facilitator training at 2:00 PM. WIL 212.
4/13/19	1:00 PM	UAH Spring Sports Day. UAH Athletics has graciously agreed to host OLLI members at an exciting Saturday in Charger Park! Lacrosse presentation at 1:15pm under OLLI canopy. Free with OLLI badge. POC: Janet Reville (jrev1988@gmail.com).
4/14/19	2:00 PM	Huntsville Ballet: <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> . VBC- Mark C. Smith Concert Hall. For half-price discount tickets, contact Joan May (jmikemay@comcast.net) or Danyne Drake (stagestruck@wowway.com).
4/15/19– 5/20/19		SPRING SEMESTER
4/19/19	11:00 AM	Bonus: Battle of the Bulge- <i>Tennent Lee</i> . Journey through time in this combination of travelogue and battle history. Mr. Lee compares historical photos from the Battle of the Bulge in 1944 to the same scenes encountered on his recent trip to Ardennes. WIL 168.
4/26/19	11:00 AM	Bonus: Nepal Trip – <i>Tom Ress</i> . Come along as avid traveler Tom Ress takes you on his recent adventures in Nepal! Discover a newfound love of trekking or get a feel for the serenity that awaits you at the foothills of the Himalayas. WIL 168.
5/3/19	11:00 AM	Bonus: Lessons of the Great Depression – <i>Jim Anthony</i> . History holds many lessons. Join us to explore the reasons the Depression took place, the factors that helped it come to an end, and the impact on Americans who lived through it. WIL 168.
5/20/19	6:00 PM	Annual Dinner- UAH Student Services Building (SSB 112). Join OLLI friends and invited guests for a special evening celebration. Make your reservation now at Osher.uah.edu/AnnualDinner . Cost is \$20.00 per person. Contact OLLI.Info@uah.edu for more information.

Contact Linda Lowe (lhowe38@gmail.com) to add an event.

FROM THE EDITOR



Lisa Brunegraff
Editor

“Time well spent” comes to mind when trying to describe OLLI with its many classes and programs, but spending time should really be called investing time. Programs like OLLI have a way of enriching our lives in more ways than one. For those who scour the catalog looking for something to pique their interest, the Board of Directors and various committees seek ways to keep the programs fresh and up-to-date. Thank you to the many instructors who help us learn by teaching and to all the volunteers who spend countless hours to keep the program running smoothly. The time invested helps us stay connected and stay engaged and stay healthy.

With a new term starting on April 15th, it is great to hear people already discussing their class choices and sharing their experiences. As editor of the newsletter, I am creating a different approach. The purpose will be to renew focus in highlighting the activities of members. We want to show not only the courses, but also Member Interest Groups (MIGS), events and socials, trips, and the many other facets of OLLI. I want to encourage members to share how they invest their time in the program. At any activity you attend, please take a couple of pictures and send them to OLLINewsletter@uah.edu.

Lisa Brunegraff
Editor, The OLLI Insider



FROM THE PRESIDENT



Gratia Mahony
President

Spring is here at last! This means a new term of courses for OLLI students beginning on April 15th and new opportunities for members to learn and grow with OLLI. There is still time to register for those who wish to take part in our Spring term, which has plenty of new and exciting courses from which to choose. Be sure to step outside of your comfort zone and try out a new course or two!

Recently, a friend gave me a pretty journal in which to record some thoughts or memories. As I thought of things to write in the journal, my memories turned to all the things I have learned in OLLI. Why not record some of the interesting things I learned in recent classes? Here are a few things I learned from some of the classes I took during the Winter term:

- **Black and White: Conundrums on Race** – We learned about ‘white privilege’ and how it affects diversity and multi-cultural relations.
- **What is a Symphony, Actually?** – We studied the development of a symphony as a musical form, and we listened to lots of wonderful examples.
- **American Art and Artists** – Kehinde Wiley, was the first African-American painter to paint the first African-American Presidential portrait, and artist Amy Sherald painted Michelle Obama’s portrait.
- **The British Royals** – We looked at a combination of historical facts and studied the lives of British monarchs.
- **TED Talks: A World of Ideas** – Student leaders led discussions on a number of topics, including why some people are afraid of vaccinations or on the inequity of healthcare in the US.
- **English Language and Vocabulary Building** – We discovered the meaning of ‘**Gemutlichkeit**’, an atmosphere characterized by a cheerful mood and peace of mind, with a connotation of fellowship and coziness. **Gemutlichkeit** expresses all the things we love and enjoy about coming to classes at OLLI.

I hope you all will feel some *gemutlichkeit* this spring. Enjoy your OLLI experience this spring.

Gratia Mahony
OLLI at UAH Board President

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE



Linda McAllister
Curriculum Chair

What a terrific Winter Term to kick off 2019! Courses were outstanding, teachers were prepared and engaging, and we had record course enrollment. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to make our learning fun and interesting. “Everyone” is a broad term that not only includes teachers, but also members who were willing to contribute to meaningful class discussions, served as facilitators, or assisted on committees to plan curriculum. A big thanks is always appropriate for our UAH OLLI staff who produce our catalogs, market our program, assign classrooms, troubleshoot problems, help with AV equipment, and generally support us in numerous ways throughout the year.

Additionally, thank you to the Social Committee who arranged an interesting new venue for our Teacher Appreciation Lunch. A record crowd was curious enough to show up at Huntsville’s historic Lincoln Mill. A taco bar and fiesta decorations set the stage, and the Curriculum Committee asked various teachers to demonstrate or display work from their classes. Attendees enjoyed seeing cards from the Card Making class and art work displayed. Our ukulele instructor led us in singing *Stand By Me*, and our ballroom dance teacher and several students demonstrated dances they learned during Winter Term. Discipline Chairs recognized their respective teachers, and everyone seemed to have a great time socializing.

Registration for Spring Term is progressing nicely, and several courses already have a waiting list. Faithful teachers will be returning, and we are also happy to welcome some new teachers this spring. The term begins on April 15th, so if you have not registered, now is the time. Planning and executing our OLLI curriculum is a year-round process. As Winter Term ends, Spring Term registration is in process, and the volunteer Curriculum Committee is already busy planning Fall Term. In addition, our UAH OLLI Program Manager, Alissa McKinnon, is planning an exciting array of opportunities for Summer Term. It takes many volunteers to keep our lifelong learning program vibrant. If you want to be a teacher or serve on the Curriculum Committee to help plan our curriculum, please let me know at wmca@hiwaay.net. Opportunities for learning and volunteering abound.

Linda McAllister
Chair, Curriculum Committee

SOCIAL COMMITTEE



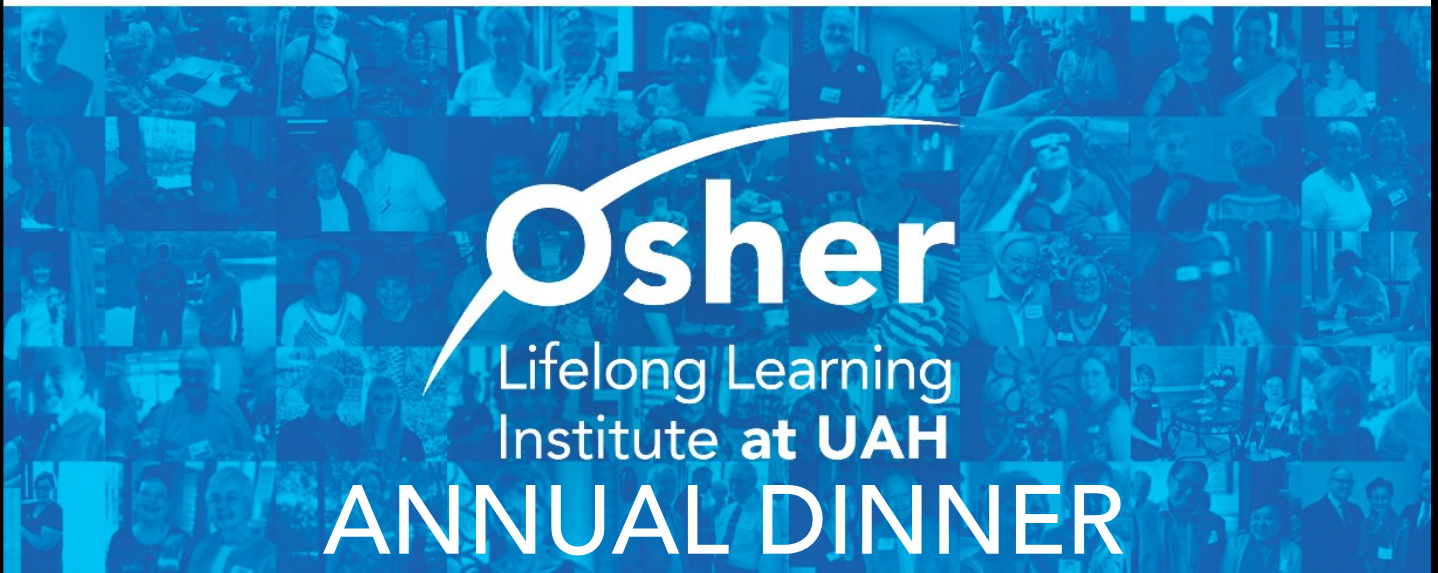
Bob Darnall
Social Committee

More than 100 OLLI members attended the luncheon on the Ides of March to thank our wonderful winter term instructors for the exceptional programs we had this year. The Mexican-themed event was held at the renovated Lincoln Mill, including a do-it-yourself Taco Bar and sopapillas. Special thanks to the Curriculum Committee for providing student artwork and entertainment, giving teachers and students an opportunity to show the variety of classes held at OLLI each term.

As you sign up for spring classes mark your calendar for the Annual Dinner on Monday, May 20th at the Student Services Building (SSB 112) overlooking the UAH campus. Cost for a great meal and good fellowship with your OLLI members is only \$20.00, so we hope to see you all there. There will be entertainment and an introduction of the OLLI Board of Directors for the 2019-2020 school year. Reservations are required and can be made at

Osher.uah.edu/AnnualDinner. As always, if you would be interested in serving on the Social Committee or you just have some ideas about what events you would like to see at OLLI, please contact me at 256.508.6033 or darnall45@icloud.com.

Bob Darnall
Chair, Social Committee



Monday, May 20, 2019 | \$20 — Social 6:00 pm | Dinner 6:30 pm

UAH Student Services Building - Room 112

Winter 2019 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon



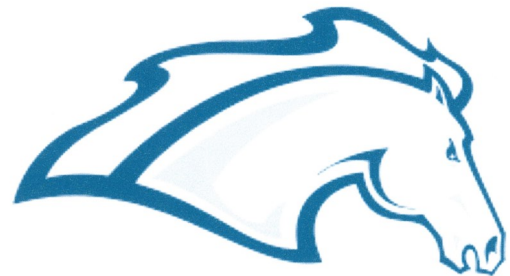


After finishing their State Parks of North Alabama course, students decided to take an impromptu visit to Desoto State Park together. The class was taught by Dr. Steve Jones, a retired forester, author, and retired university president. Dr. Jones was kind enough to even coordinate a tour by a local park ranger. It was a beautiful day, and a nice finish to a miserable wet winter. We are always thrilled when our courses result in new friendships and experiences for our members!

UAH SPRING SPORTS DAY

UAH Athletics has graciously agreed to host OLLI members at an exciting Saturday in Charger Park! With free admission (show your OLLI badge), you can choose your favorite sport to watch or even learn about a new one!

There will be Men's Baseball, Women's Softball, and Women's Lacrosse all happening on the UAH athletic fields. Both baseball and softball will be having double headers, and lacrosse will start at 2 pm. As an added bonus, we will have a special guest giving OLLI members a brief overview of the rules and equipment used by the lacrosse team. This presentation will start at approximately 1:15 pm under the OLLI canopy located next to the fields. There will be refreshments and shade available - bring your own chairs if you don't like bleacher seating! Charger Park will be an exciting place to be as a kickoff to our Spring Term. Contact Janet Reville for more information at jrev1988@gmail.com.



**UAH Women's Lacrosse Sweeps GSC
Weekly Honors for Second Time in 2019**



OLLI at CHARGER PARK

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th starting at 1 PM

**BRING YOUR OWN
LAWN CHAIR**



**1 PM - Softball
Doubleheader**

**2 PM - Baseball
Doubleheader**

**1:15 PM - Lacrosse Presentation
in the OLLI Tent**

2 PM – Lacrosse Game

**FREE ADMISSION ALL
DAY WITH OLLI BADGE**

MEMBER INTEREST GROUPS

MIGs are open to all OLLI members.

Hiking: Hikes on Thursday and Friday mornings. Bob Goodwin
(OLLHIKING@gmail.com).

Dining Out: Featured local restaurants each month. If you do not like dining out alone, this is a great opportunity to try out a new restaurant and make new friends. Restaurants are selected based on availability for a group and broad menu selections to accommodate most tastes. MIG tries to have an event each month with various price points. There are a few regulars attenders who come with friends, but others are first timers. Suggestions of where to go are always welcome. Sandy Dabrowski
(dabros1@comcast.net).

Knitting: Share your enjoyment and increase your skills. All levels welcome. Barbara Ward (bward@hiwaay.net).

Stock Study Club: Study and report on stocks to explore the world of investing. J Phillip. (the_p_patch@knology.net).

Tennis: Court time and pro tournament gatherings. Judy Eckert
(juaeckert@gmail.com).

Tai Chi: Practice sessions for members **who have taken tai chi classes**. Jerry Pang
(pang7713@gmail.com).

Bridge: Bring or meet a partner to play bridge for fun. All levels welcome. Bruce Machamer (bnmacham68@gmail.com).

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

MEMBER INTEREST GROUPS

DINING OUT

Baumhower's Victory Grill

Baumhower's Victory Grill was the Dining Out selection for the month of March. OLLI members were able to meet up on Monday, March 18th and enjoy Baumhower's newest location on Memorial Parkway. Baumhower's is owned by Robert Baumhower, a former football player who played for the University of Alabama and the Miami Dolphins. It is a sports bar, but the menu selection would appeal to a variety of taste.

Join the Dining Out MIG on Monday, April 22 at 5:30pm to dine at Mango's Caribbean Cookhouse, located at 1426 Paramount Drive in Huntsville. Buffet, a la carte, and vegan options available. Sign up in the OLLI Office or online [here](#). Contact Sandy Dabrowski (dabros1@comcast.net) for more information.



OLLI VOLUNTEERS

OLLI is Stronger with its Volunteers!

If you have an interest in becoming an OLLI Ambassador and assisting the UAH College of Professional and Continuing Studies (CPCS) OLLI office, please contact Alice Sammon at Alice.Sammon@uah.edu or 256.824.6183. Ambassadors work one-on-one with CPCS to make OLLI a stronger program by helping with administrative and office tasks. They work behind the scenes to ensure that our program runs smoothly and continues to grow better than ever!

If you would like to assist with snacks after the weekly Bonus, please contact Rexanne Warfel at rewarfel@yahoo.com. Note: A snack schedule has been posted on the board in the lounge to make it easier to sign up for particular days.

If you would like to help staff the OLLI Volunteer office, contact Irene Garoppo at igaroppo@knology.net. Volunteers play a crucial role in our program and are always needed to assist in the office during the term! If you are interested in staffing the office for a couple hours each week, please let Irene know.

NEED FOR PRESENTERS

Do you have a civic, social or religious group that might be interested in learning about OLLI and all we offer? If so, contact Liz Kocir, OLLI Public Relations Chair at Elizabethkocir@yahoo.com to arrange a speaker for your group. Liz has all of the displays pamphlets and equipment needed to help you.

Remember: YOU are the best PR person for your group. Share your experiences with friends and encourage them to become members.



FUTURE TRIPS

Christmas Markets Along The Danube

HURRY! TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

The Christmas on the Danube Cruise in December is still open with some space available, **BUT** it is now open to the general public. If you want to take this cruise, HURRY! Space may still be available, but it is going fast.

We will leave on December 2, 2019 and fly to Nuremberg, Germany, where we will spend two days. On days 4-5, we are off to Regensburg, Day 6 in Passau, Day 7 to Linz, Austria, Day 8 in Melk and Vienna, and leaving Vienna on Day 9 to return home. Cost is very reasonable at \$3295, with airfare **FROM HUNTSVILLE**. The price is adjusted based on cabin choice on the ship. All the single rooms have been taken, but there are plenty of doubles still available.

Cost includes air fare; accommodations for 7 nights aboard a private river ship with Wi-Fi access; 20 meals including beer, wine and soft drinks; 5 tours with a dedicated guide, with visits to a maximum of five Christmas markets and five Exclusive Discovery Series events; gratuities for local guides and motor coach drivers; and all port charges and baggage handling for one piece of luggage per person, including tips. As extra bonus, there will be a 5% frequent travel credit toward your next Grand Circle trip.

If you are interested, contact Grand Circle at 800.221.2610 to make your reservation, mentioning code G9-26157 to identify you as a member of our group. Trip brochures are available in the OLLI Volunteer Office, or you can go online to www.gct.com/xms2019.

Looking forward to sharing this wonderful experience with fellow OLLI members!



THE LAST WORD

**OLLI Program Manager
Alissa McKinnon and
Secretary Val Seaquist
attend the 2019
Scholarship Donor
Luncheon. See below to
learn how to donate to the
OLLI Scholarship Fund!**



**Don't forget to read your
*OLLI at UAH Weekly
e-News* which is sent
every Friday evening.
Not receiving yours?
Contact
OLLI.Info@uah.edu.**

Spring Term Parking Hang-Tags

The parking permit procedure has changed for this academic year. You must now validate your permit (hang tag) prior to each term. If you have a permit from Winter term and are registered for Spring term, take it to the OLLI Registration Office (WIL 103) to have your permit validated for the term. The same process will apply for Summer terms.

Do you have a suggestion to improve OLLI's educational offerings or services to the members? We would like to hear from you. Do you have a concern that you would like addressed? Do you want to volunteer for something but don't know who to approach? There is a suggestion box in the hallway outside the OLLI Volunteer Office.

OLLI Needs Your Help! Support our Scholarship Fund

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

How to Donate:

The easiest way to donate is by credit card online at Osher.uah.edu/DonateOLLI. If you would prefer to donate by check, print out the [donor form](#) page (this insures tax credit) and mail the form to the below address. Whichever method you choose, be sure to designate which fund you would like to donate to.

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