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April 2008 Newsletter

Summer Enrichment Series 2008 Political Perspectives on Current National Issues

OLLI members will spend four Tuesday mornings this summer considering the most important issues facing us as voters in the upcoming presidential election. Topics will include the economy, foreign affairs, national security, and immigration. We will have an opportunity to hear from candidate representatives and have round table discussion. Be an educated voter! Mark your calendar now! The meetings will be held at Faith Presbyterian Church on the corner of Whitesburg Drive and Carl T. Jones on Tuesday, July 22 and 29 and Tuesday, August 5 and 12. Other necessary details will be announced later.

Submitted by Mary Compton and Barbara Lucero

Cultural Events

The Metropolitan Opera broadcasts will continue at Hollywood 18 Theater on Saturday, April 5, with La Boheme beginning at 12:30 p.m. and on Saturday, April 26, with La Fille Du Regiment at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for seniors. Efforts will be made to send emails about Rave and Carmike 10 opera presentations, or you may call the theaters. Complete information is not available at this time.

Nell Roberts is coordinating another interesting visit to Huntsville Museum of Art scheduled for April 11. Meet at Cyn Shea's Express at 12:30 for lunch, then be at the Museum at 2:00 for a docent-led tour of three exhibits - "J.C. Leyendecker in the Golden Age of Illustration" (his works included the "Kellogg's Kid" illustrations); "The Inventions of Leonardo da Vinci" (including scientific and technical drawings, and some models which are interactive); and "Howard Cook: Drawings of Alabama" (he is one of the most recognized American lithographers of the 1930s). Call Nell (539-9837) if you can join us.

Rono Prince tells us the Hogue Sinfonietta concert rehearsals are going well and they expect to WOW us on April 12, and we are sure they will! The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Roberts Recital Hall. UAH Music Department is requesting a \$5 donation at the door to help defray the cost of the recital hall.

Plans are to attend a day at the Sewanee Summer Music Festival in the summer. Details will be provided soon.

Pat Lindberg, Cultural Committee Chair

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring Term Begins!!	Mar 31
Volksmarching!	Apr 4, 11, 18
La Boheme Hollywood 18 Theater	Apr 5 12:30 p.m.
Lunch, Tour Huntsville Museum of Art	Apr 11 12:30 p.m.
Hogue Sinfonietta Concert UAH Roberts Hall	Apr 12 7:30 p.m.
Hudson Alfa Open House	Apr 25 10:00 a.m.
Industrial Tour DHS Systems	Apr 25 11:00 a.m.
La Fille Du Regiment Hollywood 18 Theater	Apr. 26 12:30 p.m.
Cornbread Festival S. Pittsburg	Apr. 26 8:30 a.m.
Intergenerational Program Information on page 3	June 3, 4 9:30 a.m.
Intergenerational Program Information on page 3	June 5 5:00 p.m.
Summer Enrichment Series	July 22, 29
Summer Enrichment Series	Aug 5, 12
Fairhope, AL Coastal Trip.....	May 22-25

Special Events Committee

The winter term ended with some fun and well-attended activities sponsored by your Special Events Committee (SEC). The Brown Bag lunch on March 5 was another success with 35 members congregating for lunch in WH111A before heading to the Wednesday Bonus session. Many thanks to Della Evans for coordinating this very special event! Anna Baltzer's presentation on March 5 was very well received and had at least 200 attendees. Its overwhelming success is due to the efforts of its coordinator, Dr. Reese Kilgo and her team. Many thanks, Reese, for all the hard work! Unfortunately, a rainy March 14 forced the cancellation of Barbara Roberts' Buck's Pocket hike. But Dick Schock's Volksmarching hikes began March 21 and will continue through April. Game Day on March 24 was, as always, a lot of fun. Thanks to Phyllis Varney and Mary Compton for continuing to coordinate this popular event.



Spring is here and our OLLI calendars are filling with wonderful opportunities. Numerous SEC activities for the spring and summer terms are addressed in this newsletter. We hope you'll find an activity that meshes with your particular interests. If not, let us know what other type activities you'd like to see.

Joyce Howell,
Special Events Committee Chair

Let's Go Volksmarching!!

Dick Schock's spring hikes will continue through April. Hikes will be on Friday mornings, from 8:30 to 11:30, about 3 miles in length, with elevation changes of approximately 300 feet. The Monte Sano Guide rates trails on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is easiest and 5 is extremely difficult. These trails are rated 3 or 4. Hikes on Monte Sano may require a \$2.00 donation to the Park. The rain policy is "if it's raining, the hike is cancelled; if rain is predicted we will hike; bring rain gear." If you want to join any of the hikes, contact Dick at 539-5543 for specific instructions, including where the group will be meeting on that date.

Dick Schock, Coordinator
Special Events Committee

Hudson Alfa Institute Open House



The new Hudson Alpha Institute has extended a special invitation to OLLI members to attend their Open House on April 25. We'll meet at the Institute at 10 a.m. for tours of the building and at 11 a.m., attend a brown bag (bring your own lunch or purchase one in their café) discussion on "What is DNA and how does it impact health and disease." Later that afternoon (from about 1 - 2:30p.m.), there will be additional scientific talks by research scientists about their work.

Joyce Howell, Special Events

S. Pittsburg Cornbread Festival

Let's check-out the twelfth annual National Cornbread Festival in South Pittsburg (about 75 miles from Huntsville) on April 26. Admission is \$3. Carpool from Mullins Restaurant on Andrew Jackson with 8:30 a.m. departure (Come early for breakfast.). Events include cornbread judging, historic tour of S Pittsburg, tour of Lodge Cast Iron Factory, and lots of music - The Fiery Gizzard String Band will start playing at 10:00. More details on the website www.nationalcornbread.com. Contact Della Evans at dellaobr@yahoo.com or at 881-8229.

Della Evans, Special Events Committee Coordinator

OLLI Intergenerational Program



EARLYWORKS June 3rd, 2008 (Open to all ages)

- 9:30 - 9:40 Meet in the Lunch Bucket at Earlyworks for program overview
 - 9:40 - 10:15 Children and grandparents 5 years of age and younger go to Biscuits backyard. Children and grandparents 5 years of age and older go the theater for Alabama film after which they will do an Indian craft and game
 - 10:15 - 10:30 Everyone meet in cabin for presentation by Laura Ingalls
 - 10:30 - 10:45 Everyone meet in keel boat for Huck Finn presentation
 - 10:45 - 11:00 Everyone dress up in period clothes for a picture at the wagon
 - 11:00 - 11:15 Little people and grandparents meet at tree for a story
Bigger people and grandparents complete a scavenger hunt
 - 11:15 - 11:30 Lunch (furnished by OLLI) in the Lunch Pail
- After lunch participants may do a self guided tour through the museum.**

CONSTITUTION VILLAGE June 4th, 2008 Appropriate for school age children; younger children are welcome.

- 9:30 - 9:40 Overview of Village program
- 9:40 - 9:55 The first Alabamians
- 10:00 -10:15 Herbs
- 10:15 - 10:30 Corn Husk dolls
- 10:30 - 10:45 Friendly loom/spinning demonstration
- 10:45 - 11:00 Tin punch
- 11:00 - 11:15 Manners
- 11:15 - 11:30 Lunch (furnished by OLLI) in the Lunch Pail

HISTORIC TRAIN DEPOT June 5th, 2008 Designed for school age children others welcome.

- 5:00 - 5:10 Overview of Depot Program
- 5:10 - 5:30 Civil War soldier drill
- 5:30 - 5:45 Virginia Reel
- 5:45 - 6:00 3rd Floor Depot
- 6:00 - 6:15 Auto House
- 6:15 - 6:30 Craft
- 6:30 - 6:45 Ghost story
- 6:45 - 7:00 Roast hot dogs and marshmallows

(Substitutions may be made in the program based on weather and other conditions; however, I assure you any such change will be of high quality.) .

**Coordinated by Shirley Mohler, 539-3660, Betty Carlton, Facilitator
Special Events Committee**

INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM

Check program and date: EARLY WORKS June 3 ___ CONSTITUTION VILLAGE June 4 ___

**HUNTSVILLE HISTORIC TRAIN DEPOT June 5 ___ Amount of fees enclosed _____
(No cost to Earlyworks members)**

RESERVATION AND PAYMENT REQUESTED IN ADVANCE by May 30, 2008. Clip form below and mail reservations, date, and \$7:00 fee for each program and person to Betty Carlton, 6614 Chadwell Road, Huntsville, AL 35802

Name(s) of parent, grandparent or adult friend and child(ren) and child's age(s)

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Teacher Appreciation Social a Jolly Green Time



Thanks Instructors, We REALLY Appreciate You!!

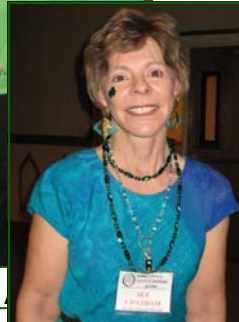
Shades of green everywhere, and what a sight to see! Everyone was in the Irish spirit. Although the main focus of the social was to honor instructors



and facilitators who volunteer their time and knowledge to OLLI, there was some Irish story-telling by Sara McDaris, and Chuck Frew gave an interesting slide presentation of places of interest in the Tennessee Valley which he highlights in his new book. Good barbeque, fun people, a pleasant time was had by all. Thanks to Nan Case who did the decorations, Sandra Lyons for the BBQ and to Cindy Spratley, Brenda Wynn and Joan Arnold who helped with the setup/serving.



Members have fun dressing in Irish



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Dear OLLI Friends and Colleagues,

I want to thank you for sponsoring and supporting the Anna Baltzer presentation and book signing on Saturday last. It was a resounding success, with a full house of over 200 attendees, who gave her two standing ovations.

I have received dozens of calls and notes since, commending OLLI-UAH for bringing her here. I could never have done it without all of your help. It's good to know that UAH is still upholding the same ideals and principles of academic freedom and enlightenment as when I was there full-time, 1966-88.

Again, THANK YOU, everybody.

*Shalom, Salaam, Peace,
 Reese Kilgo*

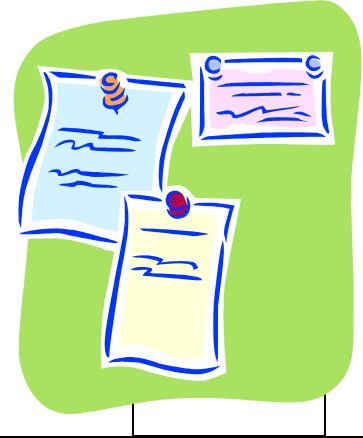


Anna Baltzer chats while book signing

Want Ad Service Coming

Thanks to a valuable suggestion by Beverly Liles, the Member Services Committee has agreed to provide a bulletin board near the OLLI Office so that members may post their personal advertisements.

Post an ad for sale items, for things you need (i.e. pet sitter), or for services. Please date the ad and remove it once the item is found or sold. Ads will be cleared after an agreed upon time frame.



Alabama Sampler: Fairhope, AL

The May 22-25 trip to Fairhope, AL, is full. To add your name to a waiting list, contact Eleanor Carter at 881-6232 or at Carterer@aol.com.

Volunteer Opportunities in OLLI



We need more volunteers to work in the OLLI office during the spring term while classes are in session. Office volunteers answer the telephone, assist classroom facilitators and instructors in various ways such as providing reproduction of material for classes, assist students with their needs, and provide general office support. Training will be provided for you. If you are willing to help, please call Hugh Nicholson at 830-9279.

Jim Lindberg
Member Services Committee

Get Involved With OLLI Course Selection

Every OLLI member brings something unique and valuable to our organization. If you love the courses that OLLI provides, consider using your experience and abilities to make our program even better.

Would you like to be involved in the selection process for OLLI courses? Want to know in advance what will be offered in upcoming terms? Do you enjoy scheduling and planning? Would you enjoy editing descriptions of courses and interesting biographies of OLLI instructors that appear in the catalog? Do you have a special interest in literature or art courses? Do you like craft courses or other leisure time pursuits? Have an interest in economics and financial courses? Want to help choose which computer courses are offered? Have an interest in psychology, religion or philosophy? Love history?

If you can say yes to any of these questions, the Curriculum Committee has a place for you. Your talents and fresh ideas will help shape our organization to meet more fully our members' interests. Call Bev Liles at 883-2607, or email her at bevedit@knology.net. This is the perfect time to expand your activities with OLLI and use your special talents!

Beverly Liles, Chair
Curriculum Committee

OLLI BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINEES FOR 2008-2009

Nan Case Born in Chicago, IL, Nan was raised as one of five children in Port Angeles, WA, in a flamboyant family of individualists. She married Carl Case at age 19. They both attended college. Nan graduated from the University of Washington, Seattle, with a BS in Dental Hygiene and practiced as a hygienist for 35 years. She has lived in Seattle, Berwyn, PA, and in Huntsville for 23 years. Along the way she and her husband raised two boys and a girl and a nephew. She has been a member of OLLI for five years and has enjoyed the experience of classes, trips, working as a facilitator, and serving on the Social Committee.



Charles Duffy In the course of a career involving government service (Foreign Service Officer), banking, (JP Morgan, Mellon) consulting, and not-for profit management (Chamber of Commerce) (American Management Association), he has served on numerous company boards, non-profit boards, and corporate planning committees. Charles has successfully worked with three city governments to solve serious environmental problems and worked actively with local governments to develop programs to attract industrial investment. He served on the boards of local schools to develop long range plans and financing. Charles joined the OLLI in 2003 and currently serves as OLLI Chair of Curriculum Subcommittee for Finance and Economics.

Joyce Howell Born in Enterprise, Alabama, she received a B.S. from the University of Alabama in Mathematics and English. Her work experience included computer programming and management positions. Her involvement with The Academy began following her retirement. At the Academy/OLLI, she has served as an office volunteer and class facilitator, on the Long Range Planning, and on the Social, Member Services, Administration & Finance, and Special Events Committees. For the current year, she is serving as Chair of the Special Events Committee and is also a member of the Administration & Finance and Osher Grant Committees.





Jim Lindberg came to Huntsville in 1954 to work with the von Braun team in the Army Guided Missile Development Division. He was transferred as part of this team to the Marshall Space Flight Center when it was established under NASA in 1960. While there he worked on the Saturn launch vehicle and Apollo, Space Shuttle and Spacelab programs. Jim retired from NASA in 1990 and went to work as an Advisory Engineer to Space Programs at Teledyne Brown Engineering until 1996.

Jim joined the Academy for Lifetime Learning in 1996 and served on the Academy Board of Directors from 1998 to 2004. He was reelected to the Board in 2005. While on the Board he has served as chairman of the Long Range Planning, Administration and Finance, and Member Services Committees. He served as Academy vice-president from 2000 to 2002 and served as president from 2002 to 2004.

Pat Lindberg was born in Alabama, and has lived in TN, Illinois, and Florida, but happily returned to Alabama. She graduated high school at age 17 and went immediately into the working world. Taking college classes along the way, she worked several years before joining NASA in 1960 at Cape Canaveral. A couple of years later, she transferred to NASA/MSFC, Huntsville, where she retired in 1995 as a Configuration Management Specialist. In making the adjustment to retirement, she discovered “the Academy” in 1996, and has been a member since. Pat has one son and one granddaughter, and husband Jim gave her two step-daughters and three step-grandchildren. She enjoys spending time with her family, working in her church library, being active in her garden club, growing houseplants, reading, and being a part of OLLI, especially raising money for the OLLI Scholarship Fund.



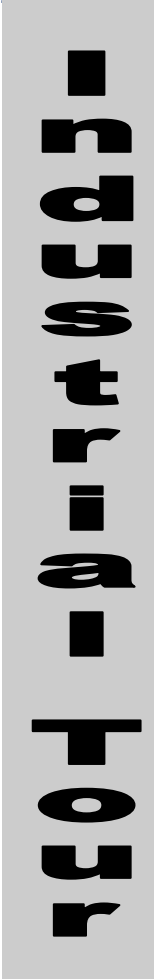
President's Message



One of our members has asked about updating the space in Wilson Hall Rooms 111A and 111B that OLLI has been using. This space is scheduled to be refurbished for OLLI by the University starting this summer. OLLI, as well as Continuing Education, will move out of Wilson Hall sometime in May and return after the refurbishment of Wilson Hall is complete. Even though we would like to update the space now, we can not justify incurring the cost of improvements for space that we will occupy for only two more months.

A special thanks to all who volunteer for OLLI. As I look around at the courses, events, and everyday running of the organization, I am amazed at the amount of work that is done. Just think without volunteers you would not be reading this wonderful newsletter. If you can help in any way, please let someone know. There is always something else to be done.

Sue Chatham
President



Industrial Tours are Back in Business

OLLI is scheduled to tour the DHS Systems LLC on Friday, April 25th at 11:30 a.m. DHS Systems builds soft-walled shelters used by the military and other federal agencies. They started assembling trailer-mounted support systems for those shelters at the new Huntsville plant in December 2007. They build the trailers for the shelter system and integrate other features such as heating and cooling, lighting, and power distribution. The facility also constructs a variety of shelters. The Huntsville plant will provide global logistical and customer service support.

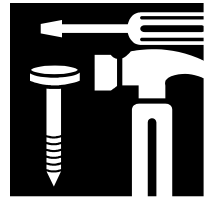
The DHS System plant is located in the North East corner of I-565 and the I-65 intersection. From Huntsville go west on I-565 to the Mooresville Exit. Turn right on the Mooresville Road; go about a mile, and turn left on Bibb Garrett Road. The plant is about a mile on the left.

To car pool, meet us in the Hall parking lot next to Sparkman Drive. We will leave no later than 11:00 a.m. If you drive be at the plant by 11:30 a.m. We can stop for lunch after the tour.

If interested, please call the Murphy's at 837-1427 by April 23. About thirty people can be accommodated on the tour.



Ralph Murphy,
Industrial Tour Coordinator



Important Notice: Newsletter inputs for the May 2008 Newsletter are due by April 22. Please send articles, comments or ideas to Lorrie White, Editor, ollnewsletter@msn.com and Joyce Pettis, Co-editor, JoPettis@aol.com
Please understand that due to cost and space constraints, articles may be edited for length.



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