

**ALGONQUIN in ATHENS:** Members meet most months except summer to discuss and debate "big questions." This group is co-moderated by Alex Patterson and Lief Carter. Details for each meeting posted regularly on the OLLI website Algonquin page.

**BOOK DISCUSSION:** The Book Discussion Group meets monthly. Books are selected by group vote. Selections include fiction and nonfiction, contemporary and classic. Discussion is informal and participation is encouraged.

**CHESS:** Let's get together and play a game or two! Players of approximately equal skill will be paired up to enjoy the game of chess. We meet every two weeks.

**DAWG.BYTES:** The group meets monthly to share knowledge about using information technology in our daily lives. We discuss topics such as social media, on-line banking, travel tools, and more. The group is also a "support" network to assist members with technology problems and questions. No special expertise is required - only the ability to use a web browser and /or a smartphone/tablet.

**DOC BUFFS:** The Doc Buffs will gather to view and discuss documentaries, including winners from UGA's famed Peabody Awards Collection, with expert discussants when possible. We will share information about other screenings in town and on TV, and may host public screenings from time to time. Most events held at UGA's Special Collections Library.

**ENJOY OPERA IN ATHENS:** The Opera Group offers opportunities to learn about opera, attend the MetOpera HD Live broadcasts at Beechwood Cinemas, and attend the UGA Opera Theatre productions and student recitals. A luncheon before the Met broadcasts features a UGA opera grad student presenting information. The broadcasts are on random Saturday afternoons and notices are sent out to Opera SIG members. Two yearly fund raising events open to the public feature the opera students' performance and provide the OLLI@UGA Opera Scholarship Award funds.

**GARDEN ENTHUSIASTS:** Members of our group include newcomers to Athens trying to adapt techniques they brought with them; folks who are new to gardening, whether in Georgia clay or elsewhere; and experienced gardeners. We help each other with planning or planting a vegetable garden (whatever its size), swapping seeds and cuttings, sharing local knowledge, and touring commercial nurseries, organic farms, botanical gardens and our own gardens.

**HAPPY HIKERS:** If you love the great outdoors and hiking is a passion or an interest, then you will want to join this group. Hikes are short and long, easy to challenging, for fitness, fun & enjoyment of the marvels of nature. Each quarter, members receive a three-month calendar of two hikes per month.

**INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE:** This group meets twice each month in the afternoons. If you are an experienced player and would like an afternoon of cards without the fuss of setting up tables, making snacks and drinks (coffee is available), we invite you to try our group.

**LADY DOGS BASKETBALL:** Follow & cheer on the Lady Dogs Basketball team's Home games with other OLLI members. Members get together for lunch at the Georgia Center before at least one of the Sunday afternoon games. GO DAWGS!!!!

**LUNCH BUNCH:** This is a lively and friendly group. Its purpose is to socialize, meet new people, form new friendships and enjoy wonderful food at locally-owned Athens/Watkinsville restaurants. We get together once per month, RSVP'S are required.

**MAHJONGG:** Do you already know how to play Mahjongg, or have you wanted to learn? We meet each week in the afternoon at Talmadge Terrace Activities Room. All are welcome-novice to expert! If you have a set, bring it! And don't forget your card.

**NOVICE BRIDGE:** This group is for people who already know the basics of playing bridge, but have not played in a long time or have not played a lot.

**OLLI BUDDIES:** The OLLI Buddies assist the students and faculty of Gaines Elementary School in Athens, GA. The assistance can be as "morning greeters", reading volunteers, and math volunteers. OLLI Buddies can volunteer daily, weekly or monthly with flexible scheduling done one month in advance. No special education or training is required, however all participants will be required to submit to a criminal background investigation.

**OLLI ROCKS:** Designed to foster awareness and understanding of Earth and Planetary Science, members meet once per month during the academic year onsite at UGA's Geography-Geology Building for professional seminar presentations and associated DVD viewing.

**OLLI WALKS:** Improve your health while exploring Athens and getting to know other OLLI members. Walkers stroll approximately two miles, two days a week throughout Athens's historic neighborhoods, parks, and gardens. (Walks are moved indoors in event of inclement weather.) Monthly schedules are posted online.

**PETANQUE:** Petanque is an international game from France, related to Italian Bocce Ball, English Lawn Bowling and American Bowling. It utilizes and develops concentration, strategizing, body-mind coordination/focus, and can be played by almost anyone. We meet twice a week and you can play whenever your schedule permits. We have Petanque balls for newcomers to use.

**PICTURE THIS! Digital Photography Group:** Our members include complete novices, serious amateurs and everything in between. Some use pro-grade equipment, some just their smartphone. All are welcome! Meetings feature a "show & tell" session and a presentation on a topic of interest to amateur photographers. Photo walks around Athens and trips to scenic venues and photo exhibits are scheduled. Meetings are held once per month in the evening are always announced to members of the group.

**PINOCHLE POSSE:** The Pinochle Posse is for those who already play Pinochle, those who have not played for some time & those who never played but wish to learn! We meet twice monthly at Talmage Terrace.

**PLAY READERS CLUB:** At monthly meetings, members will rotate as director and cast members in performing state readings of plays. The purpose is to meet new folks, have fun, and learn about drama from retired UGA drama professor and director Freda Scott Giles and retired UGA literature professor Doris Kadish.

**POKER:** All are welcome, ladies and gentlemen. This will be a "dealer's choice" game .We play each week in the evening at Talmage Terrace.

**ROBERT BURNS:** This group is dedicated to the immortal memory of the Bard of Scotland. Robert Burns birthday is celebrated the world over and his poetry inspires to this day. We will have several events during the year including a dinner in late January, poetry readings and scotch tastings.

**ROMEO:** ROMEO stands for Retired Old Men Eating Out. Join us as often or as little as you please.

**STITCH & CHAT:** Members gather once per month doing knitting, needlepoint or whatever's of interest to enjoy each other while working on their own projects.

**SQUARE DANCING:** Research shows that structured dancing-a physical activity that requires focus and constant decision making-is one of the best ways of staying physically and cognitively healthy. We want to promote square dancing as a wonderful way to exercise, stay healthy, make new friends and above all, laugh a lot.

**SoloSENIORS:** This group meets for dinner at an area restaurant once per month to foster interaction and networking among unmarried OLLI members.

**SUPPER CLUB:** Members enjoy good food, conversation, cooking, and having fun. Small groups meet monthly in members' homes for covered dish/themed meals with semi-annual gatherings of the entire group.

**WRITING MEMOIR:** Writing about our lives, we share our prose and poetry to learn more about ourselves and each other as we hope to write memoir more effectively in regard to both form and content. We meet once per month in the morning.

**YOU GOTTA HAVE ART!:** Activities include keeping up with the Georgia Museum of Art in Athens as well as lectures by curators and field trips to other museums. No prior art experience is required!

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Your membership must be current to participate.*