

## OLLI NOMINATING COMMITTEE CALLS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEMBERS BY APRIL 1

The Annual OLLI Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 25. At that meeting the Nominating Committee will present next year's slate of officers (President-elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer), five new Board members, and four members of the Nominating Committee.

In forming the new slate, the current Nominating Committee will consider the members' recommendations for these positions and then make choices based on the nominees' skills and prior experience. The Committee has developed a guide for members to use in the nominating process. It's available as a pdf file to all members who request it from the chair of the nominating committee by email: [dracerwonka@bellsouth.net](mailto:dracerwonka@bellsouth.net). The form is to be returned as the official recommendation (the address is on the form) as soon as possible before April 1. Should you have questions, please contact a committee member.

### THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Board Meeting

***With the Nominating Committee calling for suggestions, the newsletter is reviewing below and on page 3 the policies for OLLI governance, the qualifications for the specific positions to be filled, and the responsibilities each position involves.***

### Governance

OLLI@UGA is managed by a Board of Directors which meets on the third Wednesday of each month. The Board is made up of ten OLLI members plus the five OLLI officers (President, President-elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer—the Executive Committee), plus one representative from each affiliate chapter, the Washington OLLI presently being the only affiliate. *Note: Though we say "OLLI@UGA," this does not mean the location of our OLLI is limited to Athens. UGA has campuses in locations other than Athens—Tifton and Atlanta. for example. An affiliate chapter like the Washington OLLI is as much a part of OLLI@UGA as these off-campus sites are of the UGA system.*

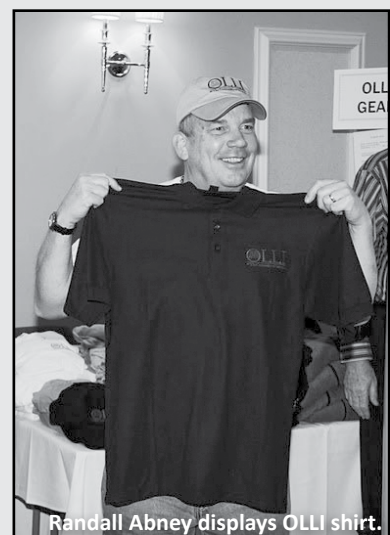
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## THE OLLI@UGA STORE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!!

OLLI@UGA members can now purchase shirts, hats, and jackets from Zu at the OLLI office at River's Crossing. A large number of people have already purchased OLLI@UGA gear and are wearing it proudly at meetings as well as around Athens. Our goal is for everyone in the greater Athens area over fifty years old to know who we are. The current collection includes:

HATS (KHAKI OR BLACK)	ONE SIZE FITS ALL	\$15
FLEECE JACKETS (GREY)	XS, S, M, L, XL	\$25
MENS POLO SHIRTS (RED OR BLACK)	S, M, L, XL	\$20
LADIES POLO SHIRTS (RED OR BLACK)	S, M, L, XL	\$20
LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRTS (BLACK OR GREY)	S, M, L, XL	\$12
SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRTS (RED, BLACK, GREY, WHITE)	S, M, L, XL	\$10

**Note:** *Jackets, men's polo shirts, and all t-shirts in 2-XL available in stock for an additional \$2 each. Size 3-XL to 5-XL in all OLLI gear available by special order for an additional \$2 each. Other colors and additional items will be available later in the spring.*



Randall Abney displays OLLI shirt.

Photo by Chuck Murphy



Anita Brannen

## President's Note

Dear OLLI Members,

"Early in 1994 a small group of community leaders interested in expanding services for older citizens met with Dr. Judith Dejoy, Head of Community Programs at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education, and planned the organization that would become Learning in Retirement." (From *A History of Learning in Retirement, Inc.* by Richard Anderson, Carol J. Fisher, Ed.)

From that time through today, LIR, now known as OLLI@UGA, has been a member-run organization. We have gotten where we are today through the energy, the efforts, and the enthusiasm of our members. Like other member-run organizations in the community, making the decisions and doing the work is a large part of the experience.

Our membership has grown considerably since that small group organized seventeen years ago. The number of courses we offer and the activities we plan have expanded exponentially, but our mission has not changed. OLLI@UGA is dedicated to meeting the intellectual, social and cultural needs of adults fifty years of age and older through lifelong learning.

This doesn't mean that the structure and logistical planning for our organization haven't changed. Due to the growth in membership and programs, trying to do everything with volunteers became overwhelming. The hours demanded for accomplishing so much were unreasonable for people who were either still working or were supposed to be retired. In addition, our efficiency was compromised. The board and officers change from year to year – and that is as it should be, but this causes a significant loss in "institutional memory." Records are lost. People move or for other reasons are no longer easily available. Thus the officers, board and committees were often "reinventing the wheel" – solving problems that had been dealt with before. We really needed to have someone with the appropriate education and background to preserve the past and foster the future. We needed someone that would be there year after year to be both a reference and a guide. We needed a Program Director and we found a great person for that job – Katy Crapo.

In addition to a Program Director, we needed someone full-time to take control of our growing demand for technology. Most of us didn't come along at a time when technology was essential for the jobs that we did. We came along at a time of typewriters, printing companies, and landlines for telephones. Times have changed! Not only is technological expertise absolutely necessary for operations, but our younger members expect the kind of instant, comprehensive service that technology can provide. What a blessing we have in Zu! She is both a people person and a technological whiz.

Because we had leaders who were foresighted and saw that meeting these needs was necessary, they did what was necessary to accomplish it.

All that considered, we are still a member-run organization. We still want members setting the policy and making the decisions about the direction

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## OLLI @ UGA

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850 College Station Road  
Athens, GA 30602-4811  
Telephone: 706.542.7715

### OLLI Website Address:

www.oli.uga.edu

**Registration, reservation and membership forms also available on the newsletter page of the website.**

### OLLI Email Address:

oli@uga.edu

### OLLI Officers 2010-2011

Anita Brannen - President  
Mac Rawson - President Elect  
Nancy Canolty - Vice President  
Sally Bolemon - Secretary  
Robert Leventry - Treasurer

### OLLI Board of Directors

Carolyn Abney	Teresa Morris
Bill Alworth	Martha Phillips
Ann Darby	Grace Rabek
Richard Hargrove	Nancy Songster
Ron Linhart	Alexis Winger

### OLLI Committee Chairs

**Curriculum:** Jeani Goodwin  
**Development:** Teresa Morris  
**Finance:** John Rudy  
**Historian:** William Loughner  
**Information Technology:** Chuck Murphy  
**Long Term Planning:** Martha Phillips  
**Member Services:** Nancy Songster  
**Membership:** Keith Moore  
**Nominating:** Diana Cerwonka  
**Public Relations:** Roland Brooks  
**Publications:** Pat McAlexander, Alexis Winger  
**Registration:** Nancy Canolty  
**Special Interest Groups:** Carolyn Abney  
**Strategic Marketing:** Randall Abney  
**Travel/Study:** Bill Allworth  
**Volunteer Coordinator:** Ann Darby

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### **Specific positions open and qualifications for those positions:**

**1) Five Board members.** Five of the ten Directors are elected each year for a two-year term so that only half of the board will be new for the coming year. This year the members of the board completing their two-year term in office are Carolyn Abney, Bill Alworth, Ron Linhart, Teresa Morris, and Grace Rabek. Those members of the board who will be continuing their terms for another year are Ann Darby, Richard Hargrove, Martha Phillips, Nancy Songster, and Alexis Winger. To serve on the Board, the person should usually have worked on at least one committee for a year or more. An outgoing Board member can be re-elected.

**2) The President-elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.** Officers are elected for a one-year term. They may be elected for up to two subsequent terms of one year each, but no one shall serve as an officer for more than three consecutive years. It is recommended that to be nominated as an officer, the person should have first served on the Board.

**3) Four members of the Nominating Committee.** The chair and three members of the Nominating Committee members are elected for one-year terms. (The fifth member will be the President-elect.) Committee members are selected on the basis of service to OLLI and familiarity with the organization and its members.

### **Officers' Responsibilities**

**The President** presides at all membership meetings and at meetings of the Board, presents at each annual meeting an annual report of the work of the organization, appoints all committee chairs (except for the Nominating Committee), with the approval of the Board of Directors, sees that all required books, reports and certificates required are properly kept or filed. (The President is now Anita Brannen, who will become the Immediate Past President and as such serve as an advisor to the new President and the Executive Committee and as an ex-officio member of the Board.)

**The President-Elect** serves as a member of the Nominating Committee and the Finance Committee, assists the President as requested, and takes the place of the President when necessary. (The President Elect is now Mac Rawson, who will move up to the office of president as of July 1.)

**The Vice President** coordinates the programs of the organization, i.e., the curriculum committee, the travel/study committee and the special interest groups. (This is Nancy Canolty's first year as VP for Programs.)

**The Secretary** keeps the minutes and records of the organization and attends to correspondence of the organization. (This is Sally Bolemon's second year as secretary.)

**The Treasurer** has the care and custody of all monies belonging to the organization, and along with the president and secretary can sign checks or drafts of the organization. He or she provides written accounts of the finances of the organization. (This is Bob Leventry's first year as treasurer.)

### **Board members' Responsibilities**

Board members' responsibilities include attending and actively participating in all Board meetings, the annual meeting, and, when requested, other special events; serving on at least one Board committee; participating in the Terry College non-profit Board seminar and, when requested, other community education.

In the next issue we will describe the various OLLI committees and their activities.

## FREE AARP TAX-AIDE PROGRAM AIDED BY OLLI VOLUNTEERS

OLLI members Anita Brannen, Gayle Horne, Terry Caven, Mary Ann Brahana, Nicki Goodwin, Charles Wolfe, and Bill Burke are volunteering their services to the AARP Tax-Aide Program. This program offers free tax preparation and e-filing to help taxpayers of middle and low income, with special attention to those aged 60 and older. AARP Tax-Aide is administered through the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service.

Tax-Aide volunteers will be available from February 1st to April 16, 2011 according to the schedule below. One does not need to be an AARP member to obtain services. If you are interested in this service, bring 2010 tax documents and supporting information and a copy of your 2009 tax return. Sites close promptly as listed on the schedule, so allow time for tax preparation and review. Call 706 543-9511 (George) or Gayle (706-369-1245) for further information.

#### Clarke and Oconee Counties:

Monday, 1 – 4 pm – Oconee County Library  
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 9 am – 1 pm – Kroger's Epps Bridge Parkway (upstairs)  
Thursday, 8 – 11 am – Kroger's Epps Bridge Parkway (upstairs)

#### Oglethorpe County:

Tuesday, 10 am – 5 pm – Oglethorpe County Library

#### Jackson County:

Tuesday, 1 – 5 pm – Jefferson – First Methodist Church



# OLLI Travel

For each trip that you want to participate in, fill out a **reservation form** (there is one on page 5 to clip, photocopy, or use as a model). Mail it with a check for the required amount (in some cases a deposit, in others full payment) made out to OLLI@UGA to **Katy Crapo, River's Crossing, 850 College Station Road, Athens, GA 30602-4811**. Be sure to designate the trip you are registering for. We will announce details of the "save the date trips" — including cost — in the May newsletter.

## TOUR MOUNTAIN WINERIES AND TASTE THEIR SPECIALTIES

Join OLLI friends on Thursday, June 9, to visit wineries tucked into spectacular northeast Georgia mountain settings around Dahlonega. After a rest stop and walk around the square in Dahlonega, site of America's first gold rush in the 1820s, we'll visit Wolf Mountain Winery near a mountaintop.

We'll journey on to Frogtown Cellars and Blackstock Vineyards for tours and tastings and have lunch overlooking a vineyard framed by the Blue Ridge Mountains. You'll return home with a deeper knowledge of the quality of wines and the growing industry of boutique wineries in northeast Georgia.

Cost of this trip will be \$95, which includes motorcoach transportation, tastings at three wineries, tours of two wineries, and a specialty lunch at Blackstock Vineyards. We'll depart Athens approximately 8 a.m. on June 9 and return by 5 p.m.. Deadline for registration for this trip is Wednesday, May 26. Contact Joan Zitzelman at 706 546-6345 or [jzitzel@bellsouth.net](mailto:jzitzel@bellsouth.net).

## OLLI NOTES

### It had to be done and it couldn't have happened without them...

A **very special thanks** to all of the volunteers who were willing to assist with the spring registration process. Their willingness and flexibility allowed us to process the largest group of registrations that OLLI@UGA has processed to date. Over the course of 6 weeks, they prepared packets, stuffed and addressed over 400 confirmation envelopes, and in essence contributed over 30 hours of volunteer time to this necessary event. Thank you to: Jean Bleyle, Sally Bolemon, Cam Bridges, Sherry Caven, Sandy Clark, Carol Gogstad, Nikki Goodwin, Rebecca Hutton, June Mazur, Grace Rabek, Pat Rohr, Alison Ruzicka, Kristina Stephens, Margaret Wesley, Carol Wheeler, Loretta White and Jeani & Richard Whitener.





Okefenokee Trip Memory

"Happy Alligator." (Photo by Cecil Oglesby.)

### DEADLINE REMINDERS

**Callaway Garden/Warm Springs Trip** (April 19 - 20) — **March 30:** \$215 for double occupancy, \$268 for single  
**Canadian Rockies Trip** (September 26 - October 5) — **April 1:** \$350 nonrefundable deposit

*Join these trips to make wonderful photographs, friends, and memories.*

### PLANS IN PROGRESS FOR

**MONDAY, MAY 16:** Carpool trip to Milledgeville to visit Andalusia Farm, the home of Flannery O'Connor. This travel/study trip is being offered in conjunction with the course Sarah Gordon is offering this spring on Flannery O'Connor (#1327). It should be of interest, however, to individuals who aren't taking the course (or who couldn't get it!). We will also visit the Old State Capital and the Old Governor's Mansion in Milledgeville on this trip. Cost and exact date to be announced. Contact Bill Alworth at 706-549-5510 or wilo59@charter.net .

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 25:** Motorcoach trip to the Atlanta Botanical Gardens and to the High Museum. The High will have the special exhibition of pictures by Henri Cartier-Bresson entitled "The Modern Century." Cost: \$70 per person.

## OLLI TRIP RESERVATION FORM

Trip \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

For overnight trips, please mark the appropriate statement with X.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will share a room with (fill in name) \_\_\_\_\_ [if only one name listed above].

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like an individual room.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to take an individual room, but if possible, pair me with someone,





Joan, sitting in her house where Charlayne had visited, looks at Charlayne's book *In My Place*.

## An OLLI Member's Memoir

By Joan Zitzelman

*The following is a slightly edited excerpt from OLLI member Joan Zitzelman's memoir, "A Supporting Role." As a senior journalism student in January, 1961, Joan observed and shared in the desegregation of the University of Georgia. Here Joan describes an episode from her "small" role in the drama. It occurred in her Journalism Ethics class the first day that Charlayne Hunter, also a Journalism student, was to attend.*

...As I entered my Journalism Ethics class, a large class taught by Dr. John E. Drewry, Dean of the Journalism School, in an auditorium with semicircle rows of seats, I knew that Charlayne Hunter was to attend this class.

The Dean's classes often had a hundred or more students, and he seated us alphabetically to make it easier and faster to check the attendance roll each day. As "Zitzelman," I walked up [the stairs] to the last row and took my assigned seat. Down below and just behind the podium Dean Drewry used for his lectures, there was a blackboard. On the blackboard was scrawled in large letters [a racial epithet]. Looking at that obnoxious phrase in my Journalism classroom, knowing that Charlayne Hunter would walk in and see it, that our elegant and courtly Dean would walk in and see it, I felt this could not be. I stood up, walked back down the stairs, over to the blackboard, picked up an eraser and erased the phrase. My mind was churning, wondering what my fifty or so classmates were thinking and doing as they watched me. I turned and walked back up the stairs and took my seat. I was shaking. I wondered whether anyone would have the audacity to walk down there and write the phrase again in full view of the class, and even more, I wondered if I would be able to walk down and erase it again.

But, the doors opened and Dean Drewry and Charlayne Hunter walked into the classroom. He indicated a side seat down front where she could sit for the first class. He proceeded to call the roll, then proceeded with his lecture. I tried to concentrate on the words and make helpful notes, and I tried not to look over at Charlayne Hunter sitting in a side section of the auditorium with empty seats all around her. I could only imagine what she must be feeling, isolated and set apart, the continued target of dozens of pairs of eyes. At the conclusion of the class, Dean Drewry indicated that students would no longer be required to sit in alphabetical order, but if they chose to continue mostly in that method, it would be more efficient for him in noting attendance....

The next day as the next Journalism Ethics class assembled, most of the students kept to their alphabetical seat assignments. But I saw Marcia Powell, a sorority sister, friend and also a member of this class, taking a seat with Charlayne in the side

section down front, looking very set apart from the rest of the class. I walked down from my assigned seat and sat with them. I continued to sit with Charlayne and Marcia throughout the quarter.

*Joan goes on to describe her growing friendship with Charlayne, a friendship that has continued until today. This January after Joan attended a lecture by Charlayne, part of a program celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UGA's desegregation, she added a coda to her memoir. Charlayne, she writes, gazed at the audience of varying races, ethnicities, and interests, gathered in spite of a snow storm, and remarked, "This is the dream."*

*A complete copy of Joan's memoir can be found in the Athens Regional Library and in the UGA Hargrett library. Joan's OLLI class, "The Desegregation of UGA," was offered January 24th.*

### OLAN MILLS WANTS YOU!

Olan Mills will be taking pictures for our OLLI photo directory from 12:00 noon until 5:10 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, and from 10:00 a.m. until 5:10 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, March 16, 17, and 18 and April 6, 7, and 8. For your picture to be included in the directory, you need to set up an appointment time for your picture to be taken. Members who participate will receive a free copy of the directory plus a free 8 x 10 color portrait.

You can select a time by contacting Barney Brannen at 706-543-1480. To save yourself an extra trip to River's Crossing, try to pick an appointment time that coordinates with one of your River's Crossing OLLI courses. Also be sure to record your appointment time as your reminder. We will later offer an opportunity for members to set up a photo shoot appointment on line at the Olan Mills website.

**Don't miss this great opportunity to be included in the free OLLI photo directory. Set up your picture-taking appointment as soon as possible!**



## OLLI@UGA TO SELL TICKETS TO STADION GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 2011 Stadion Classic at UGA, part of the Nationwide Tour, will be held at the UGA Golf Course on May 2 - 8, 2011. The UGA Golf Course is one of the most beautiful in Georgia and this tournament allows everyone the opportunity to "walk the course." The golfers are all young professionals, vying for their PGA card, which allows them to compete in the PGA tournaments. The top 25 money winners on the Nationwide tour each year receive their PGA tour cards.

Members of OLLI@UGA are selling tickets to the event, along with many other 501 (c) 3 organizations in the Athens area. Tickets to the event (four days of golf) are \$25 per person. If you buy a block of ten tickets, the cost drops to \$20 per ticket. For every ticket we sell, we keep the entire \$25 for OLLI@UGA. In addition, Athens Regional Hospital has added a \$15,000 pool to be divided among all 501 (c) 3s. Half will be divided by percentage of tickets sold and half will be divided based on ticket holders actually attending the event. What a great opportunity for OLLI@UGA! The money we raise will go into the OLLI Development Fund. With the bonus, we are guaranteed to receive more money per ticket sold than the \$25 cost. **WHAT A DEAL!!** For more information about the Stadion Classic at UGA and/or to buy tickets, visit [www.stadionclassic.uga.edu](http://www.stadionclassic.uga.edu). **BE SURE TO SELECT OLLI@UGA FROM THE DROPDOWN MENU WHEN ASKED WHICH ORGANIZATION TO CREDIT.**

If you are a golfer, hiker, outdoors person, love nature and/or love OLLI@UGA, please sign up to help with this event. This is a great way to support OLLI@UGA and support the community. Tell your friends about this opportunity and remind them to select OLLI@UGA when they purchase their tickets. If you are friends with businesses in the greater Athens area, ask them to purchase tickets for the event.

Paper tickets will also be available at the OLLI@UGA office at River Crossing or from your fellow OLLI members on the committee. If you want to be part of the OLLI Stadion Golf Tournament Committee, email Katy at [kcrapo@uga.edu](mailto:kcrapo@uga.edu) or contact [RABney@me.com](mailto:RABney@me.com).

Thanks in advance for your help!--Randall Abney, Strategic Marketing Manager

## OLLI NOTES

**Some of our OLLI member have works displayed in the 36th Juried Exhibition at the Lyndon House, 293 Hoyt Street, from February 20 to May 10.**

*Gallery hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays noon - 9 pm; Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 9 am - 5 pm. There is no admission charge. Full story in the next newsletter.*

**Stories and pictures for the next OLLI newsletter are due April 4. It will be mailed the week of May 2.**

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of our organization. Despite our cooperative and beneficial relationship with the University of Georgia, we are still determined that the members, and the members only, will determine the direction that this organization will move in and how it will get there. In order to preserve this sort of sovereignty, it requires that each of our members step up and take some portion of responsibility. If you are new to the organization, please look for a committee that you can serve on or a volunteer job that you can do. Choose something that interests you. It may be a committee or job that will continue your professional or other life experiences – or it may be a job that you have never done before, but it sounds like it would be fun to you. Give it a try.

Besides being on a committee, we have some needs that may be just one-shot or infrequent requests. OLLI Angels come in when needed to help out with some of the routine administrative work. All of our presenters are volunteers. Some of them have been teachers and professors, but some are just willing to tell others about a topic that they have long had an interest in. Also, being a facilitator for a class is not a demanding job, but it is so very necessary for the successful operation of our courses.

Do you have a special interest in visiting a particular site? You could join the travel study committee or you could offer to help them just with the trip to your special place. Would you like to join a Special Interest Group in some activity that we don't yet offer? Let us know. If you can't coordinate the group, maybe you could help us recruit someone who would.

I can't resist that old, but true, saying: "You get out of something, what you put into it." I think I can safely say that if you choose something that you have an interest in, you will meet other people that share that interest and that you, too, will be "having the time of your life with OLLI@UGA."

*Anita*



# OLLI Social Events

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

Over 100 OLLI members attended the Mardi-Gras-themed Back-to-School Bash on January 21. It was a great opportunity to recruit new members for Special Interest Groups, learn about OLLI travel opportunities, and, of course, socialize. Chuck Murphy commented, "The Bash was a lot of fun for me personally, as you can tell from the photos I posted at <http://bit.ly/OLLISpringBash>. As always, Nancy Songster and her group did a SUPER job of orchestrating and staging this event. I also picked up an OLLI hat and polo shirt at Randall Abney's Apparel Mart, which I now proudly wear around town . . . It was a great meeting, and I'm already looking forward to the next one."



**Collage Photos (left to right)**

**Row 1** - Netty Vermeulen, Terry Jones, Martha Phillips & Nancy Songster

**Row 2** - Teresa Morris, Anita chairs the business meeting, Lew Frazar

**Row 3** - Terry Caven & Carly Lutsky

**Photos by Chuck Murphy**



## OLLI HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Member Services Committee is scheduling social events for the Holidays throughout the year. The series of dutch treat holiday events began with a New Year's Day Luncheon attended by 37 OLLI members. Next was the Valentine's Day Luncheon attended by 45 OLLI members and guests. At the Valentine's Day Luncheon everyone received a Valentine and a goodie bag of treats.

Save the dates for these coming events; watch for the listserv invitations, and make your reservations early. On St. Patrick's Day, March 17<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate with lunch at Hilltop Grill. The Mother's Day event will be a brunch on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at George's Lowcountry Table, and the Father's Day lunch will be on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> (location to be announced).

The committee is researching venues for a July Fourth breakfast or lunch and for other holiday celebrations. If you know of an outstanding restaurant with separate dining space for 40-50, please share with the Member Services Committee.

## TWO SPECIAL SOCIAL EVENTS

Also please save the dates for two very special OLLI social events honoring our Presenters and our many Volunteers. A Thank You Reception for our Presenters will be held on Wednesday, April 27 from 2 until 4 p.m. The annual Volunteers Rock! honoring all OLLI volunteers will be Wednesday, June 22. Both events will be held at Trumps. We hope to see you there!

## Save the Date

### St. Patrick's Day Lunch

Thursday, March 17

### Presenters Thank You Reception

Wednesday, April 27, 2-4 pm

### Mother's Day Saturday Brunch

Saturday, May 7

### OLLI Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 25, 1:30-3:30 pm

### Father's Day Saturday Lunch

Saturday, June 18

### Volunteers Rock!

Wednesday, June 22, 3-5 pm



## PROPOSED CONCEPT FOR OLLI FLOAT

This proposed concept for the OLLI float was presented by Chuck Murphy. Other proposals are still being accepted by the OLLI Float Commission. OLLI members who plan to ride on the float must have been a facilitator for at least one class.—Ann Crowley

# OLLI Special Interest Groups (SIGS) News

## UPDATE ON SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

*by Carolyn Abney, Chair, Special Interest Groups*

As I said at the Newbies meeting, if you look at the list of 20+ Special Interest Groups and don't find anything of interest, you need to check your pulse!

We have lots of folks using their hands (and their brains) playing beginning or advanced bridge as well as mahjogg. Heidi Naylor had her first group of four to her house for lessons in late January. Others are using their hands in Stitch and Chat and in the Quilting group.

The basketball season is winding down, but the OLLI group is the largest group buy they have. There were a couple of games that Coach Landers credited crowd support for the win, and we have some real cheerleaders as well as others who sit to the side and show decorum.

Members are getting out of doors as well. The Happy Hikers under the leadership of Iris Miracle have nearly sixty members and are planning activities for almost every skill level. The Bicycling group continues (I can't help writing it) to roll along; and they have been joined by a small but enthusiastic group of Motorcyclers.

Of course, the Picture This! crowd – well over 100 members – has “show and tell” meetings, guest speakers, and trips to either view photos (the Ansel Adams show in Cartersville) or make them together (the Okefenokee).

Speaking of 100+ members, we can't forget the Enjoy Opera in Athens Group. Being able to learn about the opera from students before viewing it is a real treat!

The SoloSeniors group is always out-and-about, eating together, visiting the museum or who knows what. Several members also come to Mercedes Rivera's Lunch Bunch – which has about 30 folks who sit down at a local restaurant each month. The new Supper Club is getting organized, and will (we think) have met for the first time by when you are reading this.

The Art Appreciationists lost their Champion due to health issues, but several members, including Becky Ford and

Sally Ross, are working on a co-chair plan. They joined the SoloSeniors at a visit to the new Georgia Museum of Art mid-February.

Bonsai and Memoir Writing continue to quietly “do their thing,” as does our dedicated group of volunteer Tutors under the direction of Michele Simpson.

The book club continues to prosper, the Investment group continues to learn, and the Mac Fan(atic)s, now led by Jim Kradel, continue to learn more about how to get the most from their Apple products.

All the Group Leaders who were at the Back to School Bash seemed to enjoy telling people about their particular interests, and most of the groups got some new members as well.

If you have an interest in starting a group – and are willing to act as its Champion – OLLI@UGA is always willing to consider your idea. Nancy Songster had wanted a Mahjogg group for several years, and then new member Heidi Naylor said she'd like to start a group. Fun how things like that work out!

For more information on SIGs in general or in starting a new one, please call or write me, Carolyn Abney, 706.850.6148 or CarolynAbney@me.com.

## LUNCH BUNCH

Interested in socializing and meeting new people? Come join the OLLI Lunch Bunch. The Lunch Bunch meets once a month on the first Tuesday at 1 p.m. at a variety of Athens/Watkinsville locally-owned restaurants (in February, Big City Bread). Email Mercedes Rivera at 43rivers@gmail.com to be included on the email notifications list.

## LUNCH AND LEARN

On April 4, Dr. Samantha Joye, a UGA scientist who visits and studies the Gulf Coast, will present a very timely talk on the Gulf Oil Spill. Feel free to invite non-members.



Lunch Bunch



## HAPPY HIKERS

Iris Miracle is happy to report the OLLI Newbies Sign-up Day was a huge success for Happy Hikers. Fifty-eight members have joined. So much enthusiasm reveals how many Seniors are interested in keeping fit and enjoying Mother Nature's marvels. The plan for Happy Hikers is to have at least one hike a month that Iris and/or another member will plan. Any members who want to coordinate/lead more hikes throughout and in between are encouraged to do so. For more information or to join the group, please call (706.353.6711) or email Iris Miracle at [Irismy5@yahoo.com](mailto:Irismy5@yahoo.com). If you send an email, please write "Hiking" in the subject line to avoid your email being sent to the spam folder.

## TUTORS IN THE COMMUNITY

### Free Literacy Workshops for Present and Potential Tutors, Mentors

*(The Tutors in the Community Special Interest Group, headed by Michele Simpson, organizes individuals interested in tutoring in the public schools in GED, ABE, or ESL settings. Michele sent us the following information.)*

Perhaps you have considered the possibility of tutoring or mentoring an adolescent or adult, through the OLLI SIG or another avenue, but have hesitated because you feel you need a bit more knowledge about the processes involved in reading or in learning a second language. Or perhaps you are already serving as a tutor or mentor but would like to increase your knowledge. If so, you'll be interested to know that the Athens-Clarke Literacy Council will be offering two free workshops during the month of March that will address those concerns. Both workshops are funded by a grant from ACTION, Inc.

On **Saturday, March 26**, Michele Simpson and Jackie Saindon will present a workshop entitled "Reading Comprehension in Adult Literacy." The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to noon in the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission Board Room, 305 Research Drive, Athens. The presenters, both experienced teachers of adolescents and adults, will focus on techniques for enhancing students' reading comprehension, reading fluency, and vocabulary knowledge. Reservations by **March 15** are required in order to obtain sufficient materials.

For those interested in tutoring English as a Second Language, the Clarke County Literacy Council will also offer an ESL teacher/tutor training workshop, "Teaching ESL with Music, Games, and Fun," **Saturday, March 5**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Athens Professional Services/School of Language and Art, 165 E. Dougherty Street. The teachers—Susan Gill, Nancy Heiges, and Lavon Smith—will focus on techniques for integrating music and creative activities (e.g., role playing, games) into the ESL classroom and strategies for working with adults and multi-level groups.

To reserve your seat for either workshop, or for more information, contact the Athens-Clarke County Literacy Council at 706-254-9877 or [info@athensliteracy.org](mailto:info@athensliteracy.org). Also for information on the March 26 workshop or for information on the Tutors in the Community SIG, contact Michele Simpson at [simpsonm@earthlink.net](mailto:simpsonm@earthlink.net) or 706-546-1471.

## LADY DOGS BASKETBALL

For the 2010/2011 Lady Basketball Season OLLI@UGA members purchased more tickets than any other single group. Over 10% of all OLLI members bought season tickets, and many of us sit together to cheer the Lady Dogs to victory.

Before the Mississippi State game, we had a luncheon at the Center for Continuing Education, where about twenty supporters enjoyed good food, fellowship, and an invitation to "Chalk Talk," a scouting report about the game by the coaches normally reserved for Fastbreak Club members.

The Lady Dogs will be playing in the NCAA Tournament again this year, so let's cheer them on to victory. An email will be sent on the listserve before the 2011/2012 SEASON so you too can join in the fun and fellowship with other OLLI members. GO DAWGS!!!!—Randall Abney, Champion

## PICTURE THIS! DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

### Trip to Booth Museum by Jeff Engel



Picture Caption: left to right standing: Barbara Densen, Richard Schwartz, Phil Koehler, Alexis Winger, Warren Flick. Seated: Jeff Engel, Linda Koehler, Pat McAlexander.

A group of eight people from the Digital Photography SIG carpooled to the Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville on January 23<sup>rd</sup>—Jeff Engel, Richard Schwartz, Pat McAlexander, Barbara Densen, Warren Flick, Alexis Winger and Philip and Linda Koehler. All went well, except at the beginning, when we were waiting in the Alps Kroger parking lot for a missing person,

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who, it turned out, was waiting for US at the Kroger off Epp's Bridge Parkway. Luckily, that Kroger was right on our way, so we were able to make a quick, efficient pickup.

The exhibit was both fantastic and awful: fantastic because the photos are WOW! Awful because I know I cannot do anything near that. I just stood and stared at "Moon over Half Dome." I have seen reproductions of that many times before, but the tonal range and contrasts of an original are beyond belief for beauty. Several other shots also left me breathing hard. Fascinating how Adams can combine texture and negative space, and a tonal gamut from white white to dead black (joys of the zone system and large format and skill and an eye). One shot had the comment that he had taken just 14 plates with him on the hike, and coming back he was down to two when he saw the scene. And in my D300s I have two 8 gig cards!

There was also an exhibit of fog photos ("Into the Fog") from a Georgia photographer, Kevin Nickell--black and white and impressive also. Lunch at the museum cafe was very good (we had sandwiches or salads).

Although the Ansel Adams exhibit is over, "Into the Fog" will be on display until April 10. You might want to check this museum out for that and other exhibits, as well as its permanent display of Western-themed art. Admission is \$8 for us seniors, and you can knock another dollar off with an AAA or AARP card.

### February Meeting

Marcus John Taylor spoke at the Picture This! meeting on February 15th. Marcus, a local nature photographer specializing in flowers and waterfalls, posts images on Facebook (Invisible Green Photography) or in his galleries at:

[www.invisiblegreen.com](http://www.invisiblegreen.com) or [photos.marcusjohntaylor.com](http://photos.marcusjohntaylor.com).

He talked about "The Art of Seeing,"—the phenomenon of the camera capturing a scene that is different from the way our eyes view it, and showed many of his fantastic, beautiful pictures as illustrations. We ended with the Members' Showcase, which featured "artsy" pictures, pictures of food, and of course, "wild card" pictures.

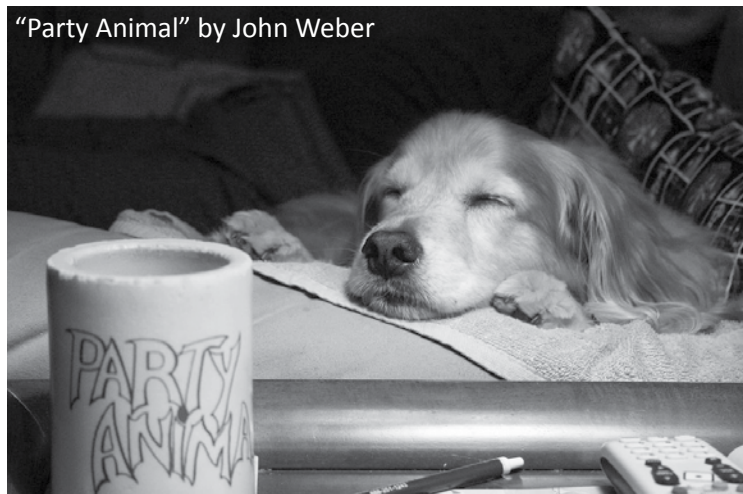
Chuck Murphy, Picture This! leader, writes that since only about 20-30 members of the 100+ typically are able to make it to the monthly meeting, the group would be happy to welcome more members.

### OLLI NOTES

In case you couldn't read the caption on the Pic This! picture of the steam engine in the last issue, it was "Steam Engine" by Phil Koehler, (Cass Scenic Railway, Cass, WV).

### Picture This! Pic (Pets topic--January)

"Party Animal" by John Weber



John Weber, the photographer, writes: "The dog is Lucky, owned by my sister-in-law in North Carolina, and the photo was taken two years ago. When I showed the photo at the OLLI meeting, Lucky was very ill, and that evening was put to sleep. My sister-in-law was thankful that Lucky received recognition on the OLLI screen in his final hour."

### OLLI NOTES

Dear friends,

Words fail to thank all of you adequately for the many, many kind and sincere expressions of sympathy and friendship on the passing of my beloved Ruth.

As I mentioned at the memorial services, for those of you who were not able to attend, if you wish to honor Ruth's memory, in lieu of making a donation to a charitable institution in her name, please look for opportunities to render some small service or kindness to a fellow human being, regardless of gender, race, religion, or nationality. We are all children of the same God. Such deeds, in our beliefs, done in such a spirit, are accounted as worship, and confer blessings on Ruth, yourselves, and who knows, maybe it will make this world a little nicer place in which to live. This is as she would have wished.

I hope you will understand that as much as I would like to answer and thank each of you personally, the sheer volume of cards and messages received is such that, under present circumstances, this is simply not possible.

Therefore, on behalf of myself and my family, please accept my deepest thanks to you all for your thoughtfulness, prayers, and good wishes.

Very sincerely, Howard Leeb