

The OLLI Times

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OSHER ENDOWMENT APPROVED

The Bernard Osher Foundation Board of Directors approved OLLI@UGA's application for the \$1,000,000 endowment on November 2. In announcing the endowment, Mac Rawson thanked Dr. Ron Cervero, Katy Crapo, and "the many members, such as Anita Brannen, who contributed so much to the success of this application." However, he continued, "it could not have happened without everyone's cooperation and hard work. OLLI@UGA is the culmination of hundreds of people's devotion from its beginnings as 'Learning in Retirement' to the present." The OLLI Board celebrated the endowment with a cake at their November meeting.

The Osher endowment funds will be deposited with the UGA Foundation, which will invest them, with the interest to be paid to OLLI@UGA. This endowment—a guaranteed annual income for perpetuity—will mean future security for OLLI. However, in the immediate future, this interest will about half as much annually as the \$100,000 grants we've received from the Osher Foundation each year for the last three years. Thus all committees are carefully analyzing their budgets. Also, the Development Committee under the leadership of Randall Abney is working on other sources of income, such as the Stadion Golf Tournament (p. 4) and a "Leave a Legacy" campaign (p. 4-5) to help make up difference.



Katy Crapo and Mac Rawson cutting the celebratory cake.

Photo by Carolyn Abney

ONLINE REGISTRATION AT LAST!

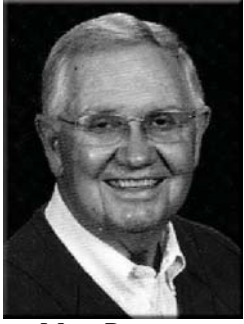
After the period of anticipation and at times some anxiety, the first full OLLI online registration went smoothly, in large part due to the good planning and execution by Chuck Murphy, Nancy Canolty, and others. Clear instructions were mailed to members and available on line; members were given a choice of traditional hard copy or online registration, and help was available at River's Crossing on December 19 and 20. Nancy Canolty reported that on Monday about eighteen people came in for help, and on Tuesday—one.

Comments about the online experience were generally positive. For many, the experience was much like the familiar one of buying products online. Bill Jones reported on the OLLI Facebook page that he "managed to get through the registration process with no problems," and that it was "nice that the checkout process leads you through your profile" so any errors there could be corrected. "OLLI" wrote to members on its listserv, "We appreciate all feedback—positive and negative—as it helps us see where we can improve."

REVISED BYLAWS APPROVED AT JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Spring semester Back to Class Bash was held January 13 at Central Presbyterian. At the general meeting before the Bash, a quorum of OLLI members voted to accept the changes to the bylaws proposed by the Board. Below, Jay Shinn, chair of the ad hoc Bylaws Committee, outlines the changes.

Our organization has grown from Learning in Retirement with less than 100 members to OLLI@UGA with a membership nearing 800 and growing, and it has become part of the nation-wide network of Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes. It is important to note that many LIR/OLLI members have worked to keep our Bylaws relevant as changes occurred over the years and so now, with growth and entry into this family of educational and social organizations, a fresh look at our documents was proper.



Mac Rawson

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

Dear OLLI Members,

Hurray!!! The Bernard Osher Foundation Board of Directors approved the \$1 million Endowment for OLLI@UGA in their November meeting. The funds will be transferred to the UGA Foundation after an agreement between the two foundations is signed. The UGA Foundation will manage the funds for OLLI@UGA's benefit. The first income from the endowment

will become available for us in fiscal year 2013-14. The Osher Foundation also is providing a bridge grant of \$50,000 to help OLLI@UGA in 2012-13.

The Osher Foundation endowment provides a strong financial base and is a major step toward financial sustainability. We expect to receive \$50,000 per year from the endowment income in future years. Does the endowment income solve all our financial needs? No, but it takes us half way. OLLI@UGA is obligated to provide an additional \$50,000 to \$60,000 for staff salaries beyond 2013-14.

One of our LIR/OLLI heroes, Carol Fisher, who gave so much in life to this organization, is the first to "Leave a Legacy" to OLLI@UGA. Her estate set aside about \$25,000 for OLLI. By setting aside a portion of her estate for OLLI, she is helping everyone in OLLI enjoy lifelong learning. The money is in a special account that we are calling the Carol Fisher Trust Fund. There has been no decision yet about how the Trust Fund will be used, but the Board will be sure to honor her memory in the way that it uses the funds. If you have ideas about using the fund, please tell a Board member or officer. She was a wonderful, generous lady and we honor her gift.

The Winter/Spring session is off to a great start. There are over 100 courses scheduled and most classes have room for more students. Jeani Goodwin and the Curriculum Committee are to be congratulated. They outdid themselves this semester. The new online registration system is also working well. An estimated 2/3 of the 380 people who have registered did so online, which is far beyond our expectation for the first time.

Volunteers are the backbone of OLLI@UGA and we depend on them to make the organization function. There is something for everyone to do, such as facilitate a course or help at events; and the OLLI Angels do a little of everything. Contact the volunteer coordinator Ann Darby (annmdarby@bellsouth.net; 706-543-7995) if you can help.

Get involved! Register for courses, volunteer and participate in the Special Interest Groups (SIGs).

Mac

The OLLI Times

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The OLLI Times is published six times a year, in September, October, January/February, March, April, and June, with news about OLLI, its members, and OLLI events.

Address questions, suggestions, and submissions to patmcalex@gmail.com.

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AMY AND MAGEE

by Amy Munnell

“Better not pet THAT dog,” he sneered as he pedaled his bike past us. I recognized him as the man who stopped to talk with me and MaGee on our late night “business trip” the night before. He had reached to pet her, and I explained that she was a service dog and he shouldn’t. Apparently he took offense.

It may appear like a harmless, friendly gesture, but petting a working assistance dog, be it a guide dog, hearing dog or service dog like MaGee, is distracting. Would you run up and start cuddling up on a bus driver while he’s driving or the cashier as she rings up your groceries? Of course not. If you pet, sweet-

talk or cuddle a service dog, he can’t focus on his job, which is taking care of his partner.

So what does MaGee do for me? She opens and closes doors, retrieves and carries items, and moves my arms for me. She can also pay clerks in stores, punch door and elevator buttons, give High Fives, play dead and give kisses.

It took two years and over \$25,000 to raise and train MaGee. She began her training at 8 weeks old in prison. Canine Partners for Life has a prison puppy program and MaGee was placed with two inmates at a women’s prison in Pennsylvania. They took her everywhere in the prison and taught her basic obedience.

At a year old, she moved to Canine Partners for Life, in Cochranville, PA—about 60 miles west of Philadelphia—to start her advanced training, such as retrieval and tugging and punching buttons. Then I went up to train with her for three weeks in June.

MaGee and I are still growing and learning together. I hope to teach her to pull my feet forward, to flip a bowl over and pick it up, and more silly tricks too, like playing dead and giving hugs—because all work and no play, you know.

One service skill most people overlook is companionship. A service dog is great company. She listens well and is always ready to go and do or just lie about and watch television. Between the two of us we can handle most anything. We’re partners.

Amy is Coordinator of Social Media for OLLI and an OLLI member.

MaGee, accompanying Amy at the Fall 2011 Back to Class Bash, watches the proceedings.



Photo by Pat McAlexander

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Bill Alworth, as President-elect, will become president of OLLI as of July 1, 2012. In accordance with the latest Bylaws, nominations are now open for the President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Board members. Present officers eligible to serve another one-year term are Carolyn Abney (secretary) and John Songster (treasurer). All five members of the Board who have completed their two-year term are eligible to serve again: Ann Darby, Richard Hargrove, Martha Phillips, Nancy Songster, and Alexis Winger. Note: Officers other than President and President-elect may be elected for two subsequent one-year terms. Board members may be elected for two consecutive two-year terms.

If you are interested in serving in one of the open positions or if you have suggestions for nominees, please fill out a nomination form and send it to Bill Alworth, Nomination Committee, Rivers Crossing, 850 College Station Road, Athens, GA, 30602 or email it to him at wilo59@charter.net. Nomination forms will be available at Rivers’ Crossing; a form will also be sent out to the membership by email, and one will be published in the March *OLLI Times*, to be mailed by the week of March 19. The deadline for submitting nominations is March 28. Be sure to check with your nominee before you submit his/her name. The Nominating Committee members (listed on p. 2) will select a slate of nominees and present it to the Board for review prior to the April Board meeting. OLLI members will vote on the final slate of officers and Board Members at the May Annual Meeting.

FEATURED OLLI COMMITTEES

Randall Abney is the chair of both Marketing (now ad hoc, to become a standing committee) and Development. Thanks to Randall for the following articles.



Lisa Rawls, Senior VP of BB&T, corporate sponsor of the OLLI Fall Bash, with OLLI President-Elect Bill Alworth

The Marketing Committee: Plans for 2012

As OLLI@UGA continues to grow and flourish under the leadership of our officers and directors, more coordination between committees becomes imperative. To meet these new challenges, the new Marketing Committee, under the leadership of Randall Abney, is made up of members of the Public Relations Committee, Publicity Committee, and Membership Committee. It meets once a month to make sure the OLLI@UGA message is consistent both to its members and the general public.

Marketing has great plans for 2012. Membership Chair Vic Armstrong and his committee are working very hard at attracting new members. Public Relations, headed by Jerri Berrong, has spent extensive time researching the best ways to “get the word out” about OLLI@UGA to the 20,000+ people in the greater Athens area who are 50+. Stay tuned for ads in playbills around town and a newly designed brochure, thanks to the coordinated efforts of Membership and Marketing. Pat McAlexander, designated as Publications Chair for her work as editor of the *OLLI Times*, continues to improve and expand the newsletter, offering interesting stories and information with the help of assistant editor Betty Jean Craige. Other Marketing Committee Members are David Block, Dick Lynch, Robert McEwan, Norma Bowman, Sheila Roberson, Howard Leeb, and Mark Freeman.

The committee plans several new things for OLLI@UGA. One is giving OLLI@UGA members the opportunity to have a UGA ID Card, which will offer them student benefits as well as discounts around town from participating businesses. Second, OLLI Gear will go “on-line” in 2012, allowing members to place orders for OLLI Gear and have it shipped or held for pick up at River’s Crossing. Third, The Committee is planning to ask organizations/businesses to sponsor events, such as Lunch & Learn. Already BB&T has sponsored the Fall Back to Class Bash (see picture). And fourth, the committee will be working with local businesses to offer OLLI@UGA members discounts and/or additional services.

Marketing is also working with the Development Committee on the sale of Stadion Golf Classic tickets this year. Tickets are already on sale for the 2012 tournament. The goal is to sell 200 tickets at \$25 each; a ticket allows entry into the tournament all four days (April 30-May 6). **100% of the proceeds from the sale of tickets by OLLI@UGA members is returned to OLLI@UGA.** What a great deal! Please help us sell tickets, and please buy one for yourself. (*Ed. Note: You can order tickets online at www.stadionclassic.uga.edu. The March OLLI Times will tell more about this event.*)

Marketing is looking for more members who would like to help promote OLLI@UGA. If you are interested, please let Zu or Katy know or contact me at RABney@me.com or 404-932-0232.

The Development Committee: The LEAVE A LEGACY Campaign

The OLLI@UGA Development Committee was formed for the purpose of looking at ways to improve the sustainability of the organization. The committee researched other OLLI organizations to find out how they addressed sustainability. We worked with the UGA Development staff for guidance on how we should proceed. The Development Committee recommended and the Board of Directors has now approved a Planned Giving Campaign for OLLI@UGA.

The Campaign, called, “LEAVE A LEGACY,” kicks off this month. You will be receiving information about the campaign from the committee in several forms. A brochure will be mailed to all members that will explain the campaign in detail. We will have a page on the OLLI@UGA website. And there will be information in the *OLLI Times* to keep you informed of our progress.

BYLAWS - continued from page 1

Last summer OLLI President Mac Rawson and the Board authorized a committee to examine the existing Bylaws and propose changes to bring our Bylaws up to date. On the ad hoc Bylaws Committee were Alta Allen, Richard Hargrove, Jay Shinn, Nancy Songster, and Ray Zwaagstra. President Rawson's charge to the Committee was simple and direct: to seek a useful document offering clarity and transparency in its understanding and application.

The Committee met often from late summer on through the fall, using the existing Bylaws as bedrock and working from there. The work of many OLLI@UGA members was reviewed and considered, and the Bylaws of other OLLI organizations were examined. The developed recommendations were submitted to the Board for review and consideration, and formally presented to the Board at its meeting on October 19, 2011. After various comments and updates, the Board unanimously approved the document for presentation to the membership for its vote. The membership was offered the revised document beginning in early December.

In the main, the changes are found in updated language and in clarification and reorganization of information. Changes of particular note are the change in the definition of a quorum in Article Four: Meetings, greater detail in the process for Officer and Board nominations in Article Twelve: Nominating Committee, and the inclusion in Article Ten: Committees of a standing Bylaws Committee.

Article 4.1 defines a quorum for a proper meeting of the membership as a minimum of 5% of the total current membership being present and voting. This reflects our growing membership, and recognizes the fact that many members focus more on our excellent curriculum offerings than on governance. This of course in no way limits the number of members who may take part at membership meetings.

According to the expanded Article Twelve, the Nominating Committee stipulates the way the OLLI leadership is nominated and elected and encourages participation of the members.

Article 10.3 lists the Standing Committees, and new among them are a Bylaws Committee and a Marketing Committee. The Bylaws group is charged with seeing that our Bylaws are kept current and useful, and the Marketing Committee sees to our strength and positive position in our community and within the universe of continuing education organizations.

OLLI@UGA owes much to the many people whose efforts have brought us to this convergence of educational and social opportunities which we now enjoy. The fact that we need newly expanded Bylaws simply reflects the work and attention of so many for so many years. They deserve our thanks.

LEAVE A LEGACY is a long-term program, with a goal of thirty planned gifts in three years. As of today, three planned gifts have been made to OLLI@UGA, so we have met 10% of the goal. The first planned gift had already been received by OLLI@UGA, because Carol Fisher, who passed away last year, had included OLLI@UGA to her estate planning.

Aldon Knight (aknight@uga.edu or 706-542-2267) and Melinda Thomas (thomasme@uga.edu or 706-542-8869), two UGA Development officers, are available to discuss being part of LEAVE A LEGACY. All communications concerning gifts are with these professionals, not Development Committee members, and are strictly confidential. Our committee's function is to inform and educate OLLI@UGA members on the options for being part of LEAVE A LEGACY.

Many of us support our alma mater through yearly gifts and/or planned gifts. You probably attended your university four or five years while obtaining your degree. Now you are part of OLLI@UGA University where many of you have been taking classes for several years and will continue, God willing, for many more. Adding a planned gift to OLLI@UGA will help the organization sustain itself for generations to come. Please consider becoming part of LEAVE A LEGACY today. Carolyn and I have. We are proud to support this wonderful organization that offers each of us a more fruitful life through learning, traveling and socializing together.

Our committee members are Bill Alworth, John Songster, Janet Stratton, Jane King, Jean Estes, Aldon Knight, and Melinda Thomas. Please let us know if we can answer any questions for you.

OLLI FALL SEMESTER TRIPS

OLLIs on Bartram class trip, October 13, 2011



Photo by Dorinda Dallmeyer

Thirteen people participated in Dorinda Dallmeyer's Bartram class trip on October 13, and fifteen on October 14, traveling for the first time in the van from the Athens Community Council on Aging. Also Sixteen OLLIs participated in Bill Wenner's October 20th van trip around Athens to view four sites showing where the area's water supply comes from and to learn about hazardous materials present in the area.

OLLIs at the Cyclorama



Photo by Pat McAlexander

The ACAA van again was used for Bill Alworth's "Civil War in Atlanta" trip on November 18, transporting fourteen OLLIs to the Atlanta History Center to see the exhibition "Turning Point: The American Civil War." After a delicious lunch in the Swan Coach House restaurant, they proceeded to the Cyclorama, with its cinematic depiction of the Battle of Atlanta. A final stop was made at the McPherson monument on the way home.

BAPS Hindu Temple, Lilburn.

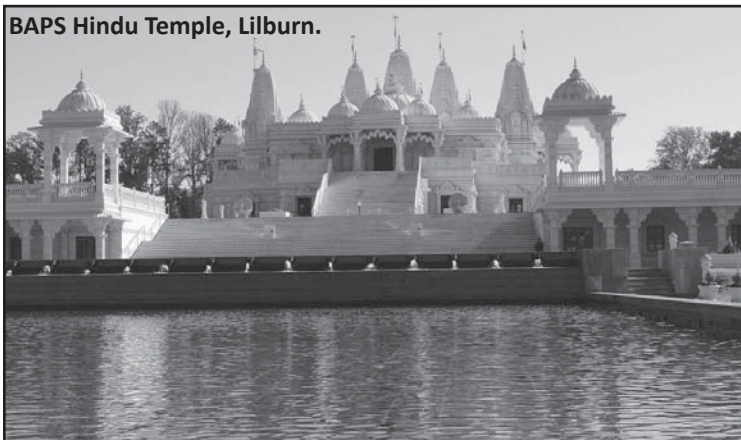


Photo by Pat McAlexander

On November 1 a group of about thirty people traveled by bus to the BAPS Hindu Temple in Lilburn. There they removed their shoes to enter the temple for a service in a space some described as like an "ice palace," with music and a play of colored lights adding to the atmosphere. The outside of the temple was equally fantastic, with its white marble glistening in the sun, statues of peacocks, elephant fountains, and a reflecting pool. Mony Abrol and Bill Alworth organized the trip.

Elephant fountains on temple grounds

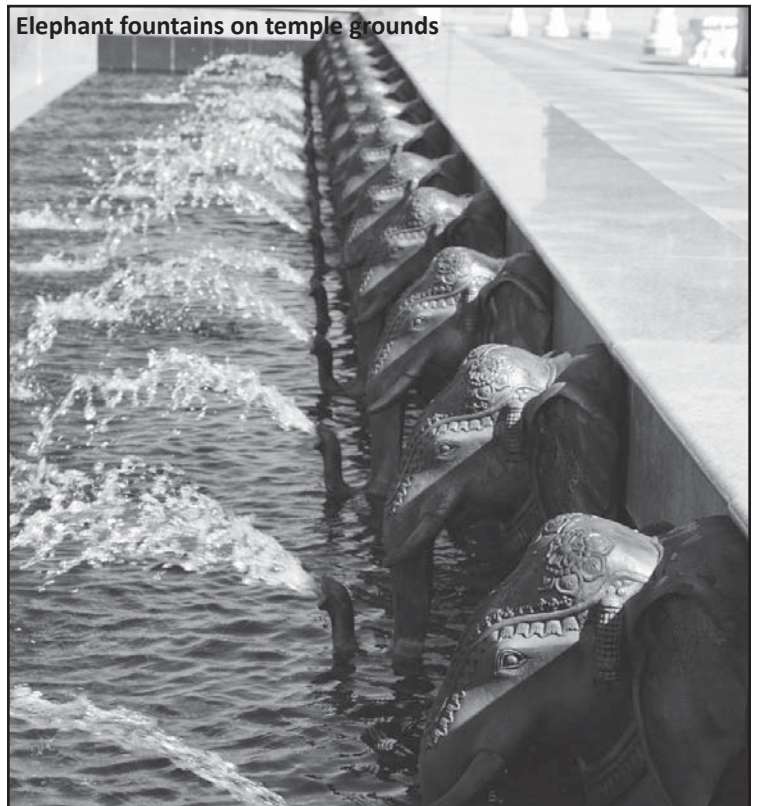


Photo by Pat McAlexander

OLLI TRAVEL OPS FOR SPRING

Many trips are in conjunction with OLLI classes, but unless it is stated to the contrary, any OLLI member can go on the trips. For **each** trip that you wish to participate in, fill out a **separate reservation form**. There is one below to clip, photocopy, or use as a model; or you can download a form from the OLLI website. **Be sure to include the number of the cell phone you will have with you on the trip and to have the cell phone number of the tour coordinator or contact person with you on the trip.** You will be given this number with trip confirmation information. Watch for email updates on your trip.

Mail the form(s) with your credit card information (which will be shredded, and not kept on file in the system) or check made out to OLLI@UGA to **OLLI Travel, River's Crossing, 850 College Station Road, Athens, GA 30602-4811** or hand-deliver the materials to Zu. If you are registering for more than one trip, you can write one check/credit card amount for the total due. **Your payment is your registration.**

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Jekyll Island Beach

Photo by Dorinda Dallmeyer

See the October *OLLI Times* for details on the trip to Georgia Coast March 5-7, 2012, Dr. David Dallmeyer, Coordinator.

Call Zu at 706 542-7715 about possible spaces or being placed on a waiting list.

OLLI TRIP RESERVATION FORM

Trip _____

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone # _____ # of Cell Phone you will have with you _____

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.

For carpooling trips, circle one RIDER or DRIVER (I can accommodate ___ additional passengers.)

Check # _____ Card # (Visa/MC/Discover) _____ Exp _____

Name on card if different from above: _____

Billing Address _____

Cardholder Signature _____

OLLI TRAVEL OPS FOR SPRING

PIERCING THE HEARTLANDS: A TOUR OF THE BATTLEFIELDS ON CHICKAMAUGA AND CHATTANOOGA Civil War Travel/Study

Tour Coordinator: Bill Alworth, 706-549-5510, wilo59@charter.net

Dates: Tuesday, April 17 and Wednesday, April 18

Cost: \$200 individual; \$168 double

(includes motorcoach, motel, entrance fees and some educational material; does not include meals)

Registration Deadline: Full cost by March 19. Trip limited to fifteen rooms.

In conjunction with Norman Dasinger, Jr.'s course "Battles of Chickamauga and Chattanooga," (Saturday, April 14, 10:00-12:00), OLLI is sponsoring a trip to visit these key Civil War battlefields. The course instructor, a member of the Historical Committee of the Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails Association, will serve as our guide. Although the course is not required, its discussion of tactic, personalities, and strategies of these key 1863 battles will enhance the experience of the trip.

The motorcoach will leave at 8:00 a.m. from the parking lot of Jack Turner Stadium (the UGA Girl's Softball Stadium) at 2330 S. Milledge Avenue. Our first stop will be the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History in Kennesaw. This museum, operated in association with the Smithsonian Museum, is home to the "General" locomotive made famous during the Great Locomotive Chase of 1862 from Marietta to Ringgold. Here we will see an excellent short film recreating the Great Locomotive Chase and learn about the first US Medal of Honor recipients. We will have lunch at a Golden Corral in Fort Oglethorpe.

After lunch we will travel to the Chickamauga Battlefield, where we will meet Norman Dasinger. The Chickamauga and Chattanooga Military Park Battlefield is the first and largest U.S. military park, established by congressional authorization between 1890 and 1899. After touring this section of the park,

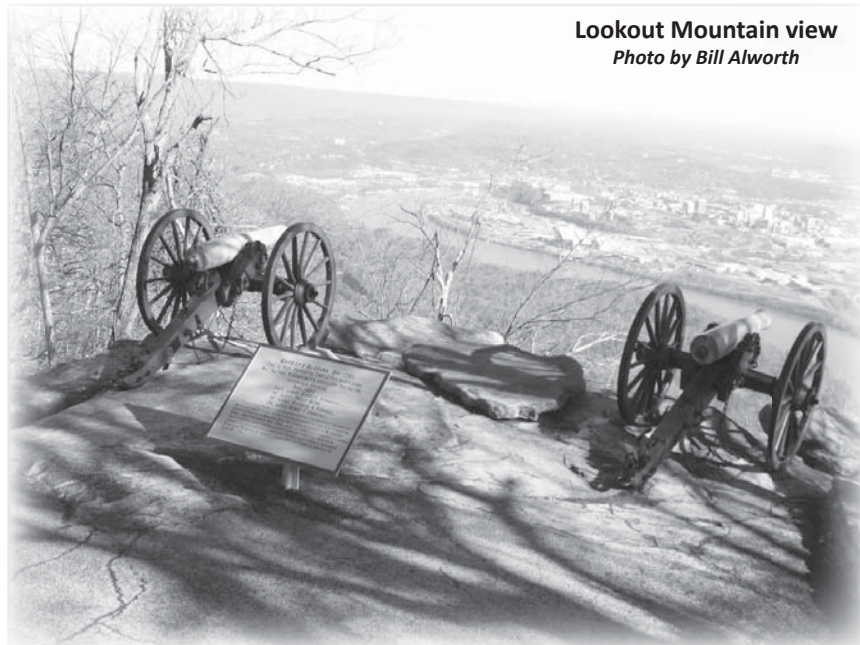
we will travel a short distance to our motel, the Best Western Battlefield Inn. That evening we will have dinner at Logan's Roadhouse or, if you prefer, Kobe, a hibachi/sushi restaurant across the street.

On April 18, after the free breakfast and checkout, we will visit the Point Park Visitor Center, where Mr. Dasinger will guide us on a tour of the Lookout Mountain Battlefield. We will also visit the Chattanooga National Cemetery, which holds Union

dead from these battles as well as the Union raiders in the Great Locomotive Chase of 1862, executed by the Confederacy. After lunch at Bea's Restaurant, we will visit the memorial to Confederate General Patrick Cleburne in Ringgold. Cleburne's division successfully held off Union forces at Ringgold Gap on November 27, 1863, marking the end of the Chickamauga-Chattanooga Campaign. We then return to Athens, arriving about 7:00 p.m.

While most of the tour of the battlefields will be by

motorcoach, participants should expect to walk short distances over marked paths in order to see all of the sites and memorials. Some of the optional viewpoints at Point Park on Lookout Mountain are down a flight of stairs. At the Chickamauga Battlefield there is an optional lookout that requires climbing several flights of stairs. Some of the rooms at the motel will be on the second floor. Since there is no elevator, please indicate if you need a first floor room when you send in your reservation.



Lookout Mountain view
Photo by Bill Alworth

OLLI TRAVEL OPS FOR SPRING

THE OHIO AMISH, ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME, ISLANDS OF LAKE ERIE

Tour Coordinator: Smith Wilson (706-338-4646, smwilson31@aol.com) with Country Tours

Dates: May 1-May 5, 2012

Cost : \$750 per person double rate; \$950 single

(does not include roundtrip airfare to Akron, lunches, or tips for guides or driver).

Non-refundable \$375 deposit required with registration. Minimum of 30 participants needed.

Registration deadline: February 15. Remainder of payment due March 31.

Smith Wilson, in conjunction with Country Tours, is organizing a fascinating trip to Northeast Ohio this spring. The trip includes all overnight first class accommodations, transportation by motor coach and ferry, baggage handling, four dinners, four breakfasts, all entrance fees, step-on guides, special speakers, and OLLI class fee.

Participants will fly or drive on their own to the Akron-Canton airport on May 1 and be picked up at 11:00 a.m. for the motorcoach trip to the beautiful Amish Country. This area is the world's largest Amish community. During the next two days (May 1 and 2) they will meet some of Smith's Amish friends and tour their two working farms. The experience will be like a trip back in time: the "Old Order Amish" use no electricity, plow with horses, speak "Dutch" at home, and use horse and buggy for transportation. There will also be a visit to an Amish two-room school house, the Amish and Mennonite Heritage Center, and the Amish-owned Rolling Ridge Ranch Exotic Animal farm, as well as time to browse in Amish shops (the Amish are skilled craftsmen) and enjoy delicious Amish food, including a dinner at the home of Smith's Amish friends, the Schrocks.

On May 3 the group will head north for a short stop at the "non-electric hardware" Lehman's and then on to Cleveland for a city tour and a stop in Little Italy. The history, revitalization and beauty of this City by the Lake is amazing. One highlight of

this day will be visiting the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame—which features music from Elvis to Athens' own R.E.M.

On May 4 the group heads to the Islands of Lake Erie, boarding a ferry for a day-long adventure with commentary by Ed Larson, UGA professor and Pulitzer Prize winner in history. Ed, who grew up spending summers in this area, will highlight Kelly's Island, South Bass Island, Lakeside, and Johnson Island, a Confederate war prisoner camp and cemetery. On May 5th participants will


be taken to the Akron-Canton airport in time for return flights that leave after 11:00 a.m. There will be many other stops and surprises throughout the trip too numerous to mention here, so for more details, check the web site amishadventure.blogspot.com.

Note: Smith is also teaching an OLLI course, "Georgia Farming in the Early 20th Century," on March 14. The class will visit Smith's farm.



Picture:

**Smith Wilson on his mule wagon, talking with Hubert McAlexander
Photo by Pat McAlexander**



**Watch for details on a day trip to Fox Theatre for the "Jersey Boys," Saturday, June 9 matinee.
Coordinator, Dindy Owens.**

AND FOR SUMMER AND FALL 2012.....

MINERALS, ROCKS AND ORE DEPOSITS: SHOW ME THE MONEY!! (DAHLONEGA, GA)

Tour Coordinator: R.D. Dallmeyer (dallmeyer@uga.edu)

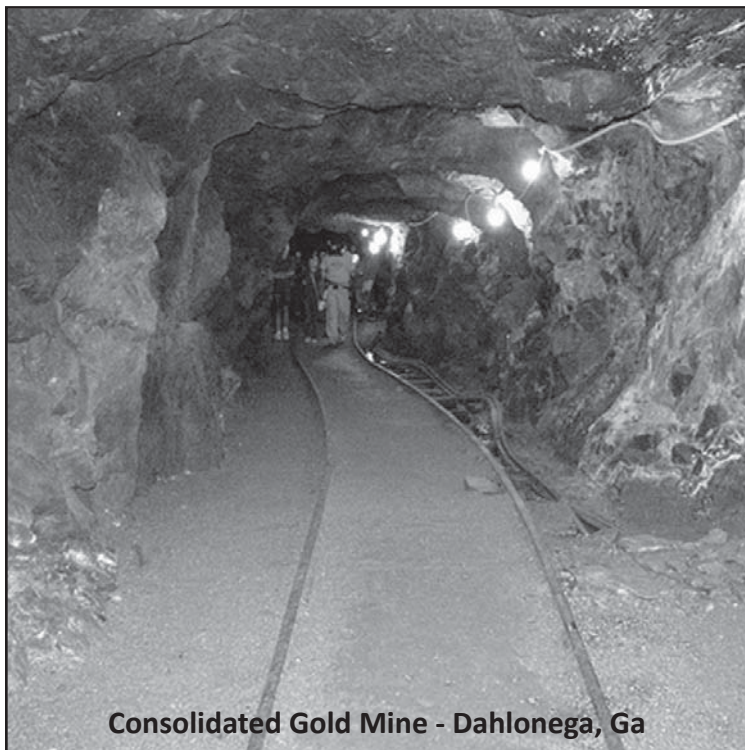
Date: June 18, 2012

Cost: \$75 per person non-refundable registration cost
(does not include lunch)

Registration Deadline: April 1

Dr. Dallmeyer has organized a one-day OLLI geoexcursion to Dahlonega for Monday, June 18, in association with his summer course, "Minerals, Rocks and Ore Deposits: Show Me The Money." The course will meet Monday-Friday the week before the trip (June 11-15). Participation in the course will be required for the trip.

The trip will focus on the geological origins, distribution and mining of deposits in the Dahlonega Gold Belt. Stops will include the Gold Museum, the U .S. Mint and a tour the Consolidated Gold Mine. Transport will be with rental vans. Several stops will be made en route to examine representative roadside bedrock exposures within the Dahlonega Gold Belt. Mine access includes use of stairs and ramps. The trip will depart Athens at 8:30 a.m. and return in the early evening. The non-refundable registration cost of \$75 includes van rental, fuel, staff costs and admission fees to the mine and museum, but does not include lunch.



Consolidated Gold Mine - Dahlonega, Ga

WATCHING NORTHEASTERN U.S.A. WHALES

Tour Coordinators: Mac and Brenda Rawson
(macrawson@charter.net, 706-207-6359, 706-202-6854)

Dates: July 17-21, 2012

Cost: \$800 per person (includes boat tickets, lunches and local transportation; does NOT include travel to Boston, rooms at the Sea Lion Motel, or breakfast and supper.)

Registration Deadline: March 15 with non-refundable deposit of \$400; remainder of payment due by June 1.

Tuesday, July 17 will be an arrival day. Flight and transportation connections are made via Logan Airport in Boston. Arrangements can be made to pick up participants at Logan Airport. Whale watching and classes will be conducted on July 18, 19, and 20. Departure date is July 21.

On July 18 - 20 we will have morning educational presentations prior to each daily whale watching trip. These sessions may include topics such as: (a) nature photography, (b) the history of fishing and social implications, (c) using our environment to shape our personal choices and behaviors (d) presentation by the Ocean Alliance (e) optional activities such as sea kayaking, Rocky Neck Art Colony, etc.

In the afternoon, we will board the 115' long and 25' wide whale watching boat, the *Hurricane II* (<http://seethewhale.com>) and travel to Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary (<http://stellwagen.noaa.gov>). The *Hurricane II* is the fastest whale watching boat on Stellwagen Bank. This is important because the whales may be 25 miles out to sea.

We will visit with Minke, humpback, and fin whales, dolphins and the very, very occasional Right whales. We should see a variety of whale surface behaviors such as bubble net and open mouth feeding, tail lobbing, flipper slapping, and, most exciting of all, a full breach, where a forty-ton whale leaps completely out of the water and splashes back into the Atlantic, sometimes very near the boat. We will probably see a mother and her newborn calf making their first migration together. After our daily trip, we will enjoy the fine dining opportunities in Gloucester followed by an evening of socializing and sightseeing.

Accommodations will be at the Sea Lion Motel directly across from Good Harbor Beach in Gloucester. You will have your choice of a single or double. The motel also has a nice swimming pool. To the immediate north of the Sea Lion motel is Rockport, where you will find great shopping and dining in a quaint New England fishing port. To the south is the town of Gloucester, which is forty miles north of Boston. It is one of the busiest fishing ports in the United States and the headquarters of

Gorton Foods. Other opportunities include the towns of Salem and Essex, with antiques and some of the best salt marshes on Cape Ann.

The instructors for the whale watching trips will be Drs. Christa Harrelson-Deissler and Denise Domizi. Both are UGA faculty members and are experienced on-board whale naturalists. Drs. Mac Rawson, John Schell, and Barbara Schell will accompany the trips and conduct selected educational sessions. Ms. Cynde McInnis, the lead naturalist onboard the *Hurricane II*, will provide onboard educational programs.



Photo by Mac Rawson

GEOLOGY AND MINERAL DEPOSITS WITHIN THE BASIN AND RANGE PROVINCE AND THE EASTERN SIERRAS: NEVADA & CALIFORNIA

Tour Coordinator: R.D. Dallmeyer (dallmeyr@uga.edu)

Dates: September 24-October 1, 2012

Cost: \$750 per person double rate (covers van rental, fuel, staff expenses and the individual \$5/day OLLI course fee; does NOT cover personal airfare, lodging or meals) Non-refundable \$350 registration deposit required with registration.

Registration Deadline: April 15. \$400 remainder due July 1.

The Basin & Range Province is an extensive physiographic region covering more than 170,000 square miles and extending across six western states and parts of Mexico. The area is characterized by abrupt changes in elevation, alternating between narrow, rugged, fault-bounded mountain ranges and intervening arid valleys or basins. This topography is a result of extensional geologic forces approximately 18 million years ago caused by global changes in plate tectonic relationships. These forces have continuously been extending North American continental

crust through associated faulting. As a result of crustal thinning, the region has been a focus of nearly continual volcanic activity during the last 18 million years. This widespread igneous activity generated abundant economic mineral deposits. Exploitation of these resources has helped to frame the cultural history of the region since the middle 19th century.

This OLLI geoexcursion will investigate the geologic evolution of the Basin & Range Province and its relationship with adjacent segments of the Sierra Nevada. It will also explore the nature and genesis of ore deposits and the history of mining throughout the region. Transport will be in 15-passenger rental vans. Field stops will be along roadside exposures and overlooks. Minimal walking will be required.

The trip will begin at 8:00 A.M. on September 24 in Las Vegas, Nevada and will terminate at the same location in the evening of October 1. The group will visit Death Valley and Great Basin National Parks, several national monuments and numerous state parks. We will make stops in the volcanically active Long Valley Caldera, including Mammoth Mountain Gondola, Mono Lake, Devils Post Pile, Hot Creek Geysers and Inyo Craters. We will transect Nevada eastward across U.S. Route 50 through classic mining territory. We will spend nights in Eureka and Ely and visit the Robinson Copper Mines and Nevada State Railroad Museum. The trip will travel south from Ely along the Great Basin Scenic Byway and cross a portion of the Mojave Desert with a night in Caliente. Stops will include Echo Canyon, Cathedral Gorge and Valley of Fire State Parks with a visit to Hoover Dam before returning to Las Vegas.

Accommodations have been reserved for nine nights with an average daily rate of \$50 (double occupancy). Participation in an associated pre-excursion OLLI course is required (September 17-21). For a detailed trip itinerary contact R.D. Dallmeyer at dallmeyr@uga.edu.

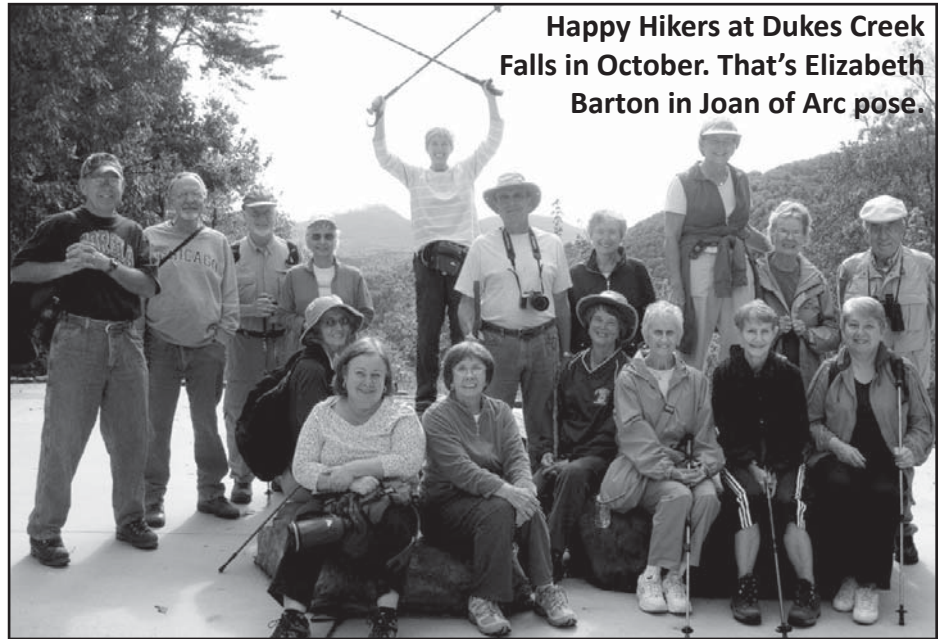


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SIG (SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP) NEWS

HAPPY HIKERS

On October 12, 2011, Happy Hikers sponsored a great day of hiking on the Dukes Creek Falls trail near Helen GA. Coordinator Iris Miracle wrote, "In spite of predicted rain showers, eighteen optimistic members set forth and were treated to a beautiful day of superb fall hiking weather." The trail's natural beauty inspired the photographers in the group—especially at the end, where the Happy Hikers found themselves surrounded by the spectacular sight and sound of numerous cascading falls in all directions. In November SIG members were even more ambitious: they hiked five miles up to Hike Inn, where they spent the night and hiked back down the following day. They then stopped at Amicolola Falls for views of brilliant fall foliage. In December they hiked at the Botanical Gardens, and in January at Lake Chapman. Iris is now planning the spring schedule of hikes. This SIG must have set a record, by the way: it has 175 members!



Happy Hikers at Dukes Creek Falls in October. That's Elizabeth Barton in Joan of Arc pose.

Photo by Iris Miracle



Photo from Iris Miracle

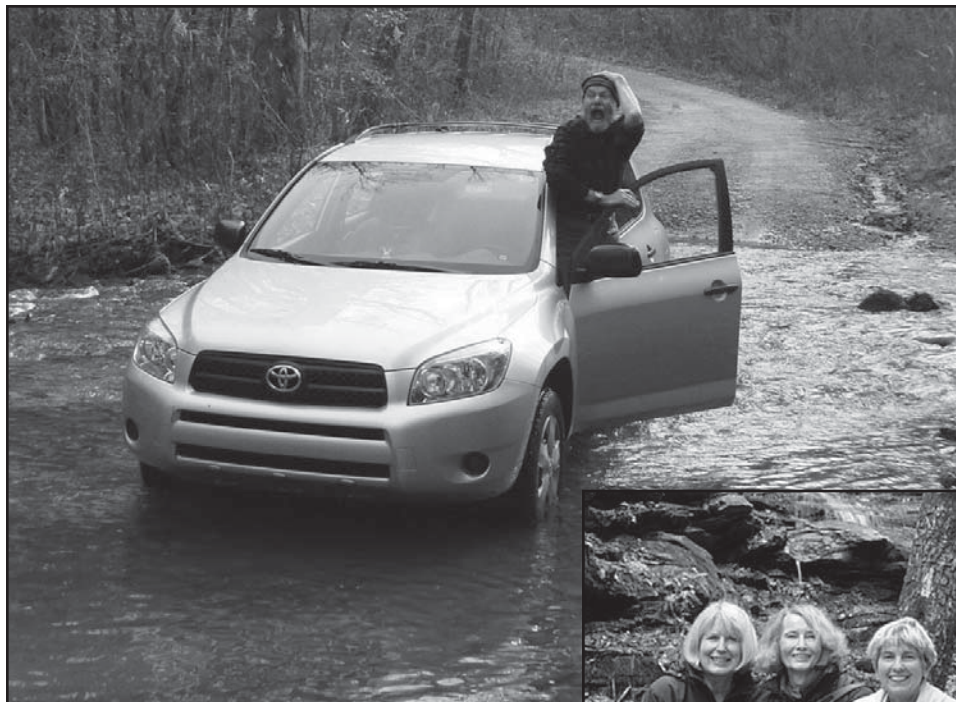
Right:

Hikers on November hike to Hike Inn.

NEW SIG PROPOSAL: VEGETABLE GARDENERS

When Randall and I planted our first garden in Athens three years ago, we found the tomatoes cost us \$87 each, due, in part, to not knowing about local deer. Now we have an 8' tall fence! Is there interest among OLLI members in creating a Special Interest Group to help each other with planning or planting their vegetable garden (whatever its size), swapping seeds, sharing local knowledge, or other, related topics? If this sounds good to you, send an email to carolynabney@me.com or call my mobile, 404.457.7444. Flower gardeners are welcome to be in touch as well. A SIG representing non-vegetable gardens could certainly be started, if there is interest.

—Carolyn Abney



Above:

Jeff Engel: "The GPS didn't tell me...."

Photo by Pat McAlexander



Right:

**Left to Right - Alexis Winger,
Pat McAlexander, Elizabeth Barton,
Bill Jones, Jeff Engel at Minehaha Falls**

Photo by Jeff Engel



MAHJONGG

The Mahjongg SIG meets every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. at Heidi Naylor's house to play this challenging Chinese game. Using 136 tiles based on Chinese characters and symbols, the game is sometimes described (though this oversimplifies) as a cross between dominoes and the card game of rummy.

Left:

The Mahjongg group.

Top row: Leslie Litt, Genie Bernstein, Lisi Naylor (Heidi Naylor's daughter), Lorraine Downie, Riet Anderson.

Front row: Carol Young, Renee Feldman, Heidi Naylor, Iris Miracle.

SOCIAL EVENTS



Winter Holiday Party, December 14

Photo by Sandy Clark

The food at the party, held at Trumps, was varied and yummy. The decorations (shown in the picture) were white and silver, with huge painted branches; it must have been a lot of effort! On each table were white poinsettias which were given to those persons whose numbers were drawn. A three-piece band, the Chris Enghauer Trio (bass, piano, saxophone) played great music, and several people danced. —Penny Adams



Newbee Social, January 6

Photo by Brenda Abdel-Hafez

At this event about 40-50 new OLLI members got to meet OLLI officers, Board members, and committee chairs; hear some brief presentations about OLLI; and learn where classrooms and OLLI staff offices are located. In the picture, Newbees Gary and Carla King talk with Board member Bill Loughner. —Joan Zitzelman

Note: We're happy to see the OLLI Times on the table!

Back to Class Bash, January 13 (pictures in the next issue)

New Year's Eve Day Lunch, December 31

Photo by Bill Flatt

A great OLLI New Year's Eve Luncheon, organized by Sandy Clark, was held at the East West Bistro on New Year's Eve day. Many toasts were given; one, by Heidi Naylor, got a great round of applause: *To all the strangers who are friends to be,/ And to all the friends who enrich our lives,/ That is OLLI to me.* —Nancy Songster





Social Events (continued) – And back in the fall...

The Halloween lunch, October 29

Photo by Carter Naylor

The luncheon fun was apparent in this picture of three OLLI-ween witches (left to right) Margaret Pruitt, Heidi Naylor, and Iris Miracle. The event was held at George's Low Country Table.

Coming Up:

VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON for OLLI members and guests, Tuesday, February 14, 11:30 a.m. at The Hilton Garden Inn, 390 East Washington Street, Athens. Dutch Treat, door prizes, free parking – enter from East Washington.

RSVP by February 7 (positive response only) to:

Marti Edwards mrriverwalk@bellsouth.net
706-705-1136

or
Heidi Naylor alpshv428@aol.com
706-850-5013

OLLI BRIEFS

Walter Andrae, who is listed in the course book as the presenter of “American Revolution in the South” (February 9 and 10, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.), is not able to teach the class. Instead, on February 9, students will hear from Emory Allen Burton, and on February 10, students will hear from Robert S. Davis. See the online course entry for presenter information.

Plans are being made for the OLLI Art Show and Garden Swap, April 13, at Central Presbyterian. Individuals and groups (SIGs, classes) can call 706-548-1915 or 770-307-5798 for information or to reserve a table/space. Details coming in the March *OLLI Times*.

Brenda Abdel-Hafez writes us, “Since September we have taken 419 pounds of food to the Northeast Georgia Food Bank for the Food2Kids program. Your amazing giving is providing food to children that would go hungry if not for your generosity. Bless you and keep on giving. January is the month for pop-top cans of chicken noodle soup, February is mac & cheese, March is pop tarts and April is fruit cups. We can stamp out hunger in the Athens area one kid at a time. Go OLLI!!!”

A number of OLLI members and other volunteers will be available for free tax preparation and free e-filing for federal and state tax forms beginning in February. For further information call:

- George Kuhlman – 706-543-9511
- Gayle Horne – 706-369-1245

Margaret Anderson has taken the position of Information Technology Committee Chair.

Katy and Zu have now moved into their new offices – Katy in 123, and Zu in 134.

Betty Jean Craig will give the UGA Founders' Day Address on January 27, 2 p.m., in the Chapel.
Title: “We Are All Part of the Tangled Bank.”

OLLI in the NEWS

The Fall 2011 issue of *Next: Life begins at 50* featured an article on David and Dorinda Dallmeyer's geology-themed expeditions for OLLI. Written by OLLI member Elaine Kalber and entitled "Bringing Lessons to Life," the article quotes Priscilla Golley, Nancy Canolty, and Bill Allworth, who have taken the Dallmeyers' trips to such places as the West Coast, Colorado Plateau, and the Canadian Rockies. The article also described Dorinda Dallmeyer's Georgia day-trips in conjunction with her course on William Bartram, the eighteenth-century naturalist.

"David and Dorinda put a lot of time and effort into making these excursions both educational and enjoyable, and their contributions are deeply appreciated by all of us," the article quotes Bill Allworth as saying. The Dallmeyers seem to like the students as much as the students like them. "[They] ask fantastic questions," says David Dallmeyer. And Dorinda comments, "[OLLI members] are at a stage where they have the time and ability to really look at things they are interested in...."

This fall OLLI member and retired UGA educational psychology and instructional technology professor Steve Olejnik was featured in UGA's *Columns* and on the UGA

webpage in conjunction with his delivering Meals on Wheels to Athens senior residents. "It's only an hour and a half to two hours a week. But it feels like I'm doing something meaningful and helpful to seniors," Olejnik says. Jeff Engel and Tanna Nicholson are two other OLLI members who deliver Meals on Wheels.

Lee Shearer's *Athens Banner-Herald* front-page article "Old trees, clear streams—a rare tract" (October 23, 2011) includes prominent reference to OLLI member Karen Porter, retired UGA ecologist, as one of a group of local and state conservationists hoping to save a 570-acre tract of undeveloped land in Athens-Clark County. The land is remarkable for century-old forests, dozens of butterfly species, and unpolluted streams, Karen states in the article.

Betty Jean Craige is now a regular columnist for the *Athens Banner-Herald*. She will be writing a weekly column on animals and how they relate to people, with the help of her talkative African Grey parrot, Cosmo. Look for "Cosmo Talks" every Sunday in the "Living" section. If you have an animal story or question to share with her, email her at bettyjean@cosmotalks.com.

General Meeting on January 13.



Photo by Chuck Murphy

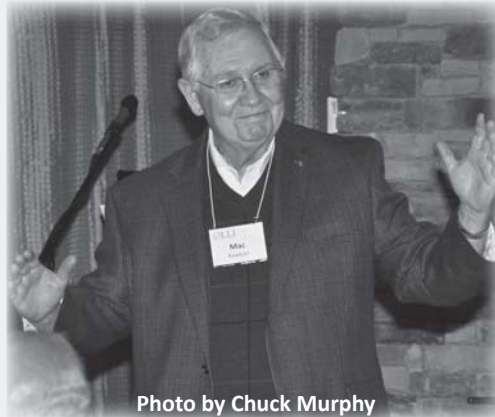


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Left: Jay Shinn describes the changes to the Bylaws before the vote. Middle: Mac Rawson announces, "The Ayes have it!" Right: Nancy Songster thanks the following for making the Osher Foundation grants and endowment possible: *Kathy Gratzek, Janet Stratton, John Rudy, Dr. Ron Cervero, Jim Tanner, John Songster, Bill Flatt, Al Ike, Jane Kelly, Jim Jacobson, Diana Cerwonka, Clarissa Finco, Peggy Cole, Anita Brannen, Keith Moore, Joanne Roth, Teresa Morris, Bob Leventry, Ray Zwaagstra, Jay Shinn, Dean Anthony Horne, Dr. Aldon Knight, Dr. Janet Truluck, Keith Oelke, Dr. Laura Bierema, Cindy Coyle, Sally Bolemon, and Katy Crapo...and...any others who, in spite of our best efforts, we might have missed.*