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BEGINNING OF SEMESTER EVENTS—INCLUDING THE STILL-TO-COME **BACK-TO-CLASS BASH FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

With August and September come the Newbees Orientation, the beginning of classes, and the traditional Back-to-Class Bash. On Thursday, **August 8th** from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m., members who joined OLLI@UGA after July 2012 attended the OLLI@UGA **Newbees Orientation & Social** at River's Crossing, organized by Nancy Songster. After an introduction by Nancy and President Jay Shinn, the Newbees proceeded to various presentations to "orient" them to OLLI: they learned about OLLI history from Katy Crapo, Special Interest Groups from Karen Kenyon, Travel/Study from Joan Zitzelman, Volunteering from Sandy Clark. And we hear that they had a visitation by mysterious masked figures who, it was rumored, would be back—at the OLLI Halloween Carnival October 24.

The next important "beginning of semester" date on the OLLI calendar was **August 19th**, when OLLI classes started. David Dallmeyer had the distinction of teaching the first OLLI class of the semester: he began his weeklong Geological Hazards course at 9:00 on August 19, taking the students through virtual tsunamis, hurricanes, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions—and of course explaining the geological processes producing those hazards. From September 9 to 16, some of the students in the class—and some who took the 2010 course—will be going with Dr. Dallmeyer to follow the volcanic track of the "Yellowstone hotspot" from the Columbia River Gorge to Yellowstone National Park. Maybe we should wish them luck?

Still to come is the **Back-to-Class Bash** for all OLLI members, to be held at Central Presbyterian Church, 380 Alps Road, on Friday, **September 6**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. This popular event is held each fall and spring to kick off the new semester. Here OLLIs can view displays of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and the Travel/Study committee and get to talk to members of those groups. Of course they will also socialize with each other and enjoy refreshments provided by Talmage Terrace and music by the New Horizons Band.. **Be sure to come!!**



Mysterious masked figures visit the Newbees Orientation—here with Hospitality Committee member Sinclair Jackson (left) and Newbee Betty Bieden

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL AND FUNDRAISER TO BE HELD OCTOBER 24

Ghosts, Goblins, Costumes, Games, Dancing, Raffles, Contests, Silent Auction ...All are part of the first annual OLLI Halloween Carnival FUNdraiser coming October 24 at Flinchum's Phoenix, a UGA Lodge in Whitehall Forest, 650 Phoenix Road. The Carnival will begin at 6:30 p.m.; food and dancing will end at 9:30 p.m. Doubling as a fundraiser, the evening will feature rare and perhaps even exotic items, and a silent auction sure to offer something you've been wanting. This will be a fantastic good time with a carnival atmosphere and fun things for everyone. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Mark your calendars. Bring your friends!

The OLLI Halloween Carnival FUNdraiser is open to members and their guests. We wish it weren't, but the event is limited to 200 – first come, first served. Tickets will be sold via the OLLI website and at the OLLI office. The ticket price is \$25. Be sure to watch your email and the OLLI website for the ticket sales opening date and other exciting details.



The Halloween Carnival Planning Committee – having fun already.



Notes from Under the President's Hats



Photo by Chuck Murphy
Jay Shinn

Well, the leadoff item must be the very apparent success of our 2013 Southern Conference for Lifelong Learning. Two hundred and nine registrants (48 from OLLI@UGA) from over 60 organizations and 24 states came together to strengthen their resolve and share ideas and experiences in search of ways to make their organizations even better. It was goal-oriented, very valuable, and great fun. Thank you, Nancy Canolty, for two years of guiding the Conference Steering Committee – Carolyn Abney, Randall Abney, Bill Allworth, Terry Caven, Sandy Clark, Betty Jean Craige, Katy Crapo, Larry Dendy, Tom Kenyon, Bill Loughner, Nancy Songster—and me as a very interested party. An excellent job indeed! Our organization and many others are much better off for the efforts.

The summer has seemed so short – hardly had time to sweat a lot. Our delightful 120-class Fall semester began August 19, and there are luncheon programs, Travel/Study trips, social events, and SIGs to consider. Something new will have already happened by the time you read this – we will have sponsored a community outreach program at the Botanical Gardens. This program was the first of a new series called “OLLI Presents”... from time to time we will join with an area organization to present to the public events of interest and note.

And, get your licks in early at the Junkman’s Daughter’s Brother and other downtown shops to get costumed up for our Halloween party this October. Details will follow...

With all these activities plus just the fun of running this fine volunteer organization, many hands are needed at all levels. May I invite you to add volunteering as another level of your enjoyment of our OLLI? A call to any Board member about your area of interest is always welcome.

See you in class,

Jay

Would you like to teach a class for OLLI?

If so, go to OLLI@UGA’s website (olli.uga.edu) and click on the pink TEACH button on the left. From there you will be taken to “Forms.” Scroll down to the Course Proposal form (where you can select pdf or Word), complete it online, and email to olli@uga.edu. If you have further questions, contact Betty Jean Craige, Curriculum Committee Chair, at bjcraige@uga.edu.

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RIVER'S CROSSING PARKING FEE DOUBLED

This summer when OLLI@UGA Executive Director Katy Crapo went online to order parking tags for Fall, she discovered that as of July 1, 2013, the cost for daily and validation parking passes had doubled, dramatically increasing from \$2.00 to \$4.00. This was after our Course Catalog had already been prepared for publication. As President Jay Shinn wrote at the time to OLLI@UGA members, "This unannounced increase came as a shock not just to OLLI@UGA, but to entities campus-wide. Appeals to the Director of Parking Services and to the Associate Dean and the Dean of the College of Education revealed that this system-wide increase was approved all the way to the Board of Regents, and we will not be exempted."

Fortunately, since class fees remain the principal source of our income, OLLIs are continuing to take advantage of our many, varied, and reasonably priced classes. Advice to members: Look around for any parking tags you may still have with the year 13 on them. They remain good through December 31, 2013. And, to save on parking fees as well as gas, consider carpooling!

In Memoriam

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2013 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING JULY 24-26

The long-anticipated 2013 Southern Conference for Lifelong Learning was fun and informative—in short, everything a conference should be. In the concurrent sessions, lifelong learning organizations from across the country shared their experiences and expertise—from the importance of course titles (a “Suddenly Single” course had few takers; renamed “Successfully Single,” it had many) to methods of marketing an organization (we learned that the 5W’s—what, where, when, why, how—are not just for journalism).

Inspired by the name “Athens,” David Blazeovich, Senior Program Officer of The Bernard Osher Foundation, talked at the opening session about classic philosophy. Terry Kaye, keynote speaker at the Luncheon, gave a humorous talk about his writing experiences; and at the closing session Kali Lightfoot, Executive Director of the OLLI National Resource Center, gave fascinating descriptions of her experiences working with lifelong learning organizations (Early in her career, she was sitting in on a “lifelong learning” class, and a member asked, “What is that BABY doing here?”). Between talks and sessions, participants enjoyed delicious snacks and looked at displays highlighting activities of participating organizations. Pat McAlexander and Bill Alworth set up the plan for the OLLI@UGA display; David Dallmeyer refined and actualized it with the use of Large Format Photoshop.

A major highlight of the conference, open to all OLLI members and their guests, was the Randall and Isaac Bramblett concert at the Georgia Theatre on Thursday night. There was a cash bar, and crackers and imported cheese were provided by The Healthy Gourmet. Afterward, many enjoyed dinner at selected restaurants.

Thanks to the conference sponsors: CampusCE, The UGA College of Education, Talmage Terrace (red); Augusoft, The Carter Center (black); and AXA Equitable, BB&T, Road Scholar, and Semester at Sea (silver). And many kudos to the Conference Committee (pictured below), especially to its chair, Nancy Canolty!



The conference committee (l. to r.) Tom Kenyon, Bill Allworth, Betty Jean Craige, Carolyn Abney, Jay Shinn, Nancy Songster, Randall Abney, Nancy Canolty, Sandy Clark, Katy Crapo. Not pictured: Larry Dendy and Terry Cavan.



Photo by Pat McAlexander

Nancy Songster, Kali Lightfoot, and Betty Jean Craige at the Crapo's pre-conference breakfast



Photo by Chuck Murphy

David Blazeitch speaks at the opening session



Photo by and caption by Chuck Murphy

Reverend Abney, preaching "Marketing to the Max"



Photo by Pat McAlexander

Conference participants looking at OLLI@UGA and Washington affiliate displays



Photo by Pat McAlexander

Bill Flatt takes a photo of the Randall and Issac Bramlett performance



Photo by Pat McAlexander

Nancy Canolty, Chair of the Conference Committee, at the closing session

Special Interest Groups

Carolyn Abney & Karen Kenyon

OLLI@UGA



Our SIG Committee Chairs
Photo by Chuck Murphy

Cribbage

OLLI's cribbage special interest group is up and running. We meet every other Wednesday at 2:00 pm at the Kumquat Mae restaurant in Watkinsville. If any OLLI members are interested in this fun and challenging card game, please come and join us. For more information you can contact Jim Kundell at jekundell@bellsouth.net. — Jim Kundell

Dawg.Bytes (Formerly MacFanatics)

OLLI's SIG MacFanatics is being "relaunched" as Dawg.Bytes. **The group will now be open to everyone, not just MAC users;** its expanded scope will include all types of computing devices and hardware. No special expertise is required to join—only an interest in information technology and the ability to use a web browser, smartphone, or tablet (e.g. iPad, Nexus).

The group will meet monthly to share knowledge about using information technology in our daily lives. We will discuss topics such as social media, on-line banking, travel tools, on-line shopping, cloud computing, and media streaming. We plan to hold the meetings at a location that will have Wi-Fi connectivity so that we can make the sessions more "hands-on." The group will also serve as a "support" network to assist members with technology problems and questions.

The first meeting of the group, an organizational meeting, was held on August 20 at River's Crossing. If you want to join or to have more information about this group, contact Les Shindelman at lshindel2@gmail.com.

—Les Shindelman

Picture This!


On June 4, a group of photographers from the PictureThis SIG set forth to the wilds of Atlanta; they were taking a field trip to ZooAtlanta. The zoo is a fun place for photographers, famous for its gorillas, pandas, and other fascinating critters. There really were lions and tigers and bears—and everything from naked mole rats to elephants to adorable animals like the Komodo Dragon.

The challenges included trying to get a decent photo of animals who just did not feel like posing, and surviving the warm temperatures and a full day of walking. Several members had the same complaint: they kept overhearing the animals saying "They say we are just dumb animals, but look who is lounging in the shade and who is walking around carrying heavy camera gear in the hot sun." Afterwards, a subset of the group concluded the trip with dinner at an Ethiopian restaurant, enjoying the exotic flavors and the joy of eating with one's hands.

—Jeff Engel



Photo and caption by Jeff Engel

Unidentified PictureThis! member contemplating shutter speeds and lens openings at the Atlanta Zoo 

Proposed New SIG: Pickleball

"Pickleball"—weird name. Sounds like a made up kids' game. I suppose basketball sounded like a weird kids' game when it was first created. One story goes that Pickleball was named for the creator's dog, Pickles, who delighted in chasing the missed balls. Apparently, though, the dog was actually named after the game.

Pickleball is a hoot to play. It resembles tennis or badmitten--or ping-pong if you were standing on the table. It's played on a court smaller than a tennis court, with a wooden racket, larger than a ping-pong paddle, and a wiffle-ball. The net is a bit lower than a tennis net. As in pickleball's related games, you can play either singles or doubles. Play is fast but you don't have to cover as much ground as in tennis, and the serve and most of the shots are underhand, making it ideal for seniors who are losing their experience edge on the tennis courts to youngsters with speed and agility. Playing Pickleball is great exercise, and you can play for two hours, work up a sweat, and not require an equally long nap. The record for continuous play is 140 games in 24 hours. The United States Pickleball Association, USAPA, (honestly) estimates there are over 100,000 pickleball players in this country. The Villages, a retirement community in Florida, has 108 courts, and they are often filled.

So, what do you say? Want to try this easy to learn, active game? The Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services Division has all the equipment available, and has scheduled a Senior's Pickleball League for this fall, on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 at the Lay Park gym. The first meeting is September 4, 2013. If interested in forming an OLLI Pickleball Special Interest Group, contact Ken Calkin at kacalkin@gmail.com.

—Ken Calkin



Photo from Ken Calkin

Pickleball players

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TRAVEL – SUMMER 2013 TRIPS



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The OLLI group at the Imerys kaolin mine near Deepstep, GA

June 13-14—Georgia's White Gold: Trip to View Geology Along the Fall Line

A two-day field trip (June 13-14) associated with the OLLI class "Georgia, Fossils and Kaolin Mining along the Central Georgia Fall Line" taught by Dr. David Dallmeyer provided the opportunity to view firsthand the complexities of the fall line and the depositional areas where kaolin was deposited. We examined the continentally derived gneiss and amphibolite rocks of the Carolina Arcs Terrane north of the Fall Line and then moved into the sandstones/limestones of the Coastal Plain. We visited the CEMEX Quarry where limestone is mined and cement products are produced. We collected marine fossil sand dollars, scallops, snails, corals and clams from the Tivola limestone exposed in the quarry.

We also visited the Imerys Deepstep Kaolin Mine and learned about the types of kaolin (hard and soft), the many uses of kaolin, the processes associated with producing the different grades of kaolin that are shipped to the various markets, and the reclamation procedures used to mitigate the adverse effects of mining. We also spent time collecting fossils from the overburden that covers the kaolin. The trip was very informative and enjoyable and we even got to eat fresh peaches and peach ice cream from Dickey Farms in Musella.
—Parley Winger



Photo by Marisa Meister

Group in front of baobob tree. John Songster writes, "The guy in front is Bibi – our incredible guide throughout."

June 16-23 Trip to Botswana-Zambia: OUT in Africa!

This June six OLLI members, their two friends, and the tour organizer journeyed to Africa for a five-day safari. After flying to Maun, Botswana, via Johannesburg, South Africa, the group headed north to the Moremi Game Reserve and Chobe National Park where they encountered a wealth of incredible wildlife firsthand! Hundreds of great herds of elephants, troops of graceful giraffes, prides of powerful lions, adorable warthogs, endangered wild dogs, zebras, crocodiles, buffaloes, hippos, red lechwes, wildebeests, kudus, rhinos, monkeys, antelopes, baboons, thousands of impala and numerous bird species were seen and photographed in the vast Okavango Delta. Riding the rugged sand and bush trails in the constantly bumping safari vehicles, enjoying river boat trips and sleeping in primitive camping sites enabled everyone to experience the "real Africa." The adventure concluded in Livingstone, Zambia with a visit to the magnificent Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River, one of our world's seven wonders.
—Cheryl BeMent

UPCOMING TRIPS

TRIP TO "GHOST" AT THE FOX

Trip Coordinators: Pete Pellegrini (ju1974@gmail.com)
Monica Burke (gymdogfan@gmail.com)

Date: Saturday, November 9, 2013

Cost: \$90 (non-refundable, does not include lunch)

Registration Deadline: November 1, 2013

"Ghost, the Musical" is adapted from the 1990's Oscar-winning movie "Ghost." Its love story follows Sam and Molly after Sam's untimely death: Sam's ghost communicates with Molly through a phony psychic who helps him protect Molly from his murderer. The motorcoach leaves Athens at 9:45 a.m., and arrives at the Fox around 11:30, allowing lunch on your own at one of several nearby restaurants. The play starts at 2:00 p.m. The cost includes transportation, theater ticket, and staff costs. Note that this is the date of a home football game with Appalachian State.

TWO TRIPS TO PARIS AND FRANCE IN SPRING, 2014

Trip Coordinator: Benedicte Milward (706-546-1831,
milwardbogart@gmail.com)

Dates: March 8-16, and May 1-11

Cost: March trip \$2,250; May trip \$2,550 (details below)

Registration Deadlines: March trip — mid-November, 2013;
May trip — March 1, 2014

You will have an opportunity to spend a spring break in Paris and tour world famous attractions in France from March 8-16. Benedicte Milward is offering an intimate guided tour to seven participants that will base in her private home near Paris for eight nights. There will be extensive sightseeing in Paris, including the Ile de la Cité, Notre Dame and Sainte Chappelle, Musee d'Orsay, and a cruise on the Seine; museums and shopping; and day trips to Versailles, Giverny and Rouen. The lodging, ground transportation and guide cost for this tour will be \$2,250, including two dinner meals. Participants will share

FUND DEVELOPMENT PAGE

OUR TURN TO GIVE BACK

The coming months will be very busy for the Fund Development Committee. Our goal for this fiscal year is to raise \$14,000. The OLLI membership will have many opportunities to help us reach that goal. The Committee will keep you updated as to our progress.

LEAVE a LEGACY

Offering our members the opportunity to support OLLI@UGA without interruption to their current financial situation, the Leave a Legacy campaign is a planned giving program designed to provide a variety of endowment options. Traditionally, planned giving is done through an estate, but there is a wide array of possibilities to suit your specific goals.

A confidential consultation with UGA's Planned Giving Specialist and OLLI@UGA member Melinda Thomas (thomasme@uga.edu 706-542-8869) can be set up to learn how best to become part of the Leave a Legacy Planned Giving Campaign.

SPECIAL EVENTS

It is going to be a busy season for the OLLI@UGA Fund Development Committee. Several events are in the planning stages and one, The First Annual Halloween Party FUNdraiser is under way! The event will be held at the Flinchum Phoenix Club House on Thursday, October 24, 2013 from 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m..

Under the able leadership of co-chairs Marti Edwards (9mriverwalk@bellsouth.net) and David Block (david.block@gmail.com), the Halloween Party FUNdraiser Planning Committee has been working to ensure that our first ever special event is a big success and that a good time will be had by all. Please feel free to contact Marti or David if you wish to volunteer to be on the committee.

Stay tuned for further special events!

SCRIP

The Scrip Program (GLSC) serves non-profits and helps them raise money through memberships' purchase of gift cards. A detailed explanation of how you, as an OLLI@UGA member, can participate will be posted on the OLLI@UGA website very soon.

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

The financial mainstay of almost every non-profit organization, an annual fund allows an organization the fiscal security it needs to carry out its mission.

Two primary objectives were identified that would be achieved through the establishment of an Annual Giving Campaign. The first is to keep our high quality programs affordable. The second objective is to strengthen our relationship with the Bernard Osher Foundation. The demonstration of sound fiscal management would help put a second endowment (as well as another grant) within our reach.

Last year was the first year of the OLLI@UGA Annual Giving Campaign. Our membership contributed over \$7,000. This year we hope to double that amount. We are initiating a 100 @ \$100 gift category and encourage all who can do so to help us reach this goal.

We have also established the "Round Up" program. At the time of registration for a class, luncheon program, or travel event, check the donation selection, and add the contribution to your cost. This is possible if you register on line or through the catalog. That contribution goes into the annual fund.

Those members who, for whatever reason, must cancel their course, luncheon program or travel program can contribute their refund to the annual fund.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

For any OLLI@UGA member who wishes to do so, a contribution in memory of or to honor someone can be arranged through the OLLI@UGA office (706-542-7715).

in the costs for groceries to prepare all breakfasts and some dinners and picnic lunches at home. Participants will be responsible for their other meals, for their round trip air transportation to Paris and trip insurance. Deadline for reservations will be in mid-November, with an initial deposit of \$710; \$660 will be due January 8, final payment of \$880 due February 25.

Mrs. Milward offers a second itinerary to Paris and attractions of France May 1-11. Added to many of the attractions of the March itinerary will be Chartres Cathedral and an overnight trip to Arronanches to visit Omaha Beach nearing the 70th anniversary of the Normandy invasion. Cost of land arrangements for this trip will be \$2,550, which includes ground transportation, guide services, all overnight accommodation, Seine cruise and two Paris dinners. Participants will share costs for groceries for breakfasts and some dinners and be responsible for other meals on their own. Again, registrants will pay for their round trip air transportation to Paris and trip insurance. An initial deposit

of \$800 secures a reservation, with \$750 due March 1 and the final \$1,000 due April 15.

To learn more about the itineraries, contact Benedicte Milward. And look for more information and registration forms on the OLLI website (www.oli.uga.edu) and in future newsletters and e-mail communications.

Coming Up in April 2014: Trip to Costa Rica.

**SAVE THE
DATE**

Third Annual OLLI Art Fair

Saturday, March 22, 2014
(The First Saturday of Spring!)

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Central Presbyterian Church

OLLI BRIEFS

Martha Phillips recently made a donation to the 2013 Jeannette Rankin Women's Scholarship Fund in memory of Mary Anne Rutherford Lipscomb (1848-1918), a teacher and principal at Athens' Lucy Cobb Institute, a champion of rural schools in Northeast Georgia, and an advocate for free kindergartens, compulsory education for Georgia's youth, and state health regulations.

Auxiliary Office: Thanks to **Jack Parish**, OLLI@UGA now has its own auxiliary office. The space we previously shared with GAEL, is now ours! OIT has once again come through for us, providing an additional computer and monitor and telephone line.

Carol Dolson was a finalist in the children's book category for Georgia Author of the Year for her book *Hattie and the Higglely-Pigglely Hedge*, illustrated by Elaine Hearn Rabon.

Hubert McAlexander has written a successful application for an historical marker to be placed near Tanyard Branch on Pope Street between Broad and Reese, commemorating the site of UGA's nineteenth-century Botanical Garden (1833-1856). The Athens Historical Society is sponsoring the marker; Michael Dirr, Vince Dooley, and McAlexander are co-funding it; **Smith Wilson** is installing it. An installation celebration has been scheduled for October 29 at the site.



James Reap, President of the Athens Historical Society, and Hubert McAlexander look over the site for new State marker

The inaugural program for the series "OLLI PRESENTS" took place on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at 5:30 PM at the visitor center and conservatory of the State Botanical Garden of Georgia. The event, free and open to the public, featured "The State Botanical Garden: More than a Pretty Place," a talk by Wilf Nicholls, Director of the Garden. Refreshments were provided by The Healthy Gourmet.

Good OLLI Volunteers Still Needed!!! There are still OLLI classes needing a facilitator to introduce the instructor and perform a few other duties. If you think you are up to this OLLI challenge, please contact ann.crowley@charter.net.



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