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You never know what you might find at OLLI's "Junque from the Trunk" sale. (photo by Pat McAlexander)

OLLI'S JUNQUE FROM THE TRUNK SALE TO BE HELD OCTOBER 24 and 25

It's finally almost here—the long-awaited OLLI@UGA "Junque From the Trunk" Sale on October 24 and 25. It's your chance to find some wonderful treasures for your home, and maybe even some Christmas gifts. There will be antiques and collectibles; unused gifts; small furniture; books; CDs and DVDs; costume and real jewelry; clothing (vintage, "After Five," tailored), coats and sweaters; technology tools; sporting equipment; decorative objects (mirrors, artworks, home goods); gardening equipment; seasonal decorations; small appliances; linens and tableware; and lots of other good things for sale.

The sale, which is open to the public, begins at Central Presbyterian Church on Alps Road in Athens, on Friday, October 24 with an Opening Preview from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. That night admission is \$10 and all purchases are double in price. We will continue on Saturday, October 25, opening at 8:00 a.m. and closing at 3:00. Funds from this sale will supplement the member cost for OLLI programs.

If you would like to donate goods to the sale, bring your gifts to Central Presbyterian on Thursday, October 23 beginning at 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM or on Friday morning, October 24. If you cannot deliver to the sale site on the specified days, contact Jill Jayne Read at jilljayne@aol.com or call at 706/546-4620.

Call your friends and invite them to the sale. Proceeds will help OLLI@UGA.

EXCITING TWENTIETH-ANNIVERSARY EVENTS ARE EVOLVING!



Katie O'Shea, Chair of the 20th Anniversary Committee (photo by Chuck Murphy)

Katie O'Shea, Chair of OLLI's 20th Anniversary Committee, has announced some of the events now being planned to celebrate OLLI's 20th Anniversary. She says, "Nothing is final as yet, but we have great ideas evolving." In December the Holiday Dinner at the Georgia Center will recognize the 20th Anniversary with talks and reminiscences. In May or June there will be a special afternoon for all OLLI members and their guests.

"Right now," says Katie, "we are thinking of a Pig Roast and BBQ with a pot luck venue, games, and entertainment!" An evolving event is the "OLLI Follies" planned for spring.

Finally, almost all of the Special Interest Groups are on board

to use their activity to celebrate as a group or to invite other OLLI@UGA members to celebrate with them. Their plans, too, are evolving. Keep watching the website, the listserv, and your *OLLI Times* for further details about our 20th anniversary celebrations!

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Letter from the President

Dear Fellow OLLI@UGA Members,

Our new year has gotten off to a very good start! Our membership is growing; our class registrations are growing; and participation in our special interest groups is growing. We have had a very successful Newbee and Back to Class Bash. Seven members of the OLLI@UGA staff and leadership attended the Southeast OLLI Regional Conference in Asheville. OLLI@UGA has been asked by the Bernard Osher Foundation to join several other OLLIs to participate in a project with the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Tom Kenyon
(photo by Larry Petroff)

In the last issue of the *OLLI Times*, I shared with you the excitement of the coming year and our 20th Anniversary as LIR/OLLI@UGA. I am happy to report that the 20th Anniversary Committee has been working with the Standing Committees, especially the Special Interest Groups to organize an array of activities that each of us will enjoy. Watch for these events in future issues of the *OLLI Times*!

I also mentioned that the theme for this anniversary year will be volunteerism. Without volunteers, OLLI@UGA costs would go up, and membership services would suffer. We don't want that to happen. We are all proud of our OLLI@UGA, and rightly so. Jill Read, the Chair of the Fund Development Committee, will be asking you to volunteer to work on the JUNQUE FROM THE TRUNK Sale which will be held on October 24-25, 2014. This will be our Fall fund raiser. The more successful the sale, the more each of us benefits.

Every day, OLLI@UGA members are served by our volunteers. The opportunity to be a part of that service was outlined by President-elect Betty Jean Craige in the last issue of the *OLLI Times*. Our continued success and our ability to keep costs down depend on our volunteers. I encourage each of you to contact our Volunteer coordinator, Sandy Clark to determine what fit is best for you.

I look forward to seeing you all throughout the coming year.

Tom Kenyon

PS: Please start collecting your unwanted treasures for the "Junque" Sale!

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NEWBEES EVENT TRIES SOMETHING NEW

The Fall 2014 Newbees Orientation was held Saturday, August 16, at River's Crossing to a capacity crowd. This time, at Tom Kenyon's suggestion, the "teachers" changed classes, rather than the "students." There were the usual three classrooms of Newbees, but rather than beginning with refreshments and the welcome in the break room, the event began with a staggered rotation in each classroom as each filled with attendees. There were two room hosts from the Hospitality Committee in each room to greet the new members. When the room was full, participants were asked to introduce themselves, tell how long they had been in Athens, and name one activity they enjoyed.



Newbee participants introduce themselves in one of the classrooms at the Orientation event. In front is room host Kat Haney. (photo by Lew Frazier)

President Tom Kenyon welcomed each group and introduced Zu and Shelly. Then the room hosts introduced the twelve speakers as they rotated into the room. When each group finished hearing from all the speakers, they moved to the Sun Room for conversation and refreshments. OLLI Hospitality volunteers and the speakers were there as well to meet people and answer questions.

The room hosts were Carol-Lee Baker, Rich Cary, Julie Cashin, Kat Haney, Iris Miracle, and Jeanie Whitener. The twelve speakers were Katy Crapo - History of OLLI@UGA; OLLI@UGA Structure OLLI@UGA Branding; Helen Epps - Membership Benefits; Carol Kurtz - Curriculum and How a Course Is Developed; Nancy Canolty - Registration, with Quick Demonstration; Karen Kenyon - Special Interest Groups; Joan Zitzelman and Dindy Owens - Travel Study; Connie Bruce - Class Facilitator Opportunities; Lee Albright - OLLI@UGA Social Events; Randall Abney - Marketing OLLI@UGA; Jill Read - OLLI@UGA Development; Sandy Clark - OLLI@UGA Volunteers, Food2Kids; Don Schneider - OLLI@UGA Budget.

Jean and Ralph Crown coordinated the event, Bobbi Shindelman coordinated the Sun Room Social, and Cheryl Copeland was there with OLLI gear.



Bill Flatt with his new wife Marihobe attended the Newbee event as an official photographer. Here they are with Karen and Tom Kenyon. (photo by Bill Allworth using Bill Flatt's camera)



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- ETA - December 2014
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Estimated Time of Arrival for OLLI Online will be this December, thanks to the hard work of the Avectra software committee--especially Les Shindelman, Margaret Anderson, Nancy Canolty, Katy Crapo, and Zu Reuter.

FALL 2014 OLLI BASH LARGEST YET

by Larry Dendy



Bash Co-Chairs Julie Cashin and Iva King

Tony Dipietro and Larry King deftly batted a plastic pickleball back and forth at one end of the room, while at the other end Iris Miracle and Ray Watson signed up people to hike in the Georgia mountains. Whether it was pickleball or poker, hiking or opera, more than 200 OLLI members found something to get involved in at the fall Back to Class Bash Sept. 19 at Central Presbyterian Church.

"I love the energy of the Bash," said Tina Carlson as she visited the table of one of nearly 30 Special Interest Groups (SIGs) that were signing up members. "I've seen old friends, met new people, and found things I should have known about but didn't."

Sponsored twice yearly by the OLLI Hospitality Committee, the Bash lets OLLI members check out SIGs and learn about upcoming social events while enjoying snacks provided by Talmage Terrace/Lanier Gardens, a major OLLI sponsor. Meeting friends, exploring new interests, and having fun seemed to be the main draws for most attendees.

"OLLI members have a zest for life," said Sheila Roberson, speaking loudly over animated conversation filling the room. "No matter our age, we're all zestful."

Bash co-chair Julie Cashin proclaimed the event "fabulous" as she thanked co-chair Iva King, Hospitality Committee chair Lee Albright and 20 committee members who devoted three months to planning the event. Julie thought the estimated attendance of 250 made it one of the largest bashes ever.

About 25 people joined OLLI on the spot, most attracted by the opportunity to attend classes and get into SIGs, said Helen Epps,

chair of the Membership Committee. Joining was easier than at previous Bashes, Helen noted, because for the first time fees could be paid by credit card.

Among the new members were Skip and Elizabeth Kelley of Monroe. "Our daughter works in the UGA College of Education and told us about OLLI so we decided to check it out," said Elizabeth, who was interested in the Walking and Hiking SIGS.

Skip signed up for a new SIG--Dealer's Choice Poker—as did several other people. The group's leader, Jim Kundell, shared a table with his wife, Linda, who was enrolling people in the cribbage SIG, and Bill Loughner, who oversees the chess SIG. "I've met a lot of nice people and attended a lot of interesting classes," said Linda. "If you like people and you like to learn, you'll like OLLI."

Nearby, the Happy Hikers—one of the largest SIGs with more than 380 members—added about 20 more. Group leader Iris Miracle was all smiles as she introduced Ray Watson, who has signed on as co-leader, enabling the group to now offer two hikes each month.

Business was also brisk at the Travel Study table, which was promoting upcoming trips to France, Croatia and Cuba, and at the table for the Walking SIG, where leaders Lew and Pat Frazar added about 40 people to the 80 on their roster. Lew



Kat Haney welcomes members to the Bash. (photo by Jeff Engel)



Doris Kadish with Freda Scott-Giles, Theater Professor Emerita; they are members of a new SIG, the Play Readers Club (photo by Chuck Murphy)



Travel Committee member/travel leaders at the Bash (Don Schneider, Monica Burke, Benedicte Milward, Jane Kelly, Chair Joan Zitzelman (photo by Pat McAlexander)



Cheryl Copeland with OLLI Gear (photo by Pat McAlexander)

said most new members wanted to know when walks occur (twice weekly), where they are held (in local neighborhoods) and the distance of a walk (about two miles).

At the Pickleball SIG table, Larry King, who started playing about a year ago, and Tony Dipietro, who had never played, swatted a plastic ball using what resembles an oversized ping-pong paddle. “If you can play tennis or ping-pong, you can learn this,” said Larry, who talked about organizing a local pickleball league and holding a tournament.

The Opera SIG table had fliers for 10 Metropolitan Opera productions that will be broadcast live on Saturdays at Beechwood Cinema, as well as information on a UGA Opera Theater production of *Hansel and Gretel* on Nov. 7 in the UGA Performing Arts Center. The group, which already had more than 200 members, added another 15, most of whom confessed little knowledge about opera, said Chair Nancy Songster. “We’re not concerned if you don’t know much,” said Nancy, “because our focus is on opera appreciation and we’re geared to learning about opera.”

Lynn Faust joined OLLI three weeks before the Bash. She was recruited by friend and long-time OLLI member Mary Lillie Chamberlin, who knew of Lynn’s interest in hiking and steered her to the Hiking SIG. “I tell everybody I know about OLLI,” said Mary Lillie. “All the activities you get involved in, all the groups you can belong to—one thing just leads to another and to another.”

OLLI Executive Director Katy Crapo summed up the Bash as she surveyed the crowded and loud room. “I love the energy, the enthusiasm and the community,” she smiled. “We have a vibrant membership.”



Pickleball players Vic Gagliano and Ken Calkin (photo by Pat McAlexander)

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OLLI BRIEFS



Carol Kurtz, Curriculum
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THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE WANTS YOU! The Curriculum Committee is searching for more members to join in the work of recruiting dynamic speakers for OLLI classes. This involves contacting people who are involved in interesting professional or leisure-time activities who would enjoy sharing this information by teaching an OLLI class or leading an

educational field trip. If you would like to join the committee, please email committee chair, Carol Kurtz, at cpkurtz@charter.net, and she will put you to work recruiting for the 2015 fall semester.

FACILITATOR BRUSHUP CLASSES. If you are facilitating a class this fall and haven't been trained or need a refresher, you would benefit by attending a one-hour session at River's Crossing. A replacement parking tag will be provided to those who attend. There will be two opportunities offered in October to brush up your skills: **either Monday, Oct. 6 or Monday, Oct. 20, both beginning at 1:30 p.m.** There have been changes in some procedures, as well as equipment updates. Many volunteers are not familiar with UGA technology (LED computer/projector) and other equipment used in the classrooms, such as new microphone/headsets. Individual practice during the training sessions is designed to increase each volunteer's ability to successfully assist instructors with the available technology.

SCOTS WHA HAE! Those of you with interest in Scotland, and/or Robert Burns, or who might have a drop of the Scots blood in your veins, or maybe you just like Scotch whisky, be on the lookout for a special OLLI-sponsored dinner celebration of Robert Burns' birthday in late January. His birthday, which is January 25th, is celebrated all over the world. If you have an interest in being an active member of the organizing group, contact Ian Hardin at ihardin@fcs.uga.edu.

TWO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PROGRAMS ACCEPT OLLI. We have just been accepted into the community foundation programs of Kroger Corporation and Amazon.com. The Kroger Community Foundation allows you to donate a portion of all your purchases to OLLI@UGA simply by going to their website and registering in the program as supporting "Learning in Retirement Athens." (Learning in Retirement, LIR, is the official corporate name of OLLI@UGA). Amazon's "Smile" program helps us the same way. Register on Amazon website for the "Smile" program. If you have questions, contact Jill Read at jilljayne@aol.com. Thank you, Kroger and Amazon, and thank you, OLLI members, for taking a few moments to register with these programs to help fund OLLI@UGA.



ERIKA LEWIS'S "BLOCK PARTY." No, not a social event, but a garment, titled Block Party! This 16-harness patterned double weave was accepted in an international juried exhibit and runway show this summer at the International Fiber Art Conference, organized by the Handweavers Guild of America. The Conference was held in Providence, Rhode Island July 14-19.



MARGARET AGNER'S "ROSE TRELLIS." Margaret Agner's silk wall hanging, Rose Trellis, won first prize in the art exhibit at the Silk Painters International conference in Santa Fe August, 2014. The same work received an honorable mention this month at the Southern Heritage Arts current exhibit in Covington, GA. She has had a quilt accepted for Quilts=Art=Quilts 2014 at the Schweinfurth Art Center, Auburn, New York.

TRAVEL

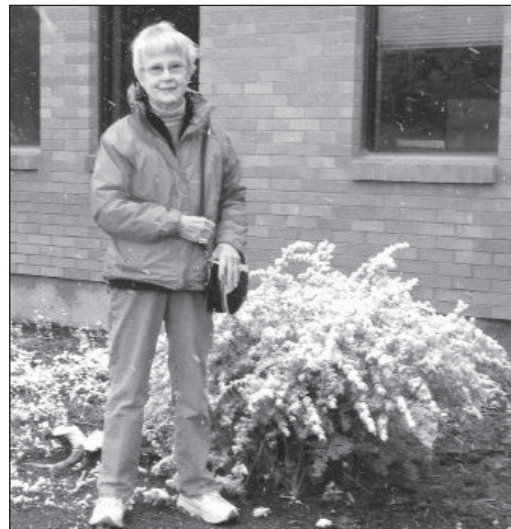
Past Trip: Geoexcursion to Montana and Idaho. From September 4 to 11, twenty-two of us from David Dallmeyer's OLLI class "Building the Northern Rockies: Plate Tectonics at Work" traveled to Montana and Idaho. The trip started and ended in Helena, with stays in Great Falls, Browning, Kalispell, Missoula and Butte, Montana, and Wallace, Idaho.

The purpose of the trip was to view and understand how the geological processes made the Northern Rocky Mountains and how the recent glaciation sculpted the landscape. We explored the geology and splendor of Glacier National Park and the surrounding country, just beating the snow that closed the Going-to-the-Sun road in the park. We took a boat trip through the "Gates to the West" that Lewis and Clark passed through during their exploration of the West. We viewed Chief Mountain, which provided an example of older rocks (Belt Supergroup rocks, 1.4 billion years old), characteristic of Glacier National Park, overlying comparatively younger rocks from the Cretaceous (about 100 million years old). We visited two Indian museums, Museum of the Plains Indians (Blackfoot) in Browning, and The People's Center Museum (Salish, Kootenai and Pend d'Oreille) in Pablo. We also drove through the National Bison Range.

After travelling over the Sapphire Range, our group got to experience "mining" for sapphires by sorting through washed river sediments at the Gem Mountain Sapphire Mine. We visited mineral (silver, gold, lead, zinc and copper) mines in Wallace and Butte and toured the World Museum of Mining in Butte. While in Butte, we also viewed the Berkeley Pit, which is an abandoned copper mine filled with highly toxic acidic water heavily laden with metals. This exceptionally informative, interesting and enjoyable trip was led by Drs. David and Dorinda Dallmeyer.—Parley Winger



An Athens-Montana Connection! OLLIs with statue of Jeannette Rankin in the Montana state capitol in Helena. Rankin was elected by Montana in 1916 to be the first woman in the U.S. Congress; the sale of her Watkinsville, GA property (where she lived for several years) funded the Jeannette Rankin Foundation, headquartered in Athens. (photo by Bill Alworth)



The OLLI group (here, Lois Alworth) experienced just a little snow at Glacier National Park; then they left just before the real storm closed a road. Back in Athens the temperatures were in the 90s. (photo by Bill Alworth)



Part of the group at the Sierra Silver Mine, Wallace, Idaho (photo by Dorinda Dallmeyer)



On the Missouri River at Gates of the Mountain (photo by Dorinda Dallmeyer)



Sign marks entrance to King's Mountain National Military Park (photo courtesy Katherine Lynn)

Upcoming Trip:

Kings Mountain National Military Park and the Cowpens National Battlefield

The OLLI Travel Committee is sponsoring a bus trip on Friday, November 7, to visit both the Kings Mountain National Military Park and the Cowpens National Battlefield. These Revolutionary War battlefield sites are located just off I-85 close to the border of North and South Carolina. The American victories at Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780 and at Cowpens on January 17, 1781, were critical in defeating the British "Southern Strategy" of the second half of the Revolutionary War. They played an important role in forcing the British army, led by General Cornwallis, to retreat northward into Virginia. There he was trapped by the American Army led by George Washington and the French Fleet of Comte de Grasse and forced to surrender at Yorktown on October 19.

Both of these National military sites have visitor centers that explain the background of the battles and the reasons for the American victories, and both of these relatively compact battlefields can be viewed by short walks on level, well-maintained paths. (There will be a moderate level of physical activity for those who choose to walk through the Cowpens Battlefield or to walk around the entire Kings Mountain Battlefield.)

The cost of the bus trip will be \$75 per person. This price includes a picnic lunch at the Cowpens battlefield. Reservations for this trip must be made through the OLLI office or online on or before October 20. OLLI members are welcome to invite friends to accompany them on this trip. The bus will leave Athens (specific location to be announced) at 8:00 a.m. and should return about 6:00 p.m.

For additional information about this trip contact Bill Alworth at wilo59@charter.net or at 706-549-5510. And for further information about the Cowpens battlefield, go to www.nps.gov/cowp/historyculture/ed-bearss-battlefield-tour.htm. There you can find a video tour of the Cowpens battlefield led by Edwin C. Bearss, a military historian and author of the book *Battle of Cowpens*. Bearss talks about the battle plan at Cowpens, the leaders involved, and the significance of both the Cowpens and Kings Mountain patriot victories in the Revolutionary War.

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NEWS FROM SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

ENJOY OPERA IN ATHENS

This SIG held its Fall Opera Luncheon on Saturday, September 13th 11:30 am – 2 pm at Buffalo's Cafe on Alps Road. Frederick Burchinal, UGA Director of Opera, and Katherine Wright, UGA Opera Vocal Coach, shared stories and offered insight into the importance of the summer opera programs for the opera students. Attendees met UGA's new and returning opera students and enjoyed their musical performance. The event supported the OLLI@UGA Opera Scholarship Fund. Contact Nancy Songster, nsongster@charter.net.

OLLI ROCKS

On September 16 David Dallmeyer spoke to the OLLI Rocks SIG on the topic "Water: What is it? Where is it? How do we get it?" The talk was followed by a sneak preview of a fascinating documentary "Who Owns Water?" The film follows the adventures of two brothers, David and Michael Hanson, as they canoe the Chatahoochee over 500 miles from its source in the Georgia mountains to the Gulf of Mexico. Many of the shots of the river with its sunsets and changeable weather were phenomenally beautiful. Along the way the brothers talked with many types of people and observed the effects of the water wars among Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. The film will have its official Athens premiere at Cine on October 22. Contact D. Dallmeyer at dallmeyer@uga.edu.

HAPPY HIKERS

In commemoration of OLLI's 20th Anniversary, Happy Hikers members were treated to a Meet and Greet luncheon on August 7. Fifty-five attendees were hosted by the SIG's new co-leader, Ray Watson, in his home. They enjoyed a tasty meal of barbecue and fixings, prizes, and comraderie.

Usually the group offers two hikes a month, one on Saturday led by Ray Watson and one on Wednesday by Iris Miracle. On September 13 the group hiked the Yellow River Trail near Stone Mountain. On September 17 they hiked Cook's trail at Sandy Creek Park. On October 8 and 25 they will hike/hiked the Tennessee Rock Trail in Black Mountain State Park. On Sunday and Monday, November 2-3, both Iris and Ray will lead the group in an overnight hike to Hike Inn at Amicalola Falls State Park, and on November 8, Ray will lead a hike at Arabia Mountain. Contact Iris Miracle at happyhikers@yahoo.com.



New Happy Hikers co-chair Ray Watson



The Happy Hikers ended their Spring Calendar in May with a hike at Tallulah Gorge Park in North Georgia. The weather was glorious, the views of the falls camera-worthy.



Last spring the OLLI Walkers ended their Dearing Street walk on the McAlexander's front porch. In the front center is Lew Frazar, the new OLLI Walkers coordinator. (photo by Jill Read)

OLLI WALKERS

A short article from the "AARP Bulletin" of September 2014, states, "Walking is the best and easiest way to avoid or reduce arthritic knee pain. Now a new study from Boston University suggests you need only 6,000 steps a day -- about 60 minutes of walking -- to stay fit to move as you age." This was good for the OLLI Walkers to hear!

Members of this SIG walk for about an hour (two miles) from 10:00 to 11 each Tuesday and Thursday. In case of rain or inclement weather, walks are at the Georgia Square Mall, with members meeting at the second floor entrance to Belk's. In the last part of September the group walked in downtown Athens, the UGA Botanical Garden, the Cloverhurst neighborhood, Cobbham, the Botanical Garden, the Franklin College Campus and downtown, and the Oconee River parkway. Contact Lew Frazar, Lfrazar@aol.com.

These are just a few of OLLI@UGA's Special Interest Groups. Look at the course catalog or on the OLLI website for a complete listing.—Ed.

“ We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing. ”

NEEDED: NOMINATIONS FOR 2014-15 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The OLLI Board of Directors is seeking nominations for the 2014-2015 Nominating Committee. The Board will elect the Committee's members at its November meeting. The Nominating Committee develops the slate of candidates for officers and Board members who stand for election by the membership at the Annual Meeting in May. According to our Bylaws, the Nominating Committee consists of the President-Elect and four additional members. The term of office is one year, beginning on the day of the Board's November meeting and ending on that day the following year.

Please consider nominating yourself or another OLLI member for this important position. Betty Jean Craige, President-Elect, will accept nominations until Wednesday, October 29. Email them to her at bjcraige@uga.edu.

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THE STORE NEXT DOOR

Below, slightly condensed, is Mark Freeman's column "Damyante Curmudgeon," Column 26, Volume 14, "May Homer and His Wife Rest in Peace," reprinted with permission. Mark tells about the mom-and-pop store that was next door to his family's home in Branford, Connecticut.

"May Homer and His Wife Rest in Peace"

For some reason, perhaps because people read less nowadays, they are inclined to misunderstand some common phrases or idioms. Thus we get quite a few written expressions like "tow the line." Many of my high school students wrote about their "next-store neighbors." Oddly, when I was quite young, we did have a next-store neighbor, because Homer Linsley's grocery store was next to our house, only 40 feet or so away.

I doubt that there is a grocery store left in the United States like Homer's. The building was somewhat ramshackle. The floorboards of the porch and the indoors creaked and gave as you walked on them. It was quite literally a mom and pop store; Homer and his wife ran it. My mother ran a charge account there. When she or my sister, or, rarely, I, went into the store and bought a can of peas, Homer wrote it down on a slip, which made a carbon copy underneath, and put it in a file somewhere. At the end of the month, I would fetch the bundle of slips, added up by Homer. My father would look at it and give me cash, and I would take the two-minute walk next store and hand it to Homer. He would give me change, if any, and I would of course take it home.

As a reward each month, Homer let me choose candy from the penny candy case, a wide counter with a curved glass front. Squirrel Nut Twins, Tootsie Rolls, tiny wax bottles filled with colored sickly-sweet liquid, many other things. Heaven! You bit into the bottle, drank the liquid, and spent an hour chewing the wax. God knows how bad these things were for you.

Other items in Homer's store included a big wheel of "rat" or "store" cheese. He cut off a chunk, wrapped it in butcher paper, then tied it with string that descended from a complicated overhead holder. He had cookies and crackers, all Nabisco as I remember, in big slanting bins with glass fronts. Most of the cookies had sticky-sweet fillings and/or coatings. I loved them. Nothing was prepackaged, unless you count cans of Dole pineapple or Niblet corn. Everything was weighed out, measured, counted, and put in a bag: potatoes, carrots, oranges, apples. To be fair, I can't remember if there were small pre-packaged bags of flour or it was weighed out from a huge barrel. I recall no pickle barrel.

Homer had ice cream, excellent ice cream, all hand-packed, of course, no ready-filled pint half full of air. Oddly, one of my fondest childhood memories has to do with his ice cream. It was a hot summer day, and my mother asked what I wanted for lunch. I said I wanted to eat a whole pint of vanilla ice cream all by myself. It was unlike her, but she said OK. I went next store and Homer fixed me a pint of vanilla ice cream, packing it in. I sat on my back porch and ate an entire pint of very good vanilla ice cream, all by myself. And I didn't get sick.

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Mark's column probably reminded many of us of a neighborhood store in our childhood. It reminded me of Weisner's, TWO doors down from our home in Johnstown, New York. My father took this picture of a one-and-a-half-year-old me pulling a toy on a string and chasing the family dog, Rusty, down to that corner store, with my mother chasing me. This probably records the first of my many trips to Weisner's over the years, where (a bit older!) I would buy candy, comic books, fudgesicles, ice cream cones—and, for my mother, milk and bread. You can see the Weisner's Coca Cola sign on the left and their "Fro-joy" ice cream sign on the right. —PJM

TWO OLLI CLASSES

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