



# OLLI

*20th Anniversary*

# TIMES

at The University of Georgia

## PARKING TAG BREAKTHROUGH COMING SOON

The gray paper hang-tags OLLI members used every day to park at River's Crossing had always been somewhat inconvenient. Then in July 2013, the cost of those daily parking tags across campus was increased from \$2 each to \$4. Although our membership continued to grow and the number of students registering for classes increased, members expressed concern about the parking system. OLLI leaders listened.

Now we have great news. An ad hoc OLLI committee has worked with Parking Services to change this system and lower the price. Starting in August, members who register for just one class at River's Crossing will receive one plastic hang tag that is good for every time they visit River's Crossing—for classes, volunteer meetings, Newbees events, or just dropping in to buy an OLLI shirt. The hang tag will be good through July 1, 2016.

This new system will be much more convenient for both staff and OLLI members. For members, the new plastic tags mean no more remembering to purchase enough individual tags; no more punching the correct date holes each time they park (checking to see they've gotten the right date!); no more cleaning old tags out of the car, no more running into the office to purchase a tag at the last minute, then running back to their car to hang it before class. At the same time OLLI staff



Soon to be relegated to the OLLI@UGA archives (photo by John Albright)

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### TWO BIG MAY EVENTS ARE COMING UP: OLLI FOLLIES MAY 1 AND 2 (PAGE 3) AND THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 15 (PAGE 4)



Here's the Men's OLLI Follies Quartet (left to right) Paul Dorsey, Charles Kauderer, Larry Dendy, and Scott Mason. (photo by Jill Read)

### Inside . . .

The "experimental" color edition of the *OLLI Times* was a success! As one member commented, the color was "visually appealing" and "effective." At its April 13th meeting, the Board voted to include color printing in its budget for the next fiscal year, so the *OLLI Times* will continue to be in color. Thank you to all who helped bring this about.

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# Letter from the President

So many good things are happening at OLLI@UGA!

Let me start with the agreement reached between the UGA Parking Services and OLLI@UGA for the River's Crossing parking fee. The details of this agreement can be found in the *OLLI Times* article on page 1. Many of you will remember that in July 2013 OLLI@UGA was informed that the parking fee would double for the next school year beginning August, 2013. Some members expressed their concern and asked that something be done to roll back these new fees if possible. I am happy to say the Ad Hoc Committee appointed in July 2014 did an outstanding job in working with UGA Parking Services. John Songster, Dick Lynch and Tom Bowen did the leg work, and with the able assistance of Jack Parish and Katy Crapo, closed the deal. I signed the agreement in March and it will go into effect on August 1, 2015. All OLLI@UGA members who come to the River's Crossing parking lot for classes will benefit. Thank you, John, Dick, Tom, Jack, and Katy.



Tom Kenyon  
(photo by Larry Petroff)

The Organizational Committee has continued its work. At the direction and with the approval of the Board of Directors it has begun the process of selecting a consulting firm to assist OLLI@UGA in determining the best way to organize the growing responsibilities of our administrative staff. OLLI@UGA will always need the help of its many valued volunteers. However, our membership growth and service needs, enhanced technology, and budgeting needs require a staff prepared to meet these responsibilities. As the recipient of two \$1,000,000 endowments from the Bernard Osher Foundation, OLLI@UGA has an obligation to ensure its financial stability.

These past months the Nominating Committee, chaired by President-Elect Betty Jean Craige, has assembled a remarkable slate of nominees for the officers and members of the Board of Directors. You will find the candidate information very interesting to read. I encourage every member of OLLI@UGA to attend the Annual Meeting on May 15, 2015. OLLI@UGA is your organization. Please vote and then support those who step forward to provide the leadership needed for a growing organization.

And last but not least, the OLLI@UGA 20th Anniversary celebrations continue. I am happy to announce that the Volunteer Appreciate party and the official OLLI@UGA birthday party will be held on June 5, 2015 at Finchum's Phoenix. Details will follow.

Tom Kenyon

P.S. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting if not before.

**Next *OLLI Times* (June issue): Material due by Wednesday, May 27 (send to [patmcalex@gmail.com](mailto:patmcalex@gmail.com)); this issue is scheduled to be mailed out the week of June 18. Thanks to Mark Freeman and Susan Curtis for helping to proofread this issue.—Pat McAlexander, editor**

Having the Time of Our Lives With

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# OLLI FOLLIES: GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

By Larry Dendy

It's part Broadway, part vaudeville, part "Amateur Hour" and part "America's Got Talent." However you characterize it, one thing's for sure: the first OLLI Follies will be fun (and funny) as some 80 singers, dancers, actors, comedians and musicians take the stage in UGA's Fine Arts Theater Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. to raise money for OLLI.

With acts ranging from tap dancing and a tambourine line to comedy routines and synchronized swimming (yes, there will be a "swimming pool"), the Follies will be the kind of show Athens hasn't seen in years, says Jill (Professor J. J.) Read, who came up with the idea as chair of the OLLI Fund Development Committee and is the show's director.

"There hasn't been a musical production of this size featuring local talent and open to the whole community since the Junior League Follies in the late 1980s," says Jill. "Members of the Fund Development Committee knew that a lot of OLLI folks have been in theater, music and dance so we decided to give this a try."

An audition call in January brought in more than 100 volunteers, and they've all been put to work on the many tasks required to produce a two-hour show. About 80 are in the cast and the rest are in the crew working as back-stage managers, sound and lighting technicians, costumers, set designers, and photographers, and helping with publicity and ticket sales.

The show is a musical revue in the style of burlesque says Jill, a veteran of numerous theatrical productions. Acts will include a Precision March featuring more than 35 members of the Happy Hikers and OLLI Walkers; a Tambourine Extravaganza; a tap dance routine led by Mark Wheeler, retired professor in the UGA dance department; and American folk dancing featuring members of competitive square dance groups.

There will be a balletic swimming act but Jill won't elaborate beyond saying it "requires a willing suspension of disbelief." OLLI member Joe Mauldin, who teaches OLLI harmonica classes and is a prize-winning Delta blues musician, will be featured in a solo act. Music will be provided by a pit band that includes professional musicians and members of the Classic City and New Horizon bands.

Interspersed among the music will be some "schtick" (think Abbott and Costello's famous "Who's on First" routine). The show's four major funding underwriters—Heyward Allen Motors, *Southern Distinction* magazine, Buffalo's Restaurant and the UGA College of Education—will be spotlighted in "advertisements" sung by an appropriately attired male quartet.

Veteran Town and Gown Players Rick Rose and Florence King have

key roles in the show. Rick is the assistant director, overseeing technical requirements. Florence—who Jill says should be working on Broadway—has written lyrics. OLLI members Roger Bailey and Bill Loughner wrote the script and Gail Harvard, a professional costume designer, is overseeing creation of costumes. Emcees will be Bill Loughner, who is the OLLI historian, and former OLLI President Jay Shinn.

Many performers have been in theatrical and musical productions while others have little or no stage experience. Everyone involved with the show will have a good time, Jill says, and she's confident audiences will love it. But it's not all fun and games. "We're not doing a show in someone's garage," she says. "This is serious business. It takes a lot of discipline and hard work."



Charles Kauderer portrays Albert Einstein !

A major goal of the Follies is to reduce the number of fund-raising appeals and activities OLLI conducts each year, Jill says. "Many members feel there are too many events and they are always being asked to contribute money. The Fund Development Committee decided that instead of doing so many small events, we would

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## SOME PARKING AREAS FOR FOLLIES :

**\*The Tate Center deck, down the hill behind Fine Arts, and the North Campus deck on Jackson Street will be available Friday for \$3 for the first hour and \$1 for each additional hour; they are available for no charge on Saturday.**

**\* The Hull Street deck (first right turn off Baxter as you go up the hill from Lumpkin, then on your left) will not be available Friday but will be available at no charge on Saturday.**

**\*The lots beside the Psychology building (enter on Hooper Street, off East Campus Road) are open on Friday and Saturday nights for no charge,**

**\*Finally, there are small surface lots available on Hull Street across from the Hull Street deck for no charge; these are closer to Lumpkin Street but you have to negotiate the current construction site.**

**Call UGA Parking Services 706.542.7275 if you have any questions.**

# ANNUAL MEETING MAY 15: ELECTIO

The annual OLLI @UGA Membership Meeting and Social will be held at Central Presbyterian Church on Friday, May 15 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. President Tom Kenyon will give “The State of OLLI@UGA” report, and members will vote for the new officers and Board members from the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee. After the meeting Talmage Terrace/Lanier Gardens will provide refreshments at an “elegant dessert social” . Below are details of the election procedures and biographies and photos of the candidates.

A major event of this meeting is the election of nominees for the Board and for four of the five OLLI officers who make up the Executive Committee: President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. Betty Jean Craige, as this year's President-Elect, will assume the position of President.

There are five open positions on the Board for full (two-year) terms. There is also a position for a half term, as the individual holding the position resigned during the first year of the term. Accordingly, the five top vote-getters for the Board will serve a full term. The sixth will serve a half-term. All will be eligible for re-election to a second full term.

Those attending the meeting will cast their ballots as they enter the room. Then during the meeting, which should take no more than one hour, members of the Nominating Committee (June Ball, Art Crawley, John Songster, Ray Watson, and Betty Jean Craige, who as OLLI president-elect is the chair), will count the ballots. The current President, Tom Kenyon, will announce the results of the balloting at the end of the meeting.

## NOMINEES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS: VOTE FOR SIX.



**Marie Abercrombie**

I retired from the UGA Cooperative Extension Service in 2000, where I had served as a program development specialist to train County Extension Agents throughout Georgia. My teaching background has always made me an eager learner, so joining OLLI has provided me with endless opportunities to continue learning, and led to my current passion for doing volunteer work in a variety of community organizations in the Athens area.



**Ron Bridges**

I received a B.S. in Metallurgical Engineering at N.C. State University. I spent 26 years with General Electric in multi-business industrial operations including electronic components, rechargeable batteries, insulating materials and robotics. Following GE I was President of a data acquisition software business and President of Roper Pump Company in Commerce. The functional disciplines in which I operated were engineering, marketing/sales, manufacturing, finance, and product/project management. Also, I have extensive international experience involving a European start-up. I have been married 54 years and have two daughters, and two grandsons.



**Gary Bertsch**

I joined UGA's political science faculty in 1969 and became founding director of the Center for International Trade and Security, a program promoting economic prosperity, international peace and security. I was designated a “University Professor” signifying “highest recognition” of endeavors on behalf of UGA. In 2015 I was awarded UGA's “President's Medal” for “extraordinary contributions” to students, academic programs, advanced research and community leaders. I have served on the boards of the UGA Foundation and the UGA Research Foundation.



**Heidi Davison**

It has been 40+ years since my move to Athens. I finished my college work at UGA and married Al Davison in 1980. I have taught middle school language arts, assisted the Unification Commission, worked as an artist's studio manager, directed the Leadership Athens program, worked at the Fanning Institute for Leadership, and held the office of mayor. Volunteering has also been an important component of my life here. Fun times for me include bicycling, travel, reading, art-related activities of many kinds, dancing, mah-jongg, and trying new things. We live in Beechwood Hills with our two felines.

# NS, STATE OF OLLI, REFRESHMENTS



**Nancy Grayson**

I retired in 2012 as Executive Editor of the University of Georgia Press. After completing a Ph.D. in English, I spent 26 years in book publishing and also was Project Coordinator of the New Georgia Encyclopedia during its early development. I have served on the OLLI Curriculum Committee (vice-chair, 2014-15), Travel/Study Committee, and Nominating Committee; have attended and facilitated numerous classes; and have helped plan OLLI trips to Kentucky and to Atlanta museums. I am coordinating the OLLI screening later this year of NEH's film series *Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle*. I have lived in Athens for 31 years.



**Ian Russell Hardin**

I was born in Scotland and raised in Birmingham, Alabama. I am an engineer and chemist by training. I taught at Auburn for 23 years, and then came to UGA as a department head in 1994, formally retiring in January, 2013. Since then, I have taken many OLLI courses and have taught OLLI courses on Scotland, 20<sup>th</sup> century China, and the Independence vote in Scotland. I was part of the organizing group that put on the Burns Night Dinner this January.



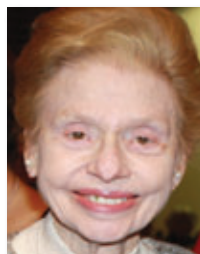
**Vicki Krugman**

My career in education exemplifies a path as a life-long learner. Every person has the capacity to be creative, thoughtful and introspective, and education is a guiding hand in that process. My B.S. in Education and M.Ed. in Educational Psychology fueled a 28-year career culminating as Director of Gifted and ESOL in Clarke County. My husband of 38 years and two daughters share my passion – and insert many “teaching” moments into the lives of our two granddaughters. I have taken/facilitated a wide array of OLLI activities. I see OLLI as an avenue to build a thinking community that I would like to nurture.



**Jill Read**

I chair the OLLI Fund Development Committee and have served two years on the Board of Directors. I majored in Music at Wesleyan College and completed a Masters in Public Administration at UGA. I have worked for not-for-profit organizations, created and owned three retail businesses, and mothered three clever, beautiful daughters. OLLI@UGA has opened my world to many things that I never had an opportunity to study, and to the most wonderful new friends. Thank you OLLI.



**Clover Weller**

I received a BA from Smith College and M. Ed. from Temple University. I taught classes from fifth grade through college for eight years, and then “retired” to raise a family. After living in Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, Arizona and Texas, our family moved to Athens in 1980. I have been president of University Woman’s Club, member of SPLOST 2005 Committee, Great Books instructor, Treasurer of Cedar Creek, certified swimming and track timer, and soccer coach. I have volunteered as an OLLI Angel, Facilitator, and member of the Finance and Budget Committees for the past five years. I am currently Treasurer for YWCO.

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## *In Memoriam*

**Murray Blum**

**Bruce Bailey (early LIR member)**

“For many . . . , an e-book is a bit like seeing and hearing a loved one on Skype: it’s a useful option, but nothing beats a physical connection.” —*Chicago Tribune*

# ANNUAL MEETING MAY 15 (continued)

## OFFICERS/EXECUTIVE BOARD



**PRESIDENT Betty Jean Craige (this year's President-Elect), President.**

I joined OLLI in 2011, after retiring from UGA as University Professor of Comparative Literature and Director of the Willson Center for Humanities and Arts. Since then I've served OLLI as Curriculum Chair, member of the Board of Directors, and President- Elect. In 2010 I published a book about my parrot titled *Conversations with Cosmo: At Home with an African Grey Parrot*. I am currently writing a series of murder mysteries set in the fictive town of Witherston in north Georgia. The first, *Downstream*, came out last fall. I look forward to being OLLI's president in 2015-2016.

## NOMINEES FOR THE FOUR NEW OFFICERS



**Lee Albright, President-Elect**

I am a life-long Georgian. I graduated from UGA with an A.B. in Mathematics and an M.Ed. in Counseling, met my husband John at UGA, and raised two children. We returned to Athens in 1979, where I served as Assistant to the UGA Honors Program Director and later became Dean of Guidance and College Counseling at Athens Academy for twenty years until retirement. I continue my involvement in Athens through service at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, The Ark United Ministry Outreach Center, the Interfaith Hospitality Network, and Athens Habitat for Humanity. I joined OLLI@UGA in 2011 and am currently the Hospitality Committee chair.



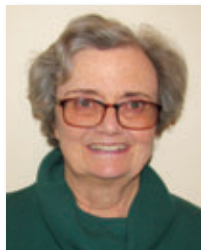
**Andy (Arthur M.) Horne, Vice President**

I have been a resident of Athens for 25 years, and was associated with the University of Georgia for 23 of those years. I went off the UGA payroll in December 2012 but have maintained volunteer associations with Clarke County schools, agencies, and the University, and I have been active in OLLI as a participant in classes and SIGs. I have watched OLLI grow and develop from the initial application to the Osher Foundation to the great program it is today. I would enjoy being more actively involved in leadership and future directions for the organization.



**Victor Gagliano, Treasurer**

I joined OLLI in September of 2013 shortly after I retired from Advance Auto Parts. I was the General Manager for AAP for 14 years. I am currently on the Finance Committee. Upon graduation from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, I went to work in the private sector. I became Assistant District Manager for a major retail store, in charge of setting the budgets for over 50 stores. I am knowledgeable about the creation of internal and external financial statements and the importance of the timeliness of these statements.



**Cheryl Copeland, Secretary**

I am currently serving as Secretary of OLLI@UGA after serving one year on the Board. I received a BA from Albion College in Albion, Michigan, and a MS from Boston University. For 19 years I worked as Director of Micropublications and Advertising marketing rare books on microfilm to research libraries. I served two years as Recording Secretary of the MA Federation of Business and Professional Women and three years as Public Relations Chair. Since moving to Georgia in 2010, I have served as a member of OLLI's Marketing Development Committee and as secretary of the Cottages at Creekside Advisory Committee secretary.

# OLLI BRIEFS

**Fall 2015 Course Proposals are due April 30.**

**Needed: Facilitator Coordinator.** Connie Bruce has been the Facilitator Coordinator this past year. We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate facilitators next year (July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016). Most tasks can be done at home. The Facilitator Coordinator also participates on the Curriculum Committee (2x/year meetings), and each semester provides several information sessions at River's Crossing of approximately one hour in length to prepare volunteers to be facilitators. Connie will be glad to mentor the Facilitator Coordinator. Skills and abilities needed:

- Communication skills: verbal and written.
- Time management skills: self-directed.
- Basic computer skills: e-mail (preferably GMAIL to access documents via Google Drive) and a familiarity with using spreadsheets.
- Experience as a facilitator preferred.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Betty Jean Craige (bjcraige@uga.edu) or Katy Crapo (kcrapo@uga.edu).

**Amazon Smile program.** Remember the Amazon Smile program we told you about, which gives OLLI a percent of members' purchases at Amazon? Members who sign up for this program must enter online through "Amazon Smile" rather than "Amazon.com" in order for us to receive the gift. Also don't forget to sign up at the "Kroger Community Foundation" website so that we will receive similar gifts from your Kroger purchases.

**OLLI Policies we thought you should know:** The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Georgia (OLLI@UGA) does not take a position on any social or political issue. As an affiliate of the University of Georgia's College of Education, OLLI@UGA also adheres to the University's non-discrimination and anti-harassment policy, which can be found at <https://eoo.uga.edu/policies/non-discrimination-anti-harassment-policy>.



**As part of the Long Range Plan community outreach. Tom Kenyon spoke to the Rotary on February 11, 2015 about OLLI@UGA.** (photo by Bill Flatt)



**Margaret Agner's "Big Eyes"**



**Bob Hart's "Who Is in Charge?"**

Works by OLLI members accepted into the Lyndon House Art Center's 40<sup>th</sup> Juried Exhibition include Margaret Agner's "Big Eyes" (fiber dye on silk, top), Bob Hart's "Who Is In Charge?" (acrylic on board, bottom), Nancy Hart's "Christo's Gates--NYC" (digital art), and Carol McKay's "Morganite Pendant" (Tourmaline and Sterling Enhancer on Chokee). The show runs from March 5 to May 2. (If other members had works accepted, please let the *OLLI Times* know for recognition in the June issue!) (photos by Pat McAlexander)

## OLLI TRIP TO CORTONA MAY STILL BE AVAILABLE

You may be receiving this newsletter after April 15, the deadline for registration and first deposit payment for OLLI's September 14-24 trip to Italy, hosted by the UGA Cortona program. However, there may still be space available if you want to join this 10-day exploration of Tuscany, so if you want to join this trip, please check the OLLI website (see last paragraph.) You will be met at the Rome airport and transported to Cortona for a nine-night stay in the heart of this Tuscan hill town. Each day will offer a variety of walking tours, meals, excursions to vineyards, farms and historic sites, as well as some class experiences in the UGA facilities in Cortona. Full-day excursions to Siena and Florence will be included in the tour.



Cortona

Program cost for this OLLI travel experience is \$1,575. Registration and initial deposit of \$500 is due April 15; however, this deadline has been extended a few days to allow newsletter readers an opportunity to register. Final payment of \$1,075 is due May 15. This covers all ground transportation from Rome to Cortona and return to airport, the daily excursions, four dinners and four lunches, and all classes, and guide services from UGA Cortona faculty during your stay. You will be responsible for your own round-trip airfare to and from Rome, your hotel accommodations, estimated at approximately \$1,200 per room for nine nights; this will include breakfast daily and all taxes and will be less per person if registrants are sharing rooms. You will also be responsible for some lunches and dinners on your own in Cortona.

To register for this trip, go to the OLLI website, click into the Travel Study portion of the website, find the UGA Cortona trip listing and follow directions for registration. If you have questions about the itinerary, you are welcome to call or email UGA Cortona program director Chris Robinson: 706-542-4519; [cpr71@uga.edu](mailto:cpr71@uga.edu).

## PAST TRIP: SOUTHWEST GEORGIA, MARCH 5-6.



At Providence Canyon on a chilly March 5 (l. to r.) Marilynn Smith (who coordinated the trip), Joan Zitzelman, Helen Epps, Ann Leonard, Parley Winger, Mary Theilen, Alexis Winger, Pat McAlexander. (photo by J.R. Green)



One of the group's views of Providence Canyon, created from erosion due to poor farming practices in the 1800s (photo by Pat McAlexander)



# PARKING TAG BREAKTHROUGH COMING SOON

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won't have to mail tags to class registrants, sell tags individually in the office, or hand them out to members attending meetings.

More important, this new system will cost members less. Although the OLLI Board of Directors approved a raise in class fees to cover the parking costs, there will be a net savings for members. For instance, next year if you were to register for five single-session River's Crossing classes held on different days, your total cost (with the new rate at \$10 a class) would be \$50. This year, with each single-session class at \$8 and each daily parking tag at \$4, your total cost was \$60. The savings to members is shown in the chart below listing the old class fee rates plus the \$4 daily parking fee versus the new class fee rates with no parking fee.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to the people who worked with Parking Services to make this new system possible: OLLI treasurer John Songster; Board member Dick Lynch; OLLI member Tom Bowen, who had served as a UGA administrator in Finance and Administration; Jack Parish, Associate Dean for Outreach and Engagement in the College of Education; and Katy Crapo, OLLI's Executive Director. We also thank the leadership in UGA Parking Services, who, Katy said, "were eager to help us find this solution."

## COSTS

# class sessions	<u>Current</u>		<u>As of Fall 2015</u>
	class cost	+ \$4 parking	cost of class + parking
1	\$8	\$12	\$10
2	\$14	\$22	\$18
3	\$18	\$30	\$21
4	\$20	\$36	\$24
5	\$25	\$45	\$30
6	\$30	\$54	\$36
7	\$35	\$63	\$42
8	\$40	\$72	\$48
9	\$45	\$81	\$54

“Experiences, not belongings, are what elicit true feelings of happiness.”

—Thomas Gilovich, psychologist-researcher



February 12. Joanne Henry on the scavenger hunt during Sandy Clark’s February 12th “Pickers & Junkers” class. The class was taught at Junk in The Trunk, an antique, vintage and home decor mall on Olympic Drive in Athens. Another OLLI member, Ginger Davis-Beck, shared her experiences as a picker. *(photo by Cheryl Copeland)*



February 18. Randall Abney serves wine at his and Carolyn Abney’s class “Chianti Wines of Italy,” held at the Healthy Gourmet. *(photo by Cheryl Copeland)*



February 24. “One person’s 9/11 saga touched us all.” Students in Tom Kenyon’s “Reflections on September 11, 2001—My Personal Experience” react: (l. to r.) Ann Crowley, Peggy Cole, Berkley Minor, Nancy Songster, Ginny Spencer *(photo by John Albright)*



March 4. Participants in Susie Haggard’s class “Economic Development: Growing Georgia” tour the assembly area of the area’s new Caterpillar plant, where small track-type tractors and mini hydraulic excavators are produced. At right is Joni Robinson, director of tours. Susie is senior project manager with the Georgia Department of Economic Development. *(photo by Susie Haggard)*



March 11. Beth Hedrick, Connie Bruce, Tanna Nicholson, and Jim Marshall, students in Lindsey Payne’s “Good Food” class, watch Lindsey cook on a commercial range in her Culinary Market. *(photo by Cheryl Copeland)*



March 12 and 19. Students in Randall Abney’s class “Balsamic Vinegar—a Taste of Italy” learned all about the product in those little bottles. Randall, who lived nine years in Italy, is second from left, with students (l. to r.) Tammy Kemper, Brenda Hayes, Harry Hayes, and Steve Moorman. *(photo by Nancy Walton)*



March 17 - 27: One afternoon in David Noah’s “Creative Photography” class, students went outdoors to take portrait photographs of each other. The instructions were to try to portray the “essence” of their subject, capturing natural expressions and a symbolic background. Here are two of the results: Scott Mason by George Dougherty (top) and Hugh Nourse by Carol Hall (bottom).



March 30. OLLI members learned about snakes in Georgia in a class taught by Dr. Chris Jenkins, chief executive officer of the Oriante Society. Headquartered in Athens, the Oriante Society promotes protection and conservation of reptiles and amphibians, especially threatened species. Georgia has one of the largest diversity of snakes in the Southeast according to Jenkins, who brought a couple of specimens, including this two-foot diamondback rattlesnake. *(photo by Harry Hayes)*

## SAVE THE DATES!



**¡CINCO DE MAYO LUNCHEON TUESDAY MAY 5, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** at Sr. Sol Mexican Restaurant, 2455 W. Broad St. (Atlanta Hwy), Athens. Online ([olli.uga.edu](http://olli.uga.edu)) reservations required by April 24 – no drop-ins, please!

Known for its authentic and *delicioso* Mexican food, Sr. Sol is offering a *muy bueno* selection for our Dutch-treat lunch: **For only \$13.19 per person – including tax and tip you will get**

- Cheese Dip or Guacamole appetizer with chips & salsa
- One of three entrees: Chicken Fajitas or Veggie Quesadilla (no meat) or Beef Enchiladas; each entree served with rice
- A choice of salad or refried beans (as a second side item)
- Tea or soda



Dessert & bar items will be available at a separate price. Be sure to make your food selections when you make your reservation. Limit of 45, so sign up *pronto!* REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR OLLI NAMETAG. ¡Olé!

## END OF YEAR ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.** The Hospitality Committee just finalized plans for an end- of-year ice cream social at Flinchum’s Phoenix to honor our volunteers and celebrate our 20th Anniversary Year. This should be a great send-off to a great year!



## OLLI FOLLIES: GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

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present two large ‘earned income’ events, along with the Annual Fund campaign.”

The first event was the Junque From the Trunk sale last fall, which raised more than \$5,400. The Follies is the second. Tickets are priced at \$100 for patrons (best seats in the house), \$37.50 for mid-auditorium and \$25 for rear-house seats (loge). Tickets went on sale April 1 and can be bought at Homeplace and online at [OLLI@UGA](mailto:OLLI@UGA). The show is open to the public.

“We hope to fill every one of the 676 seats in Fine Arts Theater on both Friday and Saturday nights,” Jill says. “If just every OLLI member buys a ticket, we’ll have a sold-out house both nights. If this works, it will be the largest earned income event ever for OLLI.”

Another goal is to increase OLLI’s visibility in the community. “We want to recruit members and let people know there’s more to OLLI than classes,” says Jill. “Everybody knows we have an aging population, but OLLI Follies demonstrates that older people can be active, learn new skills, and enjoy living. We ‘silver foxes’ are a group to be reckoned with.”



**Joe Mauldin, prize-winning Delta musician, will be featured in the Follies.**

## PAST EVENTS

**The wearin' of the green at the St. Patrick's Day luncheon, Buffalo's Café** (photo by John Whitener)



**Valentine luncheon at Charlie Noble's Restaurant, complete with nosegays, boutonnieres, old friends and new** (photo by John Albright)



**At the Opera SIG's Gala on March 18, John Rudy is surrounded by a Bevy of Beauties.** (photo by Gloria Jackson)



**Dan and Berkeley Minor are photographed at the Gala with mezzo soprano and DMA candidate Marisan Corsino.** (photo by Gloria Jackson)



**Elizabeth Slaten, soprano and DMA candidate, stops by Ray and Alice Zwaagstra's table** (photo by Gloria Jackson)

# NEWS FROM SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)



These Happy Hikers hiked at a snowy Dick's Creek on February 28: Rebecca Whitney, Ray Watson, Susan Reinhardt, Mary Lillie Chamberlain (photo by Carter Naylor)

A new SIG, **Poker**, plays every Monday evening from 6:30 to 9:30 at Talmage Terrace in the LG-1 meeting room. Dealer's Choice! Contact Lorraine Downie at [cardplayer@windstream.net](mailto:cardplayer@windstream.net).

## OLLI members "gaming" at Game Day



On March 13, 2015, the Special Interest Groups of **Chess, Cribbage, Intermediate and Novice Bridge, Mahjonn, Pinochle and Poker** gathered together at Buffalo's Cafe for an afternoon of their favorite activities. They intermingled, snacked, learned new games, and played old games. The afternoon ended with lots of door prizes.

On Sunday, April 12, the **Memoir Writing SIG** presented "The Many Voices of Memoir Writing" at the Athens Regional Library's Appleton Auditorium. After Facilitator Roger Bailey's Welcome and Introductions, Caryl Sundland, Jeannette Bowers, Dan Akin, Nancy MacNair, Jim Murdock, Peggy Harrington, Tom Kenyon, John Bleyle, and Chip McDaniel read selections from their work. This event took place after the April *OLLI Times* deadline, but we plan to have a fuller story and picture(s) in the June newsletter.

In a joint celebration of OLLI@UGA's 20th anniversary, Les Shindelman of the **Dawg.Bytes** tech SIG and Chuck Murphy of the **Picture This** photography SIG elected to get all their technical and photo geeks together for a shared session on photo sharing sites. In their meeting on May 19th, the groups will discuss the pros and cons of the various online services such as Facebook, Flickr, Smugmug, Google+, Pinterest, Panoramio. Since pretty much everyone with a computer or smart phone takes photos, and everyone with a digital camera uses a computer, the leaders of both groups thought this meeting would be a synergistic way for both groups to share their experiences about the best ways to share photos. Pictures to follow! Chuck and Les promised to share photos of the event for the next *OLLI Times*.

**Pickleball, Anyone?** "We don't stop playing because we get old, we get old because we stop playing". This saying adorns the latest Athens Area Pickleball shirts designed by Chuck Cunningham, and if you want to see some youngsters in their 50's, 60's 70's and 80's, come on over to the Lay Park gym almost any morning of the week. We are running, jumping, hitting, yelling and laughing. We are having a ball...pickleball, that is.

If you have never played before, but would like to "gently" try it out, put on your tennis shoes and come over to the East Athens Community Center any Monday morning for our "Beginners" play. We have all the equipment you need and there is no cost. Kris, Ken, Victor and others will explain the game, and give you a few practice "shots." and before you know it you will be yelling at your partner, "Stay out of the kitchen!" or "I've got it! Switch!" You will also be laughing, breathing hard and perhaps even perspiring. If you have played some tennis, ping-pong, badminton, or racketball, you are probably ready to jump right into the game with a five-minute explanation of the rules. Most agree that the hardest part of the game for these folks is keeping score, but it won't be long before a score of "7 -5 -2" will make sense. For the playing schedule and other information, join the OLLI **Pickleball** SIG or contact Ken Calkin at [kcalkin1@gmail.com](mailto:kcalkin1@gmail.com) or 770-307-6944.

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# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: IVA KING

by Larry Dendy



The only people in Athens Iva King knew when she and her husband, Larry, moved here in May of 2013 were their son and his family. That quickly changed thanks to OLLI.

By July, Iva had joined OLLI and soon was deeply immersed in the work of the Hospitality Committee. She co-chaired a couple of Back-to-Class Bashes and helped with a Cinco de Mayo lunch, a Newbee class and the hugely successful holiday party last December. She's also facilitated a couple of classes, and in July she'll become the new chair of the Hospitality Committee.

"I didn't know anybody when we moved here and I heard about OLLI and thought it would be a good way to meet people," Iva says. "I've enjoyed the classes and especially making new friends."

Volunteering is nothing new to Iva, who retired in 2008 after a 25-year career as a speech language pathologist in schools and in private practice. When her children were in school she was a PTA officer and helped write grant proposals for school projects. She trained teachers and wrote grants for the Student Support Team Association for Georgia Educators, a non-profit organization that helps teachers meet needs of students. She also worked with a cancer treatment group and was an active volunteer in her church. "I've always felt that those of us who are fortunate enough to have a comfortable life style should share with those who aren't so fortunate," she says.

Larry King plays pickleball with the OLLI pickleball SIG, and Iva and Larry enjoy grandparent time with two four-year-olds. Iva is also a gardener and sings in her church choir.

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# ONE MORE CLASS....



April 13. The class “Sustainable Land Use in Action” at the [Athens Land Trust’s] West Broad Market Garden”: (l to r) Pat McAlexander, Mimi Vickers, Susan Johnson, Nancy Stangle (class teacher and the co-founder of the Trust) , Beth Hendrick, “Miss Ethel” (age 80, gardener) and Winston Stephens. Not pictured: Randall Abney. The Athens Land Trust is one of the few such organizations in the country to address land conservation, affordable housing, *and* community agriculture. After May 1, the Garden, located on West Broad between Paris and Minor Streets, will be open to sell produce on Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (photo by Seth Nivens)

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