



# OLLI

# TIMES

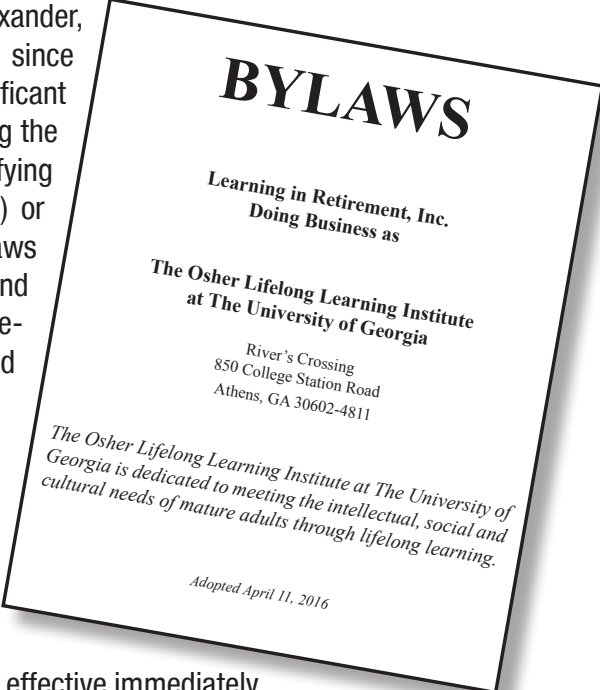
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## REVISED BYLAWS PASSED

The Bylaws Committee (Lee Albright, Betty Jean Craige, Katy Crapo, Pat McAlexander, Don Schneider, Barbara Timmons, and chair Bill Alworth) has worked since September on updating the content and the language of OLLI bylaws. Significant content changes include elimination of the office of Vice President, changing the terms of the secretary and treasurer to two years instead of one, classifying committees as either Governance (responsible to the Board of Directors) or Operating (responsible to the Executive Director), and making sure the bylaws do not conflict with the Memorandum of Agreement between OLLI@UGA and the UGA College of Education. The bylaws can now be amended by a three-fourths majority vote of the Board of Directors at any regularly scheduled meeting if the changes have been posted one week prior to the meeting.

Chair Bill Alworth points out that the committee's intent was to provide a structure for OLLI governance without rigidly spelling out all policies and procedures—much like the U.S. Constitution. For example, the bylaws specify that the Board meet monthly but do not specify a specific day or week.

The OLLI Board voted to accept these new bylaws on April 11. They became effective immediately. Members can find the new bylaws posted under the resources menu in the members' online community.



## ANNUAL MEETING ON FRIDAY, MAY 13

OLLI@UGA's Annual Meeting will be held on what we hope will be "lucky" Friday, May 13, at Central Presbyterian Church from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. As we enter the meeting room, we will vote on the slate of new officers and for five of the eight Board nominees, two of whom are running for their second term (see bios and photos on p.3 and p.11). The choice of five will be hard; all the nominees are outstanding! After Betty Jean gives her President's report on the State of OLLI@UGA, the election results will be announced.

Following the meeting, the Volunteer Appreciation and Ice Cream Social will be held until 3:00 p.m., with entertainment by the OLLI New Horizons Band and refreshments by Talmage Terrace/Lanier Gardens.

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# The President's Column: Take This Quiz

Here's a little quiz. It will take only 98 seconds. You won't be graded. You don't even have to turn it in.

1. What is your favorite thing to learn about?

- A. Coyotes
- B. DNA
- C. Biofuels
- D. Chess
- E. Dirty clothes

2. What is your favorite thing to do?

- A. Celebrate holidays with fun people
- B. Eat lunch with fun people
- C. Hike with fun people
- D. Go to Cuba with fun people
- E. Find rodents in your attic

3. What is your favorite thing to eat?

- A. Macaroni and cheese
- B. Roast chicken
- C. Key lime pie
- D. Wine and tapas
- E. Road kill

4. What is your favorite thing to think about?

- A. Current affairs
- B. Cosmology
- C. Opera
- D. Baseball
- E. Cockroaches

You are in luck! If you answered A, B, C, or D to any of the above questions, you can satisfy your desires in OLLI@UGA. If you answered E, then you will have to find another organization.

This quiz reminds us how grateful we are to OLLI for enriching our life. So here's a final question:

5. How would you like to help OLLI remain a great organization?

- A. Teach a class
- B. Run for office
- C. Volunteer for a committee
- D. Donate to OLLI

(There is no E.) Happy spring!

Betty Jean Craige, President



Betty Jean Craige

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*OLLI Officers 2015-2016*

President	Betty Jean Craige
President-Elect	Lee Albright
Secretary	Cheryl Copeland
Treasurer	Victor Gagliano

*OLLI Board of Directors*

Randall Abney	Ian Hardin
Gary Bertsch	Richard Lynch
Sandy Clark	Jill Read
Heidi Davison	Les Shindelman
Nancy Grayson	Clover Weller
Joseph Harris (Washington, GA affiliate)	

*OLLI Committee Chairs*

Bylaws Committee	Bill Alworth
Curriculum Committee	Penny Oldfather, Jim Marshall
Facilitator Coordinator	Susan Dougherty
Finance Committee	Richard Bouldin
Fund Development Committee	Vicki Krugman
Hospitality Committee	Iva King
Information Technology Committee	Chuck Murphy
Long-Range Planning Committee	Richard Lynch
Marketing Committee	Katherine Winslow
Membership Committee	Jay Shinn
Special Interest Groups	Peg Graham
Travel Study Committee	Joan Zitzelman
Volunteer Coordinator	Sandy Clark
Editor of OLLI Times	Pat McAlexander
Historian	Bill Loughner

### SCHEDULE FOR OLLI TIMES

June issue: Deadline—May 25 - Send material to patmcalex@gmail.com



## Nominees for the New Officers



**President-Elect – Brenda Hayes.** Brenda started adult life as a high school English teacher and retired in 2010 from UGA where she held the positions of Associate Director at both the Carl Vinson Institute of Government and the Fanning Institute. In between she did lots of community volunteering in Gainesville, GA, including a stint as President of the Children's Theatre; wrote for the *Gainesville Times* and Xavier Robert's *Cabbage Patch Kids Magazine*; was elected the first female Chair of the Hall County Commission, helping to secure the 1996 Olympic Rowing and Canoe/Kayaking venue for Lake Lanier; and, leaving office, was hired as the first Georgia Mountains Regional Director for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. She currently serves as a docent for the UGA Special Collections Library, is on the OLLI Luncheon Committee, and, as one of the OLLI Buddies at Gaines School Elementary, gets lots of hugs while tutoring kindergartners.



**Secretary – Margaret Pruiett.** Unlike many of us, Margaret was actually born in Athens, Georgia. She returned to the area about fifteen years ago after raising her three children in Chattanooga. She has degrees in psychology, clinical and educational psychology, and library science. Margaret has worked in mental health clinics, at a private school for special needs students, as the volunteer coordinator at a magnet school, as a school counselor, and as a legislative analyst for the Kentucky State Legislature. Since joining OLLI, she has been a member of the Solo Seniors, Gardening, and Ladies Basketball SIGs; attended many interesting classes, especially Great Books; and served on the Hospitality Committee.



**Treasurer – Victor Gagliano (second term).** Upon graduation from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, Victor went to work in the private sector. He became Assistant District Manager for a major retail store, in charge of setting the budgets for over 50 stores, and worked as the General Manager for Advanced Auto Parts for fourteen years. Thus he is knowledgeable about the creation of internal and external financial statements and the importance of the timeliness of these statements. Victor joined OLLI in September of 2013 shortly after he retired from Advance Auto Parts. Victor has been a member of the OLLI Finance Committee and last year served as the OLLI Treasurer.



**President — Lee Albright.** Lee, as our current President-elect, will be next year's President. A life-long Georgian, she graduated from UGA with a B.A. in Mathematics and an M.Ed. in Counseling, met her husband John at UGA, and raised two children. After they returned to Athens in 1979, Lee served as Assistant to the UGA Honors Program Director and later as Dean of Guidance and College Counseling at Athens Academy for twenty years. After her retirement, she continued her involvement in Athens through service at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, The Ark United Ministry Outreach Center, the Interfaith Hospitality Network, and Athens Habitat for Humanity. She joined OLLI@UGA in 2011, subsequently serving as the Hospitality Committee chair and this year as President-elect.

## Board Nominees—Vote for Five:



**Bill Alworth** taught chemistry at Tulane University for nearly forty years. After Hurricane Katrina forced him and his wife Lois to move to Athens, he joined OLLI (then LIR). Bill has served our organization as a member of the Board of Directors, as chair of the Travel-Study Committee, and as President in the 2012-2013 academic year. He served as chair of the Bylaws committee this year and continues to give OLLI classes.



**William (Bill) Barstow** served two years in the U.S. Army after college, then taught high school biology and coached football in Fairfield, Connecticut. Six years later he was off to Purdue where he earned a Ph.D. in mycology (the study of fungi). In 1974 Bill came to UGA as a member of the UGA Botany Department, where he conducted research in mycology and taught introductory biology classes. Bill estimates that during the past 42 years he has taught over 35,000 UGA students – including a daughter and two grandchildren. He has been awarded the title of Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor. Bill has been involved with OLLI as a teacher, traveler, and member of the Memoir Writing Group.



**Richard Bouldin** served as professor and head of Mathematics and associate dean of Arts and Sciences at the University of Georgia before his retirement. He chaired nine committees in his church, including the Board of Directors, the Finance Committee, and the Forum Committee (an adult education committee). In OLLI, Richard has chaired the Finance Committee for three years, the first budget committee, and the Investment Advisory Panel. He has also taken, facilitated, and taught classes.

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This must be the issue for quizzes! Here is another. Can you match the thirteen OLLI members listed to the right with these pictures from their childhood or youth? The ages of members in these photos range from two to the early twenties. (The ages given are sometimes approximate.) And just to make this a little more challenging, one person is shown twice, and two are shown together. Answers on page 10 .

Lee Albright

Betty Jean Craig

Jay Shinn

Bill Alworth

Pat McAlexander

Alexis Winger

Lois Alworth

Charlotte McDaniel

Parley Winger

Elizabeth Barton

Chuck Murphy

Julie Cashin-Schneider

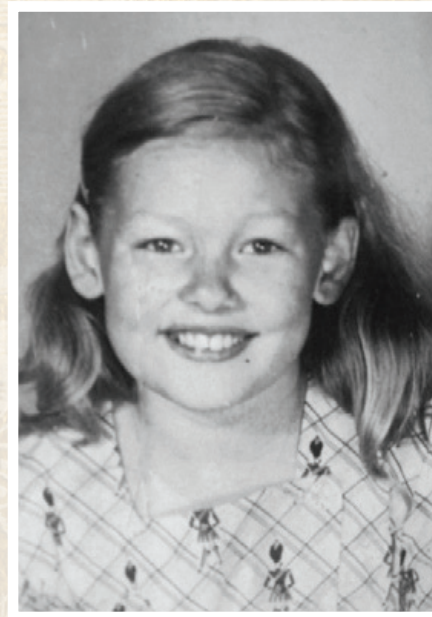
Jim Murdock



A. Age 2 \_\_\_\_\_

B. Age 2 \_\_\_\_\_

C. Age 4 \_\_\_\_\_



D. Age 10 \_\_\_\_\_

E. Age 10 \_\_\_\_\_

F. Age 13 \_\_\_\_\_



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G. Age 16 \_\_\_\_\_



H. Age 20 \_\_\_\_\_



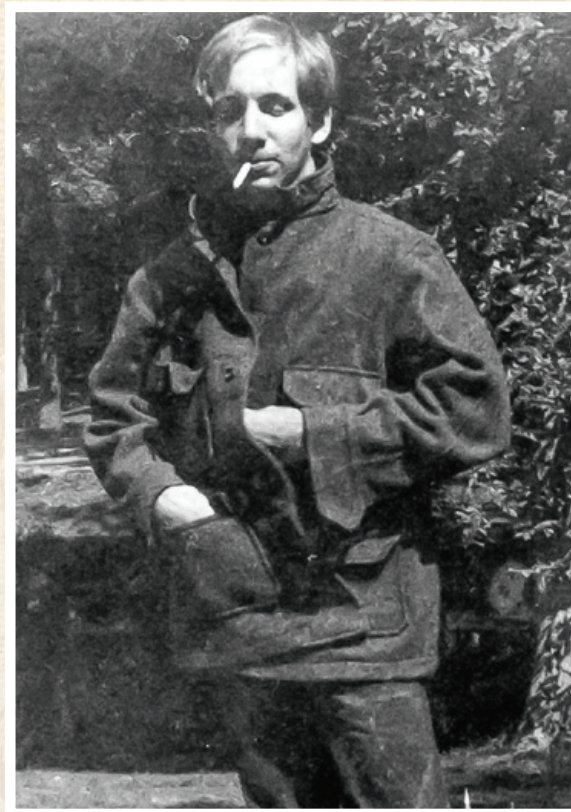
I. Age 18 \_\_\_\_\_



J. Age 20 \_\_\_\_\_



K. Age 20 \_\_\_\_\_



M. Age 19 \_\_\_\_\_



L. Early 20s \_\_\_\_\_



UGA's *Georgia Magazine* for December 2015 issue included an article named "Quest for Knowledge: Membership soars in UGA outreach program for seniors who crave learning." Yes, it was about us—OLLI@UGA. Written by Lori Johnson (ABJ '95), the article quotes members **Betty Jean Craige, Wyatt Anderson, Chuck Murphy, John Songster, and Nancy Canolty**, as well as The College of Education's **Ron Cevero** and **Jack Parish** and our Executive Director **Katy Crapo**. Overall, the article stressed how our 1,372 (at that time) members take advantage of OLLI's classes, special interest groups, and travel opportunities. Colored photographs of a bridge class, cooking class, and a history-of-UGA class illustrate the article, along with one of **Sandy Clark** at the fall OLLI Bash. The article ends with an apt quote from Betty Jean Craige, speaking for OLLI members: "We want to keep our minds sharp, our bodies active, and our social calendar full."

### Carol McKay's Beach Montage Pendant/Pin.



**Chuck Murphy's** Antarctic penguin photo, "Soaking in the Scenery," taken on the last day of his 21-day photo expedition to the continent, was published in February's *Outdoor Photographer* "Last Frame" feature. And Chuck's portrait of a cardinal, entitled "Richlieu," won the "Wow!" award at the March Athens Photography Guild members' photo contest.



The Lyndon House Art Center's 41<sup>st</sup> Juried Exhibition includes works by six OLLI@UGA members: **Elizabeth Barton's** *Legacy* (quilt/fiber collage), *Athens by Night*, *Behind the Stadium* (acrylic), and *At the Café* (watercolor); **Sylvia Dawe's** *Earth Bound Ensemble* (glass and metal); **Carol McKay's** *Beach Montage Pendant/Pin* (sterling, 24k gold); **John Weber's** *Spokes* (photography); and **Nancy York's** *Olive Trees* (fiber art). (If we missed anyone, let us know.) Elizabeth Barton's *Legacy* won a Merit Award. Honorable Mentions went to Elizabeth Barton's *Athens by Night*, Sylvia Dawe's *Earth Bound Ensemble*, and Carol McKay's *Beach Montage Pendant/Pin*. The exhibition runs through May 7<sup>th</sup>. Lyndon House hours are Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## TECH NOTES

In this series Zu will answer questions she has been asked about the new OLLI website system. Below is the first of the series, on class registration.

**Question:** Help me, Zu – Why can't the website just call a "session" a class?

**Zu:** OLLI Online has gone through some revisions (*you don't say!*) over the past 4 years. We could both design (configure) our first

registration system much the way we wanted and customize its language and terminology, using words common to members of OLLI@UGA. As we outgrew our former registration system, the search committee responsible for identifying a new system for OLLI Online found an Association Management System (AMS) that gave us a level of flexibility in which we could design or configure within specific templates to meet our expanding needs. However, it was not customizable—that is, we had less control over text and terminology. We had to use the vocabulary of this new system. Thus, we have to learn some new words and new ways of doing things. Here is a quick dictionary that will help you navigate the system.



**Peggy Cole** and **Jay Shinn** spread the word about OLLI at the ACC Employees Total Wellness Fair in the Classic Center on April 5th. (photo by John Albright)

**Bill Alworth** sent us this note about the benefits of the OLLI student card: "Lois and I just bought a new iMac at Simply.Mac. Using my OLLI student card, we got an "educational" discount of \$50 off on the computer and another \$50 off on a three-year warranty extension. Thus having this student card paid for my OLLI registration this year plus the cost of the card [\$10] with almost enough left over to cover Lois's OLLI registration too." OLLI student cards can be obtained at the Tate Student Center on campus. Pick up and bring with you a signed form from the OLLI office.



"Female seals give birth shortly after they arrive on the beach and remain there to nurse their pup until they depart close to a month later" (photo and caption in article by Kathy Parker).

In late January 2015 **Kathy Parker** took a trip to California's six-mile Piedras Blancas beach to photograph the seals gathered there during the breeding season. The result: an article with fascinating photographs, published on the *Canadian Nature Photographer* site. It can be found at <https://www.naturescapes.net/articles/editorial/northern-elephant-seals/>. As Chuck Murphy says, "Great story, amazing photos!" Kathy's travels have taken her to remote reaches of the globe, where she has photographed all types of landscapes and wildlife. At the Last Picture This! SIG, Kathy gave a fascinating photo presentation of her recent trip with her husband to New Zealand. Kathy is a retired UGA geography professor who lives here in Athens.

**Community** – a private members-only site which, in our case, only current dues-paid OLLI members can access

**Dashboard** – much like the dashboard on your car alerts you to what's going on with your vehicle, your dashboard informs you about **your** OLLI SIGs, committees, and groups

**Event** – the name/designation of our current course term (i.e. Spring 2016)

**Session** – what we would consider as a class or course

**Track** – what we commonly think of as "categories"—for example, the categories of classes in our catalog (Government, Aging, Humanities, Historical Perspectives)

So in short, you will log into the **community** and be directed to your **dashboard**. From there you can register for an **event** and choose your **sessions**, narrowing down your interests by **track** if desired.







Mary Frances Early with Betty Jean Craige, class organizer and facilitator



Mary Frances Early talking after class with OLLI students Bennie Roberson (left) and Penny Oldfather (photos by Bill Flatt)

## “DESEGREGATING UGA: AN INTERVIEW WITH MARY FRANCES EARLY”

In one of the most fascinating OLLI classes this spring, Mary Frances Early told her story of helping to integrate UGA. Most of us know about Charlayne Hunter and Hamilton Holmes, who have been long recognized as the two undergraduates who integrated UGA in 1961, but alongside them was Music Education graduate student Ms. Early. She, like Hunter and Holmes, was a graduate of Turner High School in Atlanta; the three knew each other. Early and Hunter in fact roomed together for a time at Mary Creswell Hall. But Ms. Early has been far less recognized; in fact, she said, between 1962 and 2000 no comment or record of her enrollment at UGA was publicized.

A music teacher, Mary Frances came to UGA on her own at age 24, mostly in the summers, to earn her master’s degree. She had been attending programs at the University of Michigan. (At that time the state of Georgia gave scholarships to African American students to pay their out-of-state tuition, so they would not try to attend Georgia schools.) But Ms. Early wanted to support Holmes and Hunter in integrating the university and so applied here to finish her degree—and was finally accepted.

Charlayne Hunter has described her experiences at UGA in her book *In My Place* (1992) in which she briefly mentions Ms. Early. But wanting to fully describe her experiences at UGA, Early is presently writing her own memoirs, for she, too, has many dramatic stories to tell. Like Charlayne and Hamilton, Mary Frances was socially isolated here. Most UGA students shunned her (for example, moving away from her when she sat in a class)—a practice the students described as non-violent resistance, ironically borrowing the phrase of the civil rights movement. But sometimes violence also broke out, as when a group of boys threw rocks at her or a line of football players tried to keep her from entering the library. In spite of these hardships, Ms. Early earned top grades and completed her master’s degree—becoming the first African American to earn a degree from UGA. She was charming, speaking with no bitterness and giving credit to the students who did support her. A spiritual person, she believes that “whatever happened, happened because it was supposed to happen.”

Class members are grateful to Betty Jean Craige for arranging this event. We look forward to the publication of Ms. Early’s memoirs and feel privileged to have had a preview of their contents.—Pat McAlexander



## “ATHENS AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY TOUR”

On OLLI’s April 7 “Athens African-American History Tour,” ACC Welcome Center guide Rosa Thurmond presented Classic City stories and reminiscences that delighted newcomers and veteran Athenians alike. In addition to visiting churches and driving past former segregated school sites, neighborhoods, and businesses of earlier times, participants were given a specially guided tour inside the nationally acclaimed Morton Theatre, which opened in 1910 at downtown’s “Hot Corner.” The Morton is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Especially fascinating was the story of the theater’s builder, “Pink” Morton. Born before the Civil War, he became a legendary entrepreneur, politician, Athens postmaster, contractor, and promoter of Athens’ fledgling African-American professional class. Over a century ago he envisioned and built the Morton Theater as well as the elegant marble and stone office building on East Clayton Street—currently home to the Fab’Rik clothing store—as his corporate office. He also built the Washington, Georgia’s Wilkes County Courthouse. Mrs. Thurmond arranged for the tour’s final stop at Gospel Pilgrim Cemetery on 4<sup>th</sup> Street to pay respects to the Morton family gravesite.



**Pausing at Pink Morton’s headstone at Gospel Pilgrim Cemetery are (l. -r.) Lee Albright, Bruce and Karen Menke, Lyndall Tunnell, Vicki Krugman, Sue and Bill Brassard, Mrs. Thurmond, Kathy Smith, Marilyn Ault, Art Crawley and Patrick Boyle.**  
*(photo and story from John Albright)*

## “LIFE AS THE KING”

Instructor Chris Shupe had OLLI members saying “That’s All Right” when he performed and spoke in his February class “Life As the King,” describing what his life has been like as an Elvis Tribute Artist for over thirty years. Shupe, whose daytime job is program director at WUGA Radio, began performing in this role when he was ten years old. Well known in Athens for his energetic shows, he has appeared in cities around the South and participated in professional tribute artist competitions. In addition to recounting stories about his career, Shupe crooned several Elvis hit songs, leaving class members All Shook Up. —Larry Dendy



**Chris Shupe performing as Elvis in his OLLI class**



# CLASSES



The cast of characters from Chuck Murphy's recent "iPhone/iPad, Beyond the Basics" class: L-R, Rosa Linhart as Mom, Kathy Parker as The Farmer, Chuck as Chuck, and Julie Cashin-Schneider as Little Red Riding Hoodie (photo by Patsy Hinson).

## "IPHONE/IPAD: EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW"

This spring term, Chuck Murphy taught six sessions of "iPhone/iPad: Everything You Always Wanted to Know." Thinking that technology courses can get *really* boring, he decided to present the material in terms of stories from everyday life. That way students could more easily relate to how their phone or tablet's features make life easier and more fun. So the classes started with "Once upon a time . . ." and of course ended with "and they all lived happily ever after." In between that beginning and end, instead of "Here's a button, here's a screen, here's an app," Chuck presented the material in terms of Fractured Fairy Tales, using Little Red Riding Hood for the Basics class and Jack and the Beanstalk for the "Beyond the Basics" class. The reviews were strongly favorable. –information from Chuck Murphy

## Fund Development Opportunity

The Fund Development Committee offers members and friends of OLLI the opportunity to honor individuals on occasions such as a birthday, anniversary, graduation, new grandchild, wedding, or to memorialize a friend or loved one, by giving a gift to OLLI in the person's name.

OLLI will send each recipient or his/her family a notification of your gift. Additionally, your gift and the occasion will be listed in the OLLI Times.

Send a check to OLLI with a notation on the memo line telling us whether it is "in honor of" or "in memory of" and the name of the individual. If you want the specific occasion listed in the OLLI Times, please include a note stating the occasion.

## ANSWERS TO "WHO ARE THEY?" (pp. 4 to 5)

- A. Pat McAlexander
- B. Jay Shinn
- C. Pat McAlexander
- D. Jim Murdock
- E. Charlotte (Chip) McDaniel
- F. Julie Cashin-Schneider
- G. Bill Alworth
- H. Lee Albright
- I. Elizabeth Barton
- J. Lois Alworth
- K. Betty Jean Craig
- L. Alexis and Parley Winger
- M. Chuck Murphy





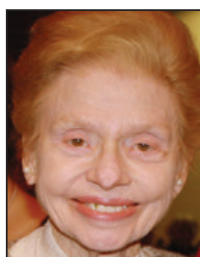
**Sandy Clark ( 2<sup>nd</sup> term)** retired after thirty-one action-packed, fun-filled years of teaching middle school and joined OLLI in 2008. She has enjoyed taking classes, participating in numerous SIGs, and serving on the Hospitality, Membership, Nominating, Regional Conference, and Association Management Selection Committees. Sandy is a member of the current Board of Directors and Volunteer Committee Chair.



**Barbara Timmons** retired in 2012 from the Athens-Clarke-Country Unified Government as Organizational Development Administrator after 32 years of service. Volunteering in the community has always been an important part of her life. She has been on the Board of many organizations, including the Heritage Foundation, the League of Women Voters, and Athens Tutorial and Mentoring Programs. As a member of OLLI, she has served on the Curriculum Committee last year and the Bylaws Committee this year. She and her husband John live in High Ridge.



**Ray Watson** moved to Athens and joined OLLI after retiring from a career in the Fairfax County, VA, public schools. There he was a high school and middle school principal and director of secondary curriculum—and a recipient of the Washington Post Educational Leadership Award. As an ardent outdoorsman, Ray was naturally drawn to OLLI's Happy Hikers SIG. For the last two years he has been its co-chair, leading monthly hikes. In fall 2014 he taught a class on contemporary issues in American education; he has also served on the OLLI Nominating Committee. He has recently married a fellow OLLI hiker, Mary Lillie Chamberlain.



**Clover Weller (2<sup>nd</sup> term)** received a B.A. from Smith College and M.Ed. from Temple University. Her “first” career was teaching and her “second” was bookkeeping/accounting. Living in Athens since 1980, she has served as a soccer coach, certified swimming and track official, Great Books instructor, member of the SPLOST 2005 committee, Treasurer of Cedar Creek Civic Association, President of the University Woman's Club, and is currently serving on the YWCO Board of Directors as Treasurer. Clover has served OLLI as an OLLI Angel, facilitator, and member of the Budget and Finance Committees and taken many OLLI classes. Currently, Clover is a member of the OLLI Board of Directors.



**Jan Wheeler** retired in 2015 from the University in Georgia where she worked most recently as Associate Director for Accreditation; in the 1990s she was a member of the team that opened the Performing Arts Center. Prior to working for UGA, Jan served as the Executive Director of the YWCO. In 2007, Jan earned an Ed.D. from UGA's Institute of Higher Education. Her book *A Campaign of Quiet Persuasion: How the College Board Desegregated SAT® Test Centers in the Deep South, 1960-1965* was published in 2013. Jan enjoys spending time with family, reading, gardening, walking, and volunteering at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. She joined OLLI in 2015.

## *Thank You* TO OUR MARCH AND APRIL FACILITATORS

Mony Abrol  
Lee Albright  
Bill Alworth  
Elizabeth Barton  
Anita Brannen  
Connie Bruce  
Lenette Burrell  
Nancy Canoly  
Juanita Carson  
Julie Cashin-Schneider  
Sandy Clark

Dona Conway  
Betty Jean Craige  
Art Crawley  
Ann Crowley  
Larry Dendy  
Linda Dipietro  
Susan Dougherty  
George Dougherty  
Elliot Gootman  
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Iva King  
Carol Kurtz  
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Sherry Malone  
Pat McAlexander  
Becky McCaskey  
Karen and Bruce Menke  
Penny Oldfather

Al Parker  
Jude Preissle  
Sally Ross  
Michele Simpson  
John Songster  
Nancy Songster  
Nancy Walton  
Clover Weller  
Alexis Winger  
Katherine Winslow  
Pat Winston

**SUPPER CLUB.** Small groups within The Super Club meet monthly for covered dish/ themed meals, with semi-annual gatherings of the entire group. If you're interested in good food, conversation, and cooking, considering joining! Contact Rosemary and Frank Stancil, coordinators, at [rstancil@charter.net](mailto:rstancil@charter.net) or 706.549.2593.



**A Supper Club group in February: I. to r. Tina Carlson, Mary Lillie Chamberlin, Connie Crawley, Diane Ambroise and Roy Carroll, Laura Leiden, Doug Jackson, Art Crawley at Mary Lillie and Ray Watson's home.**

**OLLI BUDDIES.** On February 23, 2016 an appreciation reception was held for the OLLI Buddies SIG at the Gaines Elementary School. Principal Katrina Daniel thanked the Buddies for their work with the students and noted the positive impact they have had. She also expressed gratitude on behalf of the teachers. The gratitude was mutual: As one pair of Buddy tutors wrote, "Tutoring at Gaines Elementary School has really deepened our appreciation of the incredibly important work done by public school teachers. They face and meet a variety of challenges every single day."

The OLLI Buddies SIG was established in the fall at the request of Clarke County School District superintendent Phil Lanoue. Its thirty-two members assist as "morning greeters" or as tutors in math or reading; they can volunteer daily, weekly or monthly with flexible scheduling. Tom Kenyon, SIG co-moderator and past president of OLLI@UGA, felt that forming the OLLI Buddies would fit nicely with the OLLI@UGA Long Range Plan for community outreach. Janet Martin, a former school counselor and psychologist at Gaines Elementary and the SIG's other moderator, believed that OLLI Buddies would help the students both academically and emotionally.



**Cerena Danzy reading with her OLLI Buddy Janet Hodges (photos by Chuck Murphy)**

Now after several months of working at the school, Janet Martin and fellow tutor Mark Hodges write, "It's been gratifying for us to play a part in helping the children build some of the skills and knowledge they need. We feel that it's very valuable for students to have one-on-one time with



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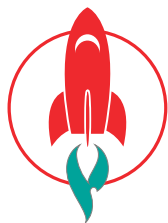
**OLLI Buddies at reception**

a tutor and build a personal connection with an adult outside of their immediate family. The relationship that develops between the student and the Buddy helps build the student's self-esteem and contributes to motivation for academics." Suzanne Murphy, who read with second-graders, verifies these statements: "I've seen some shy students turn into very excited readers. I had one child tell me he didn't like to read and after just a few minutes of reading, he was laughing and enjoying himself and wanted to keep reading as long as he could."

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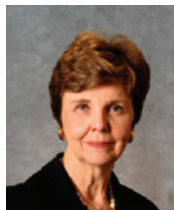
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