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The incoming president, Brenda Hayes, and outgoing, Lee Albright (Chuck Murphy)

# 2017 ANNUAL OLLI@UGA MEETING: ELECTIONS, STATE OF OLLI ADDRESS

At the Annual Meeting on May 12 at Tuckston United Methodist Church, Richard Lynch was confirmed as President-Elect for 2017-18, and Jim Alberts, Nancy Grayson, Sherry Malone, Roy Martin, and Ginny Spencer were elected or re-elected for two-year terms on the Board of Directors. Their terms begin on July 1, 2017. Also on that date, this year's President-Elect, Brenda Hayes, will begin her term as President. (Note: Unfortunately, Richard Lynch has had to resign due to ill health.)

President Lee Albright gave the traditional "State of OLLI" address, beginning with a summary of our organization's accomplishments this year: "I am happy to say that I believe that the state of OLLI@UGA is good. We are an organization of almost 1500 members who have participated in 366 classes this year, 16 Brown Bag Lunches, 18 OLLI Luncheons at Trumps and Talmage Terrace, 31 Special Interest Groups, and 11 trips, two of them outside the country. The Hospitality Committee organized 7 social events open to all members and guests as well as 2 OLLI Bash Activity Fairs and 2 New Member Orientations.

"This year the Board of Directors has accomplished much. The Board approved:

- The Revision of the Policies. Work is now being completed for the Procedures of the committees to be recorded and kept as a record to be passed on to succeeding chairs.
- Work on a new Long Range Plan. We hope to have this completed and approved this summer.
- After careful review and research, the Board passed additional travel policies and procedures with protocols for trip management and emergency situations. All take into account the comfort and safety of our members as the primary goal.

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# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

In thinking about my final column as President of OLLI@UGA, I have so many thoughts and images running through my head. What can I say about what about what I have learned and experienced that makes OLLI so important to me?

First, I would have to say the people. This is an environment where everyone is excited about learning something new or sharing a particular interest or talent. We come from a wide range of



Lee Albright

backgrounds as far as where we grew up or have lived, what we have done as a career and in our private lives, what experiences we have had, what we like to do, and much more. Some of us are more outgoing than others, but we come together to get to know each other and participate in activities and classes about what we love or what we want to explore. I have never been to a class, a social event, or a meeting where I did not meet an interesting person. I think the keys to getting the most from the OLLI experience are participation, a desire to continue learning, and an open mind to ideas and people who share our interests or present a different view from our own. An atmosphere of mutual respect for our differences is essential.

We are an organization that could not offer all we do without the generous support and leadership of our volunteers. Organized and led by our wonderful staff, volunteers provide the power to make things happen for all of us. And what better way to feel a part of OLLI and to get to know great people! Let our Board, Committee Chairs, SIG Leaders, and staff know your interest in getting involved. I can assure you that your help and enthusiasm will be welcomed.

The past two years have been very meaningful to me — a chance to learn about areas of OLLI participation that I had not known before and the special people involved throughout the organization. I am proud of what we accomplish together, and I am honored to have served as your President and often represented you as a valuable asset to the community of our members and the Athens area at large. From the Southern Conference to the National Osher Conference I know that our OLLI is respected for what we offer. That would not be possible without the contributions of all the members.

Let me close by thanking all our leaders on the Board, the committees, and the SIGs- those who have served and are "retiring" as well as those who have stepped forward to take their place. I also honor Katy and Tim as our capable leaders as well as Zu and Shelly, who keep us organized on a daily basis, and Mandy, Rita, and Amy who work behind the scenes.

And finally, I thank you, the members, for your support, your work, and your sharing of yourselves with me as we tackled issues and celebrated accomplishments. I plan to continue to participate in the great offerings of OLLl@UGA - to learn and to have fun with new and old friends who add meaning and pleasure to my life.

Lee Albright, President





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- Guidelines for SIG events and expense responsibility were clarified.
- After a great deal of careful consideration and study, we raised the membership fee. I would like to say a word about that. I hope you have received an email from me about this in the last few days. We cannot run a complex program that offers so much to our members without our professional staff and part-time assistants. As you know, the Osher grants were given to the UGA Foundation for the support of our staff and programs. OLLI@UGA receives only the earnings of that fund. The investment decisions for the grants are made by the UGA Foundation. Because of the downturn of the investment market the last couple of years, those earnings were much lower than expected. We must make up that difference. The fairest way was determined to be raising the membership fee rather than class fees or adding a fee to join a SIG.

"Here are some other notable initiatives of our Board:

- Our retreats to study the results of a communication study by an advanced class in the Public Relations Department of the College of Journalism and Mass Communication and a workshop on inclusiveness led by Dr. Dawn Bennett-Alexander.
- Working with our Washington, GA Chapter to align their financial records with ours for tax reports as a tax exempt organization.
- Consulting with our insurance agent and our attorney to ensure we have adequate liability and insurance coverage for our activities and policies.
- Establishing the intention to continue to sponsor more outreach programs in the community.
- Complying with the rebranding guidelines of UGA whenever our logo is used."

Lee went on to thank the individuals listed on page 2 of this newsletter: Board members and officers; Tim Meehan, our new



Executive Director; Denise Spangler, Senior Associate Dean of the College of Education and liaison to OLLI@UGA from the College of Education; our full-time UGA and part-time LIR employees; OLLI @UGA Committee Chairs,

Victor Gagliano giving the Treasurer's report. (Chuck Murphy)



Good-humored repartee: Lee Albright introduced our new Executive Officer Tim Meehan, whom, she said, we have liked working with very much "so far." Tim Meehan gave a brief statement, noting that he had enjoyed serving as our Executive Officer— "so far." (Chuck Murphy)

SIG leaders, and volunteers; and our OLLI@UGA sponsors, whose announcements are on the final pages of this newsletter.

Finally, Lee thanked Dean Craig Kennedy of UGA's College of Education, through which UGA provides office and classroom space at River's Crossing, technical assistance, phone service, help with printing, graphic design, and postage as well as the expertise of the COE communications and development offices. As Lee pointed out, "We would not be the beneficiaries of the Osher Foundation without the support of UGA both now and in our original days as Learning in Retirement."

Lee's report was followed by Victor Gagliano's Treasurer's report, in which he explained the necessity for raising our dues, brief remarks by Tim Meehan and President-Elect Brenda Hayes, and the presentation of the Carol Fisher Awards. After the meeting, there was an ice cream social honoring OLLI@UGA volunteers, with refreshments provided by Lanier Gardens/Talmage Terrace. For the story on the Carol Fisher Awards, see p. 6.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/ NEW MEMBERSHIP

Members that are up for membership renewal can start renewing their membership. To renew, members should go to the OLLI@UGA website, **www.olli.uga. edu,** and select the purple Renew button or they can select the Renew Membership link after they have selected the large red OLLI@UGA Members button at the top right. Current membership in OLLI@UGA is necessary to register for classes and to participate in any of our 30+ Special Interest Groups.

# BRENDA HAYES, NEW OLLI@UGA PRESIDENT



Brenda Hayes (Chuck Murphy)

Born in Atlanta, Brenda Hayes has lived in New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Colorado, South Carolina and of course, Georgia. She 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 a great deal of volunteering in Gainesville, Ga. including serving as President of the Children's Theatre. She wrote for the *Gainesville Times* and Xavier Robert's *Cabbage Patch Kids Magazine*. Brenda then entered the world of politics and was elected county-wide as the first female Chair of the Hall County Commission, helping to secure the 1996 Olympic Rowing and Canoe/Kayaking venue for Lake Lanier. Upon leaving office, she was hired as the first Georgia Mountains Regional Director for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Brenda serves as a docent at the UGA Special Collections Library and enjoys home and traveling with her husband Harry Hayes. She holds a masters degree in Public Administration from the University of North Georgia.

# Hospitality NITTY-GRITTY

The "Hospitality Nitty Gritty" column, on the activities of OLLI @UGA's Hospitality Committee, will run regularly in future issues of the OLLI Times.

Do you think these fun parties and events just happen? Not so! It takes a committee of fun-loving, thoughtful planners who meet as a committee the third Monday of each month to organize and put them on. When working and playing together, we become good friends!

The committee plans the following:

- 1. New Members Orientation Event
- 2. Dutch Treat Luncheons
- 3. OLLI Lifelong Learning Fair (formerly "The Bash") at the beginning of each new semester.
- 4. Winter Holiday Party
- 5. Volunteer Appreciation event (the last was combined with the Annual Meeting)
- 6. Whatever else we think of to get OLLI members together to have a good time!

The next event is the **New Members Orientation**, co-sponsored with the Membership Committee. The first of two orientations this fall will be held **August 8, 2017, 10:00 a.m. – noon** at River's Crossing. Members will be required to sign up for this free event. The OLLI@UGA office will let members know when registration is available. We invite everyone who has joined OLLI@UGA in the past year to make reservations! However, members who have never been to an Orientation are invited as well.

This fall's New Members Orientation will be simplified: it will be held in just one classroom, with just a couple of OLLI members presenting. But as usual, a wealth of information will be offered. Each participant will be given a folder full of information about OLLI@UGA. Light refreshments will be provided. Mark Your Calendar for August 8<sup>th</sup> and make reservations when they become available, as seats are limited.

The **Lifelong Learning Fair (Bash)** will take place **September 8, 2017**. Look for more information about this event in the August issue of *OLLI Times.*—Julie Cashin-Schneider

If you would like to get involved with the Hospitality Committee, call Julie at 706-255-2561.

# FALL 2017 CLASS REGISTRATION: UPDATES AND ADVICE

We are on currently on schedule with production of the Fall 2017 Catalog. Catalogs are scheduled to be mailed the week of July 3, and we anticipate opening General Registration in late July. Mailed in and dropped-off registration forms are date-stamped and processed in the order received. You may drop-off/mail-in your registration as soon as catalogs are delivered; you do not have to wait until the opening day of registration. Mailed and dropped-off registrations will be processed by the office when registration opens for everyone. Registrations will not be processed over the phone. Any member who would like to be a class host for 1, 2, or even 20 classes will have an opportunity to register early for one available seat in a given class. This is a great way to give back to OLLI@UGA and to secure your spot in a class; it's a win-win. Host registration generally occurs a week prior to General Registration. Please watch your email, the OLLI@UGA website, and social media for details. Fall classes will begin August 21.

Because of the anticipated popularity of the following classes scheduled in the fall, class members will be chosen and managed through a computer generated lottery system: Current Affairs, Beech Haven Walking Tour, and Condor Chocolate Tour: From Process to Final Product. Members will register for this class as they normally do, but no payment will be collected at registration. Selected class registrants will be contacted 2 weeks before the class begins and fees collected at that time. These classes will not be listed in the class host pre-registration event.

## REGISTRATION HINTS (Knowledge long-time members take for granted)

- After class host registration, the "online store" will go quiet as we prepare for general registration. We reset the number of seats available, verify all data once more, and get all the parts realigned.
- Members can register for a class up until the first day the class meets, as long as there are no previously stated time restrictions (i.e. luncheons).
- Paper registrations can be mailed in or dropped by the office as soon as the catalog is received. All mailed-in registrations are datestamped and stored in the safe until registration opens.
- Mailed-in registrations do not provide or guarantee a "leg-up." The office will process these as quickly as possible, but online registration will be open simultaneously.
- Members pay for classes at the time of registration, regardless of whether their seat is confirmed or they are on the waitlist.
- Certain classes are known to fill quickly. Register and pay for those first. Then go back and add additional classes to your registration.
- OLLI@UGA's class cancellation policy requires notifying the office in writing ten days prior to the first class meeting.
- Follow the Online Registration Guide, at least the first time. The system is not intuitive, so please follow the guide until you are comfortable with the terminology and the process. The guide will always be found on page 3 of your catalog.

## The OLLI@UGA Office

During general registration, the staff divides and conquers with each staff member owning a specific area of the process. Shelly will handle the paper registrations, Zu will handle phone and web support, and Rita will assist with walk-ins. Due to the volume of activity, registrations will not be processed over the phone. If you choose not to self-register online, please complete a paper registration form. If you would like one-to-one help getting familiar with the system, please contact Zu, zreuter@uga.edu or 706-542-7715 who will be scheduling one-to-one sessions the week of July 10.

# LENETTE BURRELL AND PEGGY COLE RECEIVE THE



# CAROL FISHER MEMORIAL AWARD







Lee Albright presenting the 2017 Carol Fisher Award to Lenette Burrell (left) and Peggy Cole (right). (Chuck Murphy)

At each Annual Meeting, the Carol Fisher Memorial Award of OLLI@UGA is presented to no more than three members in recognition of their long and significant contributions to the functioning of OLLI@UGA. This year President Lee Albright presented the award to Lenette Burrell, who has been a member since 1999, and to Peggy Cole, a member since 2002.

Lee made the following comments about Lynette: "Lenette belongs to both OLLI chapters in Athens and in Washington, GA. She has commuted from Elberton for years to both groups and has substituted for Joe Harris on the Board as the representative from Washington when he could not attend. She has served as the class host/facilitator for many classes for years and is always willing to fill in whenever needed. Having moved to Iris Place more recently, she has been an ambassador of OLLI to the residents there, recruiting new members, keeping everyone informed of our activities, and producing a notebook about OLLI which was placed in their office for people who want to know more about our mission and all that is available through membership. Lenette says in her Profile that 'after teaching at Medical College of Georgia School of Nursing satellite in Athens for 26 years, I thoroughly enjoy opportunities to attend wonderful variety of OLLI classes and meet interesting individuals!" Lenette will be 90 this June 24. She says, "I did not think I would live this long and feel this good at this age!!!"

Of Peggy, Lee said, "Peggy is a member of the 'Enjoy Opera in Athens' SIG, a group of OLLI members who have been instrumental in organizing members and their guests to attend the live video performances of the Metropolitan Opera at the Beechwood Cinema as well as contributing to scholarships for UGA Opera students who come to share their talent and knowledge of opera with the SIG members. Peggy is a great volunteer with the Membership Committee who helps call new members to welcome them on behalf of us all. She is a person who can engage anyone in conversation and make them feel they are important members of our group. Peggy also serves as a Class Host when called upon. Peggy comments in her Profile that 'I retired in 2000 after thirty five years of teaching. I have enjoyed traveling and designing a garden of azaleas

and wild flowers.' She brings that love of exploring, learning, and creating beauty with her each day." Peggy also served for three years as secretary of LIR under Presidents Al Ike, Jim Jacobson, and Janet Stratton and for several years on the Curriculum Committee.

# MEET SUSAN WALKER, NEW *OLLI TIMES* EDITOR

I grew up in the Bay Area of California and went to college nearby at Stanford, graduating with a BA in Classics. Moved across the country to Boston in 1976 and eventually wound up at a start-up magazine called *Inc.* where I got to write stories about interesting entrepreneurs.

Moved to Washington, D.C., and became editor of a weekly business newspaper called the *Washington Businesses Journal*. Also married my husband, Hal, who is from Atlanta and who also went to Stanford. (Wonder how we met? First day of class in Greek 101.) He is a trial attorney who now mainly works as the defense attorney in our local Drug Court and Family Treatment Court.

After we moved to Flowery Branch to be closer to Hal's parents, I worked at the *Gwinnett Daily News* as business editor and then features editor. Next, I became a speechwriter for the president of the Atlanta Federal Reserve. Loved the work but, tired of long commutes and with two daughters in school, I worked as VP for Investor Relations for a real estate investment company in Gwinnett, then eventually took a writing and editing job with a financial forecasting firm in Gainesville. Both daughters are now in their 20s. One graduated from Stanford two years ago and heads out to Berkeley for law school this August; the other just graduated from Princeton and will be working in Washington, DC, for a non-profit organization called Partners for a Common Good.



Susan Walker (Pat McAlexander)

I now work freelance from home as a writer and editor and have the excellent company of our two golden doodles, Neko and Mavis. We also volunteer at Red Clay Foundry in Duluth, Ga., which is where Eddie Owen of Eddie's Attic fame in Decatur now books music. Loads of fun.



## **Dates to Save — A Summary\***

July 17-20: Class Host Registration starts at noon on July 17, closes at noon on July 20.

July 26: General Registration opens at 10 a.m.

August 8: New Member Orientation

August 8: Class Host Training, 2 p.m., River's Crossing

August 15: Parking tags available for pickup at River's Crossing

August 21: First day of Fall classes
September 4: OLLI@UGA office closed

September 8: OLLI Lifelong Learning Fair, Details TBA
September 12: Class Host Training 2 p.m., River's Crossing
October 3: Class Host Training 2 p.m., River's Crossing
October 30: Class Proposal forms due for Spring 2018

November 23-24: OLLI@UGA offices closed December 25-January 2: OLLI@UGA offices closed

<sup>\*</sup>Dates and times are subject to change

## **OLLI TIMES 2010-PRESENT**



Pat McAlexander, editor of the OLLI Times, September 2010 to June 2017 (Chuck Murphy)

I agreed to edit the OLLI newsletter in fall 2010 when I was a new member, never expecting to have the job for seven years or to enjoy it so much. But I love writing, editing (I taught composition at UGA for many years), and photography, and all three came together in this position. After the first year, Board members, including librarian Bill Loughner, suggested that the newsletter have a name. I remember thinking, "What can it be? It should be simple like *The New York Times* but tie in the OLLI motto, 'Having the time of our lives with OLLI@UGA." Then it came to me—of course, *The OLLI Times*! (*The* has been dropped over the years.)

Looking over past issues, I see a history of OLLI@UGA: articles record our new OLLI staff members, Katy and Zu; on-site registration becomes the "Back-to-Class Bash," the Bash becomes an "Activity Fair"; mail-in registration becomes mostly an online process; parking goes from those individual paper parking tags to an all-year plastic tag. New SIGs appear; more fascinating classes are described; exciting international trips are sponsored; membership grows.

Individual issues of OLLI Times grew thicker as they included not only news but feature articles and numerous photographs; some members referred to it as the "OLLI magazine." I have been re-reading favorite articles: OC Dean's member spotlight on member Vic Mazeika, born 1915 (February 2013); Joan Zitzelman's memoir of her experience with Charlayne Hunter during UGA's integration in 1964 (March 2011); Bobbie Terry's story of missing a blind date with Jimmy Carter (August 2014), Mark Freeman's childhood memory of "The Store Next Door" (October 2014); and Warren Flick's "Danger:



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#### President's Note

Dear OLLI Members.

It is always exciting to be starting a school year. Since we had a summer session, we haven't had that long summer break that we used to have. Nevertheless, it will be such fun to have the opportunity to see all of you again—and we'll be busy catching up on each other's summer activities and trips. Our first event is the walk-in registration 9:30 - 11:30 on Monday, 13 September, at Trumps. I was so amazed the first time that I actually attended the walk-in registration to find out that it was really more of a party than registration. I hope that all of you will come and join the festivities. Speaking of the summer session, it was a great success! Building on our inaugural session done by DoAnne Roth last year, Nancy Canolty scheduled 25 classes for this summer and we had 207 participants. I took several of the classes and everyone had a great time despite the heat.

We will be having more classes than ever before in our Fall session this year. One of the things that we are initiating Tuition Assistance Program. These are hard economic times for many. We recognize that many people's retirement funds and investments have taken a hit this year. Thanks to the Carole Fisher Memorial Fund, we are able to offer some tuition assistance for those who may need it. All you have to do is contact Katy Crapo, our Program Director, at 706-542-5011, kcrapo@uga.edu, or talk with her privately in her office. All requests will be handled by Katy only and will be totally confidential.

Most of you met Katy after she arrived in early April. You probably have not met Zu (Zuleme) Reuter, our new re Assistant. Zu is sitting in the front office, behind the desk in the foyer at River's Crossing. Her numb ent person. We feel VERY lucky to have these two new full-706-542-7715. You will never meet a more pleasant or effici me staff members for OLLI@UGA.

As you will see from other articles in this newsletter, we have a busy fall planned – more exciting courses, good travel opportunities (thanks to Bill Alworth and his hard working Travel-Study committee) and great social events. I hope you didn't miss the Mad Hatter's Tea in July. If you did, make your resolution now that you don't want to miss any more events planned by Nancy Songster and her wild and wi Member Services committee. Everyone at the Tea was relaxed, laughing and quite obviously having lots of fun! Carolyn Abney, chair of Special Interest Groups, has lined up a new Special Interest Group-Solo Seniors. As you can see, our leadership team is planning and working hard to give you lots of interesting things to do!



Pat's first OLLI newsletter, September 2010. Katy and Zu had just recently been hired; the third paragraph of President Anita Brannen's "President's Note" is about them.

#### LET THE SEMESTER BEGIN!

By the time you get this newsletter, the fall semester will in fact have begun. There have been several administrative policy changes this semester. First, OLLI officials have adopted "modified online registration." This means that that you still submit membership and class materials in person or by U.S. mail, but OLLI staff administratively registers all members online. Second, you are now able to pay not only by check but also by credit card (Mastercard, Visa, Discover). In fact, credit card payments are easier to process. Third, if you have an email address, you will receive your confirmation by email rather than U.S. mail. Parking permits, however, will be mailed as usual. If you have found a course you want to take but haven't registered yet you can still sign up for it; there is just a greater chance that the course(s) you want may be filled.

OLLI classes began this fall on September 19th. However the event that really gets the semester rolling is the Back to Class Bash. At this event, members socialize and learn about OLLI@UGA's current Special Interest Groups, trave opportunities, and committees. This fall, the Bash was held at Central Presbyterian Church on Sept 9:30 to 11:30. More pictures of the Fall 2011 Bash will be published in the October newsletter

OLLI thanks BB&T for being the corporate sp





OLLI on Facebook and Twitter AMY MUNNELL RECOMES OLLI COORDINATOR FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

by Betty Jean Craige

Athens writer Amy Munnell has accepted the new position of Coordinator of Social Media for OLLI. She had served as OLLI's registrar between 2003 and 2011. In her new position Amy will maintain an OLLI Facebook page—OLLI@UGA (Official)-and an OLLI Twitter account She may also write and edit postings on the website and contribute to the OLLI newsletter. She has already started miniblogging on OLLI's Facebook page, and



she hopes to start a blog on the OLLI website soon

polls on the Facebook page, and she encourages OLLI members to do the same. Her purpose is to promote special interest groups—for hiking, playing bridge, cultivating bonsai, etc. and to inform OLU members of all the intellectual and cultural opportunities OLLI offers.

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The first issue using the name *The OLLI Times*, September 2011

Motorcycling in the Coal Country of Virginia at Age 70" (February 2015). I looked at my own articles on the Alworths' experience with Hurricane Katrina (October 2011), Bernard Osher (June 2014), Peggy Cole (August 2015), and Carol White (February 2017). There were poems by Roger Bailey (April 2012), Sarah Andersen Lawrence (Feb 2013), and Martha Phillips (August 2015); contributions by Larry Dendy, John Albright, and Betty Jean Craige; photos by many members, especially Chuck Murphy, Jeff Engel, John Albright, Bill Flatt, Dorinda Dallmeyer, Alexis Winger—and me. I saw images of good times and of familiar faces, some now gone.

But no matter how well-written the articles or how good the photographs, the contents must *look* good to appeal to readers, and this is done by our formatters. I must mention two in particular: my first, then-College of Education's Troy Bassett, who gave me helpful advice for producing an effective Word newsletter document; and our present formatter, Denise Howington, who makes each *OLLI Times* look good. In February 2013, sponsor announcements appeared in the newsletter. In February 2015 then-OLLI@UGA President Tom Kenyon supported an experimental issue of the newsletter in color, and it proved so popular that we have printed the *OLLI Times* in color ever since.

Through all seven years I looked forward to the last stage of producing the newsletter: going over the proofs with Katy Crapo (and for these last two issues, Tim Meehan and Zu Reuter) in the challenging but exhilarating process of solving writing problems and making everything in each issue as correct and coherent as possible.

Now I feel it's time to step down and hand the *OLLI Times* editorship over to someone else who loves this kind of work also. OLLI members, if you want to re-read any of the articles mentioned above, or just meander through a history of OLLI@UGA, most of the *OLLI Times* issues since 2010 are available on the OLLI website, in the About Us menu. Thank you, everyone, for supporting and contributing to the *OLLI Times* these past seven years. I know you will do the same for Susan Walker, our next editor, who is enthusiastic, very experienced, and, like me when I began, a new member of OLLI.

Send contributions for the August issue to Susan at swalkerwriter@gmail.com by July 25.



Do you believe it?? Those who use Facebook live longer, as long as online interactions don't completely supplant face-to-face interactions.

-University of San Diego study, 2016.



The first issue in color, February 2015

# OLLI B

**The Thrift Sale** held April 7-8, 2017, was a success in terms of the strong volunteer efforts of many of our members as well as serving the Athens area by offering quality items at very reasonable prices. The total net revenue was \$2034.83. Thank you to Vicki Krugman and Sandy Clark for their great organization of this event.

Hospitality sponsored **Beerganza** at Southern Brewing Company on April 20. Forty people attended and it was a great time of relaxing and visiting with others on a beautiful spring evening.

OLLI@UGA was represented at two community events to showcase activities for seniors in the Athens area: the **What's Next Expo** and the **Athens-Clarke County Employee Health Fair**.

At the June 12 Board meeting, President Lee Albright presented certificates of appreciation to outgoing OLLI committee chairs Susan Dougherty (Class Hosts), Linda DiPietro (Class Hosts Co-chair), Katherine Winslow (Marketing), Pat McAlexander (OLLI Times), Iva King (Hospitality) Penny Oldfather (Curriculum), Vicki Krugman (Fund Development) and to outgoing Board members Gary Bertsch, Heidi Davison, Ian Hardin, and Jill Read, The Board expressed appreciation to Lee for her excellent job as OLLI@UGA President, with individual comments and a round of applause.

Two OLLI fabric artists. Erika Lewis's fabric piece (left) was accepted in the Lyndon House art show. Titled "Quiet Gurgles," it is woven with nylon monofilament (aka fishing line) and interwoven with indigo-dyed cotton. Elizabeth Barton's 50-inch square quilt "Sailor" (right) was displayed in the OCAF annual art show in Watkinsville.



Chuck Murphy –
Prey's eye
view of an
American
bullfrog.
People eat their legs,
and these ambush
predators will
pretty much eat
anything smaller
than themselves: insects, rodents, small reptiles,
amphibians, crayfish, bats, and birds.

Jena Johnson – The founding female of this paper wasp colony guards her brood from predators. This photo reveals the many stages of her offspring including egg, larvae and pupae (within the capped cells).



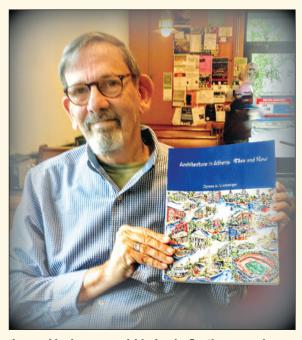
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President **Jere Morehead** and other dignitaries from UGA visited the Osher Foundation headquarters in San Francisco earlier this month to thank them for the support for our program. The UGA delegation appreciated the materials that we had provided to prepare them for this meeting—and we appreciated the delegation's support of OLLI@UGA, shown by their arranging the meeting!



# **RIEFS**

Photographer colleagues **Chuck Murphy** and new OLLI member **Jena Johnson** will have an exhibit at the State Botanical Garden Visitor Center August 27<sup>th</sup> through October 8<sup>th</sup>. The stylized plant, animal and insect portraits in the exhibit are for a worldwide biodiversity awareness initiative called "Meet Your Neighbours: The Unseen World in Your Own Back Yard" in which Chuck, Jena, and over seventy other photographers worldwide are participating. (The British spelling "neighbours," is used, Chuck says, because one of the co-founders is a Scotsman.) The initiative's motto is "Connecting People Worldwide with the Wildlife in Their Community." In Chuck and Jena's exhibit, each subject is photographed on location against a pure white or pure black background. The point is to remove the clutter and encourage appreciation of the subject as an individual rather than as a species. The opening reception for the show will be 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on August 27th.



James Lineberger and his book. On the cover is an image of the painting *Athens Collage* by Athens artist Jamie Calkin.(Pat McAlexander)

OLLI member and instructor **James Lineberger** has published a book, *Architecture in Athens: Then and Now*, based on the slides and handouts from his popular course of the same name. The book, like the class, traces 23 architectural styles in Athens, from Federal style of the 1820 Church-Waddel-Brumby House, the oldest residence in Athens, to the contemporary styles of the late 20<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. The 214-page book, printed on high quality glossy paper, contains 500 colored pictures of exteriors and interiors, most of them taken by James himself, as well as descriptions of the styles and individual houses, suggested driving tours, other appendices, a bibliography, and an index.

James says he developed his love of architecture in the seventh grade in Valdosta GA, where he was raised. After graduating from Valdosta State University with an undergraduate degree in Art, he earned a Master's degree in art history from UGA. His favorite part of the coursework was—not surprisingly—architectural history. After a career in teaching (mostly ESL and special education classes) in South Korea, Seattle, and, after 1999, in Athens, he retired and in 2013 began volunteering at the Athens Welcome Center, housed in the Church-Waddel-Brumby House. Working there rekindled James's interest in architectural history and inspired him to create his OLLI course on Athens architecture, which he taught for the first time in 2014. This course made him realize the need for a book that provided a comprehensive overview of architecture in Athens.

Architecture in Athens: Then and Now received the 2017 Athens-Clarke Heritage Outstanding Publications and Programs Award for making "a lasting contribution to our knowledge and understanding of local history, heritage, and historic preservation." This fall James will be teaching an OLLI course, "Architecture in Athens: The Greek Revival Style," as well as a series of classes on Athens architecture through the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation. For further information, contact jameslineberger@gmail.com.

**Joan Zitzelman** has written an article titled "Connections: Past and Present" in the Spring issue of the University of Georgia Libraries publication *Beyond the Pages*. The article is about the archived WSB-TV digital files of all news film since 1949, which have been donated to the Special Collections Library. Joan works on this project as a Special Collections Volunteer Cataloger.



Flashback Photo: Visit to Mini Creek Farm and Its Miniature Horses (October 2013). (Pat McAlexander)

# SIGS



**OLLI Squares give dance demonstration after the Annual Meeting.** *(Chuck Murphy)* 

**OLLI Squares.** OLLI members of this SIG, both old and new to square dancing, gave a demonstration after the Annual Meeting this year. Square dancing is a kind of dancing that anybody can do, and everybody has a lot of fun. There are around sixty basic moves, and the caller calls out the moves as the dancers dance. You don't know what moves he/she will call, and that keeps your mind active as well as your body! For more information about the OLLI Squares and to find out how to learn those moves, contact Elizabeth Barton **(ebarton@uga.edu).** 



Happy Hikers: "The Leader Won't Be HikingThis One!"

**OLLI Rocks.** The theme for the Fall Semester 2017 OLLI Rocks program will be "Volcanoes: Eruption Styles, Hazards and Prediction". The program will focus on investigation of the various types of volcanic eruptions and evaluation of factors that control eruption style. Geologic hazards associated with different eruption types also will be discussed. Methods of eruption prediction will be reviewed.

The first program for Fall Semester will be a general overview presentation that will describe how volcanoes work and what factors control their global distribution and eruptive style. The following three OLLI Rocks meetings will include viewing DVD programs that illustrate historical eruptions of contrasting volcanic style. Each DVD viewing will be followed by an informal discussion session. A variety of representative volcanic specimens will be available for inspection after each of the four fall programs.

To avoid the frequent campus parking congestion on Tuesday evenings, OLLI Rocks meetings during the Fall 2017 semester will be held on the first Wednesday of each month. They will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Room 200 A in the Geography-Geology Building that is located on the main UGA campus on Field Street directly across from the football stadium. Campus parking maps are posted on the OLLI Rocks resource site embedded in the OLLI @ UGA website.

#### The schedule:

September 6 – Presentation: "Volcanic Eruptions: Where, Why and How."Dr. R.D. Dallmeyer, Emeritus Professor of Geology @ UGA

October 4 - DVD: "Kilauea" - Nature

November 1 – DVD: "In the Shadow of Vesuvius" – *National Geographic* 

December 6 – DVD: "Montserrat's Andesite Volcano" – British Geological Survey

**Happy Hikers** (left) pose for a group shot at Saturday, April 8, 2017 at OC and Manita Dean's home at Kenney Ridge. SIG leader Iris Miracle had a "slight accident" the previous Thursday, was diagnosed with a stress fracture, and so has a boot on her. She recently reported there was no fracture after all; she's out of the boot, "doing great, and looking forward to [the next] hike."



Projected Deadline for August *OLLI Times*: Monday, July 25. Send material to editor Susan Walker, swalkerwriter@gmail.com.

# CLASSES



Two OLLI classes toured Beech Haven, one on April 21 and one on April 25. The Beech Haven estate was a summer retreat for the well-to-do Rowland family in the early twentieth century Here is the April 25<sup>th</sup> group posing on the Camelback Bridge, one of the many Asian-influenced garden elements on the property. (Annette Bales)



The OLLI members pictured here got a behind-the-scenes tour of Sanford Stadium on May 11, led by members of the UGA Athletic Department. (Robert Peavy)

### OLLI@UGA INTRODUCES NEW DIMENSION IN MILITARY HISTORY PROGRAMS

In recent years, we have seen an increasing demand for classes in military history and related topics. World War II continues to be a very popular topic, perhaps because many of us have had fathers, uncles, or older brothers who fought in that war. Col. (Ret) Lawrence Saul and Bill Cosgrove have conducted a number of military history-related classes for OLLI in recent years. For the near future, they are collaborating to develop a series of courses for 2018 and 2019 that should prove to be popular. These courses will consist of multi-session classes, followed by battlefield tours in Europe.

The first course will be offered in Spring 2018 and is titled "March to Victory: The Invasion of Normandy and Liberation of France." This course will consist of six sessions: five classroom lectures and a field trip to visit the Band of Brothers Museum in Toccoa as well as Camp Toccoa (where the Army trained the Parachute Infantry Regiments of the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions). The dates for the classroom portion should begin in late February and run through the first week of April.

Then, to cap off this great learning experience, Larry and Bill will lead us on a trip to France. The battlefield tour will provide an in-depth look at the D-Day invasion of Normandy, the prolonged battles of the Hedgerows that followed through the summer of 1944, and ultimately the Breakout (Operation Cobra) and the fight to the gates of Paris.

The tentative dates for the battlefield tour are April 10-19, 2018. More information will be released as available. Larry and Bill will conduct the actual battlefield tour with expert narration on all key events. Additionally, participants will visit many of the world-class museums in the region and, most importantly, will walk in the footsteps of the heroes who won this great campaign.

This class will require participants to do some out-of-class preparation, including light reading and viewing of popular and readily available movies and documentaries. Participants will be offered the opportunity to role-play key historical figures. This will consist of light reading, some background research, and then sharing that information on the ground, in Normandy, at the scene of the specific events of these great battles.

The six-session course is open to anyone with an interest in the Invasion of Normandy. In order to participate in the battlefield portion of the class, however, one must enroll in—and take—the classroom lectures. We expect to have a strong demand for the seats available. Interested OLLI members will be able to speak with Larry and Bill at a special exhibit table at the OLLI Lifelong Learning Fair (formerly called the Bash) on September 8, 2017. —Nancy Grayson



**OLLI members at Chateau Meichtry** (Sandy Clark)

## **PAST TRIPS**

**April 18: Wine Tasting Trip.** On a cool, lovely Thursday morning, the 31 OLLI members who left Athens on a bus tour to explore wineries around Ellijay found the north Georgia mountains in spring notably majestic. Foliage in countless shades of green was emerging from the former brown forests. Touches of pink and white blossoms materialized in sprinklings throughout the woods and along the highway. Inside the bus, numerous low-toned conversations of getting to know new people or catching up with old acquaintances mingled. It was delightful to enjoy the lovely vistas without the usual traveling chores of steering and road consciousness -- and the wineries were even better!

At Cartecay Vineyards in Ellijay we were treated to a wine tasting, either al fresco on a patio from which rows and rows of grapevines radiated in all directions or at the bar of Cartecay's picturesque tasting room, where we could talk with local artist Jan Kornegay Dappen and view her work. As hard as it was to leave Cartecay's beautiful scenery, up the road we found another striking panorama at Chateau Meichtry, Talking Rock, GA. We were served a delicious lunch; guided on an instructive walking tour to learn about the vineyard's origins, types of grapes and wines, and how their winery works; and were privileged to see the private wine cellar attached to the winery. Back onboard all too quickly, we were next taken us to Ellijay's Engelheim Vineyard, perched on a high hill or small foothill. Their large, beautiful, comfortable tasting room opens onto a wide outdoor deck overlooking the grape vines fanning out across the hills below.

Our group learned a lot about grape growing, Georgia's grapes, and how tasty the various wines made from them can be. It's still difficult

to decide whether observing the viniculture or tasting the vino was the best part of the day.—Nelda Parker

April 21: Trip to Andalusia and the Old Governor's Mansion. On April 21, twenty-three OLLI members visited the farmhouse and grounds of Flannery O'Connor's home, Andalusia, where O'Connor spent the most productive years of her writing life. As if on cue, one of the resident peacocks greeted us with a magnificent full display of his iridescent feathers. After a guided tour of the farmhouse and surrounding structures (some clearly settings for O'Connor's stories), we had time to walk the one-mile trail around the pond—or to sit in rocking chairs on the front porch and chat with Sarah Gordon, who graciously made herself available to answer

questions about O'Connor and her work.

Following lunch in downtown Milledgeville, we took a guided tour of the Old Governor's Mansion, considered one of the finest examples of Greek revival architecture in the South. It served as the executive mansion from 1839 until the state capitol was moved to Atlanta in 1868. Everyone seemed to be impressed with how beautifully the building has been restored.

Before leaving Milledgeville, we walked several blocks from the Old Governor's Mansion to the historic Memory Hill Cemetery, where Flannery O'Connor is buried. We were back in Athens by 6:00. — Nancy Grayson



**OLLI group outside the Old Governor's Mansion in Milledgeville** 

# VEL



Travel-Study trip to Delta airlines terminal (Delta employee Brian Swain)

On May 15 the OLLI group pictured above took a VIP "behind the scenes" tour of Delta Airlines in Atlanta. They learned about the training of Delta pilots and flight attendants, viewed activities in the operations center, had an opportunity to take off and land an aircraft—using one of Delta's flight simulators, of course—and reviewed the history of Delta in its Museum.

## **FUTURE TRIPS**

# MONDAY, AUGUST 21: TRIP TO DILLARD, GEORGIA, TO VIEW TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE!

On "eclipse day," Monday, August 21, the OLLI@UGA Travel-Study Program is sponsoring a bus day-trip to Dillard, Georgia, which is on the "path of totality" of the upcoming total eclipse of the sun. The image shown is representative of what you'll observe — the total blockage of the sun by the moon for a relatively



prolonged period. Cost per person for the August 21 trip will be \$89, which includes charter transportation, complete family-style meal served at the Dillard House Restaurant, driver gratuity, special glasses to view the eclipse, and the cost of the August 17th OLLI class about the phenomenon to be given by Loris Magnani, Professor of Cosmology in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Georgia. Dr. Magnani and his wife will also be coming on the trip with us.

Please wear comfortable shoes, as we will be viewing the eclipse from a field close to the Dillard House, and there will be some walking through grassy areas. Also please bring a lightweight and collapsing

outdoor chair, one that will fit within the storage bays underneath the bus and be easy for you to carry from the bus to the viewing area and back again. Participants will have access to the Dillard House for shaded areas as needed and also for rest rooms. Registration will open on **July 3.** 

# SATURDAY, AUGUST 26: TRIP TO MUSEUM OF AVIATION AT ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE

Put on your walking shoes and join us Saturday, August 26th for a trip to the second-largest aerospace museum of the United States Air Force, the Museum of Aviation in Warner Robins, Georgia. It is home to some 80 aircraft housed inside four buildings and about 20 aircraft are outside. Exhibits include the history of Claire Chennault's Flying Tigers, the 483rd Bombardment Group's experience in Europe 1944-1945, and the Tuskegee Airmen exhibit, among others. At the Century of Flight Hangar you will see the USAF Thunderbirds F-16, SR-71A "Blackbird," and view the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame. Available in Hangar One is the Southeast Asia exhibit including a "Huey" helicopter and other aircraft from the Vietnam conflict. The trip will leave Athens at 7:00 AM and return at approximately 4:30 p.m.. You must be able to do moderate walking for this tour. The \$88.00 cost includes round trip transportation, parking, admission and a buffet style lunch at a local restaurant. This is a must see for anyone interested in military aviation! Registration opens July 3 for this trip also. Check the OLLI@UGA website for details and registration information.

\*Members who won't be in town to register for either of the above trips can do what they have done with classes: submit payment (include the trip, the names of all registrants, and contact information) to the office, and the office will process these submissions once registration for the trip opens. For further information contact Alan Campbell

(a.campbell10@gmail.com) or Joan Zitzelman (jzitzel@bellsouth.net).

And another wine-tasting trip will be coming up! Here, Judi Krumnow, Sharon Davis, Dindy Owens are doing un"bear"able research for the next OLLI Travel Study tour of Georgia Wineries.



# **CLASS HOSTS NEEDED**

Looking for a short-term volunteer opportunity? Have we got a deal for you! Meet interesting, outstanding subject matter experts and get to know your fellow OLLI members by serving as a class host.

Class Host Duties. Class hosts originate those friendly email reminders of when a particular class we are registered for is scheduled and the usual parking pass and class location instructions. They also coordinate with the class presenter to cover special seating and audio-visual needs. On the day of the class, they arrive early to cover final arrangements of the class and A/V equipment, take the attendance roll and finally, introduce the speaker.

**Class Host Rewards.** And what does a class host receive in return? Not only an opportunity to meet and greet their fellow classmates and outstanding presenters, but recognition in the *OLLI Times*, a heartfelt thank you from the OLLI board—and most importantly, the opportunity to register early for their favorite classes (lottery-filled classes not included).

**Class Host Registration vs. General Registration.** About a week after the catalogs are mailed, OLLI opens host registration. At noon on a specific date, one seat is available for anyone that wants to serve as a host for the class. Be the first to claim that seat and your spot is secure. (If no seat is available, someone has already signed up as class host and you can simply register for the class during general registration.) This pre-registration opportunity has proven itself priceless for classes that are known to fill quickly during general registration.

**Orientation Sessions for Hosts.** New class hosts and anyone wanting a refresher can attend one of three orientation sessions at River's Crossing – August 8, September 12, or October 3, each from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Watch for announcements from the office and on the website. If you would like more information on becoming a class host, contact new Class Host Coordinators Toni Jones (toniejones57@gmail.com) or Chris Jones (wcjones73@gmail.com).

### CLASS HOSTS RECOGNIZED

A tip of the hat to the over 60 members who kept the OLLI@UGA class machine running last spring! These volunteers gave of their time to serve as "class host" for a class or classes they were taking. Please join us in thanking:

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