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## HAPPY H-OLLI-WEEN From Our Class (G)hosts

### Why Do I Like to Host an OLLI@UGA Class?

*It takes effort by so many people to make an OLLI@UGA class a great experience. The most visible link is the Class Host. They make sure that both the class and the presenter have a fulfilling experience. Any member can be a host, and we would love to have everyone who wants to help out give it a try. Here's what some of our current and long-running hosts have to say about why they like hosting a class.*



**The bridge class that Ginny Lynch hosts and Debbie Wagner teaches cheers for learning how to play defense.** *(Debbie Wagner)*

**Ginny Lynch** – Serving as a host for OLLI classes has been an easy way to volunteer my time; I have enjoyed hosting since I first joined OLLI around five years ago. It's a win-win situation—I learn more about a subject I am interested in and assist the presenter who is volunteering his or her time. Assisting Debbie Wagner with OLLI bridge classes is fun for me because Debbie is my friend and an excellent teacher. I also meet many new friends while hosting.



**Chris and Toni Jones, Volunteer Host Coordinators**

**Chris and Toni Jones** – Being a class host was our first opportunity to give back to OLLI. We were looking for a short-term commitment to get more involved. There is no better way to meet other OLLI members than serving as a class host. Of course, getting to meet the presenters is nice, but the real treasure is getting to know our other OLLI members.

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Good food, drink, & company (Don Schneider)



Cheers! (Harry Hayes)



David Lococo provided the music (Harry Hayes)

## Beerganza a Big Hit

It was a perfect fall day for beer and barbecue at Southern Brewing Co. on October 12. Dianne Carroll and Iva King collaborated to make this second Beerganza a brewfest best. Kat Haney asked David Lococo to play his guitar and sing, and Arthur Bennett and Nick Hill roasted the meat for some perfect porcine pigging out.



Lots of great grilled pig (Harry Hayes)



Queuing up for some ale (Harry Hayes)

# Hospit-OLLI-ty

By Julie Cashin-Schneider

Here's a rundown of upcoming events we would love to see you at:

**October 23, Monday - New Member Orientation:** The third and final fall orientation will meet from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The past two have been highly successful, and our new members enjoy getting to know each other as well as the speakers and greeters at these events. If you have never been to one, now is the time! Reservations are required. RSVP link found in the scrolling announcements at [olli.uga.edu](http://olli.uga.edu). *Sandy Clark and Nancy Walton* are the organizers. (We call them "point people.")

**October 31, Tuesday - Halloween Dutch Treat Luncheon at George's Lowcountry Table:** The limited seating for this fun event is full, but you can still get on the waiting list. Wear a costume for a possible prize! Not required, but give it a try. Point People are *Iris Miracle, Kat Haney, and Margaret Pruitt*.

**December 11, Monday - Winter Holiday Party:** No specifics at the time of this report, but stay tuned. You will get plenty of

information about it soon. Point People are *Nancy Walton and Sandy Clark*.

**December 30, Saturday – New Year's Eve-Eve Dutch Treat Luncheon:** Get started toasting the New Year one day early. Location to be announced. This luncheon is always a popular event at a terrific Athens restaurant, so you know it's going to be good! Point People are *Carol-Lee Baker and Peggy Thompson*.

**FYI:** The Hospitality Committee meets at Talmage Terrace on the third Monday of each month. We welcome new members who want to be involved in planning and participating in our many social events. Point People are very important, but it takes a committee to make it all happen. Join us and share in the good times! Call 706-353-6709 for info.

**P.S.** We had a great and positive response to the Lifelong Learning Fair at the Georgia Square Mall! Huge thanks to Lilly Garrett and Jean Crown for organizing.



**Why don't skeletons play music at church?**  
Because they don't have any organs.



**Why didn't the skeleton dance at the party?**  
He had no body to dance with.

# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

## Taking the Long View with Long-Range Planning

Last year, our previous president, Lee Albright, appointed Bill Alworth as Chair of the Long-Range Planning (LRP) Committee to revisit, revise or develop a new Long-Range Plan for OLLI@UGA, the last having been adopted in December 2014. Bill's committee consisted of John Songster, Diane Neuhauser, Don Schneider, Tim Meehan and me. Many thanks and much appreciation go to this committee for their work, especially Diane Neuhauser. We developed four main goals for this year, which we believed to be achievable and not so overwhelming that they risked being ignored.



**Brenda Hayes**

As the Board is ultimately responsible for overseeing the implementation of the plan, Tim and I will report on the plan's progress to the Board throughout the year. The OLLI@UGA Policy manual states that the LRP Committee "shall develop a rolling three-year plan to be approved by the Board" and "review the Long-Range Plan annually and make recommendations to the Board."

I encourage each of you to read the entire three-year plan on the OLLI@UGA website under Forms and Resources, Documents. For now, here are the 2017/18 goals in abbreviated form:

- 1. Solidify Financial Foundation:** This goal deals with a balanced budget and financial stability.
- 2. Align Leadership Roles and Management Functions:** This goal deals with clarifying the operating role and function of the Executive Director, institutionalizing a strategic focus on the Board, and clarifying and defining the role of the operating committees.
- 3. Develop a Teamwork Environment and Manage Conflict:** This goal deals with conflict resolution and the development of a leadership guide.
- 4. Assess Use and Effectiveness of Information Technology:** This goal deals with assessing our registration system and improving our website.

It's important to note that the plan is a living document, not written in stone and amenable to change as the Board sees fit. OLLI@UGA's governing body is committed to supporting these goals and will provide assistance when necessary in the spirit of goal three.

Today, I'd like to explain about the balanced budget goal. Our generous Osher donation requires it be deposited in and managed by the UGA Foundation. A couple of years ago, the annual earnings we use to pay part of our staffing needs was lower than expected. After serious consideration, the Board decided to pass a deficit budget for 2016/17, knowing we had some funds in a reserve account to cover the shortfall. Obviously, this cannot be a regular thing. We have no assets to sell off—we operate strictly on what our endowment gives us, the money we can raise, and the generosity of the UGA College of Education. So, this year, in order to balance our budget and avoid what might become a future financial crisis, the Board approved a balanced budget for 2017/18 that required raising membership dues.

I'll continue discussion of other goals in future newsletters. In the meantime, please continue to enjoy all that OLLI@UGA has to offer, and know that we are all an integral part of this outstanding organization. Your support is crucial to our success and much appreciated.

Brenda Hayes, President



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| Office Manager               | Shelly Magruder |
| Office Assistant             | Rita Healan     |
| Bookkeeper                   | Mandy Blaylock  |
| Coordinator of Social Media  | Amy Munnell     |

### *OLLI@UGA Officers 2017-2018*

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| President       | Brenda Hayes     |
| President-Elect | Monte Broaded    |
| Secretary       | Margaret Pruiett |
| Treasurer       | Victor Gagliano  |

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| Jim Alberts                             | Sherry Malone   |
| Bill Alworth                            | Roy Martin      |
| Richard Bouldin                         | Ginny Spencer   |
| Sandy Clark                             | Barbara Timmons |
| Nancy Grayson                           | Clover Weller   |
| Joseph Harris (Washington GA affiliate) |                 |

### *OLLI@UGA Committee Chairs*

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| Bylaws                        | Barbara Timmons        |
| Curriculum                    | Andy Horne,            |
|                               | Sherry Malone          |
| Finance                       | Richard Bouldin        |
| Fund Development              | Volunteer needed       |
| Hospitality                   | Linda Dipietro,        |
|                               | Julie Cashin-Schneider |
| Long-Range Planning           | Bill Alworth           |
| Marketing & Communications    | Ann Allen              |
| Membership                    | Volunteer needed       |
| Nominating                    | Monte Broaded          |
| Shared Interest Groups (SIGs) | Lee Albright           |
| Travel/Study                  | Joan Zitzelman         |
| Volunteer Coordinator         | Sandy Clark            |

Editor, OLLI Times  
Host Coordinators

Susan Walker  
Chris Jones,  
Toni Jones  
William Loughner  
William Loughner,  
Don Schneider

# Feel the Burns (Robert Burns SIG, That Is)



The Robert Burns Shared Interest Group (SIG) puts on a Burns dinner close to the beloved Scottish bard's birthday (January 25) to celebrate his life and poetry, as do many groups in Scotland and around the world.

Ian Hardin who heads the SIG shares this info: "The Robert Burns Dinner will be on Saturday, January 27, 2018, from 6:30 to 9:30 at Flinchum's Phoenix, a rustic lodge in the Whitehall Forest. The entrance to the forest is directly across Whitehall Road where South Milledge Ave. ends in a T-junction at E. Whitehall Road. Registration for the dinner will be

through the OLLI@UGA web site. You do not have to be an OLLI@UGA member to register at the web site. Registration should open up in the latter part of November. The OLLI@UGA web site will post the notice at the time registration opens up."

To get you in the mood for some poetry, here's a taste of one of Burns' longer poems on the subject of Halloween. In this poem, which is more than 25 stanzas long, he uses a mix of Scots and English, so it might take a sip or two of fine Scotch whisky to help understand it better. Here are the first two stanzas.



## Halloween

By Robert Burns



Upon that night, when fairies light,  
On Cassilis Downans dance,  
Or owre the lays, in splendid blaze,  
On sprightly coursers prance;  
Or for Colean the rout is ta'en,  
Beneath the moon's pale beams;  
There, up the Cove, to stray an' rove,  
Among the rocks and streams  
To sport that night;

Among the bonie winding banks,  
Where Doon rins, wimplin, clear;  
Where Bruce ance rul'd the martial ranks,  
An' shook his Carrick spear;  
Some merry, friendly, countra-folks  
Together did convene,  
To burn their nits, an' pou their stocks,  
An' haud their Halloween  
Fu' blythe that night. . . .



Alex Patterson is helping Ian Hardin with the Burns Dinner in January 2018. (Pat McAlexander)

# HAUNTED SALOON HALLOWEEN LUNCH

**Where:** George's Lowcountry Table  
2095 Milledge Ave., Athens

**When:** Halloween Day, Tuesday, October 31, 2017

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.

**RSVP to Kat Haney at:** [hommiekat@yahoo.com](mailto:hommiekat@yahoo.com) 706-614-3223 or to  
Iris Miracle at: [ollihappyhikers@gmail.com](mailto:ollihappyhikers@gmail.com) 706-207-0010

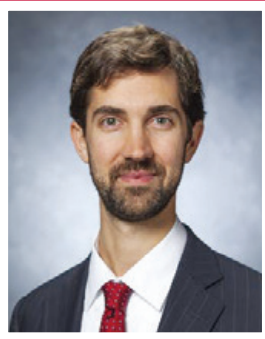
Waiting list reservations accepted from OLLI@UGA members and their guests until October 27, 2017.



What do skeletons say before they begin dining? Bone appetit!



How did the goblin football team score? By running the ball across the ghouline.



## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tim Meehan

### Curiosity, Enthusiasm and Hard Work Make OLLI@UGA Better

What is OLLI@UGA? It seems strange to start an article with something that should be obvious. I have a sign on my desk that reminds me that OLLI@UGA is dedicated to meeting the intellectual, social, and cultural needs of adults 50+ around Athens through lifelong learning.

However, OLLI@UGA is more than that—it is an organization that relies on the curiosity, enthusiasm and hard work of its members. Whether you just participate in Shared Interest Groups (SIGs), go to the occasional class or come on the trips, you and your quest for knowledge, your cultural thirst, and your sociability are a crucial part of this organization. Being part of OLLI@UGA can be both rewarding and tiring, so we should always be grateful for those who go above and beyond to make our organization what it is—either by sitting on a committee, running a SIG, or even simply attending classes with enthusiasm and curiosity.

Not only that, but our presenters are all volunteers, who present for us because of a mutual engagement and love of their subject. This is true whether the presenter does one course for one session, or multiple sessions, or even many sessions across semesters. At the most recent Board meeting, the possibility of paying some instructors was raised; however, the board felt that this was not an idea that we should explore. Although some OLLIs use this business model, it has never been our model, and negating the importance of our presenters' volunteerism would fundamentally change the way we have worked successfully so far.

Even though we did not move forward with that idea, we do seek to constantly improve what we do, and we are looking at options to make the curriculum more diverse and to create a better experience for our members. As we are still finalizing our new projects, I do not want to reveal too much now, but we anticipate some interesting new additions to our curriculum next year. Watch for your next catalog in December. These projects are not possible without members like you working together to create the great institute we know and love.

When we look around the country and see what our sister OLLIs are going through, from Florida and those affected by Hurricane Irma, to Nevada and the shooting in Las Vegas, and now the wildfires in California, it makes our OLLI look relatively lucky, although some of our members did lack electricity for days after Irma swept through Georgia. However, we still need funds for OLLI@UGA to look forward and try to sustain our program in the most effective way. You want to know that money you give us comes to us and is used to sustain and develop our programming. In order to enhance our fundraising efforts, we are working with the College of Education on our Annual Fundraising letters. We have agreed that our list will be a closed list so that you should receive mailings only from OLLI@UGA. All the money you donate to us will go to the accounts held by OLLI@UGA at the University of Georgia Foundation, and they will support this program.

Tim Meehan, Executive Director

## Class Hosts for Fall 2017

*A huge "Thank You!" to our August, September, and October Class Hosts*

- |                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Andy Horne             | Karen Menke       |
| Ann Darby              | Larry Dendy       |
| Ann Leonard            | Lee Albright      |
| Barbara Kuhn           | Lief Carter       |
| Betty Jean Craige      | Linda Dipietro    |
| Bobbi Shindelman       | Linda Grant       |
| Bruce Menke            | Linda Gilbert     |
| Carolyn Ashley         | Liz Powell        |
| Cher Snyder            | Louise Martin     |
| Cheryl Copeland        | Mamie Mierzwak    |
| Chris Jones            | Margaret Anderson |
| Connie Bruce           | Margaret Pruiett  |
| Connie Crawley         | Martha Beach      |
| David Block            | Mary Hamman       |
| Diane Neuhauser        | Michele Simpson   |
| Dindy Owens            | Mony Abrol        |
| Don Schneider          | Nancy Grayson     |
| Dona Conway            | Nancy Songster    |
| Donald Schneider       | Nancy Walton      |
| Elisabeth Hughes       | Patrick Beall     |
| Ellie Weinstein        | Penny Oldfather   |
| George Dougherty       | Peter Balsamo     |
| Ginnie Berg            | Rebecca McCaskey  |
| Ginny Lynch            | Sandy Clark       |
| Helen Epps             | Sherry Malone     |
| James Lineberger       | Susan Derrick     |
| Jane Prater            | Terry Nestor      |
| Jane Kidd              | Toni Jones        |
| Jill Read              | Toni Kelly        |
| Joan Zitzelman         | Vicki Krugman     |
| John Songster          |                   |
| John Albright          |                   |
| Julie Cashin-Schneider |                   |

## Calling All Artists for January 2018

We love to see new art on the walls of our OLLI@UGA offices. If you would like to see the art you have created on display in January, please call Shelly Magruder, our office manager, at 706-542-7715. She will make it happen.



What's a vampire's favorite fruit? A necktarine

# Why Do I Like to Host an OLLI@UGA Class?

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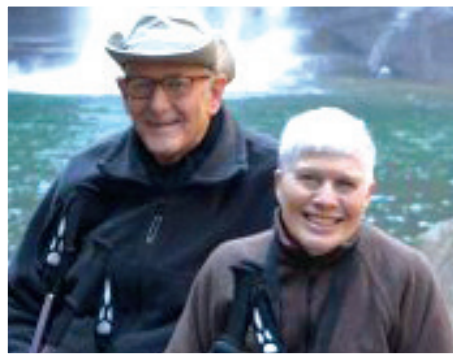


**Cher Snyder** – While relocating to Athens after a 36-year hiatus in Southern California, friends recommended that I become involved in OLLI@UGA as a way to re-engage in community life. I was delighted when Chris and Toni Jones invited me—and, with additional support from OLLI staff, prepared me—to host several of the classes in which I had enrolled. My first hosting experience, “Craft Beer Brewing: History, Process & Taste,” featured a wonderfully informative tour of the Terrapin Brewing Co. led by a very professional, enthusiastic, and experienced member of their staff. I arrived at the brewery early enough to visit with him and other Terrapin employees, and to personally welcome and greet my fellow participants before the tour. It was a wonderful opportunity, not only to meet fellow OLLI members, but also to learn firsthand about an iconic Athens enterprise. I look forward to hosting more classes in the future.

**Don Schneider** – One of the great features of OLLI@UGA is the vast number and variety of courses offered to members each semester—hundreds of them by many volunteer instructors. In my view, you cannot personally miss finding a lot of possible classes covering a variety of topics, both old and new, that are informative and sometimes challenging. They also provide an opportunity for meeting other OLLI members and having discussion with them as well as the instructors. I also see serving as a class host as a service back to OLLI, to fellow members enrolled in classes, and as support to the instructors. It is not difficult to do since advance training is provided and staff support is available if needed.



**Bruce and Karen Menke** – Karen and I arrived in Athens three years ago. As new members of the Athens community, we were eager to find ways to become familiar with Athens, make new friends and have enjoyable and stimulating experiences. OLLI@UGA answered our needs in spades.



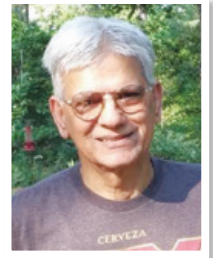
Because OLLI@UGA had done so much for us, we were eager to find ways to, in some small measure, give back to OLLI and to the many people we had met and befriended. So, why hosting?

Karen and I are members of the curriculum committee, and so we are engaged in reaching out to invite large numbers of members of the Athens community to teach classes and make presentations to OLLI@UGA. In the course of interacting with those individuals, one inevitably comes to appreciate not only the enormous pool of talent in the Athens community but also the generosity of the very large number of presenters, all of whom have many other pressing commitments and for whom presenting an OLLI course represents yet another obligation added to an already full schedule of existing responsibilities.

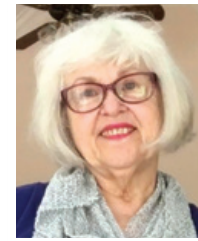
So when a very busy and highly qualified person kindly consents to give an OLLI class (and there is no compensation), it means a great deal. It is a huge gift. There can be only one reaction: appreciation and gratitude and the desire to do everything possible to make the experience of offering an OLLI class as enjoyable and rewarding for the presenter as possible.

Acting as hosts provides the opportunity to carry the relationship with the presenter to the next level. Generally, contacts with the presenter prior to the class are by email or phone. In many cases, we have not had a face to face contact with the presenter prior to the class. Although the interaction with the presenter at the time of the class will be brief, we consistently find that the simple act of direct contact as hosts enriches the experience and represents a kind of completion and closure of the process of identifying and recruiting that person as an OLLI@UGA class presenter. Acting as hosts, we feel, demonstrates to the presenter our appreciation and desire to make their experience with OLLI@UGA a great one and, we hope, an experience that they will look forward to repeating in the future.

**Mony Abrol** – There are numerous rewards for Class hosts, besides the good will it creates with the class members. I get to choose the classes I want, weeks ahead of the other Olli-ans. I am never late for



a class and can whistle in, merrily avoiding the anxiety of others rushing in at the last minute, frantically looking for seats. I get to choose the best seat in the house and get to know the presenters well. Every now and then, I get a chance to make someone very happy. In the class on Meditative Doodling, one Olli-an was going to miss the first session. I assured her that I could charm the presenter into giving her a few minutes intro before the 2nd session started so she could be up to speed. She was delighted, when that did come to pass.



**Jane Prater** – Hosting an OLLI class is a great way to meet people, to get to know the staff, and to quietly support the goal of life-long learning. (Once a teacher, always . . . .)

What I like best is that I get to smile and say hello or thank you as folks sign the class register. Most people return the smile, and there is a moment of connection so important in our lives. This year, I have even received thank you notes!

I'm glad I can support OLLI, but mostly I am grateful for those moments of connection and purpose when I get to help fellow classmates in even the smallest way—the nervous new member, the thirsty seeker of soda, the first-time presenter. I always leave class feeling happier than when I arrive. Such a great reward for sending a few emails and showing up early.

## Do You Have a **GHOST** of a Chance to Host?



We make it easy for you to become a host with the most, thanks to our training sessions. Before each term starts, our volunteer host coordinators run a short training session on how to do the job of hosting. If you have the interest in helping out with a class, then we've got the means to help you do it well with a minimal amount of hassle.

To register for any OLLI@UGA trip, register online at [www.oli.uga.edu](http://www.oli.uga.edu), or by paper registration form with check in person at the OLLI@UGA office, or by mailing registration form and check to OLLI@UGA, 850 College Station Road, Athens 30602-4811.

## Scotland's Highlands and Islands: A Travel-Study Trip in July 2018

By Tracy Elder of Elder Excursions



I am offering another travel-study trip for OLLI@UGA members who want to visit the northern part of Scotland. In the summer of 2016, we had 17 OLLI members participate in a two-week tour of the Heart of Scotland. In July 2018, I have planned a second trip to Scotland with the focus on the Scottish Highlands and Inner Hebrides islands. The tour starts in Glasgow with a two-night stay in City Centre. Participants will enjoy a welcome afternoon tea at the Willow Tea Room on Buchanan Street. Day two includes a train and ferry ride to the Isle of Bute to visit Mount Stuart House, the home of the 3rd Marquess of Bute.

On day three, the tour departs for the west coast of Scotland for a three-night stay at the port city of Oban. After a stop on the way at the home of the Duke of Argyll, Inveraray Castle, we arrive in Oban. In addition to one free day to experience all that Oban has to offer—Oban Chocolate Shoppe, Oban Distillery, Scottish SEA LIFE Sanctuary, McCaig's Tower or Donolie Castle—the group will visit the Isles of Mull and Iona. Iona is considered to be the “cradle of Christianity” in Scotland, and it is the location of burials for all Scottish kings between 685 and 1230 AD.

Then it will be time to head north for the Highlands! The group will spend two nights in the city of Fort William, the second largest settlement in the Highlands. Highlights of the city include the West Highland Museum; a day trip to the sea port of Mallaig on the Jacobite Steam Train (also known as the Harry Potter Train); and a coach and ferry excursion to Armadale Castle and the Clan Donald Centre on the Isle of Skye.

As the group says goodbye to Fort William on the way to Inverness, the largest settlement in the Highlands, the tour will stop to take

a gondola ride at Nevis Range for a spectacular view across the Highlands. And no visit to this area would be complete without an attempt to see Nessie! The group will visit the Loch Ness Exhibition Centre where they will learn about the many sightings and efforts to find her.

Next comes two nights in Inverness and further travel north for a day trip to Dunrobin. The day trip will be topped off by dinner in Dornoch at the Castle Whisky Bar and Bistro.

The final leg of the trip takes the group across to the northern end of the Isle of Skye. The largest of the Inner Hebrides, Skye offers some of the most beautiful landscape in Scotland. Quiraing, Fairy Pools, Old Man of Storr, Skye Museum of Island Life and the town of Portree are on the list for the first day on northern Skye. Day two will include a trip to Dunvegan Castle, Neist Point, and Talisker Distillery.

We end our two-week tour back in Glasgow for an overnight before flying home or on to other adventures the following day. A group flight option is available with travel services through Linda Reece at Travel By Design. The dates for the trip are July 14-28, 2018, and the price of \$4,200 includes 28 meals, all ground transportation, entrance fees, lodging, all tips and taxes and the OLLI class fee. Airfare is not included, and trip insurance is required. Active OLLI membership (\$50/year) is required for persons traveling alone and for at least one person when traveling with others.

Feel free to contact Tracy at [elderexcursions@gmail.com](mailto:elderexcursions@gmail.com) or by phone at 706-207-2885. You can register for the trip at <http://oli.uga.edu/travel-study/trips/>. There is a \$500 deposit payable at time of registration, with the balance due by March 1, 2018.



# Come See “The Lion King” at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta

By Monica Burke



Have you ever seen “The Lion King”? Have you been waiting to see it again? Here is your chance to take in this spectacular musical. OLLI@UGA is going to the Fox Theatre in Atlanta for a 1:00 p.m. matinee on Thursday, January 11, 2018.

Transportation will be by chartered coach that will drop off and pick up near the Fox. We will arrive in time for lunch on your own. If you are not familiar with the area, a list of restaurants within easy walking distance will be available.

We are offering two seating options for this musical, which is based on the Disney film. The cost is reflected by your ticket selection.

Cost includes transportation, driver’s tip, OLLI @ UGA class fee and your theatre ticket.

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|------------------|----------|
| 1st Dress Circle | \$130.00 |
| Rear Orchestra   | \$ 97.00 |

N.B. Theatre tickets are non-refundable.

Registration opened September 8, 2017, so register soon to get your preferred seating.

For more information or to register, please visit [olli.uga.edu/TravelStudy/UpcomingTrips](http://olli.uga.edu/TravelStudy/UpcomingTrips).

To register by mail, please mail a check, payable to OLLI@UGA, along with the trip name and the name of each participant (with seating option) to OLLI@UGA, 850 College Station Road, Athens, GA. 30622-4811. You may register in person at the office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



## REGISTRATION OPENS FOR MARCH TO VICTORY 2018 CLASSES AND TOUR

OLLI@UGA members may now register for a series of five classes titled “March to Victory,” studying the 1944 invasion of Normandy and Liberation of France during World War II. You must register for and attend the classes in March and April 2018 to be eligible to take the tour of related historic sites and battlefields in France April 10-19, 2018. The instructors and leaders of the tour will be Colonel Lawrence Saul and Bill Cosgrove.

If you have questions about the classes and tour, you are welcome to contact Bill Cosgrove: [945fab@gmail.com](mailto:945fab@gmail.com); 706-338-6609. For further information on registration, contact: [www.olli.uga.edu/travel-study/trips](http://www.olli.uga.edu/travel-study/trips).

At this time, registration is only for members taking the trip to France. If you are interested only in the class, registration will open in January.



**What happens when a ghost gets lost in the fog?** He is mist.



**How do vampires get around on Halloween?** On blood vessels.



**Why did the Vampire get fired from the Blood Bank?** He was caught drinking on the job.



**What pasta dish do ghosts and goblins eat on Halloween?** Fettuccine Afraid-o.

# When the Sun Disappeared: OLLI@UGA's Trip to See the Eclipse

By Pat McAlexander

John Songster, who originated the idea of an OLLI trip to Dillard to view the total eclipse of the sun on August 21 and then committed astronomy professor Dr. Loris Magnani to give a class and come along, also asked me to write a story about the trip. To help me, he and the office put out a call to the 90 participants for brief comments about their experience. Here are a few that describe the wonderful setting at Dillard House; the camaraderie of the crowd (somewhat like a huge church picnic or tailgating party); the great disappointment as clouds rolled in about the time of the total eclipse; then the joy and wonder as the clouds parted and we breathlessly watched—now without our protective glasses—as that giant fireball that gives us life was snuffed out for a few brief moments by the flat black orb of the moon.

**Zu Reuter:** The energy that could be felt in the classroom sessions [before the trip] was palpable.

**Alexis Winger:** Our eclipse day experience couldn't have been any better. Excellent

lunch at the Dillard House, then out to their beautiful grounds to watch the eclipse. Such a feeling of happiness and excitement shared by people who came from all over. Man from Florida happily let us look at the sun through his telescope with special lens. Got to see sun spots. People sharing pinhole cameras, and Moon Pies and camaraderie. .... With about 30 minutes to go to 100%, a solid bank of clouds rolled in. Then at about eight minutes the clouds opened up right where the sun was, and what a spectacular show!

**Annette Bergins:** We all groaned when the clouds rolled in. Some folks in private cars started the trek home. We stayed, and just at the appointed time we saw the corona of our sun.

**Lois Alworth:** After waiting in the heat for a few hours ... just as we were counting down the last few minutes, the clouds that had been hovering around the big stage in the sky began to move in and cover up the main player, the sun. There was audible disappointment among the several hundred people watching and a few started packing

up their chairs. Then, miraculously, a small patch of blue emerged, and it grew larger... The people around us began to cheer and shout, and the sun came out, and in that small space we were able to observe the total eclipse.

**Evvie Wyatt:** My favorite moment was TOTALITY, removing my glasses and seeing the sun's corona—such a sense of awe and exhilaration. Also appreciation for the wonderful OLLI camaraderie as well as the exceptional preparation and organization, Thanks, OLLI@UGA, for such an awesome experience.

**John Albright:** Sharing the day with 90 OLLI friends in the incredible Dillard House Mountain retreat set the scene. The ebullient college kids chanted "Move that cloud!" as the climactic moment arrived. Then the clouds parted, and the unexpectedly wondrous, once-in-a-lifetime moment totally eclipsed us all.

**Karen and Bruce Menke:** It was 2 minutes and 38 seconds of wonder.



First, we had a delicious lunch at Dillard House. (Alexis Winger)



Then we set up our chairs on the beautiful Dillard House grounds and waited for the eclipse. (Pat McAlexander)

**Dr. Loris Magnani** (our astronomy teacher on the parting of the clouds):  
 “The miracle may not have been so miraculous. If the cloud cover is not heavy and the clouds are low, the cooling from the moon’s shadow can temporarily decrease the rise of moisture from the ground and disrupt any overhead clouds. Or, maybe it was a miracle. ....”



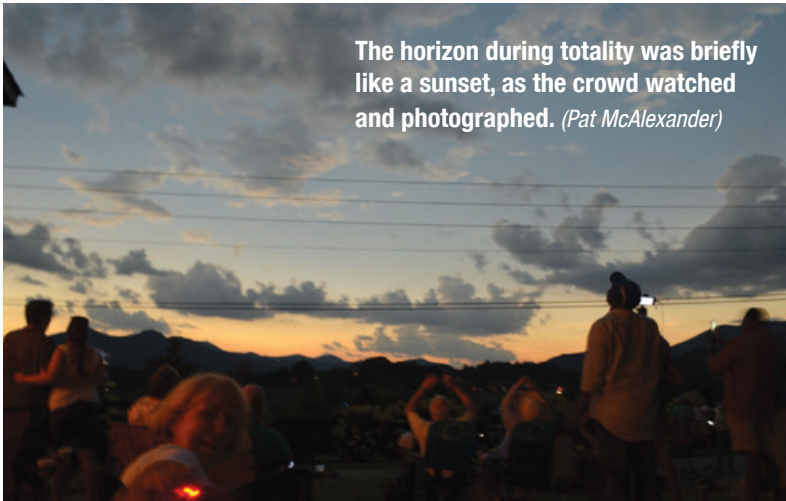
A man from Florida (on right) shared his giant telescope with several people in the crowd. Here, Parley Winger looks through it to see a view of the sun, complete with sunspots, as the man’s friend and OLLI members Pat Schlotzhauer and Jeff Engle look on. *(Pat McAlexander)*



A woman was handing out moon pies as clouds started to roll in. *(Alexis Winger)*



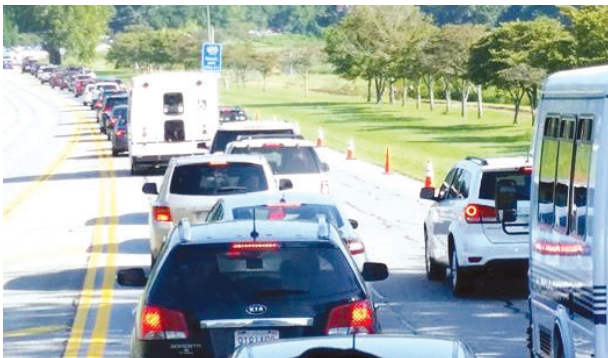
But then the clouds parted, and we got to watch this breathtaking sight. *(Alexis Winger)*



The horizon during totality was briefly like a sunset, as the crowd watched and photographed. *(Pat McAlexander)*



Bill Alworth (left) and Nancy and John Songster watch the eclipse. *(Lois Alworth)*



What was a two-hour trip on the way up was a five-hour trip on the way home, but we all knew the experience was worth it! *(Alexis Winger)*



Kudos to our wonderful eclipse trip organizers, OLLI staff and, pictured here, Joan Zitzelman, Nancy Grayson, Gina Reed, and Alan Campbell. *(Pat McAlexander)*



## Where in the World?

Here's a new feature where you can find our OLLI@UGA members traveling around the world. Please send a travel photo with you in the photo so that we can guess your whereabouts. (Or you could just tell us where you went.)

This issue, we hear from Julie Cashin-Schneider:

“You just never know where OLLI members will run into each other! This picture was taken August 28th, in Oslo, Norway, at the City Hall. The Schneiders and Winslows signed up for a Scandinavia trip, not knowing the other had signed up for the same trip. Then, as we toured the City Hall in Oslo, the Waltons appeared. We had no idea they would be in Norway. What a coincidence!”

The City Hall in Oslo became a surprise meet-up spot in August for Nancy and Donald Walton, Julie and Don Schneider, and Katherine and Stephen Winslow.

## Information-Seekers Got the Goods at Lifelong Learning Fair

By Lee Albright

OLLI@UGA members had a wide range of opportunities to choose from at the OLLI@UGA Lifelong Learning Fair, which was held in a new and different venue, Georgia Square Mall, on September 8, 2017. Enthusiastic representatives from 20 Shared Interest Groups (SIGs) talked about the activities of their groups, while the Robert Burns SIG provided bagpipe music as a foretaste of the Robert Burns dinner in January.

Current members attended to learn more about all the different programs while prospective members wanted to know “What is OLLI@UGA?” and “What would I benefit from joining?” To help answer these questions, our volunteers provided lists of classes, the Course Catalog, instructions on how to join a SIG, and membership applications. The Membership Committee kept busy talking to people about how stimulating it is to take part in classes or activities with others who are excited about Lifelong Learning and who are interesting and lively people with many different life experiences to share. New members could either join at the Fair or take information

home and join online.

The Travel Study Committee showcased their trips—from day trips, such as the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers and wineries in North Georgia, to trips abroad, including the World War II battlefields of France, and sites in Scotland. As always, everyone was treated to refreshments from our sponsor Talmage Terrace/Lanier Gardens.

In addition, the University of Georgia Speech and Hearing Clinic again offered free hearing evaluations for anyone attending, and those who stopped by the colorful tables could also talk with representatives from UGA programs; our sponsors; OLLI committees; and Georgia’s Yellow Dot program, which helps first responders provide appropriate medical care during a medical emergency.

Be sure to join us for the next Lifelong Learning Fair at the beginning of the Winter/Spring term. Come see where your interests and curiosity will take you!



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**What is a vampire’s favorite holiday?**  
Fangsgiving.



**Why did the game warden arrest the ghost?**  
He didn’t have a haunting license.

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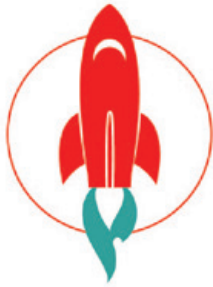
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***Mid-December: Catalogs for Spring 2018 mailed***

***Early January: Registration Opens (Classes begin February 5)***

***January 11: The Lion King at the Fox Theatre***

***January 27: Burns Night celebration at Flinchum's Phoenix***

