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Want to Get Involved? Learn How at Volunteer Meet-Up

By Susan Walker

We are a membership organization that depends on the kindness and expertise of our volunteer members as well as on the professionalism of our excellent staff. OLLI@UGA could not do all it does without your help. [Please read the column on this topic by Executive Director Tim Meehan on page 6.]

We have both short-term and long-term volunteer opportunities. Here's a small sample:

- Act as host for a class and learn the ropes from our coordinators Chris and Toni Jones.
- Bring in some new members and help out with membership. Cher Snyder heads up this committee.
- Help out in the office by collating new member packets and doing other short-term jobs. Sandy Clark is our Volunteer Coordinator.
- Create some fun times for OLLI@UGA members by joining the Hospitality Committee, which is co-chaired by Linda Dipietro and Julie Cashin-Schneider.
- Work on raising funds for our membership organization. We are looking for someone to chair the Fund Development committee. Speak about this opportunity with Tim Meehan, our executive director, or Brenda Hayes, our president.

When you become a member, you get a chance to participate in whichever way suits you best. If you're not sure how you can help, then come to our Volunteer Meet-Up on Wednesday, May 23, at lunchtime from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. You will be able to meet current committee members and learn about their work. Register for the meet-up by calling the office at 706-542-7715 or going online to register at http://olli.uga.edu/volunteer-meet-up-may-23-noon-1pm.

VOLUNTEER MEET-UP INFORMATION

When: Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Time: 12 noon – 1:00 p.m.

Where: OLLI@UGA office in River's Crossing building, 850

College Station Rd.



President-Elect Monte Broaded with OLLI@UGA President Brenda Hayes at a recent Beerganza

Pres. Brenda Hayes to Discuss 'State of OLLI@UGA' at **Annual Meeting, May 11**

It's time for the OLLI@UGA Annual Meeting where we formally elect our slate of officers and board. This year, the meeting will be held on Friday, May 11, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia in the Conservatory/Visitors Center.

President Brenda Hayes will deliver the State of OLLI@UGA speech as she looks back over her year as president, and President-Elect Monte Broaded will give some remarks about the upcoming year. "This will be a wonderful opportunity to see OLLI friends and to hear some interesting thoughts as we look to the past and future of our great organization," Hayes says

Broaded, who also chairs the Nominating Committee, explains how the folks we will vote for came to be nominated:

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I am pleased to let you know the slate for the election of Officers and Members of the Board of Directors at the May 11 Annual Meeting. OLLI@UGA is fortunate to have a diverse, talented,

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Three Former Students Discuss What It Was Like When UGA Desegregated in 1961

By Pat McAlexander



Pat McAlexander

Joan Zitzelman, Liz Powell, and Winston Stephens (left to right)

Joan Zitzelman, Liz Powell, and Winston Stephens all were attending the University of Georgia during the period of its desegregation in the early 1960s. Joan and Winston were on campus in January 1961 when the university admitted its first black students, Charlayne Hunter and Hamilton Holmes. Liz arrived in September 1961 and became friends with the second group of black students who arrived in September 1962, particularly Harold Black.

OLLI@UGA class. In their April "Desegregating UGA: OLLI Members Who Were There," Joan, Liz, and Winston described their experiences during that period. Two had deep family ties to UGA. A great-great uncle of Winston's, Alexander H. Stephens, entered UGA in 1826. He later became vice president of the Confederacy. Her grandfather, Robert G. Stephens, Sr., had graduated in the UGA class of 1902. He later served in the United States Congress from 1960 to 1976. Liz's grandfather, Richard Holmes Powell, was Dean of the Coordinate Campus, which was the first housing for women beginning in 1933, and her aunt, Betsy Powell, had been Director of Home Study. Joan, who had spent her early years in integrated New Jersey schools, studied journalism at UGA and became a good friend of Charlayne Hunter, who was a fellow journalism student.

All three talked about the important role of the Presbyterian Student Center at UGA. Before integration, the Center provided a



New Georgia Encyclopedia

Charlayne Hunter and Hamilton Holmes, first black students accepted by UGA, at the end of their first day on campus.

place for students to learn and prepare for changes during 1960 and 1961, including discussing what actions might help to keep the university open and safe for all. After desegregation, it was a place where African-American students were welcome to study and socialize.

UGA has come a long way since those days. A film clip Joan played showed Hamilton Holmes being given an award from the university and saying that he loved UGA. But Joan also mentioned that when Charlayne Hunter-Gault comes here to speak, she stresses that progress still needs to be made.



Chris Jones

The future of vinyl at Kindercore Records: Vinyl records are making a comeback, and Kindercore is one of a handful of record labels in the South that now has a digital vinyl pressing plant. Class members got to tour the plant of this independent record label based in Athens in February.



Sandy Clark

Getting their chocolate fix at Condor Chocolates: OLLI@ UGA members who wanted to learn about how chocolate is made from the ground up got an excellent introduction at Condor Chocolates this spring. Peter and Nick Dale are the hometown purveyors of fine chocolate, and they kindly hosted four classes at their shop in Little Five Points.

Do You Have Something to Include in the Next Issue of OLLI Times?

Please send your photo or article to the editor, Susan Walker, at swalkerwriter@gmail.com. DEADLINE for the June-July issue is Thursday, May 31.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Success! Navigating in Ambiguous Territory to Find a Turtle on a Fence Post

Recently, I've had occasion to reflect on the goal in our Long-Range Plan that asks the President to clarify the operating role and function of the Executive Director.

While this might seem like a straightforward task, human nature being what it is, I have spent the year navigating through this sometimes ambiguous territory with our executive director Tim Meehan. I like to think we've done a pretty good job.



Brenda Hayes

Because the Executive Director is responsible for all operating committees, we separated them from the governing committees on the Board's agendas so that it was clear who was responsible for each area. As President, I did not attend operational committee meetings (except when specifically asked or needed) so as to make it clear that those committees reported directly to the Executive Director rather than to the President who oversees the governing committees.

Because Tim reports to the OLLI@UGA Board and also to the Dean of the College of Education, he has a somewhat unique, though not unheard of, line of supervision. It's one that requires thoughtfulness and tact on Tim's part in particular, and I've been very gratified by his abilities. It's not always easy to be firm and tactful at the same time, but it is one of the qualities the Search Committee looked for during our interviews of applicants, and we were impressed that Tim seemed to have this quality. We have not been disappointed. He has been a quick learner, grasping how the many gears of OLLI@UGA work together within our bylaws, policies, and procedures.

For my part, being new to the job, I paid special attention to the fact that the Executive Director's role does not include being an assistant to the President. There is sometimes a fine line between control and oversight. I have tried to lean heavily toward the latter, allowing Tim to do his job while endeavoring to stay apprised and offering advice when appropriate. Sometimes it just helps to know where a few landmines are buried.

One motivation for my fulfilling this goal—other than simply meeting the requirement of our Long-Range Plan—has been self-preservation. As a volunteer officer, I wanted to make this job as manageable as possible for myself and for future presidents. It still requires a great deal of time, and it is definitely a labor of love, but Tim has been instrumental in working hand in hand with me toward this goal.

Years ago, I heard former Georgia Governor Zell Miller give the admonition to "remember that if you see a turtle sitting up on a fence post, you know it did not get there by itself." So much great work has been done to get OLLI@UGA where it is today. We have had committed officers, boards, committees, volunteers and members as well as a wonderful former Executive Director in Katy Crapo, and I personally learned so much from watching former Presidents Lee Albright and Betty Jean Craige.

We're in a good place, and we will continue to grow and evolve as an organization. With President-Elect Monte Broaded's considerable capabilities and the other leadership talent in line, I am confident that OLLI@UGA will absolutely flourish in the future.

Brenda Hayes, President





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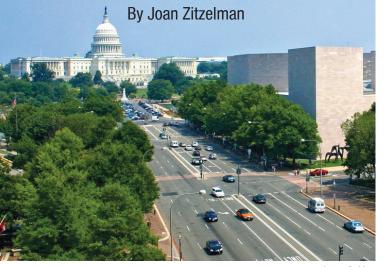
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OLLI@UGA Goes to Washington, October 10-14, 2018



James DeMers

OLLI@UGA members will be offered an opportunity to visit Washington D.C. and get an insider's view of national government departments, such as the Supreme Court, the Senate and House of Representatives, as well as have special tours of the headquarters of national newsgathering organizations. Further, we will have sessions where we learn how University of Georgia graduates and students are working within the national government and dealing with current national issues. The trip leaves Athens on Wednesday, October 10, and returns Sunday, October 14.

The group tour package will include round trip airline flights, 4 nights lodging with breakfast at a conveniently located hotel in Washington, ground transportation for several scheduled tours or events, and admissions or costs for any exclusive OLLI@UGA special events. Participants will have approximately one day of free time to visit their own choices of attractions.

Watch for email messages with further details, deadlines, and instructions for registration, as well as updates posted on the bulletin board in the classroom hall at River's Crossing. For update information on the trip, contact Travel Study Committee Chair Joan Zitzelman: jzitzel@bellsouth.net; 706-546-6345.

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Take a Walk on the Green Side – Conservation with the Oconee River Land Trust By Larry Dendy

OLLI@UGA members who support land conservation and who enjoy walking through undisturbed green spaces will want to register for a class this fall that includes tours of two privately owned sites that have been permanently protected under conservation easements.

The properties, which are in Newton County, include forests, ponds, streams and granite outcrops. The sites are protected under conservation easements held by the Oconee River Land Trust (ORLT), a non-profit organization in Athens working to protect the land in our geographic area. The trust was founded in 1993, and it now holds 140 conservation easements that protect more than 32,000 acres in 32 counties throughout Georgia.

A conservation easement is a legal document that enables a landowner to preserve land by specifying what can and cannot occur on the land. The restrictions are in place in perpetuity, ensuring that the land will always remain in its natural state.

The two-session class will begin September 12 with a classroom presentation by an ORLT staff member who will discuss how conservation easements work. The presentation will explain how easements benefit landowners and how important they are to foster environmental, agricultural, historical, cultural and educational values in local communities.

The following day, September 13, we will travel by van to Newton County, about a one-hour drive, to visit two easements near the city of Oxford. The properties feature oak-hickory-pine forests, streams, ponds and agricultural fields. Both properties have granite outcrops with vernal pools and plants endemic to outcrops. The first property will require walking about a half mile to and from the granite outcrop. The distance to and from the outcrop on the second property is about 2.5 miles.

Between the two visits, we will have lunch at the Oxford Café Bon Appetit on the campus of Oxford College. The café uses locally sourced fruits, vegetables, and meats and also offers vegetarian and gluten-free options.

These privately owned properties are not accessible to the public and are being opened to OLLI@UGA members through arrangement with the Oconee River Land Trust.

Due to limited seating in the van, registration for this class will be capped at 13, so you will need to act quickly when registration opens to get in on this opportunity to enjoy these beautiful preserved natural spaces in Georgia's countryside.



Oconee River Land Trust

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Tim Meehan

"Only Indispensable People Need Apply" Does Not Apply to OLLI@UGA Volunteers

When I worked for St. Andrew Holborn Church in London for 10 years, one of my colleagues used to say, "Graveyards are full of indispensable people." It was certainly a striking statement. No matter

how strong, or brilliant, or energetic we perceive ourselves to be, there will come a time when we have to step back and let someone else take the reins. He was telling me this to stop me from getting too comfortable or from being worried that if I left, everything would collapse. I left and things changed, but the venue had been through worse (The Great Fire of London, The Blitz), and it is still standing.

For OLLI@UGA, this issue of holding the reins and letting them go is a very immediate problem. We all enjoy helping the organization, doing our part to keep it relevant and important in peoples' lives. More than one-third of our members volunteer in some way, shape, or form during the year. Without the help, support, and commitment of members like you, we would not be able to function. But sometimes we look to those who have been intrinsic to the working of the organization and say, "I can't do what they do." Or (less often), "No one else can do (or wants to do) what I do."

As Morgan Freeman says in the movie 'Along Came a Spider': "You

do what you are." We don't volunteer like each other nor do we work like each other, and however crucial we (or other people) think we are, there will be a time for change. But that is exactly when we as an organization should support each other, allow for transitions, and allow new volunteers to make the jobs their own.

On Wednesday, May 23, from noon to 1:00 p.m., we are having our second Volunteer Meet-Up, helping to introduce members to the areas of our program and what every member can do to serve each other. Whether you have an interest in Travel/Study, Curriculum, Events, Marketing or any other aspects of the organization's programs, please come along and bring your experience to help fellow members get the most out of OLLI@UGA. To RSVP for this event, please visit the website and follow the links on the announcement scroller.

It is impossible to underestimate the debt that OLLI@UGA owes all its volunteers over the almost 25 years of its existence. All our members are different, though, and, when one steps down, we need another to step forward but not to do the job the way it was done before, but rather to take it and make it their own. We each may not be indispensable, but we're not dead yet either (thank you, Monty Python), so let's keep finding ways to help this organization achieve even more than it already has.

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and experienced membership. The candidates whose brief biographical statements appear on page 7 have come forward — either of their own volition during the general call to the membership in February or through the efforts of the Nominating Committee members to reach out to active and well-regarded individuals who needed a bit of coaxing — to volunteer their valuable time and manifold talents on behalf of all of us over the next two years. Under their leadership, we are confident that OLLI@UGA will be in good hands and will continue to thrive and develop in the coming years.

I would like to thank the members of the Nominating Committee — Pat McAlexander, Larry Denny, Nancy Grayson, and Andy Horne — whose contributions to the nominating process have been invaluable. Please join us at the Annual Meeting to vote for this slate in the election and show your support and appreciation for these great candidates. Thank you to all our members.

Prior to the business part of the meeting, Garden Director Jennifer Cruse-Sanders will give a talk. Then, after a break for ice cream



State Botanical Garden of Georgia

After the Annual Meeting, members can enjoy the grounds of the State Botanical Garden of Georgia and take a tour.

served by Talmage Terrace and refreshments by the Friends of the Garden, the business part of the OLLI@UGA Annual Meeting will begin at around 2:00 p.m. When the meeting wraps up, you can take advantage of the beautiful setting to visit parts of the Garden for the end of a perfect day in Athens.

Meet the Slate of New OLLI@UGA Officers and Board Members

Here is the list of candidates:

For President-Elect: Chris Jones For Treasurer: Mamie Mierzwak For Secretary: Ann Shumpert

For the five Board of Directors seats: Bill Barstow, Richard Bouldin, Penny Oldfather, Cher Snyder, Barbara Timmons

hosted courses; Family — daughter (Laura Meredith), executive at Coca



Chris Jones graduated from UGA in Journalism and then became a radio news and sports reporter in Athens and Atlanta before a 40-year career in public relations and public affairs. An Accredited Member of the Public Relations Society of America (APR), Chris is a licensed broadcast engineer and a graduate of the Public Affairs Council's Senior Public Affairs Institute. He is an emeritus

member of UGA's Henry Grady College of Journalism Board of Trust and a member of Leadership Georgia Alumni. He and his wife, Toni, a retired teacher, moved to Oconee County in 2015 and have been active members of OLLI@UGA serving as class hosts, class host coordinators, and on the Curriculum committee.



Mamie Mierzwak is currently print media coordinator as part of the Marketing & Communications Committee, and she is also a member of the Finance Committee. She has enjoyed being part of OLLI@UGA and will use her skills to further support the organization by serving as Treasurer. Mamie has a bachelor's degree in Mathematics, as well as a professional background in finance operations and

IT project management. Before moving to Athens in 2016, she was the Finance Administrator for her family's small business, and she served on the Sacramento State Alumni Association Board as the VP of Finance.



Ann Wier Shumpert retired to her hometown of Athens after leaving Fort Lauderdale in 2013. Ann is a graduate of UGA's College of Home Economics and Athens High School, and she has two daughters and one granddaughter. With vast experiences in corporate and small businesses, she has also worked in the non-profit 501(C)3 arena. Both her work experiences and personal interests have provided

the opportunities to visit all 50 states and many points throughout the world. Recognizing the contributions and opportunities OLLI@UGA provides in our community, she looks forward to sharing her experiences and skills as Secretary.



William Barstow received his BS (1958) and MS (1961) degrees from the University of Bridgeport; his MS (1967) and PhD (1973) degrees from Purdue University. He served in the U.S. Army 1958-1960. Bill has been teaching biology at UGA since 1974. He retired as a Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor in 2008 after having taught an estimated 35,000 students. He still

teaches introductory biology part time at UGA. Barstow is a former chair of the UGA Retirement Association and an emeritus member of the UGA Athletic Association. He has taught classes for OLLI@UGA since 2010 and is presently a member of the Luncheon and Curriculum committees.



Richard Bouldin has experience in these areas: University professor of Mathematics, head of Mathematics, Associate Dean of Arts & Sciences, 40 research papers, two text books, Beaver Teaching Award; Church — chaired nine committees including Board of Directors; Community treasurer of Home Owners Association for five years. owned and operated rental property business for 38 years:

OLLI@UGA — chair of Finance Committee for five years, chair of first Budget Committee, chair of Investment Advisory Panel, taught five different courses,

Cola; son (Mark), software engineer at Cox Communications.

Penny Oldfather received her BA (Oberlin College, 1962). an MEd (University of South Dakota, 1977) and a PhD (Claremont Graduate University, 1990). Oldfather retired as professor emerita from UGA's College of Education in 2006. Her longitudinal research addresses students' intrinsic motivations to learn. As an enthusiastic learner herself, she often takes 20 or more OLLI@UGA classes

each semester. Penny chaired the OLLI curriculum committee for two years and is currently working with others on OLLI luncheon planning for Fall 2018/Spring 2019. Penny deeply believes in the importance of OLLI@UGA in the lives of hundreds of 50+ adults in Athens.



Cher Snyder joined the OLLI@UGA community in fall 2017 after nearly 30 years of service with the South Coast Air Quality Management District in Southern California. As Assistant Deputy Executive Officer of Compliance and Enforcement there, she organized and evaluated activities of 150 field and support personnel to ensure that local businesses and industry complied with air

quality regulations; developed and implemented policies and procedures; and represented the agency at public meetings and hearings. A triple UGA graduate and newly "recycled" Athenian, Cher is excited to be of service to OLLI@UGA while pursuing opportunities for lifelong learning.



Barbara Timmons retired in 2012 from Athens-Clarke County Unified Government as the Organizational Development Administrator after 32 years of service. She has served on the Curriculum Committee and currently serves on the OLLI@UGA Board and chairs the Bylaws Committee, Barbara has also been an active community volunteer by serving on various Boards and

Committees. She is married to John Timmons, and they have four children.

Annual Meeting Agenda

Presentation by Jennifer M. Cruse-Sanders, director of State Botanical Garden of Georgia



Welcome by Brenda Hayes, President 2:05

> Approval of minutes (Margaret Pruiett) Closure of election (Brenda Hayes) "State of OLLI@UGA" (Brenda Hayes) Treasurer's report (Victor Gagliano) Executive Director's report (Tim Meehan) Carol J. Fisher Award presentation (Brenda Hayes) Election results for new Officers and Directors Remarks by President-Elect Monte Broaded

3:00 Adjournment and announcement of tours





Going Plant-Based at Heirloom Café: Some members of the Plant-Based Shared Interest Group enjoyed a Saturday evening supper at the Heirloom Café on Chase and Boulevard. Each Saturday evening, the restaurant offers a special plant-based (or vegan) plate as well as vegan hors d'oeuvres and desserts. It's a delicious meal of fine cuisine and a special treat for you or your visitors who might be plant-based. We all ordered the special vegan entree which was a dish of local roasted baby carrots, harukei turnips, broccoli raab, shredded coconut and toasted tamari hazelnuts served over azuki red beans. The special is different every Saturday. — Kate Blane

Silver Dawgs to Become Campus Hosts: Some 25 people gathered April 13 in Sanford Stadium's Presidential Suite with Elizabeth Clark of the Athletic Association to begin training as UGA's first "cordiality corps" of Silver Dawgs. Inspired by all the people who returned from last year's UGA-Notre Dame football game raving about the warm welcome from the Fighting Irish Usher Corps, Bill Barstow (longtime Learning in Retirement and OLLI@UGA member) and Joan Zitzelman (head of OLLI@UGA Travel/Study committee) helped push the concept. — John Albright

Hospit-OLLI-ty

By Julie Cashin-Schneider

The Hospitality Committee is winding down for 2017-18 since our new year begins on July 1. Our final event will be the Annual Meeting on May 11 at Athens' beautiful Botanical Garden, and it will be a combined event with the Friends of Botanical Garden and OLLI@UGA. The guest speaker is Dr. Jennifer Cruse-Sanders, director of the Gardens. Our annual meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will include the election of the slate of officers and Board members for the coming year. Since parking is a distance from the Conservatory, a shuttle will be available for those who wish to use it. Talmage Terrace will provide refreshments.

The Hospitality Committee has planned and hosted the following events this year: Two OLLI@UGA Lifelong Learning Fairs at the Georgia Square Mall (fall and spring), two Beerganzas (fall and spring), Halloween luncheon, Winter Holiday Party, New Year's Eve luncheon, Valentine's luncheon, St. Patrick's luncheon, and the Annual Meeting. The responsibility for the New Member Orientations has been assumed by the Membership Committee with Hospitality helping out on the past five orientations.

We all appreciate so very much the help and support of our spouses on the committee:

John Albright (Lee), Bill Alworth (Lois), Roy Carroll (Diane), Don Schneider (Julie), Tony Dipietro (Linda), Gary Garrett (Lily), Calvin Jackson (Sinclair), Larry King (Iva), Carter Naylor (Heidi), Jay Shinn (Cathi), Don Walton (Nancy), Bob Yorczyk (Bea), Ralph Crown (Jean). Ralph is a member of the committee who not only attends but also helps with everything!



Julie Cashin-Schneider

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon: The luncheon was held at Academia Brewing Company near the Georgia Square Mall. It was a great place to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, with good menu choices including corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, and carrots. The beer choices included their own brews, and they also offered a full bar. Service was timely and servers were efficient, cheerful, polite and accommodating. They wrote down each person's name from our nametags and kept a tab throughout. Several of the Hospitality members and spouses came early to help decorate. We have such a fun committee!

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May 11: Annual Meeting

State Botanical Garden of Georgia

May 15: Final Deadline for Class Proposals

May 17: Travel/Study Trip to CDC

Centers for Disease Control & Fernbank

May 23: Volunteer Meet-Up

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Life as a Potter Harry Hayes

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