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(Susan Walker)

OLLI@UGA's spring classes have started. Will you be in the classroom with people like you who love to learn new things? Check out page 3 to find out about some classes that still have openings.

Winning at the Game of Petanque

By Rob Trevena



(Rob Trevena)

The team from New Braunfels, Texas, and Heidi Davison look on as Ron Wallach shoots in the first day of competition at the 2017 Petanque Amelia Island Open.

The game of petanque (pronounced *pay-tonk*) is a sociable competition, which began in southern France in the early 1900s. It began life for OLLI@UGA last year as a Shared Interest Group (SIG), with members learning how to toss the hollow steel ball (also known as a boule) close to the target. Being an easy and fun game to learn, it fulfills the quest for new knowledge, cultural interests, and sociability that are a crucial part of the OLLI@UGA experience.

This past November, a contingent of supporters and friends from the Petanque SIG cheered for Heidi Davison and Ron Wallach as they competed in the 2017 Petanque Amelia Island Open. The competition took place at the downtown marina in Fernandina Beach, Florida. Heidi and Ron won their bracket after two full days of fierce competition.

This was the 10th Amelia Island

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Chart and comments by John Albright

A Photographic Sampler of OLLI@UGA Classes

Tracy Young taught a class called "Oh, My Aging Brain" that was packed with useful information. Normally, you can find her on the job as an occupational therapist at Piedmont Hospital (formerly Athens Regional). She reminded the class that as we age, our bodies take a hit and so do our brains. For instance, word retrieval takes longer. Biggest takeaways: Get enough sleep and get your hearing checked, because "use it or lose it" applies: If you can't hear well, your brain stops taking in information and begins to lose function. ▶



(John Albright)



(John Albright)

▲ OLLI members on a September walking tour marveled at the long heritage and ongoing modernization of UGA men's and women's intercollegiate facilities. In addition to exploring the nationally renowned Dan Magill Tennis complex, Becky Parker, Tom Bowen, Tony Jones (l-r, above) and a dozen others got inside looks in Stegeman Coliseum, the Foley Field baseball complex, Yoculan Gymnastics Center, and the Butts-Mehre Heritage Hall of Fame Museum.



(Connie Bruce)

▲ Karen Fooks gave an overview of staples used in an Asian Pantry, as well as specialty ingredients and what to do with them, and included a cooking demonstration of basic stir-fry technique.



(Pat McAlexander)

◀ Dr. Laurie Reitsema, assistant professor in UGA's Department of Archeology, showing a model of a tibia bone while teaching an OLLI@UGA course about bioarcheology and the Old Athens Cemetery. The cemetery was uncovered during a 2015 expansion of UGA's Baldwin Hall, built on part of what was Athens' main burial ground before the Civil War.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

What Makes our OLLI Model Tick?

With any organization of more than 1,400 members, inner workings can get pretty complicated. But complicated can also mean interesting – even fascinating!

Early this spring semester, we offered a course entitled “All About OLLI@UGA” which was free to members. Our executive director, Tim Meehan, and I learned about this idea at an OLLI conference, and we shamelessly stole it from the University of South Florida. Actually, they were happy to share. We adapted it to our own needs with the help of our UGA College of Education intern, Kyndall Harper, who is working on her master’s degree in Learning, Leadership and Organization at UGA.



Brenda Hayes

Our Long-Range Plan addresses the need for educating and promoting leadership, so I believe that as we repeat this course it will become an important part of our efforts to get more members involved in leading our membership organization. So much goes on within the inner workings of OLLI@UGA that no one person can be knowledgeable about every detail, or active in every area of our work. This is why our professional staff is so crucial to our success. They provide the continuity and day-to-day operational know-how to keep us functioning.

But we are first and foremost a membership organization, and the more we all know about things like how our finances are put together, how we fit in with UGA, how our courses and Shared Interest Groups are managed and how our Board operates, the better off we will be.

Because we’re human, assumptions are often made about how things work. These assumptions are often false and lead to misrepresentation of OLLI@UGA within the community. Tim, Monte Broaded, and I created this course to help provide information in an organized and transparent fashion to give members the facts they need to understand how OLLI@UGA ticks.

Here are some of the topics we covered in “All About OLLI@UGA”:

1. With 121 OLLIs nationwide, we are one of only five that holds nonprofit status, which makes our way of doing business quite different from the other 115 OLLIs.
2. Our Curriculum Committee has done such a great job that we may be pushing up against the limits of our resources in terms of space and staff. What’s being done to address this?
3. Why do we need to raise money, and what happened when we passed a deficit budget in the past?
4. How our Board and committees operate and what their main functions are.
5. Why lifelong learning is so important to many of us and what literature supports this premise.
6. What we, as individuals and together, can do to support, engage and enrich OLLI@UGA.

Please think about signing up for this course the next time it is offered in the fall. We certainly don’t purport to know everything, but what we do know, we’re happy to share. If you become inspired to lend your hand to OLLI@UGA and bring some fresh ideas to the table, then we will have succeeded.

Brenda Hayes, President



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(Bill Loughner)

The OLLI@UGA Great Books Selections class held its annual Holiday Potluck Lunch at Sandy Creek Nature Center after a spirited discussion of Uncle Tom's Cabin.

In Search of ... Writers for OLLI Times

Have you been thinking about an article you would like to see in OLLI Times — and you think you could write it? We have a need for people who like to write about interesting topics for our membership. You may already have an idea you want to write about or you might like to choose from some suggested story ideas. We would like to have you contribute either way. Please send a note to the editor of OLLI Times, Susan Walker, at swalkerwriter@gmail.com.



Slate of New Officers and Board Nearly Ready for Annual Meeting

OLLI@UGA is a vibrant, thriving organization in large part because of the incredible talent, experience, and energy that our members contribute every day. Through our collective volunteer efforts — and, of course, with the support of the excellent OLLI staff — we offer an amazing array of courses, Shared Interest Groups, and special events for the delight and edification of our members.

The Nominating Committee is in the process of wrapping up its work to find officers and board members for next year. Thank you to all who have taken part in this process, those who suggested fellow names, and those who agreed to be nominated for 2018-2019.

If taking a leadership role in OLLI@UGA is something that you think might interest you, then please consider taking the **All About OLLI@UGA** course next semester (dates will be in the catalog), where you

will find more information about how all the pieces of the organization fit together. If alternatively you think that you would like to find out about more what is happening on the operational committees, then come to our **Volunteer Meet Up** session on May 23 (time to be announced) where we will have representatives from our committees present to showcase their work and to take your questions and ideas. We will publish more details closer to the time.

The Annual Meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia — come and hear about the state of your OLLI and approve the slate of officers and the board for next year.

Thank you to Monte Broaded, our president-elect, and to the members of the Nominating Committee — Nancy Grayson, Andy Horne, Pat McAlexander, and Larry Dendy — for all of their work during this time.

Plant-Based Meal Option Available at Our Luncheons at Trumps Catering

The members of the newly formed Plant-Based Living Shared Interest Group have been meeting for only a couple of months but they have been busy. One of their more recent accomplishments has been working with the luncheon coordinators and OLLI@UGA office staff about offering vegan, or plant-based, options at our luncheon programs. We are pleased to share that, because of those conversations, the Trumps team along with their chef have come up with a variety of meal plans that will ensure that vegans and vegetarians have a solid variety of food options from which to choose. Additionally, everyone will now see a menu at the start of the line showing the entire menu marked item by item stating what is vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free. It is important to stress that this will not change the current buffet line that many of our members already enjoy, but rather it will offer options for all our members.





Tim Meehan

New Happenings at OLLI@UGA and Around Athens

Welcome to our spring semester at OLLI@UGA. We were up and running almost as soon as the New Year parties

were over, with a New Member Orientation and Lifelong Learning Fair. Another orientation will be held on March 23 for any new members who did not make the other ones. We have more than 200 classes during this term covering a wide variety of subjects and topics, both to tease your curiosity and to allow you to go deeper to learn life-changing skills. Special thanks must go to Andy Horne, Sherry Malone, and the whole Curriculum Committee for all the work they put in to create the courses – every single one is created by the members, for the members.

And special welcome and congratulations if you are new to OLLI@UGA and new to Athens. We appreciate having you here, and do let us know if there is anything we can do to help you find your way around our courses and events. Although a lot goes on at OLLI@UGA, there are also many events around Athens that our members will find interesting, whether at the Performing Arts Center, the Willson Center for Humanities & Arts, or the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, to name just a few. We will try to highlight programs of interest in our weekly announcements to members, but please also check our website and especially our Facebook page for details of any upcoming programs. Later in the year, the University of Georgia will host a conference for **a²ru** (which stands for Alliance for the Arts in Research Universities), so be on the lookout for any publicity about special events open to the public during the conference.

We constantly seek new ways to meet the intellectual, social, and cultural needs of our members, whether new or longstanding, and we hope that by collaborating and communicating with the University, we can offer a wider range of activities than we would be able to do alone. This year, we will hold our Annual Meeting in the beautiful surroundings of the State Botanical Garden of Georgia. You can look for more information about it in the next issue of OLLI Times.

Tim Meehan, Executive Director



(Larry Dendy)

Executive Director Tim Meehan, center, and President Brenda Hayes, are shown with Mike Hill, president of the Kiwanis Club of Athens, at a recent club meeting. Tim spoke to the club about OLLI@UGA today and his plans and vision for the future, including increasing

membership, strengthening finances, and enhancing the quality and diversity of classes, Shared Interest Groups and other programming. The Kiwanis Club is an OLLI@UGA sponsor and meets each Tuesday at noon at Talmage Terrace Lanier Gardens, also a major sponsor and supporter. Past OLLI@UGA presidents Tom Kenyon and Mac Rawson are club members as is Richard Anderson, a past president of Learning in Retirement, which preceded OLLI@UGA. The club welcomes OLLI@UGA members who would like to become Kiwanians.

Class Hosts for Spring 2018

“Thank You” to our class hosts that served January, February, March

Alice Harris	Cheryl Copeland	Herb West	Linda Gilbert	Richard Bouldin
Andy Horne	Chris Jones	Jack Lance	Liz Powell	Rosemary Woodel
Annette Bergins	Deanne Wilmoth	Jane Kidd	Mamie Mierzwak	Roy Martin
Babs Kall	Peggy Cole	Jane Prater	Margaret Agner	Sandy Clark
Barbara Armstrong	Connie Crawley	Jim Alberts	Mary Miller	Scott Mason
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Bill Barstow	David Block	Joan Zitzelman	Nancy Grayson	Sue Myhal
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Bob Sedlock	Dianne Gallagher	Karen Menke	Pam Allgood	Susan Dougherty
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Bruce Menke	Dortha Jacobson	Katie Rush	Peg Graham	Tim Meehan
Carolyn Ashley	Elisabeth Hughes	Ken Fienstein	Penny Oldfather	
Carolyn Dees	Fran Beall	Larry Dendy	Peter Balsamo	
Cher Snyder	Ginny Lynch	Linda Dipietro	Regina Stuck	

Want to Host an OLLI@UGA Class?

It's easy to learn how to host a class, thanks to our training sessions. Before each term starts, our class host coordinators run short sessions on how to do the job well with a minimal amount of hassle. For more information on becoming a class host, contact Class Host Coordinators Toni Jones (toniejones57@gmail.com) or Chris Jones (wcjones73@gmail.com).



(Tim Meehan)

Hospitality Committee members checked in hundreds of festive OLLI@UGA members who came out for the Winter Holiday Party, which was held at the Tate Center's Grand Ballroom.



(Harry Hayes)

It was a convivial night of drink and food as those gathered at the Robert Burns Dinner at Flinchum's Phoenix celebrated the great Scottish poet's birthday and cheered for the presentation of the haggis, the traditional Scottish dish that has much to do with the innards of a sheep.

Hospit-OLLI-ty

By Julie Cashin-Schneider

Our committee is busy planning many fun-filled events for you all to attend and to enjoy getting to know some of our really awesome members.

March 17, Saturday — St. Patrick's Day Luncheon at Akademia Brewing Company next to the Georgia Square Mall. Point people are *Lois Alworth* and *Julie Cashin*.

March 23, Friday – New Member Orientation. The third (and final) orientation for this semester will be held from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at River's Crossing building.

April — Beerganza. Date and place to be decided. Point people are *Diane Carroll*, *Iva King*, and *Bea Yorczyk*.

May 11, Friday, 1-3 p.m. — OLLI@UGA Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Event. This year's meeting will be held at the Conservatory/Visitors Center of the State Botanical Garden of Georgia. It will be a joint meeting for members of OLLI@UGA and the Friends of the Garden. Dr. Jennifer Cruse-Sanders, director of the Garden, will speak at 1:00 p.m., followed by the OLLI@UGA Annual Meeting and the election of officers. Talmage Terrace will serve ice cream, and Friends of the Garden will be in attendance and provide liquid refreshments. After the meeting, you can take a tour of the gardens that are beautiful and free!

P.S. We always welcome new members to the Hospitality Committee, and we need your input! We meet at Talmage Terrace the second Monday of each month, 10:00-11:30 a.m., on the fourth floor. Our next meeting is March 12. Call 706-353-6709 for info.



(Chuck Murphy)

Hospitality Committee members at the recent Lifelong Learning Fair.

Fun with Your Grandkids In and Around Athens

This college town offers plenty of out-of-the-ordinary activities

By Susan Walker

Spring break for school-age kids is coming up, and, with any luck, you will get to spend some time with your grandchildren. We all know what we like to do with kids and what we have had fun doing with them in the past, but maybe it's time to try some new activities. Since most of us live near Athens, we can take advantage of the cool activities UGA and the Classic City offer that both grandkids *and* grandparents will like to do.

Connie Bruce taught an OLLI@UGA class last spring on the subject of having fun with grandchildren. She has spent fun times with her grandkids over the years, but she does remember a few misses. As she says, "One thing I've told our grandchildren, 'We go different places and try different things, and sometimes we're disappointed but, more often than not, our new experiences are positive and stimulating.'"

Her favorite memory is of taking her grandchildren to the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine's Open House a few years ago. She signed them up for Teddy Bear Surgery. When her grandchildren

walked into the hospital's operating room, they saw vet students in their white lab coats standing behind 10 steel tables. First, the kids got to go through pre-op, and then the vet students gowned the kids and let them administer the anesthesia. Once the teddy bear surgery began with the kids assisting, Connie's grandson Shane, who was about 10 years old at the time, turned to her and gave the thumbs up.

The Open House is slated for Friday, April 6, this year. Although teddy bear surgery is not on the schedule this time around, you and your grandchildren can tour the veterinary teaching hospital that opened in 2015 and check out other demonstrations. Get more information at vet.uga.edu/open-house.

The favorite fun winter activity for Connie's grandchildren has been ice skating at the Akins Ford Arena at the Classic Center. The rink opens around Thanksgiving, and public ice skating goes through February. Hours are usually 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. with 1-1/2 hours to skate for around \$13. She recommends renting one of the blue plastic



(Connie Bruce)

Great fun! Gracie, age 12, pushing Brooklynn, age 7, on the blue seal around the Classic Center ice rink.

seals for \$5 that the kids can sit on while another one pushes it. "Even the teenagers like the seal," she says. It's also fun to go watch UGA's hockey team, the Ice Dawgs, and to see the Classic Center Ice Show in mid-December. Check out more about Athens on Ice here: classiccenter.com/272/Athens-on-Ice.

Those two ideas are just a few of Connie's excellent tips. Check out the list of ideas she developed for her OLLI@UGA course in the box on page 9.



Larry and Iva King head out on vacation with their grandchildren.

In search of more good ideas on how to have fun with grandchildren, let's turn to some other grandparents among our members:

Iva King: "We do have a lot of fun with our grandchildren. PopL (Larry) enjoys getting the grandkids involved with outside activities. When they were little, he took them on "hikes" around our backyard looking for rocks, flowers, etc. Now they ride their scooters or bikes (with helmets), hit pickleballs on a nearby tennis court, kick soccer balls between cones. One of their favorite activities is playing kickball.

"The grandkids like doing household tasks with Graml (Iva.) Baking cookies is a good way to help kids learn about fractions and reading directions. Four-year-olds can dump a cup of sugar into the bowl and turn the mixer on. By the age of five, they can crack an egg and stir the brownie mix. At six, they can read the directions and do some of the measuring. They also like to design sleeping bags for stuffed animals or capes for themselves and then watch me sew it. They have even learned to sew on buttons by hand. We keep age-appropriate games, toys, and books, too!"

Linda DiPietro: “My one and only grandchild, Jack, is 2-1/2 years old and lives in Athens. I try to keep our playtime simple, and I take cues from him on the type of play he needs at any given time. I find that by getting down on his level, he seems more open to interacting. After taking Connie’s class, I used a huge cardboard box to provide hours of entertainment. I pasted different textured materials to both the inner and outer walls and cut holes and flap-doors on all sides. I also cut one large opening to permit him to crawl inside the big box.”



(Tony DiPietro)

Linda with grandson Jack having a ball together.

Jack Lance: “Glenda and I look forward to spending more time with our eight grandchildren who live in Athens now that we have just moved here. In 2017, we took our entire family, including the eight grandchildren, to lunch at the Varsity and a UGA gymnastics meet on an enjoyable Sunday afternoon. We hope to attend more UGA athletic events and take them to Ramsey on the weekends.

“My wife has found Bear Hollow Zoo to be a fun place to take the grandchildren when they visit. We have also enjoyed running around at the Botanical Garden, visiting the UGA Art Museum and walking across campus and telling our grandchildren things about UGA where Glenda and I, two of our daughters, and two of our sons-in-law attended.”

Keep This List to Use the Next Time Your Grandkids Visit

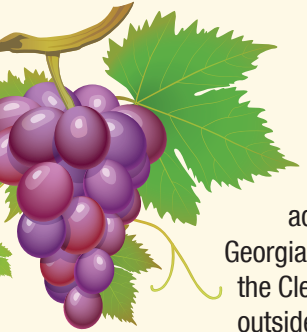
Connie Bruce created this list of places to check for fun things to do with your grandchildren for the OLLI@UGA class she taught. It should come in handy when you are looking for some inspiration — and your grandkids will thank you, too.

- * Athens-Clarke County parks: Memorial Park/Bear Hollow Zoo, Sandy Creek Nature Center, Sandy Creek Park (Lake Chapman beach), Southeast Clarke Park/WOW, Bishop Park, Lyndon House Arts Center, Trail Creek Park (newest splash pad)
- * Athens Regional Library and all county libraries for kids programs
- * UGA sporting events (There’s a lot more than football and basketball. Try baseball, softball, volleyball, soccer, swimming or tennis.)
- * UGA.edu Master Calendar (good place to look up sports and music events)
- * State Botanical Garden of Georgia – Summer outdoors concert series; summer camps for ages 4-12
- * UGA Veterinary School open house in April; 4-H events through Cooperative Extension; annual Block & Bridle rodeo
- * Movie theaters, Morton Theater, Classic Center, ACT, Oconee theater group
- * Ice skating at Classic Center (winter only), roller skating rinks, bowling alley, Pump It Up, Chuck E Cheese, Canopy Studio (trapeze), Rush (trampoline), Active Climbing
- * Home Depot – Kids workshop 1st Saturday of the month
- * Barnes & Noble book store – Storytime
- * “Try Clay” at Good Dirt; Treehouse arts & crafts, Saturday mornings
- * Athens-Clarke County website (www.athensclarkecounty.com). The online Program and Events Guide includes summer day camps, sports camps, minicamps, field trips, day-off school programs, art, recreation, nature/science education, etc.
- * Summer Academy Camps at UGA, k-12 (www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/youth/summer-academy)
- * Georgia Museum of Art – one Saturday per month Family Day
- * Butts-Mehre Heritage Hall Sports Museum – UGA memorabilia, team posters
- * Georgia Museum of Natural History (naturalhistory.uga.edu)
- * Legion Pool – \$3 per with OLLI/UGA ID plus \$5 parking until 4:30 pm
- * Rock Eagle 4H Center (www.rockeagle4h.org) in Eatonton, Ga
- * Oconee County – Parks include Veterans, Herman C. Michael, Heritage, and Harris Shoals; golf driving range; pick fruit at Washington Farms (strawberries, blueberries, pumpkins)
- * Madison County – Broad River Outpost (kayak or canoe); Watson Mill State Park (hike, camp)
- * Jackson County – Hurricane Shoals Park
- * Barrow County – Fort Yargo (yurt or cottage; camp)
- * Banks County – Funopolis, near Tanger Outlet Mall
- * Elbert County: Granite Museum, Georgia Guidestones, Lake Russell State Park (camp)
- * Gainesville – INK: Interactive Neighborhood for Kids
- * Atlanta – Legoland Discovery Center at Phipps Plaza, Georgia Aquarium, Center for Puppetry Arts, Imagine It! (children’s museum – 8 and under), World of Coke, CNN Studio tour, Atlanta Zoo, Cyclorama, Fernbank, Atlanta History Museum, Southeastern Railway Museum
- * Stone Mountain – Laser show, Snow Mountain (reserve online)
- * Gwinnett County – Aquatic centers (mini-water parks); Medieval Times; Ice Forum for ice skating; Coolray Field for Atlanta Braves Triple A baseball

To register for any OLLI@UGA trip, register online at 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.

A Wine Tour Becomes 90th Birthday Trip, Too

By Dindy Owens



On a crisp fall morning late last October, 36 adventurous OLLI@UGA members left for the North Georgia mountains to taste wines at three vineyards in the Cleveland area. Our first stop was at a small bakery outside Cleveland, called Company Bake Shoppe, where they bake their own bread. We had preordered individual sack lunches, which lived up to their good reputation.

On to the first winery, Yonah Mountain Vineyards, in a scenic venue. It is home to the black bear you see in so many photos, including the one with this article. Here we received an unexpected treat when the owner sat down to a piano and hammered out tunes for us to sing to. On we traveled to the second vineyard called Serenity Cellars where we sat outside at tables, in the sunshine, surrounded by hills of wildflowers, to eat our lunches and join in the wine tasting.



(Ted LaMontagne)

The last vineyard, Cottage Vineyards and Winery, was on top of a mountain and gave us a beautiful view of the fall colors. On a nearby hilltop fluttered a flag for each branch of the military services. This trip offered new OLLI@UGA members and veteran OLLI members an opportunity to make friends and enjoy a casual day trip. Little did we know at the time that Carl Hoveland chose to celebrate his 90th birthday by going on the trip!

Dindy Owens takes part in a most "bearable" winery trip.



OLLI @ UGA members visited Bear Creek Reservoir, Oconee River Intake site, Athens-Clarke County Drinking Water Treatment Plant, and, finally, the Athens Clarke County Wastewater Treatment Plant last October to learn in detail the journey water makes to reach our homes for domestic use and then the return journey before the water is released again in a water source to be part of this cycle again.

CDC and Fernbank

Upcoming in May: a travel-study trip to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Fernbank Museum of

Natural History in Atlanta. For more information, please visit our website or watch out for a full itinerary in the next issue of OLLI Times.



(Jean Campbell)

During 2017, members of three SIGS — MahJongg, Pinochle, and Poker — collected \$911.80 to donate to Talmage Terrace/Lanier Gardens. Throughout the year, players donate \$1.00 each week they play with their group. The MahJongg group also collected an additional \$220.00, which was donated to the Clute Barrow Nelson Foundation.



(Chuck Murphy)

Do you like to watch documentaries? Join the Doc Buff SIG, which was represented at the recent Lifelong Learning Fair.



(Connie Bruce)

The OLLI Rocks December program was about the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in A.D. 79, which destroyed the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum. OLLI Rocks is a geology SIG that meets monthly during the 9-month UGA school calendar year in the UGA Geology Building under the leadership of Dr. David Dallmeyer. As you can see from our December 6 study of Mt. Vesuvius, we learn a lot while having fun. In Roman attire, (left to right): Dr. David Dallmeyer, Penny Adams, Dr. Dorinda Dallmeyer, Dindy Owens.

Memoir Writers at the Library

“A story not recorded is lost forever.”

On Sunday, March 4, our Writing Memoir SIG offered a “Voices of Memoir” event at the Appleton Auditorium. This was a time for many of our members to share their wonderful experiences. If you would be interested in joining the group and writing your own memoir, please contact Roger Bailey.

Winning at the Game of Petanque, *Continued from page 1*

Open petanque tournament — and the largest ever — in the United States. Beginners, amateurs, advanced players, and champions all played together in one big two-day tournament. There was a total prize purse of \$10,000 spread over 32 teams with 180 players in competition. Although this was Heidi and Ron’s first tournament, they brought home a share of the purse by defeating five teams in the second day of play!

Petanque’s popularity is on the rise in America. Teams from all over the world competed, including teams from states all across America. The OLLI@UGA Petanque SIG Team and supporters had a wonderful

time in Florida. It certainly helps that the Fernandina Harbor marina, where 88 Petanque courts were laid out for the competition, is a beautiful setting, with shopping, restaurants, and bars in walking distance, not unlike La Ciotat on the French Mediterranean coast, where Petanque originated in 1907. Petanque is an enjoyable social activity that utilizes and develops concentration, strategizing, mindful focus, and body-mind coordination.

To learn more about this SIG, please visit our website or Facebook page (www.facebook.com/boulesathens).



(Shelly Magruder)

Sonnet class members from left to right: Jim Harrington, Jim Marshall, Jim Smith, Julie Cashin-Schneider, Patrick Beall, Jane Armistead, Jack Armistead, Katheryn Musholt, Cher Snyder, Linda Martin, Alexis Winger, John Mize. Not pictured: Elliot Gootman and Simma Rich.

Sonnets: Shakespeare, Wordsworth and Others, taught by Jack Armistead

This class about sonnets took place November 7-16, 2017. In the first class, Jack Armistead went over the form and technique of writing this kind of poem, focusing on different authors and analyzing their technique while explaining the sonnets. The second class focused on Shakespeare's sonnets and the third class on Wordsworth's sonnets. For the fourth class, he invited class members to write a sonnet to share or to bring one that we particularly liked. We all read aloud the sonnets we had written or had chosen for that final class. We were sorry to see the class end, so we went out to lunch afterwards. What a delightful experience!

Jack wrote this sonnet the morning of the final class and read it to us. It certainly describes our fall 2017! Enjoy! — Julie Cashin-Schneider

REMINDER

The Autumn disappointed me this year.
No lively colors led the falling leaves.
I thought they seemed reluctant to appear,
A widow veiled and hiding while she grieves.

And when they finally came, by fits and starts,
The colors barely smiled before they fell,
As if the pressure from their ailing hearts
Were gasping out a sad and grim farewell.

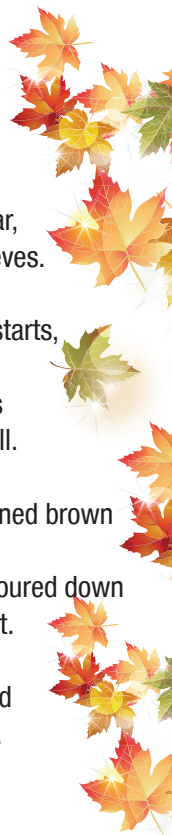
And then without much prelude trees turned brown
And earth below felt brittle to the step
And when the weeping, shrouding rain poured down
The cheerless town a cloistered vigil kept.

Nature sometimes thinks we must be told
That we are mortal and are growing old..

Jack Armistead, November 2017

Have You Got a Favorite Restaurant? We Want Your Mini-Review

Dining out is always more fun when you have a favorite place that knows how to do things right. That's where we can all help one another by sharing our favorite restaurants in and around Athens. We would like to start publishing your suggestions in each issue of OLLI Times. Let us know what makes your favorite restaurant special and why you enjoy going there. Keep it short — 300 to 500 words — and send your piece along with a photo of you and yours at the restaurant to OLLI Times editor Susan Walker at swalkerwriter@gmail.com. should accompany the review. Deadline for your mini-review to appear in the March-April issue is March 16, 2018.



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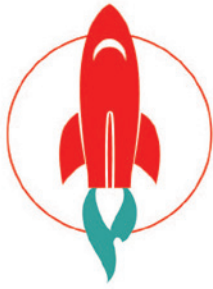
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