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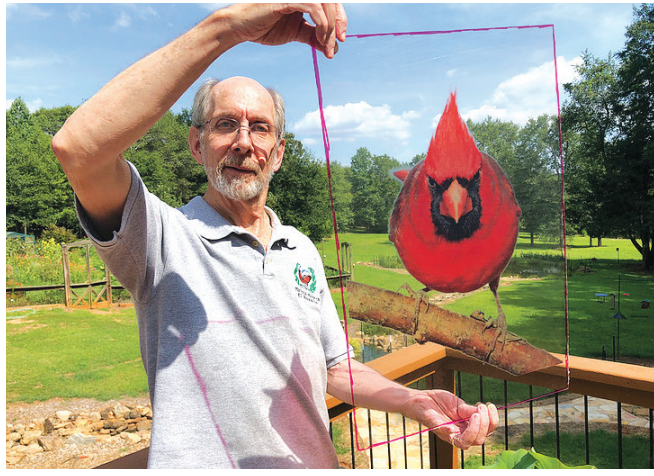
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Winner: A Bird-themed Proposal For a New Bus Stop in Athens

Chuck Murphy learned in November that he and his artist colleague Bob Clements won a bid to build a bird-themed bus stop in Athens. Here is an excerpt from the blog he started on the project:

“As you may have heard, a buddy (world-famous artist Bob Clements) and I won a ‘Call for Art’ competition to design and build an artsy bus shelter for the Athens-Clarke County Transit Authority. We’re just kicking off the project. Over the

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Chuck Murphy

Chuck Murphy holds an example of the transparent Lexan material that will be used for the new bus stop.

It's a New Year: Time to Register for Classes

Registration for Spring 2019 classes begins on January 16 at 10 a.m.

A Tip of the Hat to Our Donors

We appreciate all our donors, both large and small. Your generosity allows this program to flourish. Please see page 7 for a list of our members who donated to OLLI@UGA this year.

SPECIAL REPORT

How to Use the New Registration System

By Tim Meehan, OLLI@UGA Executive Director

A new era is beginning at OLLI@UGA as we have changed registration systems for our upcoming semester and added an online community system for members to communicate with each other. Although the registration system is different from our online community system, which is being hosted by Mighty Networks (see page 11), the Board of Directors believes that the two systems combined will be a big boon for OLLI@UGA moving forward.

We did not take this decision lightly, as we know that change is never easy. Our Annual Membership Survey in 2017 showed that the top frustrations for members were our technology systems and registering for classes online. Our contact expired in October 2018 (which we extended to January 2019), so it was a good time to examine what the organization needed against what was being provided. When we originally signed up for Abila, our previous system, the Board was looking for a way to understand the data provided for us by membership numbers, registration patterns, etc., as well as to provide an online community forum, both of which we did not have.

During the past 12 months, we have looked at different registration providers

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OLLI Activities and Class Catalog

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Memberships and New Year Luncheon will be the only items open December 10
 Host registration will open January 3, General registration will open January 16

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A screen shot showing what OLLI@UGA's new registration page looks like

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A Fond Farewell from Zu Reuter



Zu Reuter

Zu Reuter, OLLI@UGA's staff member who handled member services and technology, took a new job in UGA's College of Education late last year. In recognition and celebration of all the work, warmth, and grace that she brought to OLLI@UGA over the years, members gathered at a reception for her on November 19. The good news is that she has not gone too far away: Her

new office is up on the 4th floor of River's Crossing. Here's an excerpt from the email that Zu sent out to members on November 2:

As I think back to so many memories and moments, I thought I would leave you all my own well wishes. Mostly, I wish that you could see the world as I do from my "corner office with a view." I wish you could see...

- The laughs you have with each other after a class
- The excited hellos when you see a familiar face come through the door
- The first day of semester excitement as you collect your parking permit and catch up with friends
- The conversations in the hallway discussing what was just learned
- Lunch/coffee plans that are made right outside my door
- The President, President Elect, Executive Committee, and many volunteers attending meetings – all committed to keeping this organization a great place to be
- The rushing to class when you arrive late
- The lingering in the hallways when you arrive early
- The waves, smiles, and hellos as you pass by my door
- The pop-ins for a quick visit and life update



Tim Meehan

OLLI@UGA members and staff feted Zu as she prepared to take her new job in the College of Education.

- The rushing in and then rushing out to place the parking permit on your car
- Seeing acquaintances become friends who then become family

Everyone's OLLI experience is unique unto their own but the one thing remains is that *it is your OLLI* – you have a voice. Continue to support your leadership and participate in the process. Annual Meetings are a chance to celebrate the accomplishments and meet your new leadership team. Calls for volunteering are important to keep everything moving smoothly. Allow some grace with the new registration and communication systems. Everyone will be learning together. Remember that we cannot fix what we do not know, so it's OK to voice concern.

I may not see you 'round the halls as often, but I hope to see you 'round Athens.

Sincerely, respectfully, gratefully, and always,

Zu

Bird-themed Bus Stop in Athens *(continued from page 1)*



next six to eight months, there's going to be a lot of detail design and engineering, followed by cutting, bending and welding steel, getting it powder-coated (no paint!), and then printing and assembling slabs of plexiglass with bird photos. And finally, assembling and welding the whole thing on a trailer and delivering it to the Transit Authority, which will install it someplace around town.

Here's a night view of the bird-themed bus stop designed by Chuck Murphy and Bob Clements, showing the solar-powered LED safety light. Tim Rogan created the image for the proposal they submitted to the Athens-Clarke County Transit.

"If you want to keep up with how the project is going, this blog is the place! If you would like to be kept in the loop, just go to the blog's Home page at www.bird-bus-stop.com, scroll down and fill in your name and email address. Guarantee: No spam, no more than one update per week, and generally a lot less than that. And you can unsubscribe at any time with a single click."

Hikers Get a Peek at Tallassee Forest

By Karen Porter

No need to travel to north Georgia to see old forests, clear streams, and diverse plants and animals. OLLI class members had the special opportunity to experience a hidden natural gem in Athens on October 20, 2018. Tallassee Forest is a 310-acre tract of county-owned land with exceptional natural environments that include a Legacy Forest, which is more than 80 years old, a bottomland forest free of privet, as well as large canebrakes, clean streams, and a marsh.

A Conservation Easement held by the Oconee River Land Trust protects the environment while allowing nature-based recreation, such as walking, hiking, photography, picnicking, and educational programming. Numerous studies show that experiencing nature has a significant positive effect on mental and physical health and well-being. The area is not open to the public at this time; however, a park plan is being developed and, if funded in SPLOST 2020, will allow public access.



Karen Porter

An OLLI class in the American Holly forest at Tallassee Forest. The hike was led by Dr. Karen Porter, joined by Chris Canalos, GA DNR, and Laura Hall, Land Steward with the Oconee River Land Trust.



Karen Porter

Everyone hung in there and made the 5-mile, 3-hour hike in one piece.



Julie Cashin-Schneider

OLLI@UGA members got the message that ash waste is being dumped in nearby Banks County.

Why Ash Waste Matters to Athens

By Chris Jones

When journalist Dink NeSmith, President of Community Newspapers Inc. of Athens, spoke at a recent OLLI@UGA luncheon, he suggested that the Athens area should pay close attention to coal ash dumping in Banks County, because it could adversely affect the area water supply in the future. NeSmith, who titled his November 29 talk “Kicking Ash and Taking Names,” told of the battle his weekly newspaper in Jesup fought with Republic Services, the nation’s second-largest waste management firm, over the dumping of residue used to fuel coal-fired electric generating plants.

The Press-Sentinel of Jesup covered Republic’s efforts to quietly obtain various federal and state permits to begin dumping up to 10,000 tons a day near. The paper exposed the plan and rallied community opposition, and, three years later, Republic has withdrawn the application for new permits and is renegotiating its 50-year contract with Wayne County that originally contained negligible safety protections.

In NeSmith’s research of the Wayne County issue, he discovered that Waste Management, Inc., the nation’s largest solid waste disposal company, has a similar operation underway in Banks County near Athens. He suggested that citizens research what is going on regarding water projects in the area, follow any permit applications made in conjunction with the facility, and consider contacting local officials for more information and to let them know that people in the community are interested in following the situation.



Julie Cashin-Schneider

Dink NeSmith discussed the battle that his Jesup newspaper fought to get information on how ash was being dumped in Wayne County.

CLASSES

Batty for Bats

Looks like the students had some fun at the *Bats and Batty People*, *Bats of Athens*, *Bats of the World* class in November 2018, taught by Chuck Murphy and Kristen Lear.

Kristen Lear, UGA Ph.D. candidate in Bat Conservation, with specimens of a few of our local bats.



Harry Hayes



Harry Hayes

Chuck Murphy and Kristen Lear, showing off their bat costumes. (You don't have to be batty to teach here, but it helps!)

A Big Thank You to Our Hosts for the Fall-Winter 2018 Semester

Every one of the classes at OLLI@UGA needs a host to help greet the members and introduce the presenter. Thank you to so many of our members who volunteered to be class hosts in the fall semester. You all make everything work better for everyone who takes classes.

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Harry Hayes

Brenda Hayes, dressed up as a Malaysian Flying Fox, demonstrating her six-foot wingspan.

Spanish Food

OLLI@UGA members enjoyed learning more about good food during the "Dining Adventures in Spanish Food & Wine" class taught by local chef Tim Dondero, which was hosted by Cheryl Copeland.



Anne Wells

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

25 Years in Athens and 10 Years as an OLLI: Let's Get Ready to Celebrate

Dear OLLI@UGA Members,

As I reflect on the great things OLLI@UGA has accomplished in 2018 and look ahead to what promises to be a banner year for us in 2019, I am reminded of a saying I learned in my eighth grade Spanish class — *Poco a poco, se va lejos*. (Little by little, one goes far.)

OLLI@UGA has indeed come a long way, little by little. Almost 25 years ago, a small group of dedicated and visionary volunteers created Learning in Retirement. They put together a few classes and worked out the details of membership, communications, finances, classroom space, and technology. The organization grew steadily — perhaps with a few fits and starts — into today's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, or OLLI@UGA.



Monte Broaded



Monte Broaded (left) with Bernard Osher, center, and Tim Meehan at the Osher Lifelong Learning conference in Arizona

Today we have about 1,450 members (several hundred of whom volunteer a great deal of time, energy, and talent) and three full-time staff members. We offer about 220 classes each semester, along with an extensive travel study program, luncheon speakers, and special events. We are enjoying record-breaking class enrollments and participation levels in our activities.

This year, we have reached another threshold in our development. The scale and complexity of our activities have outstripped the capacity of our current paid staff and volunteer leaders to sustain. I am pleased to report to you that at its November meeting, the Board of Directors approved the creation of a new full-time staff position, which we hope to fill early in the new year. This important step will promote the well-being of our excellent staff and help to sustain the morale of our hard-working volunteers.

As you have been hearing, OLLI@UGA has introduced a new and user-friendly system for online registration for classes and renewal of memberships. Please familiarize yourself with the new system in advance of the January 16 opening of registration for spring semester classes. I'd like to express my great appreciation to the Curriculum Committee for putting together an extraordinary set of classes for the spring and to Executive Director Tim Meehan for his efforts to make a smooth and seamless transition to the new registration system.

Looking a bit farther ahead, in the fall of 2019 OLLI@UGA will celebrate the 25th anniversary of our founding (as Learning in Retirement) as well as the 10th anniversary of our first endowment grant from the Osher Foundation. Please let me know if you would like to be part of the planning group for those celebrations. Little by little, we will continue to go far.

With best wishes for the New Year,
Monte Broaded, President



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Donors Help Make OLLI@UGA a Strong and Lively Organization

Thank you to all who donated money to OLLI@UGA in 2018 whose names we publish here. You might wonder why a thriving membership organization like OLLI@UGA needs donations on top of program fees since it has an endowment from the Osher Foundation. But while the endowment meets 25% of our expenditures, it's the money our members donate to OLLI@UGA that helps us to start new projects that interest and excite our members.

Please donate to the Annual Fund if you can. And here's another good way to donate money: The next time you aren't able to take a class you signed up for, rather than asking for a refund, simply donate the class fee. You can think of it as money you had already spent anyway, so why not donate it to OLLI@UGA?



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Thinking of Taking Charge of Your Investments?

Six Classes on How to Become a More Confident Investor

By Warren Flick

Looking for some insights into how to manage your money in retirement? Join me for my series on financial investing, which will explore how you can become more comfortable with making decisions about your investments. Over the course of six classes, you will get a sense of what it's like to take charge of your own financial future.

Many OLLI@UGA members have accumulated investment portfolios through regular saving on the job during their careers. Those investments stayed mostly in the background of life, always present but seldom of day-to-day concern. But now at retirement, when salaries vanish, those same portfolios move front and center in your thinking.

It's at this point that many retirees take a long look at their account statements and realize they need help. You may wonder whether you have enough money to last through retirement. You may sense that periodic withdrawals in combination with low-quality investments and fees from financial advisors can gradually grind down your portfolio and jeopardize your retirement. Still, you may also find financial investing to be arcane and difficult, and you just do not see a suitable path forward.

If any of this story resonates with you — or if you just want to learn about investing — then consider signing up for the six OLLI classes on investing that I will present in February and March 2019. I have come indirectly to the subject of retirement finance, through experience and study in related fields. In my career, I taught, consulted, and wrote about forest economics. Because forestry is a long-term enterprise, many of the models rely on the principles of investing, and that work transfers easily to retirement. I started teaching personal investing



Warren Flick

at OLLI@UGA about five years ago. I manage my own investments, using passive investing, and my family has worked through many common retirement problems.

The classes begin with the basics and end with some ideas on how to become your own financial advisor. Each class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday in the afternoon, and more details are in the Spring 2019 catalog.

Here are the titles:

Investing #1 — What You Need to Know About Investing

Investing #2 — Retirement Investments in Action

Investing #3 — Retirement Withdrawal Strategies

Investing #4 — Annuities

Investing #5 — Working with Financial Professionals

Investing #6 — Becoming Your Own Financial Manager

Taken together, the classes form a small curriculum on investing that takes participants from introductory concepts through taking charge of their own portfolios. All of the classes emphasize how investments can be organized and managed to serve common retirement goals. I will emphasize passive investing, which I will compare to active investing. Class members will learn to manage investment risks, asset allocations, investment costs, rebalancing their portfolios, and more. Although I teach the classes in sequence, you do not have to attend all of them. You may take one or two, or all six, depending on your interests.

These classes are not an advanced course on technical or fundamental analysis, nor do they include discussions of derivatives (such as options, futures, and mortgage-backed securities), junk bonds, private equity, hedge funds, or other complex investments. Also, I do not emphasize tax considerations, although I do point out obvious tax implications. Instead, the classes are aimed at people with a beginning to intermediate level of knowledge about investing. I use mutual funds or exchange-traded funds as investment examples. I also ask class members to share what they have learned along the way with their own personal investing. That helps ensure the best knowledge ends up before the class, and it keeps the classes relevant.



It was a beautiful autumn day for the wine tour to three wineries in North Georgia last November. Cindy Karp enjoyed both the wine and taking photos of the trip.

Cindy Karp

How to Use the New Online Registration System

Accessing the Registration Site

Go to olli.uga.edu. Select the Red Button for OLLI@UGA Members in the top right-hand corner.

On the Registration Site

You will need to sign in to your account using the Sign-In link under the main banner. If you are not signed in, you will not be able to add items to your cart. Membership is open for purchase.

You will be able to view classes for the Spring Semester 2019 ahead of opening at 10 a.m. on Wednesday January 16. Take some time to browse all the classes, you might find something you missed in the catalog!

Current Members

If you are a current member, you will have received two emails on December 10: one with your new username and one with a temporary password. If you have not received this email, please contact the office at (706) 542-7715.

Once you log on, you will be asked to update your username and password.

If your membership expires on June 30, 2019, then you will be able to add items straight to your cart.

If your membership expired on December 31, then you will need to add a membership to your cart before you can select any of the classes. We strongly suggest that you do this before class registration opens.

If you do not know whether you are a July or January member, then sign in and check the My Membership tab.

New Members

If you are not currently a member, then create a new account following the instructions on screen.

We strongly suggest that you go ahead and purchase a membership so that you will be ready to add classes when class registration opens.

Adding Classes

Classes are listed alphabetically and by category. You can see how many spaces are still available in the class before you register.

To select a class, click the “Add to cart” button. This will take you through to your shopping cart.

Preview your cart and return to classes by using the back button.

If a class is full, you can add yourself to the waitlist by selecting the “Add to Waitlist button.”

Checking Out

Once you have registered for all the classes you wish to take, you can proceed through the checkout process. You will be able to return to add classes and events at any point using the same instructions.

Need help? Call the OLLI@UGA office at 706-542-7715.

New Registration System

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(including those who serve other OLLIs and Lifelong Learning Programs) to see what they could offer our membership. Various stakeholder groups and members had a hand in the process, and we are grateful for all the member input we received. A special note of thanks goes to Zu Reuter for organizing all of the beta group testing.

The new registration system is designed to be much more user-friendly, with easy ways to find and select membership, courses, travel, and social events, using the same process no matter what you wish to purchase. It is also designed to be used on mobile phones and tablets, so we expect that it will improve the overall member experience.

The new registration system went live on December 10, so you are now able to access

the site in advance of general registration, which begins on January 16, 2019. We do strongly suggest that you visit the site ahead of time, especially to try out your username, change your temporary password, and read through the registration instructions. These instructions also appear above in this issue of OLLI Times as well as in the Catalog, and they are also available online on our website. By this time, you should have received two separate emails from us, one with your new username and one with your temporary password. If you do not believe that you have seen these emails, then please check your junk folders or give the office a call and we will provide you with the information.

Just a note on hosting. Although host registration opened on January 2, recruiters and members of the Curriculum committee got first refusal as we try to have those already confirmed before we open up — after all, if you have put your time and energy into recruiting a course, would you not want

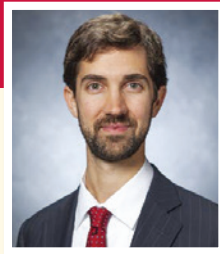
to guarantee that you can participate in it? However, this is the only time that anyone can register in advance. From the longest-standing members to the leadership to new members, everybody registers starting Wednesday, January 16.

We feel that the results of this new registration system will be well worthwhile, and we thank everyone for your input every step of the way. If you have any questions about any registration process, please do not hesitate to call the office at (706) 542-7715.

Next issue:

Send your photos or write-ups for next issue of OLLI Times to the editor, Susan Walker, at swalkerwriter@gmail.com. Deadline is Friday, February 1. Thank You!

Hard Work in 2018 Prepared Us for a Great 2019



Tim Meehan

It has been very much the end of an era with Zu Reuter leaving us this semester to move upstairs in the River's Crossing building for her new job with the Lifelong Learning Education and Policy Department. She enjoyed a wonderful send-off with so many members attending her farewell party on November 17, and she also appreciated all the best wishes she received in the office. OLLI@UGA has transformed so much over Zu's time here (8 years), during which we have grown from 500 to 1,500 members and it is only right that she should be so remembered.

We have been searching for a new staff member, and we hope that we will be able to introduce the "new Zu" early in the New Year. (And, actually, maybe two new hires, thanks to the decision of the Board of Directors to add another position in light of the workload carried by our current staff.) We will also be saying goodbye to our student worker, Katie Shivers, who is majoring in Advertising and Social Work. Katie has been a wonderful addition to the team, especially with the class reminders and feedback, and we wish her well. We will be welcoming a new student helper in the New Year.

It has been a busy and wonderful year, with more members than ever taking the wide variety of classes thanks to the sterling work of the Curriculum Committee. We have had some wonderful experiences outside of Athens due to the diligence of the Travel Study Committee. And we have enjoyed each other's company at the social events so beautifully organized by the Hospitality Committee. But those are just the tip of the iceberg compared with all the work accomplished by so many of the other committees, members, presenters, and our cohort of volunteers. It is difficult to say how much our members and volunteers mean to this organization, and I am sorry that I cannot mention you all by name.

We have been working very hard to ensure that the new registration system enhances our members' online experience, so please take some time to read all the information and registration guides that we send out. That will ensure smoother sailing when you register for classes in January.

I wish you all Happy New Year and look forward to welcoming you back to River's Crossing for the new semester.



Tim Meehan

New baby arrival

Welcome new baby **Connor Booth Meehan** to Tim Meehan and his wife Kathleen. He was born in early December 2018 and joins big sister and brother.

Chasing Coral Wins Three Awards

Jim Porter, who has been a member of OLLI@UGA since 2009, had a banner year with the film *Chasing Coral* for which he served as chief scientific officer and also as a cast member. The film won a trifecta of awards, starting with the Audience Award at Sundance Festival and then an award from the Peabody Awards committee as well as from the National Academy of Television Arts and Science.



Karen and Jim Porter at the Peabody Awards Ceremony

Chasing Coral features a series of underwater photographs taken by Porter that provide a before and after glimpse of the coral reefs of Discovery Bay in Jamaica. "It's the kind of incontrovertible, visually arresting evidence that grabs a viewer's attention and never let's go," Porter says. "More than anything else, I wanted to get the word out about the importance of the climate crisis and our need to act now to prevent further catastrophe. The red-carpet reception this film has received tells me it has done that!"

Here are the two citations:

Award Citation for *Chasing Coral* from the Peabody Awards Committee, 77th Annual Award Winner Ceremony, May 19, 2018, New York, NY

Climate change is often described as a slow-moving catastrophe, a serious but distant threat. *Chasing Coral*, a Netflix documentary, upends that comfortable premise. As waters warm, coral reefs starve, with massive bleaching events occurring at record pace unseen beneath the waves. Approximately 90 percent of coral reefs may be lost over the coming decades. *Chasing Coral* dramatically illuminates this ongoing disaster, first immersing the audience in the gorgeous and diverse marine world that is the Great Barrier Reef, and then documenting – using underwater time-lapse cameras invented specifically for the project – how vast swaths of it die.

The emotional impact is heightened by watching a team of passionate and idealistic young assistants witness the bleaching event, which suggests nothing less than a kind of underwater holocaust. Somehow, in spite of the scope of the tragedy, the documentary nevertheless remains hopeful, calling for engagement and urging action. With stunning impact and breathtaking beauty, *Chasing Coral* tells a story that matters. For bringing climate change and its deadly consequences into sharp focus, *Chasing Coral* wins a Peabody Award.

Award Citation from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, 39th Annual Award Ceremony, October 1, 2018, New York, NY

Chasing Coral taps into the collective will and wisdom of an ad man, a self-proclaimed coral nerd, top-notch camera designers, and renowned marine biologists as they invent the first time-lapse camera to record coral bleaching events as they happen. For this, *Chasing Coral* and its science team win the 2017 National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Emmy for Best Nature Documentary.

Mighty Networks Now Serves OLLI@UGA



Members Who Want to Connect

By Tim Meehan

This January, we have transferred all our communications from Abila/Memberfuse to the Mighty Networks community system. If you haven't signed up, now would be a good time — you can read detailed instructions here.

Mighty Networks for Communication

- In order for you to continue receiving information from the OLLI@UGA office and to communicate with SIGs or committees to which you belong, you will need to sign up for Mighty Networks using your email address as your username. You will be asked to create a password during the sign-in process. The password you create for Mighty Networks should be different from the one you use for class registration.

- Instructions for signing up for Mighty Networks are available at <http://olli.uga.edu/olli-techknowledgy/>. If you have any questions or need help with the sign-in process, Cher Snyder (cher.snyder.phd@gmail.com; 909-490-5400) is available by email, phone, or text to help. Please be sure to sign up for Mighty Networks as soon as possible.
- You may also sign up for a Mighty Networks class on our website. New class dates will be added each week through the end of January, so be sure to check periodically for dates and times that are convenient for you to attend. All classes are held in Room 143 at River's Crossing.

This new software system and the new CampusCE class registration site (see page 9) were selected to enhance your online member experience in OLLI@UGA. We recognize that there will be a learning curve while you become familiar with our new communication and registration systems, but we also believe that you will benefit substantially from both in a very short period of time.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact the OLLI office, either on 706-542-7715 or olli@uga.edu.

Hospit-OLLI-ty

By Julie Cashin-Schneider

As we begin a new year, the Hospitality Committee is planning future events for you to become involved in. Not only will there be awesome classes to choose from and great Shared Interest Groups to join in 2019 but also events to celebrate holidays and break bread together, as well as opportunities to learn about all of the different ways to get involved and increase your friendships. Our Hospitality co-chairs are now Linda DiPietro and Sue Flemming, and I will continue to write this column to help get the word out about all the fun events you can come to.

We started a new method of paying in advance for luncheons with the **New Year's Eve Luncheon on Monday, December 31**, at Porterhouse Grill. The price for various entrée choices was \$16, which members paid to OLLI@UGA. We have had the New Year's luncheon at Porterhouse for several years, and the menu, food, and service are always top-notch!

The popular **OLLI@UGA Lifelong Learning Fair will take place Friday, January 25, 2019**, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Georgia Square Mall on Atlanta Highway, right across from Belk upstairs. New members and long-time members will all enjoy this great event. Representatives from all of the Shared Interests Groups as well as OLLI@UGA Committees and staff will be there to answer any questions you may have. Snacks will be furnished by one of our sponsors, Talmage Terrace. Bring

friends who want to know more about OLLI@UGA, and they can even join as a member at the Fair. Don't miss it!



Julie Cashin-Schneider

The Halloween luncheon was a blast with a Roaring '20s theme.

Do you enjoy planning parties and are interested in coming to a meeting of the Hospitality Committee? We meet the **second Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at Talmage Terrace** on the 4th floor. Let Linda know you plan to be there, and she will arrange for someone to meet you in the lobby to take you up to the meeting room. You can email her at tandldptro@aol.com.



Jack Hagerman

Jack Hagerman has organized the Splashdown Shared Interest Group (SIG) for people who like to kayak or canoe. The group had a beautiful day out on the waters of Lake Chapman on September 8, 2018. If you would like to join the SIG or learn more about it, check out the information on our Mighty Networks website at olli-uga.mn.co.

OLLI Rocks Schedule Spring Semester 2019

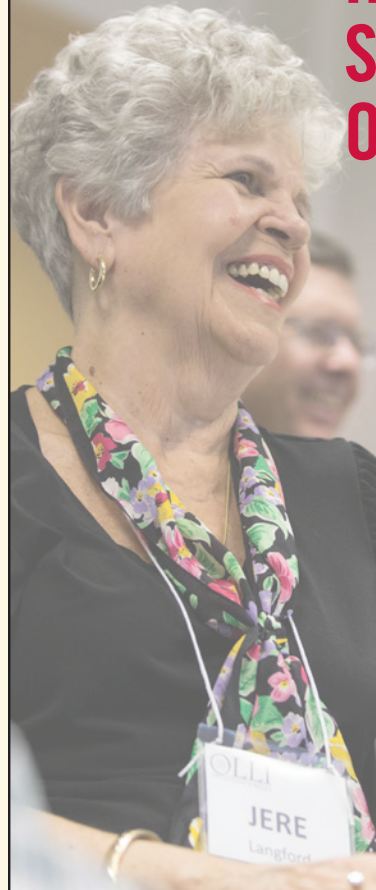
This semester, Dr. David Dallmeyer will continue giving presentations for the OLLI Rocks Shared Interest Group (SIG) on the theme of “Geological Catastrophes on Earth.” SIG members will examine the globally devastating effects of volcanic eruptions and associated tsunamis. Meetings are on Wednesdays, starting at 4:00 p.m. in the River’s Crossing Building.

- **January 9, 2019:** Eruption of Mount Toba, Sumatra 74,000 Years Ago: Did Humans Nearly Disappear?

Suggested Reading: *When Humans Nearly Vanished: The Catastrophic Eruption of the Toba Volcano* by Donald R. Prothero

- **February 6:** The 1995-1999 Eruption of Soufrière Hills Volcano on the Caribbean Island of Montserrat
- **March 6:** The 1980 Eruption of Mount St. Helens: America’s Most Studied Volcano
- **April 3:** Eruptions of the Yellowstone Mega Volcano: What Is Its Future?

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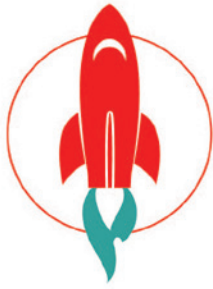
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January 16: General Registration Opens

January 21: OLLI Office closed (MLK)

January 25: Lifelong Learning Fair

at Georgia Square Mall, 1-3 p.m.

January 30: New Member Orientation (time TBD)

February 5: Classes Begin

February 14: Valentine's Day Luncheon

May 15: Class proposals due

May 17: Annual Meeting at the State Botanical Garden



Fused Glass Art: Nov 1 2017 (Harry Hayes)