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Then-OLLI President Bill Alworth, left, honors Ron Cervero, right, at 2013 annual meeting.

Transformative Partnership: How LIR and Ron Cervero Brought OLLI to UGA

by Amy Munnell

"I think most adults are curious [and] interested in continuing to learn," Dr. Ron Cervero said when asked about the appeal of lifelong learning in a recent phone interview. "It's part of our makeup of being human that we want to know what's going on, what's new [and] what we don't know about, we want to learn about."

Ron crossed paths with Learning in Retirement (LIR) in 2001 when the organization was looking for more space to accommodate its growing membership and course schedule. He was then the head of the Department of Adult Education in the University of Georgia College of Education. In addition to providing classroom space, the department also offered other support including a graduate student assigned part-time in 2004 from the Department of Lifelong Education, Administration and Policy (LEAP). It was an ideal match.

The LIR board of directors recognized that the organization needed to build a capital base to assure its financial stability. They believed the Bernard Osher Foundation and its grant program to be the answer, but they needed a partner. They went to Ron, who in 2008 was the head of LEAP, and explained that to receive an Osher grant, LIR had to be affiliated

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HELP WANTED: OLLI Curriculum Committee Needs You

by Larry Dendy

Andy Horne knows someone who's an expert on textile fibers. Sherry Malone has a friend who gives advice on skin care after age 50. Bill Barstow is an authority on the theory of evolution.

All three are members of the OLLI Curriculum Committee, and they've used their contacts and expertise to recruit some 30 of the more than 200 classes being offered this semester—and they're already deep into planning for spring 2020 semester.

Curriculum Committee members look for people who are experts on a particular subject or who have an engaging personal story to tell, then persuade those people to prepare and present a class. Lining up 200-plus qualified and willing instructors every six months can be challenging and that's why committee co-chairs Renny Barnes and Bob Yorzcyk are putting out a help-wanted plea.

"The opportunity to take interesting, informative classes from knowledgeable,

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How to Find Available Classes

Did you know you can register for an OLLI class up until it starts? You can! It is easy to find available classes any time during the semester.

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- 5) The Fall Course List notes full and waitlisted classes by italicizing their names. All others have seats available!

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with a university that would manage the grant monies. LIR would also have to change its name and its bylaws.

The proposed changes didn't sit well with some members. Questions raised included:

- LIR was working fine so why change it?
- Why did LIR have to change its name?
- Would LIR be under the university's control?
- Whose money would it be – LIR's or UGA's?

"There's always resistance to change, but I feel that the leadership did an excellent job explaining the process to the members," Ron

said, adding that the membership voted and ultimately supported the change. "We all had to agree to it. The College of Education agreed to it. We thought it was a great opportunity to support the group."

In the fall of 2008, LIR applied for its first Osher Foundation grant and received \$100,000 the following February, officially becoming the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Georgia (OLLI@UGA). The grant was renewed in 2009 and OLLI@UGA a few years later met the criteria twice (in 2011 and 2013) for \$1,000,000 endowments from the Osher Foundation.

"It was a vote of confidence from the foundation," Ron said of the second endowment. "It said to OLLI, and to the world really, that OLLI@UGA is going to be here forever and we want to invest in that."

That investment has paid off. Athens has been named to "Best Cities for Retirees" lists in several magazines including *Forbes*

and *Southern Living*, and OLLI@UGA is often a key factor in the city's selection. Ron is not surprised.

"I think OLLI@UGA was always a positive factor in these rankings because of the wonderful opportunities for learning and social networking that people new to Athens could easily join," he said. "They would have a welcoming community of people with shared interests who have created and sustained a vibrant organization."

Partners in Progress

As OLLI@UGA celebrates a milestone, we want to take time to spotlight one of the many organizations that have contributed to our success: Wesley Woods.

"We truly appreciate and value our long-standing partnership with OLLI@UGA," says Melissa Cordell, marketing manager for Wesley Woods (also known as Lanier Gardens and Talmage Terrace). Wesley Woods Senior Living is a not-for-profit that owns and operates 10 communities across Georgia and was founded in 1953 through the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Athens community opened in 1973.

The partnership goes back a long time and through the years its growth has benefited both organizations. Currently, Wesley Woods caters OLLI luncheons on- and off-site, provides refreshments for the annual meeting and Lifelong Learning Fairs, and hosts some on-site OLLI membership drive events. The meeting space provided at Wesley Woods helps OLLI expand its wide range of classes and activities, with at least 15-20 monthly activities held there.

Supporting OLLI@UGA is a goal that was near and dear to Ann Josey, former marketing manager who passed away in May. "Ann recognized that the partnership is very much in line with our mission to create communities of connection, well-being and promise. We are able to help both our residents and the broader community remain engaged and active in learning and growing," explains Cordell.



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Notable Moments in LIR & OLLI@UGA History

January 1994	The Georgia Center for Continuing Education decides to sponsor Learning in Retirement.
July 1994	After meticulous planning an open meeting is held for the Athens community.
September 1994	With 100 members and a few classes, LIR is off the ground.
1995-2000	LIR flourishes with dozens of classes, many trips and interest groups.
2000-2001	A transition year, moving away from the Georgia Center.
2001-2002	The Gerontology Center and the Institute for Higher Education are LIR's new sponsors. Classes at Rivers Crossing!
2002	A new name: Learning In Retirement, Inc. is now an independent non-profit organization
2004	LIR celebrates 10 years and gets a new sponsor: The College of Education Dept. of Lifelong Education, Administration and Policy.
2005	300+ members and over 30 courses offered, most are multi-session.
2009	A \$100,000 grant from the Osher Foundation, two more follow
2010	LIR gets a new name: OLLI@UGA, The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Georgia
2011	OLLI's first staff member: Katy Crapo, Executive Director.
2011	OLLI receives a \$1,000,000 grant from the Osher Foundation
2013	OLLI sponsors the 2013 Southern Conference for Lifelong Learning
2013	OLLI celebrates 20 years since the founding of LIR
2014	The Osher Foundation gives OLLI another \$1,000,000 grant.
2015	1400+ members, 300+ classes offered!
2016	Tim Meehan is the new Executive Director.
2019	OLLI celebrates 25th Anniversary of LIR/OLLI@UGA

Check out this video of LIR in 1999 from the UGA Library Archives!

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Welcome to Our 2019/2020 Year!

I am honored to be your president and look forward to working with you this milestone year as we celebrate our 25th year as the Learning in Retirement organization and 10th year as a member of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute network. At this special time, we applaud the vision and efforts of the members who launched the organization in 1994. And we are pleased to be a member of the Osher network and grateful for their grants that enabled expanded programming offerings. You'll see lots more about our celebration throughout the year.



Chris Jones

Also, thank you to outgoing president Monte Broaded and retiring board member Nancy Grayson. On behalf of the entire membership, we appreciate your leadership and service to OLLI@UGA. We also thank Don Schneider who has completed his term as parliamentarian.

It is a pleasure to welcome three members to the Board of Directors. Cher Snyder is our president-elect and Susan Dougherty and Victor Gagliano are joining the board. They will be outstanding assets to OLLI@UGA.

This past year, my role was to learn all about OLLI@UGA while serving as president-elect. I attended at least one of every committee meeting and joined a SIG group. I met many members and came away with an appreciation for their dedication and interest in the organization. I also met our committee leaders and see that they are our organization's life blood. I gained a new appreciation for the tireless efforts of our staff, which works hard to support our members and keep the organization running smoothly.

Financially, we have a balanced budget projected for FY 2020. Preliminary operating results for last year, subject to some adjustment, are positive to budget. Operating revenues exceeded expenses by about \$7,500 and investment income contributed an additional \$8,500. Final results will be published as part of an annual report in the November *OLLI Times*.

Our work plan this year is based on the 2017-2020 Long Range Plan review completed this past February. As a board, we need to establish a vision and goals for our organization and communicate it to our committees to guide their efforts. We need to initiate a conversation about OLLI@UGA's long-term sustainability; encourage and recruit additional members to our committees and leadership posts; and strengthen our outreach efforts to the Athens community. We met in August with our committee leadership to begin the process.

Preliminary results of the 2019 Annual Member Survey have been completed. 438 or almost 30% of our members responded to the survey. Respondents represented a combination of new and longer-standing members who provided underlying data, current satisfaction and ideas for the future.

The survey revealed that, by and large, members are still our best recruiting tool. Most respondents are very satisfied with the curriculum but still see some areas for improvement, and are interested in new possibilities for curriculum. Look for more info on this in the future.

So 2019-2020 is underway. We will build on the foundation developed over the past 25 years as we seek to sustain the organization for our current and future members. I look forward to working with you over the next year.



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WE LIKE OLLI!

By Larry Dendy

That's the resounding sentiment from more than 400 OLLI members in an annual member survey that was conducted in May and June. More than three quarters (79%) of respondents said OLLI "is a good value" and 16% said "probably is a good value"

Members join OLLI mainly to learn, the survey shows, and they're not disappointed. About 67% of respondents listed classes as their favorite thing about OLLI (followed by 23% who chose SIGS). Some 85% took classes during this fiscal year and nearly all of them (93%) were satisfied or extremely satisfied with the curriculum.

Members also like OLLI for opportunities to make friends, travel, volunteer and gain access to local amenities. Overall, 86% of respondents said they're "extremely likely" to renew their membership.

The 438 respondents represent 29% of OLLI's 1,484 members. Most of them (48%) are relative newcomers—members for two years or less—and another 37% have been members for three to seven years.

OLLI is required to be part of the University of Georgia but that connection doesn't drive membership. Almost a third of respondents retired to Athens and have no ties to UGA. About a quarter are UGA alumni and 18% were faculty members. About 16% moved to Athens for family reasons.

Other survey findings:

*Acquiring new skills and knowledge is the most important reason for joining, followed by meeting new people and socializing. Other reasons: access to the UGA Ramsey Center and library, volunteering, and traveling with friends.

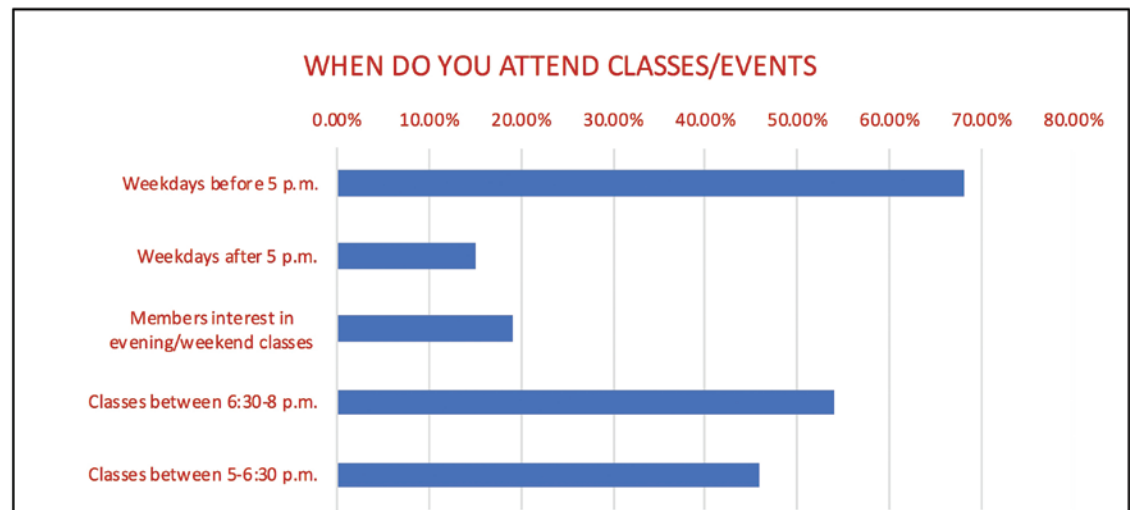
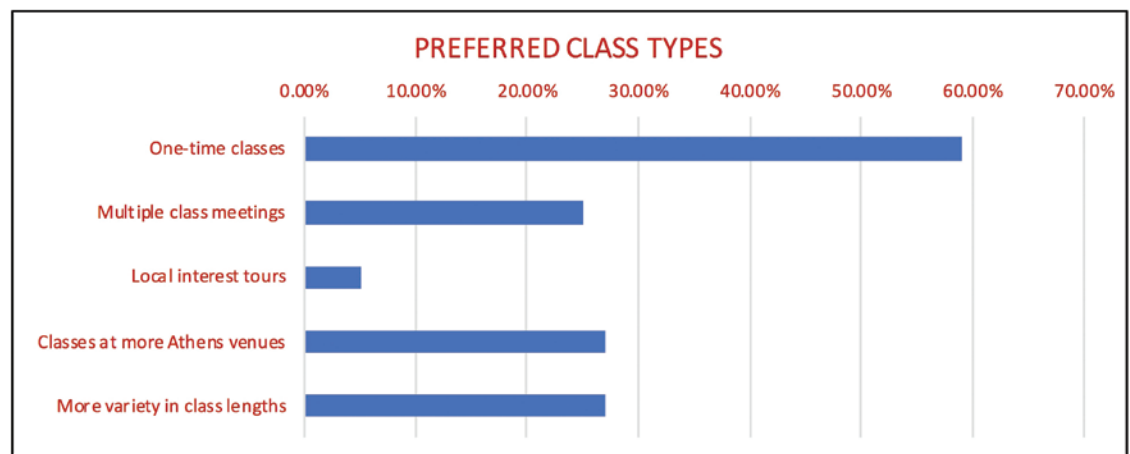
*The best recruiters of new members are current members. About 60% of new members learned about OLLI from current members. The website and newspaper articles and advertisements also attracted new members. After joining, most new members (27%) kept up with OLLI activities through email, followed by the *OLLI Times*, OLLI Communications powered by Mighty Networks, the website and

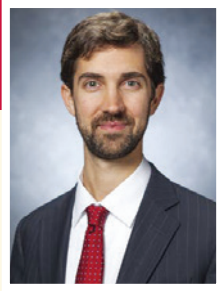
word-of-mouth from other members.

*Members are happy to help OLLI. Almost half of respondents (296) volunteered as a class host, member of the Board of Directors or a committee, SIG leader or for a social activity.

*While a strong majority is happy with classes, respondents did offer suggestions to improve the curriculum: more in-depth, multi-class courses; more computer and technology classes; better access to popular classes that fill up fast; and "political classes that don't stigmatize conservatives."

OLLI Executive Director Tim Meehan thanked members for participating and said the findings will help OLLI plan for the future. "The fact that nearly a third of our members took time to respond and share their experiences and feedback indicates the high level of involvement and support our members have for this organization. We will use the results to evaluate existing programs and operations, and committees will analyze the data for trends and specific ideas on how programs and systems can be improved."





Tim Meehan

Why are We Wait(list)ing?

“Why are we waiting?” It’s the plaintive cry of children everywhere (along with “Are we there yet?”). As we welcome new members and returning members, I wanted to touch on our waitlists and what we do behind the scenes to get you into all the classes you want.

As we start this Fall semester, we are as busy as we have ever been – this means that there are more popular classes with a waitlist than ever. Our Curriculum Committee does a sterling job of recruiting a wide array of high quality classes with more than 240 being offered this semester. Five years ago, we were offering 100 fewer, or 140. Some classes fill up more quickly than others and we have to take various factors into account.

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Smaller enrollment classes are generally the tours, such as the UGA observatory, or classes where large numbers would detract from the overall experience. Lower enrollments are sometimes requested by the presenter in order to be able to facilitate a class discussion – which can become unwieldy with more than 40 people in a room.

The staff are working hard to increase our capacity and a couple of the presenters of the most popular classes this semester have already agreed to teach a second session; when we have finalized dates for those classes we will reach out to those on the waitlist for right of first refusal. These classes include: “10 Beatles Songs”, and the “Okefenokee Swamp.” With other classes, we are looking for a larger room here at River’s Crossing in order to accommodate the larger numbers.

If you are on a waitlist, we will try to reach out to you as soon as we can to let you know what is happening. We move between half and two thirds of the waitlist every semester, so you still have a good chance of getting into the course.

The other reason to waitlist for a class, even if you don’t get in, is to give the Curriculum Committee a good idea of what you, as members, would like to see more of in our curriculum. The committee is always looking for new ideas and new members, so if you have something you would like to offer, please let us know.

Is your favorite class full?

The OLLI Office recommends registering for a class even if there is a waitlist because we are always evaluating enrollment numbers.

If a waitlist continues to grow, we will:

- 1) secure a larger space
- 2) work with a presenter to increase his/her max class size
- 3) work with a presenter to offer an additional session

Once we find a solution, we will contact members on the waitlist, offering them the right of first refusal. Waitlisted members will not be asked for payment until they have a seat in the class.



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OLLI@UGA Represented at Regional Conference

OLLI President Chris Jones, President-Elect Cher Snyder and Office Manager Rachel Magruder attended the Southern Regional Conference for Learning in Retirement (SRCLR) held at UNC-Wilmington July 29-31. The conference, which drew more than 200 attendees from throughout the region, provides an opportunity for networking and learning from others.

The conference included 20 breakout sessions covering various topics and attendees chose the topics most applicable to their organization. Subjects presented included intergenerational learning, volunteer experience, aging, curriculum, fund-raising, and travel study.

Keynote sessions covered broader topics such as how to extend your organization's reach and appeal in your community, and technology offerings. There was also a presentation on the growth of lifelong learning programs.

The OLLI@UGA contingent split up so as to cover as many breakout topics as possible. They attended sessions on growing an OLLI through establishing satellite campuses, sponsorships/fund-raising, volunteer and instructor recognition, registration ideas, university relationships, and curriculum innovation. They plan to establish a folder on the OLLI@UGA website with a joint report and the presentations as a resource for committees.

One thing that became evident quickly is that OLLIs are different. "OLLI@UGA is in a unique space with only five other OLLIs in that we are volunteer-led whereas over 100 are closely tied and actually operated by their university with a volunteer advisory committee," Chris explains.

The 2020 conference is scheduled July 27-29 at Emory University in Atlanta. OLLI@UGA is among several organizations that will co-host. Look for more information on this throughout the year.



Lifelong Learning Fair a Rousing Success!

OLLI@UGA added 60 new people to its membership at the Lifelong Learning Fair at Georgia Square Mall, Friday, August 9. Look at that crowd! Photo by Chuck Murphy

Supper Club Members Enjoy Good Food and Good Friends

by Jean Crown

On June 25th, members of the Supper Club SIG enjoyed another wonderful dinner at the home of Ron and Remae Bridgers. We had a great time laughing and getting to know each other. Supper Club meets about once a month at a member's home. To learn more or to join, go to OLLI Communications. You must be an OLLI member to join any SIG.

Photos by Cindy Karp.

Top photo: (L-R) Regina Stuck, Arlene Williams, Richard Stuck, Ron and Remae Bridgers, Art and Connie Crawley. Photo composite by Jean Crown.



Algonquin Comes to Athens Has Had a Facelift

By Lief Carter

Algonquin Comes to Athens, one of OLLI's many SIGs, has had a facelift. Leaders Lief Carter and Alex Patterson have turned the reins over to Warren French and Peter Rice. They vow to steer Algonquin in some less political directions. All OLLI members from all points of view are welcome to join.

In case you don't know us, Algonquin takes its name and its basic spirit from the famous group of New York characters who gathered to eat and drink and argue at the Algonquin Hotel nearly a century ago. We meet once a month (except in the summer) over beverages to discuss topics of interest (announced in advance).

Peter Rice will be providing Algonquin Comes to Athens details, announcements, and signup instructions on the OLLI Communications site, powered by Mighty Networks.

Coming up in the OLLI Times

- **Annual Report**
- **OLLI's Annual Fund Campaign**
- **Travel news, class photos, and more!**

TRAVEL STUDY

OLLI 2019 Fall Wine Trip

By Virginia "Dindy" Owens

The next OLLI wine-related day trip will be on Thursday, Oct. 31. We will visit three family-owned wineries in the North Georgia mountains near Rabun Gap and Tiger. This is similar to the first trip done in 2016.

The first stop will be to **12 Spies Vineyards** located on 9 acres of sloping land with mountain and valley views from their veranda in Rabun Gap. The name comes from the Biblical story of Moses sending 12 spies to investigate the Promised Land. Their wines have "catchy" names like Holy Moses, Bless Your Heart Muscadine, and Lordy Mercy.

From there we will drive to **Stonewall Creek Vineyards** founded by Carl and Carla Fackler. Their first tasting to the public was in 2011 with two wines named for their daughters-in-law-- Borianna (a white) and Yukare (a rosé). In 2013, they named a red blend Three Eagles, for their Eagle Scout sons. We will have a tasty lunch served on their

outdoor patio, followed by a tasting. They make fabulous chutney from their wines as well.

The third vineyard on our schedule is located on 10 acres of the five-generation farm land belonging to the Ezzard family. They began planting in 1995-96 and produce reds and whites from 100% Georgia-grown grapes in Rabun County. **Tiger Mountain Vineyards** wines have won more than 195 awards and can be found in every major city in Georgia.

All three vineyards focus on growing exceptional grapes and making fine wine. We can take up to 40 on this fun adventure. Come join us. It's the perfect way to enjoy a beautiful fall day, riding in a comfortable coach with friendly seniors to taste local wine, and watch the fall leaf color. Visit the Travel page of the OLLI Web site for details.



Stonewall Creek Vineyards

*The Battles of King's Mountain and Cowpens
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October 31, 2019*



*Tate House: Pretty in Pink Marble
December 3, 2019*



*Biltmore Estate
November 6 & 7, 2019*



Check out more Travel/Study adventures this Fall at olli.uga.edu!

Remembering *Loretta White*

Loretta White, a long-time OLLI member, died Aug. 11. Loretta had an insatiable intellectual curiosity and took many OLLI classes. She also enjoyed joining OLLI friends for lunches, dinners, trips and especially cooking classes with Pairings Food and Wine. Her wide-ranging interests included reading, gardening, travelling, cats, movies, opera, food, wine, yoga, and the arts. She loved to hike in the North Georgia mountains when wildflowers bloomed in the spring. Loretta's many OLLI friends are saddened by her passing but cherish memories of happy times with her.

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Betty Jean Craige recently published the fourth in her series of Witherston mystery novels, *Saxxons in Witherston*. The novel traces the investigation of two related murders, one from 1968 and a current one, as a Ku Klux Klan-like organization threatens the town for being a sanctuary city. Craige gave a presentation on her book at the Athens Barnes and Noble on July 14. Here she is pictured with the audience, which included many OLLI members. Photo by Chuck Murphy.

HELP WANTED: OLLI Curriculum Committee Needs You

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skilled teachers is the main reason people join OLLI, and our committee works hard to make that possible,” says Renny. “But in order to keep the curriculum topical and appealing, we need more help to come up with fresh ideas, identify new resources and recruit the best instructors.”

The committee previously has had as many as 30 active members but that number has dropped in recent years. That’s putting more pressure on remaining members to meet the demanding task of filling each semester’s curriculum goal.

The committee’s work is more organized with the addition of staff member Amanda Nix, who schedules classes, communicates with presenters and puts together each semester’s catalog. But responsibility for coming up with ideas for classes and recruiting instructors remains chiefly with committee members.

“Our members are very dedicated and diligent but 200 classes every six months is a high bar,” says Bob. “We need more folks to help ensure that we continue to

offer many excellent classes and that OLLI continues providing outstanding educational programs for our members.”

The only requirements for being on the committee are a lively curiosity and a knack for recognizing topics that would make good classes. Committee members get ideas for classes from many sources—newspaper and magazine articles, radio and television reports, books, speeches, social media, professional contacts and personal relationships.

Most members, like Andy and Sherry—who both are former committee chairs-- call on friends, colleagues and people they know, though they also make “cold call” requests. Some, like Bill Barstow, not only recruit presenters but also volunteer themselves to teach using their own expertise and experience.

Newcomers to OLLI are especially welcome to the committee because they bring fresh eyes and new ideas. Renny and Bob will pair a newcomer with a veteran committee member who will act as a mentor and guide.

In addition to performing an important service for OLLI, committee members get another perk: first crack at registering for a class they agree to host.

Andy says serving on the committee has been one of his most enjoyable and rewarding OLLI experiences. “After working with other committee members to identify potential presenters, you have the delight of interacting with interesting, knowledgeable members of our community to plan and arrange classes. Reaching out to friends, colleagues and even complete strangers to be presenters not only provides OLLI with great classes but also connects us to the community and creates an expanded appreciation for the wealth of opportunities for learning in our community.”

And, he adds, “It’s fun!”

Anyone who would like to join the committee should contact Renny Barnes (renny@emeawireless.com) or Bob Yorczyk (Bob@yorczyk.org).

Do you have a hidden talent or passion? Is there a subject you always wanted to learn more about?

The Curriculum Committee wants to hear from you!

Proposals & suggestions must be submitted by: OCTOBER 15, 2019

If you want to suggest a class, contact the Curriculum Committee through OLLI Communications or email olli@uga.edu.

If you'd like to teach, check the Get Involved page on our website for "How to Propose a Class" instructions: https://olli.uga.edu/olli-classes/teach_for_olli.php

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Hospit-OLLI-ty

By Julie Cashin

The **OLLI@UGA Lifelong Learning Fair** took place at the Georgia Square Mall on August 9th. Lily Garrett and Jean Crown were the point persons and it was informative and so much fun! We had hundreds of visitors stop by and actually signed up (on the spot) 60 new members! Several people went home with applications as well. Thanks so much to Wesley Woods (formerly Talmage Terrace) for furnishing the snacks and to some of our sponsors and UGA for the give-aways. There were many helpers from our committee and we appreciate the SIG leaders, the staff, committees, officers, and board members who were there to meet and greet.

Now what can we look forward to?

September 26, Thursday, noon to 2:00 p.m. the **OLLI Picnic!** Sue Flemming and Bea Yorzyk are point persons. Our first Picnic was last year and we hosted about 160 people. It will take place at Flinchum's Phoenix again with air-conditioning. There will be delicious bar-b-que with all the trimmings as well as a variety of plant-based food. Water, iced tea and lemonade will be available.

October 30, Wednesday, the **Halloween Dutch Treat Luncheon**. Point persons are Margaret Pruiett and Iris Miracle. It will be held at George's Low Country on Milledge Avenue. Costumes encouraged!

December 31, Tuesday, the **New Year's Eve Dutch Treat Luncheon**. Point persons are Connie Ward and Jean Crown. Location to be announced.

We welcome new members Barbara Lewis, Susan Stephens, and Martha Nicolaidis to the committee. *YOU* are also welcome to join! We meet the second Monday of each month on the fourth floor at Wesley Woods, 10–11:30 a.m. Those who have time go out to lunch together after the meeting!

Email Sue Flemming at flemmism@ptd.net if you are interested in joining us.

OLLI Artist: Cliff Probst

You may have noticed several portraits in the OLLI office by artist Cliff Probst, who has been a member of OLLI@UGA since 2016. He likes to paint people but he didn't pick up a pencil until he was in his late 50's. He had no interest in art. "As a kid I could never color within the lines, but when my wife and I were traveling, I thought it would be fun to carry a sketchbook for architectural details, like the *edicola* on the sides of buildings in Rome. Only I couldn't sketch," he explains.

He signed up for a drawing class at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education taught by local artist Ouida Williams. "I was terrible but it was fun so I kept going. Then, one day using charcoal we were drawing a model and somehow her head suddenly had depth and three dimensions on a flat sheet of paper! It was magic and I was hooked."

Cliff eventually petitioned and was accepted as a UGA Bachelor of Fine Arts candidate in painting and drawing, studying figure drawing and painting with Margaret Morrison. "Of course, I was the oldest in the class by far and the only one who painted without ear phones and an iPod. But it was great fun and I made good friends, a few of whom I'm still in touch with," he says.

Most of the portraits displayed in the OLLI office are people who Cliff knows and who agreed to sit for him, including his daughter, and he has worked from photos. Two of the portraits are oils; the rest are in soft pastel. "It is my favorite medium because of its luminosity and because I get to use my hands."



Chuck Murphy

Cliff Probst poses as his self portrait

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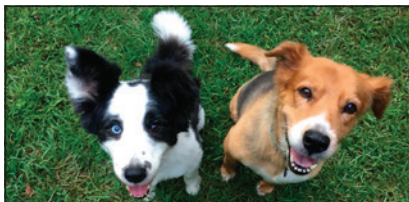


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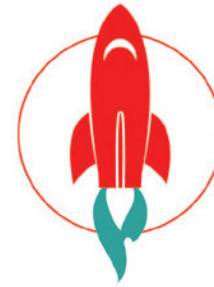
OLLI FLASHBACKS TIME

Do you have a favorite memory of an OLLI experience? A class, a trip or a social outing? Whatever lays happily on your mind, bring that memory to the Membership Picnic, September 26! You can share yours with other OLLI members by posting it on the OLLI Flashbacks Board!

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September 26: *Membership Picnic*

\$16pp, Flinchum's Phoenix, noon-2pm

September 30: (*note new date*) *Cowpens and King's Mountain*

Battlefield Tour

October 3-4: *Theaters: Musical and Military,*

trip to Columbus, Georgia

October 5: *'Prince of Scribes' Pat Conroy Lecture*

2pm, Athens-Clarke County Library, Free

October 30: *Halloween Luncheon*

October 31: *Trip to Northeast Georgia Wineries*

November 6-7: *Christmas Lights at Biltmore*

December 3: *Holiday trip to the Tate House*



New and current members discovering OLLI at the Lifelong Learning Fair (Chuck Murphy)