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ANNUAL FUND DRIVE 2021-2022

by *Tim Meehan & Roy Martin*

We can look back on all the uncertainty and disruption of the last eighteen months and worry that the world will never be the same. Or we can take this as an opportunity to look forward to being able to offer a range of OLLI programs to meet current and future members wherever they are.

We were excited to be able to return to in-person programs at the beginning of our Late Fall Term. We continue to offer an extensive slate of classes on Zoom for those who prefer the convenience that engaging in learning from home can bring.

With Shared Interest Groups beginning to meet in person again, social events planned for later in the fall, and the Travel Study Committee considering opportunities for 2022, we are looking forward to offering a full slate of programs, with more participation options, by the end of the fiscal year. Many of the committees are working hard for different ways of engaging the membership.

These opportunities will need resources and this is why we are asking for your support for this year's Annual Fund Drive. Having more financial resources will help us support the good foundations that we are laying. The more members who contribute, the better OLLI will be able to support more of these initiatives.

Anything you are able to give will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made at bit.ly/OLLI2021.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By *Dawn Torcivia*



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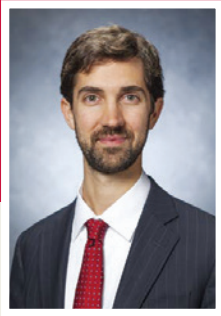
Fall is my favorite time of year: invigorating cooler temperatures, vivid and vibrant colors, the pumpkin smells of autumn, football, and the holidays. As Thanksgiving approaches, I am reminded of how much we have to be thankful for, especially after our experiences over the past few years. The challenges from COVID-19 have been a reminder that we

should treasure our time with friends and family and not take them for granted.

Though it hasn't been easy, OLLI @ UGA has been able to weather the storm from the pandemic through your support – whether it be by virtually attending classes, SIGs, and social events, by volunteering on committees, or through your financial donations. November is the start of our Annual Fund Drive, and your contribution is important to allow OLLI to continue offering learning opportunities as well as social events.

We were excited to open in-person classes beginning in mid-October. While some members are still reluctant to meet in-person, many others are ready to return to classes at River's Crossing. As we slowly add in-person classes (as well as some social events and SIGs), we thank you for wearing your mask to protect the health and safety of your fellow OLLI members, staff, and instructors. We want everyone to feel safe as they return to campus. And please remember that the OLLI @ UGA community becomes safer and stronger with every person who is vaccinated against COVID-19. Thank you for caring about OLLI @ UGA and your fellow members and staff.





FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tim Meehan

We are very excited to be welcoming members back on site. It has been a long time coming, but we wanted to be sure that we could chart a course that would allow us to move forward consistently, rather than having to oscillate between having classes in person and purely online.

Our plans do not stop there, however. Thanks to a suggestion by Denny Beresford, OLLI@UGA plans to offer some recordings of classes made during the year. Ryan and the staff have contributed ideas to a “Staff Picks” list – a list of 12-15 classes which were well received, and well suited to this format.

Registration for recorded classes term will open on December 20 and run to the middle of January. The recordings will be available until the end of January. A full list of included classes will be published at the beginning of December online so look out for more information via email.

So whether you want to revisit classes that you really enjoyed, or maybe try something new that you heard was good from a fellow OLLI member, we will offer something to keep you entertained over the dark cold days of winter before our Spring Classes start on February 6.

I hope that all our members are staying safe and well as we keep looking for different ways to keep everyone engaged throughout the year. Please remind your friends that we are now back in person, and we will always welcome new members.

SHARED INTEREST GROUPS

By Julie Cashin

*We know you enjoy the learning aspect
Taking classes from people you come to respect.
Have you tried out some SIGs for fun you can share
With folks who enjoy the same interests, who care
To meet with each other and further explore
The subjects that spark your fancy and more?*

*Do you like to discuss with others a book
Or movie, documentary or classes you took?
Trying new restaurants with new friends and old,
Traveling to places of which you’ve been told?
Or perhaps you enjoy a walk or a hike.
There are groups to join we think you will like.*

*How about games? Just check out the list.
There’s bridge, poker, pinochle – can you resist?
Of course there are board games, mahjongg and such
You might add another you like very much!
Options include gardening and writing a memoir!
Photography, too, all the fun you are in for!*

*These Shared Interest Groups are free, don’t forget it!
No limit just sign up and you won’t regret it!
Most meet monthly, in person, or zoom,
Check with each leader as to the right room.
Enhance your days by taking advantage
Of all that is offered and all you can manage!*

JOIN THE TRAVEL COMMITTEE

The travel committee is once again meeting, planning trips for 2022.
To join the Committee, email Davisblair2@gmail.com

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT: TRUMPS CATERING

by Cher Snyder

OLLI@UGA is fortunate indeed to be able to count on local sponsors to help support our organization. Among our most loyal sponsors over the years has been Trumps Catering. Located at 2026 South Milledge Avenue, Suite B - right off the loop - Trumps has served Athens and surrounding counties since 1986.

Owned and operated by Ron Schwartz and Andrée Kosak, this small Athens-area business that started as a well-loved neighborhood bistro-style restaurant on the east side of Athens has grown into a well-supported full-service catering company serving the Northeast Georgia area.

Trumps has been a favorite OLLI venue for many years. As many as 120 OLLI members have enjoyed food – and food for thought – at luncheons featuring such noted speakers as Stephen Berry, Lief Carter, Betty Jean Craige, Mark Farmer, Whit Gibbons, Freda Scott Giles, Bob Grafstein, John Lyndon, Roy Martin, Barbara McCaskill, Greg McGarity, Nan McMurry, Kaye Minchew, Edward Ahmed Mitchell, Dink NeSmith, Hugh Ruppensburg, Janice Simon, and many others.

Trumps was also the scene of the delightful Valentine's Day event organized by our Hospitality Committee in February 2020.

We look forward to returning to Trumps for special events starting this month.

PLEASE NOTE: Our OLLI Community becomes safer and stronger with every person who is vaccinated against COVID-19. While being vaccinated is not required for attendance at OLLI luncheons and other in-person events, it is strongly encouraged.



**Ron Schwartz and Andrée Kosak,
owners of Trumps Catering**



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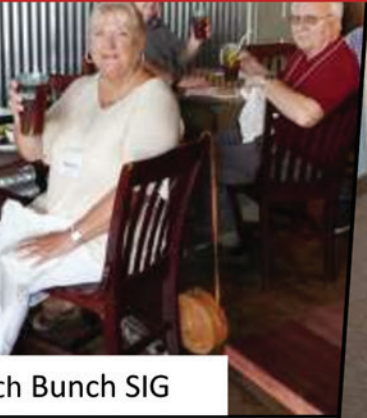


New member orientation



Pinochle

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ch Bunch SIG



Book Discussion SIG



OLLI Picnic



Novice Bridge SIG



SIG



Solar system class

YOU'LL FIND IT ON OLLI COMM

by Patricia Dixon

Hope you've enjoyed the many member spotlights that have been featured on OLLI Comm. (<https://olli-uga.mn.co/feed>) What a great way to learn about the many different life experiences of several of our members. You may recall reading the following excerpts:

"They lived inside the city limits of Philadelphia. She liked to hang out with a semi-rowdy bunch where she could be found riding a scooter, roller skating, sledding, or riding her bicycle. Her first two concussions came from falling off a wall and running into a tree. In elementary school, she out-wrestled all the boys in her class."



Rosemary Woodel

"I love to travel and have been to about 40 countries, mostly for work. I truly believe Mark Twain's observation that 'Travel is fatal to prejudice.' I have friends and acquaintances all over the world, whom I love and respect. I would love to explore more of the South Pacific, South America, and Africa."



Bonnie Cramond

"She drastically improved our kickers for years. Then she started holding kicking summer camps and trained many, many scholarships, and quite a few NFL kickers through the years." Later, she was retained when Bobby Ross became head coach. She is still the only female ever to hold a field coaching position in



Carol White

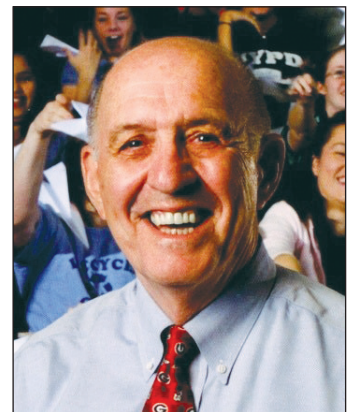
football at any FBS college. Denied membership in the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) during her fifteen years as a high school coach, she became the first female member of AFCA in 1985 and the first woman inducted into AFCA's Club 35 after fifty years in coaching."

"The War for Independence in Rhodesia was just starting when he finished medical school in 1976, and civil society started to fall apart. Navin had to leave the country suddenly just after taking his final medical exam, and he moved to London, England. He lived there for a few months while he took his British final MD exam so that he could qualify to work in England. He then started work in Coventry and Rugby, England where he met his future wife, Judy."



Navin Patel

"Eventually, his main work moved to teaching fulltime along with administrative responsibilities as Associate Biology Division Chair. Over his career, Bill has taught over 35,000 students. His intro biology classes were packed with students who were entranced by his innovative and effective teaching strategies. Bill's



Bill Barstow

outstanding teaching performance was recognized by UGA as the recipient of their top teaching honor, the Josiah Meigs Professorship.”

If you haven't yet signed up for OLLI Comm and missed these stories, you can still register for OLLI Comm. Just send an email to OLLI office staff at olli@uga.edu, requesting an invitation to join OLLI Comm. Then simply follow the directions in the email they provide you.



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