Fall, and a young man's fancy turns to … fishing. Greg Peters took our cover picture last year, and I waited to use it for this fall edition. I think you'll agree that it was worth the wait.

Returning to classes in the fall is generally a joyous time as we have had our batteries recharged and are ready to pursue our quest for learning, meet new people, and renew acquaintances. This fall, it is still so, but tempered somewhat by the recent passing of several of our members, most of whom I knew. While I am saddened that they are no longer a part of my OLLI life, I take comfort from their being involved in OLLI as long as they could be and their joyful participation. Perhaps the best way to honor them is to bring our own enthusiasm with us as we continue our OLLI experience. As you read their tributes on pages 8 and 9, use them as examples of how you can be part of OLLI @ Furman.

As Judy and I traveled in Ontario this summer, I was impressed by the amount of recycling going on. Almost every trash receptacle had extra partitions for bottles and cans, and for paper. Even motel rooms had recycle bins. We could do so much better here in the States. You can help by using the recycling containers in the Herring Center, and bring your own coffee mugs to cut down on paper cup use.

OOPS: I failed to give credit for some of the pictures in the May edition. Greg Peters took the picture of the hikers hiding in the trees, and Greg Parker took several of the OLLI Album pictures.

If you are reading a hard copy, remember, Gray Matters is on the OLLI website in full color. Just click on “Member Resources” and then “Gray Matters” to view this issue and past editions.

Thanks to Carole Eisen, Sue Renault, Judy Aten, and Nancy Kennedy for proofing this issue. Heidi Wright puts the issues on the website and arranges for the printing. Thanks to all who contributed articles and photos. Thanks also to the Gray Matters staff self-esteem coach, U.D. Mann.
The OLLI Spring Luncheon had a good turnout as we celebrated 22 years of learning in retirement with a beach party at the Younts Center. Music and dancing on the terrace (above left) began the event as finishing touches on the dining room (above right) were completed by the organizing committee. Tim Baiden acted as the master of ceremonies and kept things moving with his usual good humor. The buffet lunch was certainly a highlight, but other activities went on as well. Director Nancy Kennedy gave a State of OLLI address, National Latin Test award winners were announced (see page 10) and given their awards, and the OLLI Grant recipients were announced. Greg Parker was recognized as Volunteer of the Year, and the new OLLI Council members were elected. Outgoing President Elaine Brummett had remarks about Council activities to make before she passed the gavel to New President Steve Davis.

Clockwise from Left: Tim Baiden and Nancy Kennedy, new president Steve Davis, audience in the dining room, and Greg Parker with Elaine Brummett.

Most photos by Greg Parker.
JIMMY LOOPER, FURMAN’S ENERGY CZAR

You may think one Herring Center room is too hot or one is too cool. Of course, the person sitting next to you in class may have the opposite opinion. Maintaining an acceptable temperature is difficult enough, but trying to do that as efficiently as possible for every room in every building on the Furman campus is monumental. But that, and other energy related tasks, is exactly what Jimmy Looper, Furman’s Energy Manager, is charged with doing.

During the construction of the Herring Center, we heard a lot about energy efficiency. You might expect that, as a new building, the Herring Center would be the most energy-efficient building on campus. You would be wrong though, and you will see why as we explore Furman’s energy management. Energy for our purposes includes electricity, gas, and water.

“You can’t control what you can’t measure” is a mantra of engineers in many disciplines. Measuring energy usage requires many separate meters in most of the campus buildings, including offices, classrooms, dorms, and athletic facilities. It has taken years to install all the metering required, and these meters transmit continuous readings to a central computer. Additionally, readouts of temperature and system performance are included. All of this information is included in a software package that is Furman’s “Energy Dashboard.”

Jimmy, a 20-year Furman employee, can read this information wherever he has access to a computer, which, for him and his laptop, is pretty much anywhere he goes. All of this information has to be organized to make it useful, and the software allows him to see what is going on at any time. For example, using graphical representations of building floor plans or various systems he can see the temperatures in any of the Herring Center rooms and what equipment is running. System readouts may include the flow of electricity or gas, how much a control louver is open, or how fast a blower motor is running.

Furman’s Power Substation
All of this is quite fascinating, but what does it all mean? Just by looking at these readouts, Jimmy might see a problem. For example, if the air conditioning is running but certain louvers are closed, that might mean the duct pressures are too high, causing leaks or even failures. Or, the pressure in the building itself might be too low, sucking outside air in every time a door opens. Or, perhaps the heat is on at the same time, wasting energy. You get the idea. Of course, this requires an extensive knowledge of every building and its systems.

Perhaps even more useful is the comparison of how the system performs over time, and the software allows all this data to be compared with previous periods, such as years, months, weeks, or even days. That way, trends in performance can be tracked and changes that might indicate a system deterioration identified before a serious failure takes place. Additionally, the buildings can be compared to each other. This might seem unfair, as the buildings are different sizes. This can be handled too, as the comparison can be changed to a square-footage basis. This allows Jimmy to see which buildings are most efficient, which have the most opportunity for improvement, and how trial changes work compared to those that have not had the change.

Now back to the Herring Center. Why is this not the most efficient energy user on campus? The air conditioning in most of the buildings on central campus uses chilled water from one facility that is pumped into air-handling units in each building. By the way, the chilled water supply and return pipes are around 22 inches in diameter. One large chiller unit is more efficient than traditional air conditioning systems. Unfortunately, the Herring Center, North Village dorms, and the Younts Center were too far away to make running the required pipes practical.

Why all this measuring and analyzing? Well, in 2014, Furman paid roughly $166,000 for water, $349,000 for sewer, $747,000 for gas, and $1,938,000 for electrical power. As we all know, utility rates are not going down. Jimmy points out that increased sustainability is expensive because of all the tracking and equipment needed. For example, before the recent expansion in the Plyler science area, there were roughly 300 wired points giving data. Now there are around 3000. This continuous monitoring needs to be maintained, tracked, and calibrated, and, as technology changes, it needs to be upgraded periodically. However, these increases are offset by better analysis and efficiency.

Things continually change, requiring new ideas, and Jimmy is always looking for an edge in making Furman more efficient. For example, water may become problematic in the future, so separate meters are being installed to allow closer monitoring of each area. Increased efficiency is Jimmy’s goal, and he is preparing for the future. So the next time you are tempted to prop open an outside door, remember, Jimmy will be monitoring the effect of that open door.
JUDY ROOT HAS MAGAZINE ARTICLE PUBLISHED

Judy Root (Pease) started by taking Judith Chandler-Hughes’ OLLI family history writing class and ended up getting an article published in America in WWII magazine. Her father’s WWII journal was a key item of the family memorabilia gathered for the class. This led to Judy’s condensing and editing the journal with Garnette Helvey Bayne of Greenville, who edited the article for the magazine. Rolland Root's journal covered his service from 1942 to 1944 as an armorer in the Army Air Corps. Judy also supplied some of his WWII pictures. She considers this a tribute to her father, Rolland Root, which she explained this way:

They were young, determined, at war overseas, separated from loved ones at home. My father's WWII journal, photographs and art take you back with him and the 309th Fighter Squadron to 1942 - 1944 England, North Africa, Sicily, and Italy in the Army Air Corps. Please enjoy his journal excerpt “I Was There: A Wild Duck's War” in America in WWII magazine, August 2015 issue, pp. 47 - 55. (Note: Some mislabeling of photos and his art occurred. The only image of my father is on p. 54 beside the photo of mother.) Thanks to Garnette Helvey Bayne for her work and to Judith Chandler-Hughes for her inspiration. A copy of the America in WWII magazine will be available to share. Inquire in the OLLI Office at the front desk.

For more information on the magazine, see the website www.americainwwii.com.

VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION

George Hammond

It is hard to believe the new OLLI school year is upon us. Before we start a new year, let’s do a quick review of the old year. OLLI @ Furman finished with 1,775 registered members. These members registered for more than 7,000 class seats. OLLI @ Furman is certainly growing. If 2015/2016 is anything like this past year, we could surpass a membership mark of 2000.

During the past year, we approved the purchase of 26 chairs, so each classroom should have the proper number of chairs in it. An upgraded microphone system for the Crabtree Lecture Hall was installed. A display system was also installed in Crabtree in order to present some of the outstanding art and photography work done by OLLI members. If you take a bonus event tour, a portable headset microphone system is now available to facilitate communication between the leader and the members. Almost $7,000 of grant monies were awarded to members in order for them to advance their training and offer more classes in the future.

As we register for our upcoming classes, remember we are not only OLLI members, we are also part of the Furman community. If OLLI doesn’t provide you enough opportunity to enjoy a university experience, there are plenty of ways for you to get involved with Furman activities. The fall sport seasons are starting, so support the Furman teams: football, men’s and women’s soccer, women’s volleyball, or women’s golf. Music recitals will soon be available, along with outstanding theater opportunities. And of course, there are wonderful meals at the dining hall. If you haven’t checked out the library, go do so. If you need a new shirt or sweater, consider purchasing something from the bookstore. We are OLLI @ Furman, purple is now our favorite color.

Enjoy the 2015/2016 school year. Welcome back.
The Curriculum Committee continues to change in order to provide the best possible courses and activities for our expanding student population. Greg Peters, our Vice Chairman for the past two years, stepped down and now co-chairs the Photography Subcommittee. Greg did an outstanding job in moving the Curriculum Committee forward. He was the source of many good ideas and provided wise council, which was invaluable to me when I needed it most. He will accomplish much by concentrating his leadership talents in photography, a field he really enjoys. Replacing Greg as Vice Chair is Sonya Hammond, a Northern California native, who moved to Greenville, along with her husband George, four years ago. She has done a fantastic job in leading the Bonus Tours and Events Subcommittee to new heights during the past three years. Twenty-five to thirty exciting bonus events are now offered each term in addition to several summer offerings. I am confident Sonya will excel in her new role.

Several subcommittees have also experienced change recently. The Psychology and Self-Help Subcommittee was restructured under new leadership and renamed Psychology and Personal Growth. Look for additional interesting courses in this area in the future. The Computer/Technology Subcommittee was completely reorganized under new leadership and is exploring the possibility of utilizing course materials provided by a third party as a means of expanding our technology curriculum. If you have a desire to be an instructor for a technology course, but do not want to spend time and effort to develop your own materials from scratch, now is the time to come forward. Stop by the OLLI Office to get more information.

GRAY MATTERS NEEDS YOU!

In an effort to keep Gray Matters fresh, we are looking for more participation from the OLLI membership. If you would like to conduct interviews, write articles, take responsibility for a set of pages, or have another way you would like to contribute, get in touch with Gary Aten at the following: e-mail: gary.aten42@gmail.com or phone; 307-871-1050. Work will need to be done with Microsoft Word or Apple Pages. Of course, we also welcome articles, photos, and poems from the membership as usual. Use the above contact information.

WHERE IN FURMAN ARE WE?

This picture was taken on the Furman campus. Can you Identify where? Hints and the answer below.

1. West side of campus.
2. Close to Duncan Chapel Road
3. Close to the Furman golf course
4. Houses Marketing and Public Relations

Answer: Montague Village
Roy Jarecky  
by Gary Aten

Roy Jarecky, 89, passed away on March 31, 2015. He was a World War II veteran, serving in Italy with the 15th Army Air Corps. He was one of the OLLI vets featured in the WWII edition of *Gray Matters*. He and his wife Barbara split their time between California and South Carolina and were active in OLLI programs in both locations. He was an enthusiastic class participant and will be missed.

Herbert Miller  
by Nancy Gammons

Herb Miller was a quiet man with a quick smile. He loved his family and people. He enjoyed socializing with other OLLI members and friends. He was an accomplished woodworker and wood carver. He especially enjoyed history classes taught by his favorite instructors – Rory Case, A. V. Huff, and Don Cockrill. Herb will be missed by those who knew him. He died July 14, 2015.

Claude Irby  
by Dave Gallemore

Claude Irby, Jr. passed away on July 11, 2015. An OLLI student for many years, Claude used his retirement days to hone his painting skills (both watercolor and acrylic), and at one point he not only attended art classes but also taught one of them – until he could no longer participate due to health issues. Many knew him as a faithful member of the Aquacize class. Well liked by everyone, Claude enjoyed the informal social interaction with the group and continued to take pool exercise classes. An avid reader and lover of art, Claude left his mark on those who knew him. Connie, his wife of many years, continues as an active OLLI member.

Ann Merline  
by Kent Snyder

Ann had been a faithful OLLI member since the winter of 1998. She was always very sweet with a warm smile. She was enthusiastic about all her courses and loved science courses, especially Cosmology. She passed away on July 23, 2015.

Tom Oviatt  
by Jim Dansby

Tom Oviatt passed away on May 16, 2015 at the age of 73. If you got to know Tom, you were one of the lucky OLLI members. He was a retired IT specialist who gladly shared his knowledge and time with OLLI members. Tom taught a very popular class, “The Internet – Your Friend,” for several terms. If you had the good fortune to take this course, you know how much he put into sharing his knowledge. Tom was an excellent instructor and, more important, a good man. He will truly be missed by all who knew him.
Chuck Lawrence
by Kent Snyder

Chuck Lawrence had been a steady OLLI member since the winter of 2006. He was always friendly, always jovial. He loved the OLLI classes, especially history courses, and he regularly attended the Saturday Metropolitan Live Opera performances in town. He passed away on July 5, 2015.

Richard Wagner
by Martha Severens

When he greeted you, Richard Siegfried Wagner had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. He also had a firm handshake—a consequence of his Austrian roots. Richard’s profession was in textiles, which took him to such far-flung places as Hong Kong, Uganda, and Pakistan. In 1967, he settled in the States and worked as the Director of International Sales at Saco-Lowell. He held a similar position with Gibbs International in Spartanburg for the last fourteen years of his career. He and his wife Shirley enjoyed classes at OLLI, attending Greenville Symphony Orchestra concerts, and traveling with the Greenville County Museum of Art. He was an active member of the Building Solicitation Committee that raised funds to build the Herring Center. Richard passed away on May 28, 2015 at age 84.

Harry Holland
by Sarah Fletcher, Founding Director

Harry Holland, the second President of the Furman University Learning in Retirement (FULIR) program, has always been a part of the FULIR/OLLI program in my mind. He came to the first organizing meeting in May of 1993 and willingly agreed to be the Vice President to Roy Greene that first term in the fall of 1993. This meant that he then became President the second year of FULIR. Being one of those early leaders meant that Harry helped to set the policies, procedures, and happy “tone” of the whole program.

Harry had a quiet voice, a gentle enthusiasm, and a willingness to make things happen. The last time I saw Harry, he was coming into the Crabtree Lecture Hall as a student in Jeff Willis’ class on modern European history this past spring, joining me and perhaps 80 other students. Harry enjoyed learning right to the end---as probably we all hope we will do, too. He died on May 23, 2015 at the age of 91.

His fellow FULIR/OLLI Presidents remember him fondly. He was “so enthusiastic about the program, I just had to join.” (Kent Snyder). “We had adjoining offices at KEMET, and when we retired ten years apart, we were happy to resume our acquaintance at FULIR/OLLI.” (John Piper). “We were so fortunate to know him, what a fine man.” (Andrea Howard). “What a gentleman.” (Gladys Spiak). “I will miss his tall smile.” (Jean Kral). He was “indeed both a gentleman and a scholar, wise and thoughtful.” (Tim Baiden). He was “the consummate gentlemen.” (Cantey DuBose).

Editor’s Note: Harry was also one of the OLLI vets featured in the WWII edition. You can learn more about his and Roy Jarecky’s service by viewing the WWII edition. To find it, select “Gray Matters” in the “News From OLLI” section on the OLLI @ Furman website. You may also read more about Richard Wagner in the Spring 2012 edition.
On March 11, 2015, five OLLI students from our Latin program took the National Latin Exam. All five students received first place on three levels of the test, Introduction to Latin, Latin I, and Latin II. The awards were presented at the Spring Luncheon in May. OLLI @ Furman was the only OLLI participating in the National Latin Exam.

The 38th annual National Latin Exam was administered in 3,015 schools to 140,745 students, including 1,506 students from countries outside the United States, between late February and early March 2015.

Our winning students are:

Edie Parrott: First place, purple and gold ribbon: Introduction to Latin
Judy Brooks: First place and a gold medal: Latin I
Judy Root: First place and a gold medal / perfect score: Latin I
Michael Kilgore: First place and a gold medal: Latin II
Linda Stone: First place and a gold medal / perfect score: Latin II.

This is the third consecutive year that Linda Stone has gotten a perfect score on each level of the National Latin Exam. We are very proud of our Latin students for their outstanding achievements, both those who took the NLE Exam and those who did not. They all exemplify a love of lifelong learning and show it's never too late to enjoy Latin.


Seated: Betty Burnett, Instructor Ginny Anderson, and former winner Judy Root.

Edie Parrott receives her First Place Award from Susan Rae.
Welcome back! I hope you had a great summer, and I look forward to hearing about the travels many of you enjoyed. While you’ve been away, we’ve been busy at OLLI.

Three staff members and seven OLLI volunteers attended the Southern Regional Learning in Retirement Conference at the University of Alabama in July. We came home with new ideas for our program, as well as a renewed appreciation for the benefits we enjoy at Furman. If you talk to people from other programs, you’ll see what a great host Furman is to us. And our program is thriving as a result.

Because our membership has grown so much over the past few years, we needed to increase staffing. Over the summer, we got approval from Furman to create a new full-time position. Heidi Wright is now Program Coordinator for Enrichment, and will be with us 8-4 each day, mid-August through early June. Pam Roberson has a new title—Program Coordinator for Instruction, and will remain in her full-time, 10 month position, ensuring great training and support for our instructors and keeping our finances in order. We will soon have a new Department Assistant to provide support for our many programs and keep our office running smoothly. Susan Rae remains as Assistant Director and oversees curriculum, production of our brochures, and online registration. And I’m still here as Director—I had a great first year in this role and am looking forward to helping OLLI reach new heights.

One new height we are exploring is adding travel to our regular offerings. Check out the fall brochure for information about two Road Scholar trips offered just to OLLI@Furman members. There will be some close-by trips offered during the winter term, led by local historian and travel guide Chumley Cope. And, you’ll see more field trips related to specific classes, and day trips as part of our Friday Bonus Events. Heidi will be working with travel, and welcomes your ideas for learning trips far and near.

What other new heights will we reach this year? Certainly, we expect membership to reach a new record. But there are many other things we can achieve. Do you have a great idea for a new class or program for OLLI? Have you always wondered “why don’t we do (fill in the blank) here?” Share your ideas with me. I’ve love to hear from you!

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PERFECT TIMING

A leaf squeezed from an unnoticed nub on the oak branch overnight, oddly unexpected.

Its mass expanding steadily, color brightened with each dawning, it grew enough
to lay blurred shadows on the grass or let raindrops shimmy down its spine ‘til summer’s end.
As you may know, every learning in retirement program has its own culture. They all have learning and social interaction at their core, but may be quite different in how they operate. Some, like OLLI @ Furman, emphasize multisession classes, although the number of sessions may vary. Others may concentrate on single-session classes, social events, or Special Interest Groups. Whatever the culture is, it fits that group. You get a good idea of the OLLI @ Furman culture as you read this edition of *Gray Matters*.

Starting with the cover you can see that photography is important to us. We have many photography and technology related classes. Many covers have paintings, reflecting the high number of art classes offered. Our Latin language studies have been part of FULIR/OLLI from early on and continue to be successful. Being a part of Furman University is obvious, but the myriad of services Furman provides to the OLLI program is premier among programs like ours, and may not always be recognized. We try to show that in the “Inside Furman” series. The various reports illustrate how our members and staff drive the program to continually change for the better. As you read the tributes to our past members you will note the wide differences of experience they had and our present members have. Well, you get the idea.

If you are new to OLLI @ Furman you will become part of our culture. Hopefully, you will get involved and help define that culture in the future.