Welcome Back!

NEW SEASON
NEW BUILDING
NEW LOOK

FALL 2012 EDITION
EDITORIAL RAMBLINGS

Gary Aten

Welcome to a whole new OLLI. We have a new building, new classes, and new members. Even Gray Matters is sporting a new look that I hope appeals to you. After Nancy Kennedy arranged to have the hard copies of Gray Matters printed in magazine format, I thought it fitting to go all the way with the magazine look. Inside you will find the same committee reports and other items of interest you have come to expect. Of course, this doesn’t come without input from you, the readers. I not only welcome, but encourage, your poems, photos, articles, and now cover art, and am not above begging, if that is what it takes.

Send your submissions to garyaten@bellsouth.net. If you have questions, call me at 864-294-6371.

Those of you new to OLLI can’t imagine how excited we are to have this wonderful new building, the Herring Center for Continuing Education. Even though the Herrings and Furman deserve many thanks, it was all made possible by the vision and hard work of many of the FULIR/OLLI “old-timers” that got the ball rolling. They, and new members over the years, kept it going when many felt it was impossible. So when you step into the main concourse, a classroom, an office, the elevator, the kitchen, or the patio, give a little thought to those who struggled to make it possible.

Speaking of thanks, I am grateful to Carole Eisen, Susan Renault, and Judy Aten for proofreading this edition. Thanks also to our staff mechanics, Lucinda Bolt, Tilda Plyerslip, and Eustace Hammer for keeping things running.
As I write this column, most of you have just received your OLLI course catalog for the fall 2012 term. How exciting it is to be looking at classes in our new Herring Center building. You may not realize that the 85 plus classes offered this term were developed by some 50 Curriculum Committee people who have been working since last year to prepare these courses and complete their work by April. This year, for the first time, we exceeded the number of applications vs. our limit in the number of courses to be offered. How nice it is having the option to select and schedule courses offering the best cross-section of topics to our membership and still having courses to roll over to the next term to complete our course diversity. I can’t tell you how often I’m told members are amazed with the wide variety of topics we offer each term. We strive to offer at least 20% or more new classes each term. Repeating those courses that are extremely popular gives everyone the opportunity to take them.

Part of our success comes from the diversity of the subcommittees. Every Curriculum Committee member brings his or her own unique perspective of what the OLLI membership wants to learn. Many of them have no experience in curriculum development. They just have a passion for a topic or an area of interest and are willing to dive in and find ways to create courses for the OLLI offering. We never run out of the need for new people with new ideas. You can be one of these people. Do you have an area of interest like a hobby, personal career experience, or just an itch to pursue some area you know little about but would like to explore? Then you’re just the person for our Curriculum Committee. Most of the activity required can be done from your home via phone and email. If you can manage these, then you can do it all. Our subcommittees support each other, provide suggestions to the newer members, and help out in any way they can. You’re never alone or on your own!

If you want to be part of this fun team give me a call at 864-895-5945 or email me at jmbaker125@charter.net. We'll talk about your interests, answer any questions or concerns you may have, and see if you want to join our committee. No pressure, just easy conversation. I look forward to hearing from you,

Sally Adkins

I went outside to take a sip of morn’,
to taste the dewy freshness of the air.
The sun rose, too, to see the new day born,
and we communed in friendly silence there.
OLLI is pleased to share the following news with our members.
Connie Kane-Maguire achieved a perfect score on the 2012 National Latin Exam! We are so proud of her. When you see her, say “Gaudeamus igitur!” (which means be glad; rejoice!)

There is more happening in the Latin corner of OLLI.
Tom Scotidas and Michael Kilgore took the Introduction to Latin exam, and both scored very high. Again, “Gaudeamus igitur!”

Kudos to Ginny Anderson who is the proud instructor of all three. She will be teaching Latin 101 and 103 in the 2012 fall term.

Improve your balance by staying hydrated, limiting caffeine and salt, and exercising.

Find information on various health topics at www.health.harvard.edu.

Prevent shingles with the vaccine Zostavax; details at www.cdc.gov/vaccines.

See information on drugs, patient tutorials, and surgery videos at www.medlineplus.gov.

South Carolina health issues at www.handsonhealth-sc.org.

From the SC Office on Aging, find resources for the elderly and those with disabilities at www.scaccess.communityos.org.

Several OLLI members submitted, organized, and installed some 50 pieces of their work to be displayed at the Roe Arts Center on campus during the summer. The exhibit was well attended. Of course, the quality was outstanding.

Photo by: Bob Howell
The purpose of the Faculty Support Committee (FSC) is to proactively support the OLLI instructors and to serve as a “listening ear” to participants in the program who have ideas, concerns or endorsements regarding OLLI instructors.

During the 2011/2012 year, the FSC met prior to the beginning and after the end of each program term. Before the start of each term, the committee made personal calls to each new instructor welcoming them to OLLI and identifying any particular needs they might have. If requested, the committee appointed a mentor to help new instructors in areas such as developing a syllabus, teaching seniors, etc. The mentors are generally experienced OLLI instructors. The committee also sponsored a luncheon for all instructors as a way to show appreciation for their efforts, and to allow them to get to know each other. Several training sessions were also held during the year, including best teaching practices and Furman Library services available to OLLI instructors. For the fall 2012 term, a special introduction to the new Herring Center will be provided for all OLLI instructors.

Starting in the fall of 2011, the FSC and OLLI staff instituted a new electronic evaluation system for OLLI courses. Toward the end of each term, an electronic evaluation form is sent to all course participants to allow them to evaluate courses anonymously. The evaluation results are reviewed by OLLI staff, and any negative evaluations brought to the attention of the FSC. The committee then make recommendations how to address each negative evaluation. Resulting actions might include having a committee member visit with an instructor, or, in more serious cases, a member of the OLLI staff might become involved. The overall number of negative evaluations has been less than 5% of all the courses and seriously negative ones less than 1%. The evaluation response rate averages about 30% of participants.

Finally, the committee sent thank you cards to all new instructors to reinforce our appreciation for their service.

The focus for 2012/2013 is to increase participation in the evaluation process, strengthen the mentorship program, and continue instructor training. In January 2013, we plan to offer training on course organization and management, writing course descriptions, and copyright protection.

The FSC currently has five members and is actively recruiting additional people. If you are interested in being involved in this committee, contact me at wilkinsonmango@gmail.com.
BOOK BUDDIES AT DUNCAN CHAPEL

Many OLLI members have discovered the joys of being a “Book Buddy” to students at Duncan Chapel Elementary School. The investment of one half hour a week can lead a beginning reader to discover the delights of books and learning. This one-to-one time can help a struggling reader uncover the wonders hidden in books and find success in his or her efforts. Book Buddy time may be the only opportunity during the week that a child gets the undivided attention of an adult. It may fill a gap left by families unable to support the child academically, or it may enhance the efforts of others.

On any given day adult and student buddies will be found in any space they can find in a busy school—tucked into conference rooms, library corners, benches in the hall, or an empty cafeteria. The adults may be from OLLI, the Furman community, the Duncan Chapel community, or elsewhere. The students, selected by their teachers because they would profit from some extra attention, will be enjoying books as with a grandparent, parent, or older sibling. As the relationship grows, the buddies usually develop a bond beyond just the reading. A caring adult who truly listens to a child can provide valuable encouragement and guidance. A delighted child can help the adult rediscover the uninhibited pleasures of childhood.

Unemployed adults at the Smith Center of Greenville Literacy in Berea, struggling to obtain a GED, look back on their school failures and worry about the younger generation. “I hated school,” says Karen, now in her mid-50’s. “I didn’t find books interesting. My son is the same way.” Her family never read, and she, in turn, provided no model for her children. It took her many years as an adult to become a reader, and she is proud of her granddaughter’s love of learning, though still worries about her grandson. Phillip is a young father who never found school interesting. As he works to fill in the gaps in his education, he worries that his son will turn out the same way.

A Book Buddy in elementary school could have made all the difference to these and the hundreds more in our area who are struggling to find employment without an education. Our Book Buddies at Duncan Chapel are providing the early positive school experiences so crucial to future success. If you are interested in being a Book Buddy this fall, contact Connie Kane-Maguire (ckanemaguire@gmail.com).
Shirley Gray Hicks  
By Alan Weinberg

Our friend, Shirley Hicks, departed this life on June 8, 2012 after a valiant three-year battle with cancer. All of us who knew Shirley, also know that she lived her life to the fullest both before her battle started and throughout it. Her regular updates of the “Cruise” that she and Pat were on revealed her love of life and of people, especially her family. Shirley lit up a room with her smile, her words, and her commitment to being always sincerely positive as few can do, and this served her and Pat throughout the cruise. Shirley was a graduate of Ohio University, where she met Pat and became a language arts educator, where her love of teaching left a positive imprint on her many students. Upon “retiring” to Lake Robinson, Shirley’s passion for education continued with her efforts in the Greenville Literacy Association, Greenville Mental Health, and, of course, OLLI@Furman as a member, volunteer, committee chair, and board secretary. By knowing Shirley, we became part of her family, and we are all better for this honor. Shirley will be fondly remembered and truly missed.

Helen Pulsifer  
By Tim Baiden

Helen died in August, depriving us of a most stalwart member. Harking back to FULIR days, she was actively involved as a student and member of committees, especially Curriculum, in which she was instrumental in creating a broader selection of subjects. Deeply engaged in the OLLI program, she believed passionately in the many benefits offers our members. As a Book Buddy, Helen read to children at Duncan Chapel elementary school. She also enjoyed reading clubs and was an outstanding Latin student. We were very proud when Helen won a Gold Medal in Latin III on the National Latin Examination after studying with our Latin teacher, Ginny Anderson, at OLLI and online. Helen’s keen intellect and gentle sense of humor endeared her to all she met. Married to John Dean, a former FULIR president, she will be greatly missed and much remembered in the OLLI community.

Lee Howard Watson  
By Jean Churchill Kral

Lee Watson died August 28, 2012. She was a founding member of FULIR (now OLLI) where she enjoyed many classes and friends. Lee especially enjoyed Shakespeare and aquasize classes. She was a lover of nature, the arts, and learning. She studied art at Furman University, the Greenville County Museum of Art, and French at L’Institut D’Etudes Francaises and the Alliance Francaise. Lee generously supported many organizations, including FULIR (OLLI), the Greenville Symphony, the SC Children’s Theatre, the Governor’s School, and the Chamber Music Association. She served on the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees for Coker College, and the Performing Arts Center Auditorium was named for Lee and her late husband, Richard. In 2003, Coker College awarded Lee an honorary doctorate. We will miss seeing our friend Lee in class with her faithful assistant, Linda Burns, and will remember her well.
Volunteering at OLLI has been such a rewarding experience for me. I began the process as a new member, serving as a class liaison eight years ago, getting to know my fellow classmates. I was asked to help out in the FULIR office in Plyler Hall shortly thereafter. I soon became involved with the Membership and Social Committees, making new friends along the way. I was the Office Volunteer Coordinator for one year and have continued helping out in the office ever since. It has been such a joy to get to know and work with so many wonderful members, staff, and volunteers. It has given me a sense of ownership in the OLLI program and an insight into how this organization depends on the time and talent of its members.

The Volunteer Committee recruits members to become involved in some way in the overall function of OLLI, matching members’ interests with our program’s needs. This fall, office volunteers will be busy packing up supplies in the trailer and unpacking them in the new Herring Center so that our new building will be ready for the first day of class. The Book Nook will be set up for all to enjoy thanks to two committee members who have taken on this task. All committee members, Council members, and volunteers are busy preparing for an exciting milestone year at OLLI @ Furman.

OLLI’s goal is to have 100% volunteer participation. Now that we have our own building, there are opportunities for everyone, such as teaching a class, becoming an office assistant, serving on a committee, acting as a class liaison, sharing one’s photography skills, performing one-time tasks such as writing thank you notes, telephoning, proofreading, baking cookies, greeting people at one of our events, or simply driving an OLLI member to class. So please jump on the bandwagon and be an OLLI volunteer. I guarantee that you will find the experience fun and rewarding. Stop by the office or call me at 864-963-7370 if you need more information.

WHERE IN FURMAN ARE WE?

This picture was taken on the Furman campus. Do you know where? How many hints do you need?

Hints:
1. At the south portion of the campus.
2. A short walk from the Herring Center.
3. In sight of Cherrydale House.
4. In sight of Timmons Arena.

Answer below

The sculpture garden on the north side of the Younts Center.
NEW OLLI FLYER

Elaine Brummett

We are designing a new informational flyer for OLLI that will be one page, double-sided, with a picture of the new building. The draft text follows. Volunteer to help and/or provide comments to Elaine at ebrum301@aol.com.

OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) @ Furman University

OLLI gives senior adults more than just something to do. You may begin by attending Dr. Crabtree's Shakespeare course, which leads to a Pen and Ink class and a study of Great Trials in History, add a local tour on Friday, and along the way you realize that learning never retires and you've never felt better or so engaged. We offer around 90 courses each of 3 terms (8-9 weeks) and a 4-week summer session in June. In addition, various committees plan special programs that include social events, discussion groups, special interest groups, travel, and service opportunities. These programs are planned around members' interests and participation.

The Social Committee has coordinated meeting for breakfast at a local diner and for dinner and a movie. Special interest groups include serious photography, mah jongg, bridge, coffee and conversation, and the out & about singles group. The Friday bonus events (about 18 per term) include tours of various industries such as BMW, a distillery, and the airport. We also tour cemeteries, wineries, and gardens. We attended an ice carving demonstration and the Roper Mt. planetarium, plus we had speakers on the construction of the Sydney Opera House, operations of the Probate Court, the Secret Service, and the County medical examiner's duties.

There are over 1200 OLLI members. Most are retired, and about 850-900 register each term. Membership is $35 per academic year, and courses are $50 each, with annual course packages ranging from 6 for $210 to 15 classes for $325. Fall term 2012 starts September 17, and most classes will be on Furman's campus in the new Herring Center for Continuing Education located near the Younts Center and Timmons Arena.

Classes meet weekly during the day from 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., and are generally 90 minutes long. Exceptions include the hiking groups (5 each term), which leave at 9 a.m. for hikes of 4-6 miles in the mountains, and return about 4 p.m. Course instructors are all volunteers and include Furman professors, retired teachers, and people who want to share their enthusiasm and knowledge of a topic. Class categories include arts, music, culture, economics, finance, current events, technology, health, exercise, history, languages, travel, photography, hobbies, personal development, religion, philosophy, and science.

OLLI @ Furman is member-led and organized by a volunteer Executive Council, elected by the membership under bylaws adopted by the members. In this community of learners, never hesitate to ask questions, share your life experiences, get involved with a committee, and take that math or astronomy class you avoided as a student. The more involved you become, the richer and fuller OLLI @ Furman becomes, and the richer and fuller your life becomes.

The Director of OLLI is Lucy Woodhouse and the Council President this year is Barbara Leimsieder. For more information on the organization and the schedule of classes, see www.furman.edu/olli or call the OLLI office, 864-294-2998.
SEDATIVE

Judy Aten

It's the all in the process;
One loop, two loops, counting as you go.
Put the needle into the front,
Put the needle into the back,
Of the loop.

Yarn slides over the fingers;
Whish, whish, whish,
The wooden needles whisper;
End the row, and begin again;
Slip, loop, slip, loop;
Repeat, repeat, repeat;

It falls into a rhythm
With the heartbeat;
The eyes become heavy;
Slip, loop, slip, loop;
And you doze as you knit.

PRESIDENT’S LETTER

Barbara Leimsieder

Welcome, OLLI members, to the Herring Center! At long last we have a home of our own. The dream that began way back in 2003 has finally been realized. Enjoy!

There are many wonderful enhancements that this building will provide to OLLI members. Two in particular are noteworthy as we begin to experience our new home. One is that, instead of attending classes in many buildings as we have done in the past, we now will attend nearly all of our classes in the same building. This means that we will have more opportunity to get to know each other and will be able to build a new and deeper sense of community within the OLLI program.

The other is that all of Continuing Education is now in the same building. This means that OLLI and our sister programs at Furman (Bridges to a Brighter Future, Learning for You, Undergraduate Evening Studies, and Center for Professional and Corporate Development), which are located on the garden level of the Herring Center, are now all under one roof. This will enhance opportunities for synergy and interaction between OLLI and these programs that has not been possible until now.
There are many more improvements that you will get to know as you attend classes and experience all that the Herring Center has to offer. Again, enjoy!

**Southern Regional Conference**

The annual Southern Regional Conference for Learning in Retirement was held in July at the University of North Florida (UNF) in Jacksonville. In addition to OLLI at UNF, the conference was also sponsored by OLLI at Eckerd College, OLLI at Florida State University, and OLLI at University of South Florida. The following OLLI Council and OLLI staff members attended:

- Bob Howell
- Steve Davis
- Sandy Jenkins
- Lucy Woodhouse
- Karl Sedlarz
- Barbara Leimsieder
- Susan Rae

A total of 130 delegates, from 12 states, representing 21 lifelong learning programs attended the three-day conference. Sessions were presented by delegates on best practices for choosing curriculum and topics; marketing to grow enrollment; partnering with organizations in the local community; meeting changing technology needs; how to attract and retain Boomers; how to plan and manage an effective volunteer program and many more. The OLLI @ Furman delegates learned much and especially enjoyed the enthusiasm and energy that pervaded the conference.

**OLLI Needs You!**

Did you know that OLLI @ Furman is member-run and member-driven? That it needs every member to volunteer in some capacity? That there are many opportunities to volunteer, such as class liaisons, office assistants, instructors, and eight committees that need members and chairs? Here is a list of the committees that need new members and what they do:

- **Curriculum** – This committee identifies topics for classes and finds the right instructors to teach those classes. They also design the bonus tours.
- **Social** – Opportunities to socialize in the Greenville area while dining, attending a movie, play, tailgate party, and more are provided by this committee.
- **Faculty Support** – This committee provides our instructors with mentors, training, and support.
- **Gray Matters** – Our newsletter, which is published four times each year, needs writers and photographers to contribute to this publication.
- **Membership** – The focus of this committee is OLLI members and how to make their experience with the program as enjoyable as possible by welcoming new members with a personal phone call and conducting orientation sessions for them before each term, surveying all OLLI members to learn their opinions about the program, delivering the brochures to various locations in the area, and maintaining the bulletin boards and monitoring the OLLI website.
- **Volunteer** – This committee works to involve every OLLI member in contributing to the success of the program in whatever capacity he or she chooses, whether it be in the office, on a committee, or in the classroom as a liaison.

If you want to join one or more of these committees, contact the OLLI office.
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### The View to the North from Paris Mountain