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OLLILife's September issue is brought to you by the number TWENTY-FIVE. Thanks to all who made our anniversary year so special.

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OLLI VISITS HUNTSVILLE

In August, nine OLLI Council members and Heidi Wright, staff, attended the Southern Regional Conference for Learning in Retirement presented by the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH. They attended sessions about travel, volunteerism, curriculum, diversity, aging, and more. They networked with other participants to explore tips for great teachers and memorable experiences.

Huntsville is home to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, the "largest spaceflight museum in the world" (and a conference sponsor). USSRC is especially known for its Space Camps, popular with young students around the country. They even do Space Camp for Adults.

Space Camp for Adults! "Now, *that's* an idea," thought the Greenville contingent. Anyone for an OLLI trip to Huntsville?

Photo: Lance Renault, May Welborn, Cindy Brothers, Sally Bornmueller, Sue Renault, Heidi Wright, Kathy Roed, Kathleen Allen, Judy Pearson, and Dave Johnson

GIVE ME A V-O-L-U-N-T-E-E-R!

"How do you manage to have such a vibrant program?" conference colleagues often ask.

"Volunteers," we say. "Every member of OLLI is encouraged to become a volunteer; hundreds respond each year with their extraordinary gifts."

Here is what volunteers achieve at OLLI@Furman:

- 300+ courses are taught by volunteers;
- 300+ class liaison positions are filled;
- 20 Council members serve;
- 80 volunteers plan classes and recruit instructors;
- 40-50 serve on other committees (travel, volunteer, social...);
- 25 SIGs (Special Interest Groups) have volunteer leaders and co-leaders;
- 15-20 office volunteers work each week.

During its first year of publication, more than 100 volunteers wrote, advised, photographed, and otherwise contributed to **OLLILife**.

Contact **Kathy Roed**, kcroed@hotmail.com to explore how you can serve, or send your **FEEDBACK** to sue.renault@gmail.com



Dear Bernie & Cindy, what do you have in mind for the crisp, refreshing days of fall?

CHECK OUT BERNIE'S ANSWER ON OUR BACK PAGE, AND IF YOU LIKE HIS RECOMMENDATION, LET US KNOW! sue.renault@gmail.com

Thank you and congratulations to new Council members: President-Elect/VP Membership, Sally Bornmueller; VP Finance and Administration, Ron Eldridge; Members at Large, Mary Kay Kantz and David Johnson; and filling an unexpired two-year term as Member at Large, Tom Nowlin.



Betty Jo Shaw, Travel Committee, and Greg Peters, Long Range Planning, share Council updates.

OLLivoices

OLLI Council met August 27, 2018. Its next meeting will be November 16.

As of today we have 1,784 members (226 are new), and 1755 are enrolled in classes.

OLLI's 11 curriculum subcommittees have secured 119 classes for fall. The Bonus Trips and Events Committee has 37 offerings. One of its goals is to bring the topic of *immigration* into the curriculum in coming terms to follow up the StraightTalk series sponsored by Furman's Riley Institute in partnership with OLLI.

The Travel Committee has three subcommittees that work on one to two day trips, five to seven day trips, and international trips. The Chihuly and Champagne trip on Sept. 20 had a full bus within hours of registration. Some trips in the talking/planning stage are a bus trip to Montgomery, AL; Hiking the Alps; Literary Ireland; a Vermont Bike Club trip along the Mississippi, and others.

Many thanks for a great job to outgoing chair, Emily Fluhrer, and welcome, **Kathy Roed**, new chair for the

Volunteer Committee. Kathy looks forward to supporting all OLLI committees in addressing their volunteer needs.

Sue Renault reports that OLLI Life is one year old and benefiting from scores of volunteer writers, photographers, editors, advisors and friends.

VP of Administration, **Ron Eldridge**, reports that a committee is forming to determine causes of our "registration day crash" and to implement registration improvements for 2019. This committee will also explore possible alternatives to the "package purchase" priority system we use.

Michael Murphy reported that the **Outreach Committee**, with funding from a Furman Diversity Grant, completed focus groups and identified areas that limit OLLI participation from some Greenville communities: awareness, transportation, and cost.

ASK Nancy:

Tell us about OLLI's anniversary gift campaign to fund research grants for Furman professors.

Dear OLLI members,

As part of our 25th anniversary celebration, we are remembering what a good host Furman University is to our program and how much our members have enjoyed Furman faculty teaching at FULIR and OLLI. Also, hearing from Furman students is an aspect of FULIR/ OLLI that our members have especially enjoyed.

We are raising funds to endow the **OLLI Faculty Enrichment Fund** to generate income each year for faculty research and scholarship. This research will often involve a Furman student. Faculty members who receive grants will present results of their research through OLLI Bonus Events or similar programs.

Our goal is \$100,000, which will produce about \$4,500 each year to support faculty research. Our current total of pledges and gifts is \$41,400. I invite you to join me in supporting this worthwhile campaign. You can make a

one-time gift or a multi-year pledge; gifts of any size will make a difference. If you have questions about this campaign, let me know. Pick up a pledge form in the office, or check your OLLI Notes for a link to give online.



Save the Dates:

- SIG Week, Sept. 24 - 28, for Special Interest Groups to showcase what they are about
- Beer & Pizza Tasting, Oct. 2 at Upstate Provisions with alcohol-free options
- History of Learning at Furman, Oct. 26 Bonus Trip with Sarah Fletcher
- History of FULIR/OLLI, Nov. 6 Lunch & Learn with Sarah Fletcher
- **THE BIG GALA, Nov. 29 at TD Center**

Please contact me if you have questions:
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OLLI, yeah!



Emily Fluhrer



OLLI celebrated **TWENTY-FIVE** at the golf course, on the lake, in the pool!

The number 25 in baseball is usually held by the team's best slugger. (from thefactsite.com)

We ♥ FEEDBACK! Thanks for your comments about our May issue.

"Electronic is the only way to go! We are reading your fabulous new edition of **OLLILife** in Denmark." Photo from OLLI member Sonya Hammond



◆ I loved *everything* in the May **OLLILife**! Your team put together another readable and enjoyable newsletter. I was especially inspired by Bob's essay on why he loves to write. LF; ◆ Another great issue of **OLLILife**! What can I say but **THANKS!** GP; ◆ A hit issue that informs and delights and was so happy to see Bill Jerome on front page! He is a jewel of a person. EF.

In **OLLILife's** May issue, Diana Miel wrote about Cathy Sanchez and her friends who knit soft, comfortable "knockers" for women who have had mastectomies. Cathy's "Loving Hands of Greenville" works in partnership with Greenville Health System's Breast Health Center to provide prostheses free of charge.

Diana's story inspired OLLI member Sally Bornmueller to write, "I am reaching out to the knitted knockers. I have made several pair on my own and would love to do more! Thanks for the connection!"

When we launched **OLLILife** one year ago, we hoped for many things: good writers, happy readers, engagement and exchange with fellow OLLI members. We never dreamed we'd be celebrating all of these so fully at our one year milestone combining our memories and talents for such a worthy cause. The OLLI team thanks you!

SAVE THE DATE FOR ANNIVERSARY GALA:

OLLI (Née FULIR) will wrap up its 25th anniversary celebration with a fun, fun, fun dinner and entertainment gala, November 29, 6 pm, at the TD Convention Center.

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION.

BLAINE DESANTIS GETS GRANT



In June, Blaine Desantis presented a paper and PowerPoint at the 30th Annual Symposium on Baseball

and American Culture at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY.

From Field to Phone: Baseball as Seen Through Music Videos is about the evolution in music from the ballpark to our desks via YouTube.

Desantis received a grant from OLLI to assist with his travel and research.

"This has grown out of my *Forgotten Stars of Major League Baseball* course at OLLI, and I was very proud to be representing Furman and OLLI at the Symposium," says Desantis.

Desantis will present his paper this winter at an OLLI Lunch and Learn. Watch the schedule!

Gail Kirby (second from right) introduced her class to RABBITS. Knitters were delighted with the results.



LOVE THE MUG!

Thanks, Cindy Brothers, for bringing YOUR MUG to Council meeting and saving resources and \$\$\$.



Interested in volunteering for a BONUS EVENT?
Contact Cheryl Cotner to join the BTE Committee.

OLLI@twenty-five



OLLI Celebrates **TWENTY-FIVE** at Furman's Lakeside Concert

INTERESTED IN PLAYING HAND CHIMES? There's a SIG for that. Contact Jann Howell: pbear1952@gmail.com



What is more fragrant than a lavender afternoon with friends...

In May OLLI members visited Southern Hills Lavender in Greer. Owner Mary Bergstrom talked about what it takes to propagate this fragrant plant. We enjoyed learning the many ways to use lavender, from simple home fragrance to culinary and medicinal products. The afternoon ended with our harvesting lavender bouquets and visiting their shop which features lavender products.

by Linda Peters



The Southern Hills Lavender visit was a Bonus Event organized by Lynda Fredsell whose *Why I Love OLLI* essay appears on this page.

WHY I LOVE OLLI

by Lynda Fredsell

When I was in the workforce, my resumé said, "Generalist." I could do *generally* anything the job required. This always got a good laugh from my interviewer, but, at the end of the day, I was often the one selected because of my enthusiasm for the position in question. I was willing and eager to learn something new.

That's what I love about OLLI. It offers many varied learning experiences. Where else can I learn to play a dulcimer or a game of chess, to work a computer or write a personal essay, take a hike or a class about the Baha'i faith, or relive history of days gone by – *all* under one roof?

Learning something new every day at OLLI keeps my mind stimulated and my heart happy. I've made new friends and taken trips to places I might never have visited by myself. OLLI is all about living in community.

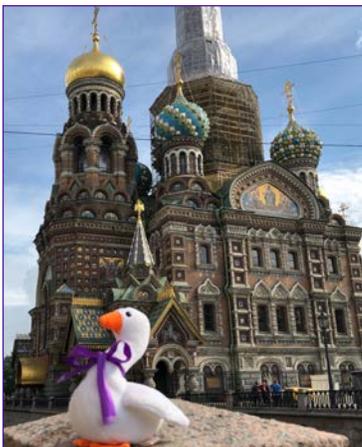
I can say from experience that OLLI is good for my body, mind, and soul. I am inspired daily by the senior members of OLLI who have not lost their zest for living and learning.

May it be so with me!

BTE (BONUS Trips & Events) is already exploring new ideas and bringing back popular "oldies" from past terms for spring. It's easy to volunteer. First, you offer to *coordinate* an event. Next, you complete a form, providing basic information about the event. Then you work with the BTE Committee to bring your idea to life.

If you've ever thought "I wonder how _____ works" or "Wouldn't a tour of _____ be interesting," call or e-mail Cheryl Cotner to join the BTE Committee. ollicheryl@gmail.com 937-266-7065

submitted by Molly Fitzpatrick



Bing and Judy Vick took our OLLiver on a two-week cruise this summer around the Baltic Sea: London-Bruges-Amsterdam-Stockholm-Helsinki-St. Petersburg-Tallinn-Gdansk-Klaipeda Lithuania-Copenhagen. He especially liked the Cathedral of Spilled Blood in St. Petersburg,

OLLIVER LOVES TO TRAVEL. TAKE HIM FROM HIS LIBRARY BASKET AND HIT THE ROAD



OLLI adventures



OLLI MEMBERS EXPLORE NORTHUMBERLAND AND ENGLISH LAKE DISTRICT

In 117AD, the Emperor Hadrian ordered a wall built to secure the northernmost borders of the Roman Empire in England.

In 2018, twelve OLLI travelers,



their leader and guides, hiked sections of this same route, imagining the challenges faced by Roman soldiers who labored to construct a barrier 16 to 20 feet high and 80 miles long. The travelers will tell you the Hadrian's Wall hike was among their favorite experiences of the trip. This included an archaeology site where excavated shoes, household goods, tools, armor, and even a written birthday party invitation enhanced their understanding of life on this wild frontier.

Another favorite memory is of their hike around Buttermere Lake in the English Lake District where they shared their path with sheep coming down

from the steep grassy "fells." They watched shepherds whistle signals to their dogs and sheep and occasionally dash from one side of the path to the other to urge a "stray" back into the pack. The OLLI explorers fell in line behind the sheep and followed the flock to a picturesque pasture surrounded by hills painted by late afternoon shades of gray and green and lavender.

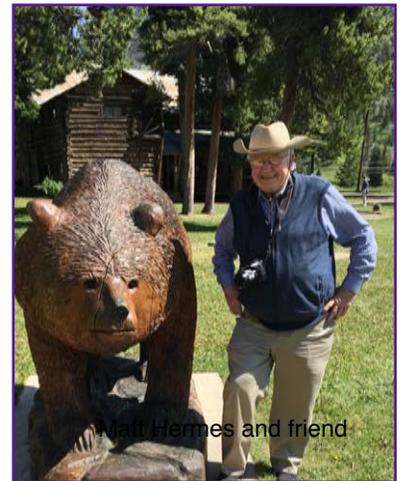
Other happy memories of the ten-day tour include hiking the Cheviot Hills in the Northumberland National Park, strolling around the Holy Isle of Lindisfarne, an early medieval Christian monastic community, enjoying endless miles of stone walls, ancient churches and castles, grazing sheep, and charming small villages as they "road tripped" from place to place, and the ferry cruise around Derwentwater, "Queen of the English Lakes," with a visit to Beatrix Potter's favorite holiday spot, and visits to the childhood home of William Wordsworth and to the estate of Sir Walter Scott. Also beginning their days with scones and ending them with sticky toffee pudding.

This trip was inspired by OLLI's Travel Committee and developed by Chumley Cope (<https://www.exploreupclose.com>).

Bears, Bison, and Blizzard Delight OLLI Travelers to Yellowstone

by Dwight Galloway

In June Dr. Matthew Hermes led two dozen of his OLLI students on an exciting and enlightening week-long tour of his beloved Yellowstone National Park. Learning of the travails and retracing the steps of the first expedition that led to the 1872 founding of our nation's (and the world's) first national park, the group saw bears, bison, elk, moose and other wildlife, and strolled among the thousands of multi-colored hot springs and geysers. They were awestruck by the rugged beauty of the thundering waterfalls, pristine valleys and the ancient caldera's ring of snow-capped peaks. Matt provided unique meetings with local experts including a tour of the amazing Buffalo



Center of the West in Cody, WY with its most recent historical photographic display he helped curate! Our convivial group even enjoyed a mountain pass blizzard above the summer heat. Great trip, great friends and great memories.

Gary & Judy introduce Logan Boggis

Logan is our new student office assistant. She is a sophomore, the elder of two children. Her brother is now a high school senior. Logan is from Raleigh, NC and wanted to attend a



small out-of-state school. She had applied to several colleges but took a look at Furman after a good friend, who is enrolled here, sang its praises. One look at the campus and she made her choice.

The computer science and communications major is a busy young woman. In addition to partaking in a summer-long 3D modeling research project and working for OLLI, she is also a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, the Heller Service Corps, the Roers Art Club, the Furman Outdoor Club, intramural soccer, the Paladin Network - a communications and film club - as well as working with special needs children and adults. She also enjoys sailing, and joined her family in the British Virgin Islands this summer to go sailing on the ocean. Not only does she keep the coffee flowing, but she also undertakes new duties each day keeping the office running smoothly. Stop and say "Hello" to Logan while in the OLLI office; she likes getting to know us.

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SHOWCASE for MEMBER TALENTS

Thanks, Dan Kappel!

If you play board games in the Herring Center or sit at one of our beautifully constructed tables to check your computer, you will notice your chair legs extend higher than the chair backs, creating handy "posts" for purses or tote bags. You can thank Dan Kappel for these. The design for the chairs came from a woodworking magazine, but Dan "jiggled" it. He knew we'd like a place to hang stuff.

If you've ever leaned against the "divider bookcase" that separates our book nook from the space leading into the office — and you and the bookcase didn't topple over — you can thank Dan again. One look at the original design and Dan knew that a one-foot-wide "divider" could easily fall over if someone leaned too hard against it. He "jiggled" the architect's plans and gave us our sturdy two-foot-wide book and display case.

While Dan took a lead in building our tables and chairs and library shelves as well as tables in our arts and crafts room, he is quick to say that it wasn't a one-man job. Among the many hands and helpers were Bob Choban and Gary Aten. Also, Paul Schaaf and his truck. "Without Paul's truck," says Dan, "We'd be dead in the water."

Some of their work was done at the Greenville Woodworkers Guild, and some was done at Kappel's house. "Sawdust everywhere," he says. It wasn't the first time he and Carol were deep in dust. Their biggest project



ever was designing and general contracting the 3000-square-foot house where they lived for 18 years before coming to South Carolina. They still have some of the furniture Dan built for their house, and Carol still treasures a jewelry box Dan made for her almost 30 years ago. (Good things last. Dan and Carol celebrated 55 years of marriage in February.)

The next time you admire the graceful curve of our game tables or the clean, smart styling of our bookshelves, give a cheer for Dan. And his "builder buddies." Nice legacy, guys!

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Judy Pearson and the Augustine Literacy Project



At the age of six, Judy Pearson had two favorite places: on or in a good “reading” tree during the day, and snuggled under the covers (fooling no one) with a beloved **Bobbys Twins** book at night. She played

ball and other games, but when the play died down, she says, “I returned to books. Reading always won out.”

Nowadays, she helps kids who can’t discover the reading adventures she enjoyed as a child because they’ve been unable to master grade-level tools and skills. Faithfully and patiently, year after year, Judy volunteers, one child at a time, with the Augustine Literacy Project of Upstate South Carolina. She initially completed 80 hours of tutor training, and even now, after five years, meets monthly with other tutors to stay on top of their game. She prepares individual lesson plans for each child and activities that involve finger movements, drawing drills, even tic-tac-toe. The magnet board (see photo) is one of their favorite learning tools.

Judy has a special place in her heart for youngsters in Spartanburg, District 6, where she was a school psychologist for 26 years. Many kids in this area face challenges of poverty, language fluency, and an unfamiliarity with life experiences beyond their small communities. She worked with a child last year who was able to read the words “flag” and “policeman,” but could not describe what these words meant.

Judy faces big challenges, but it’s clear when she tells her story that she experiences the Augustine Literacy Project mission: “Tutor one child. Change two lives.”

To learn more about the Augustine Project, visit augustineproject-upstatesc.org

Judy joined OLLI@Furman in 2007 and currently chairs our Instructor Support Committee, helping new instructors with the tools they need to succeed at OLLI ... something she’s awfully good at, we believe. If you would like to respond to Judy’s story or tell us about another OLLI member who should be featured on our OLLICenterstage, let us know: sue.renault@gmail.com

Alise Brown, Jessica Justice join OLLI staff



Alise Brown is OLLI’s new office manager. She helps with student workers, OLLI volunteers, OLLI supplies, reserving classrooms and other OLLI - related tasks. Alise.brown@furman.edu



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Jessica Justice is the new program coordinator for communications. She will be working on all things “communication” such as OLLI Notes, social media, the OLLI website, and promoting OLLI in the community.

WHAT'S NEW, JIM? IN GREENVILLE? IN THE REGION? IN THE HEADLINES? IN YOUR HEAD? READ ANYTHING INTERESTING? TELL US ABOUT IT. WHAT'S THAT THING YOU, JIM? WHAT MAKES YOU EXCITED? WHERE HAVE YOU

What's it all about, OLLI?

The Good Old Days are Now in Greenville

by James T. Hammond



The Headline in *The Greenville News* on December 30, 1923 read *Dixie, Land of Cotton, Rapidly Growing as Textile Region; Textile Center Has Developed from Small Beginning in 50 years.*

Woodside Mill, then just 15 years old, was the largest cotton mill under one roof in the world, boasting 112,000 spindles.

Camperdown Mill, the first established in the city, was 50 years old. Judson Mill was the newest mill in the region, built in 1911 as one of the first fine goods mills in the South.

Industrialists thought it would last forever.

It did not. In another 50 years, the mills were closing, stores had moved to the suburbs, and the city seemed to have lost its way. A new vision was needed.

In the 1960s and 70s, a new generation began the tough work of creating a post-textile model for a region with an underemployed workforce and little sense of common purpose. Those people included Mayor Max Heller, an Austrian immigrant who fled Nazism and became a Greenville industrialist and financier in his own right. His leadership attracted others to his vision for Greenville. His impact is noted by the city with a statue on Main Street.

I returned to Greenville in 1970 after four years in the U.S. Navy. Soon after, I was hired as a photographer at *The Greenville News*, a business that stayed on Main Street through the darkest years of the city's decline. Max Heller was just starting the process of giving Greenville a new sense of common purpose.

It's now almost 50 years since my return from the Navy, and the contrast on Main Street, and throughout the city, with those days could not be more stark.

Greenville's journey from an industrial ghost town to a multi-faceted business and entertainment center has been noted nationally on this or that "10 Best" lists.

Recently, *Time* magazine recognized Greenville Mayor Knox White as one of 31 people changing the South. That recognition is well-deserved for a man who has marshaled government muscle to leverage private investment by visionary developers like Bob Hughes, his brother Phil Hughes, and Bo Aughtry. Their 21st century jewels collectively known as River Place lit the fire of investment that led to the creation of Falls Park, Fluor Field, the redevelopment of the historic Poinsett Hotel and the *Greenville News* property, and myriad other public and private redevelopment projects.

"When White was elected mayor in 1995, the city had the money and planning acumen to build an urban center where people actually live, complete with retail, restaurants and trails beside a reclaimed Reedy," the *Time* article said.

But success brings problems, and longtime residents are finding they can no longer afford to live where gentrification has caused real estate prices and rents to soar. Traffic and inadequate roadways bog us down. The city and county are working to address these issues.

We learn from these 50 year cycles that nothing ever stays the same. Decades of growing prosperity built upon the international automotive industry, for example, seem threatened by a wave of nationalism and calls for tariffs on foreign imports.

The good old days are the present, a welcome peak that followed a century old economic valley.

Send comments on Jim's article to sue.renault@gmail.com

Jim Hammond photo at top taken by Elizabeth Hammond

OLLI Furman

The third lecture of *StraightTalk*, presented by The Riley Institute at Furman in partnership with OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) at Furman has been rescheduled to Monday, October 4, from 6:30 to 8 pm.

This year's topic, *StraightTalk: Who Gets to be American*, explores the impact of *immigration* upon our politics, economy, law enforcement and security. Following, edited for space, is a Furman news release:

Peter Hart and Whit Ayres—two top public opinion analysts in the United States, will speak Monday, Oct. 4, 6:30-8 p.m. in Younts Conference Center.

They will discuss “The Changing Face of America: Impact on the 2018 Election and Beyond,”

Peter Hart is the pollster for NBC News and The Wall Street Journal. His political clients have included leaders in the forefront of American politics over the past half century, from Hubert Humphrey and Jay Rockefeller, to Edward

Kennedy and Bill Clinton, as well as the Smithsonian Institution, Habitat for Humanity, UNICEF and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Whit Ayres is a leading Washington, D.C. political consultant with over 30 years of experience in polling and survey research for high-profile political campaigns and associations. His clients have included U.S. Senators Marco Rubio, Lamar Alexander, Bob Corker, Lindsey Graham, Boy Scouts of America, the Federalist Society and the Pharmaceutical Care Management Association. He is the author of “2016 and Beyond,” which illustrates how Republicans can win in the New America.

Following their remarks, Ayres and Hart will be joined by Jessica Taylor for a conversation about politics and political identities. Taylor, a Furman University alumna, is a political reporter with Washington, D.C.-based National Public Radio. She covers the 2018 midterm elections and breaking news from the White House and Congress. Inquire about tickets at the OLLI office.

OLLi is Me! BY MARIE ELDRIDGE

BENE FACTUM,* LINDA STONE AND JUDY ROOT



OLLI's Linda Stone, left, and Judy Root, right, are repeat gold medal winners in the National Latin Exam. *The international competition includes 13 countries and all 50 states at all levels, including colleges and*

universities. A typical 40-minute, 40-question exam can include grammar, Roman history and culture and translation of Latin literature.

This year, Linda and Judy earned gold medals on the Latin IV Prose Exam. They also received the prestigious Maureen O'Donnell Oxford Classical Dictionary Award for earning four gold medals in four years.

Before enrolling in Ginny Anderson's Latin classes at OLLI in 2014, the women had not studied Latin since high school. Now they are tackling Julius Caesar and translating passages from Pliny the Younger's *Epistulae*. They credit Ginny's teaching skills and motivation for their success.

Both women plan to continue their Latin studies. It's keeping my brain going," Judy says. "I'm delighted I can study and do well on a test at my age," adds Linda.

"Latin has an ongoing life in English," says Judy. "We use words like absent, commute and inevitable every day, and there is much to learn by studying Rome's development and cultural influence."

Send a note (in English) to Linda and Judy or tell us about your own OLLI achievement: sue.renault@gmail.com

**Bene Factum means "well done."*

Twenty-five years ago, FULIR offered its first hiking class on the Furman campus. On Wednesday, August 28, OLLI celebrated that first hike with approximately 90 participants who hiked on the campus, as well, before gathering at the Herring Center for a pot luck lunch. Joy Eaton who coordinated the celebration offered thanks to all who participated and helped.



OLLIBuzz

Greg Peters photo



Shelden Timmerman is teaching a class in HAND CHIMES, and he wants it to GROW! Call him: 803-517-1097.

GOOD READING by Diana Miel

Old in Art School by Nell Irvin Painter

I couldn't resist this book title. Since taking *Dynamic Aging* and *Aging Mastery* at OLLI, my outlook on aging has evolved to embrace challenges, cultivate adaptability, and grow intellectually and spiritually. This memoir, by a woman who was a chair in history at Princeton, winner of numerous research awards and writer of popular books on history who retires and then builds an entirely new career, is exhilarating.

Painter, the historian, not wanting to be a "Sunday painter," decides at 66 to obtain a BA in Fine Arts and then to go on for an MFA. She encounters ageism, racism, and sexism in her undergraduate courses at Mason Gross School of the Arts in Newark. She loves art school and making art but is irritated by slights and offhand dismissals, yet is not caught up in them. After graduating from Mason Gross, she works hard to gain admission to Rhode Island School of Design (RISD). She's told she "can't draw" and "will never be an artist," and she finds out that having "20th century eyes" will forever stunt her art. Despite her social isolation and the lack of encouragement from instructors, Painter produces an astonishing amount of work and graduates from RISD, the only one of 12 students without honors, which gals her, but again she pushes on.

Today Painter is in galleries and has collectors of her work, which combines history and art. Her book is illustrated with her work, which made me regret I bought it on my Kindle. Fortunately, her website (<http://www.nellpainter.com>) shows the paintings she describes in her book, while the book describes the process of her thinking, her materials and her art.

OLLILife welcomes your feedback. Anyone else read Painter's memoir? Let us know how you liked it: sue.renault@gmail.com

GOOD EATING by Lori Dillon

Lori's Latest Eating Adventure: Monkey Wrench in Travelers Rest

When we heard that Sidewall Pizza owners in Travelers Rest have opened a new restaurant a few doors away we had to check it out.

Monkey Wrench Smokehouse puts a new twist on Southern barbecue. Meat is cooked outside in an Oylar pit, which uses no gas, just wood to produce its flavor.

The décor is "industrial chic" with cement floors, exposed pipes, and garage doors. You may be seated at a long table with strangers, but that's OK. When our tablemates learned we'd never heard of hoe cakes, they shared theirs with us.

There are 11 other interesting sides all made in house. I liked the caramelized cabbage and the jar of house pickles. My friends liked the cauliflower casserole and corn on the cob.

Most of our party had the ribs and said they were nicely smoked. I snatched one when no one was looking and found it to be meaty and flavorful. The ribs come with cornbread and two sides. One of the meat sauces that come with it is called Cheerwine, which "OLLIs" know about after last year's book reading.

The staff is friendly and invested in everyone's enjoyment.

Monkey Wrench Smokehouse is located at 21 Main Street in Travelers Rest.

It is open Thursdays 5-9, Fridays and Saturdays 11-10, and Sundays 12-7.

Want to weigh in on Monkey Wrench? Or give us a recommendation of your own? Drop us a line: sue.renault@gmail.com



11th-Page Essays are personal insights in 250 words or less. For submissions info, contact sue.renault@gmail.com.

OLLIClass



Thanks, Greg Parker, for capturing OLLI events with your photos!

Need financial assistance or want to purchase a gift of OLLI classes? Contact Nancy Kennedy, 864-294-2979.



OLLILife's 11th-Page Essay:

LOOKING FOR DIVERSITY by Diana Miel

I'm pleased to be part of OLLI's efforts to enhance the diversity of our membership. OLLI is 98% white. It's rare to see a person of color among members or instructors. Numbers are not the point, though. Growing an OLLI which is inclusive is the point.

I'm aware of social, racial, and economic barriers that make living in a more diverse version of OLLI challenging, but I hope it's not impossible.

As a member of the Outreach Committee, I've worked with Chairman Michael Murphy and Marie Eldridge to explore this situation. Are people of color not joining OLLI because it's perceived as a "white space"? Are we as a group unintentionally unwelcoming or perceived as "elite" because of our association with Furman? Are people of color already involved in fulfilling

religious and community activities? If word of mouth is how we attract new members, maybe our words of praise for OLLI are being heard only by people who look like us. Is there something else we haven't considered?

I'm aware of social, racial, and economic barriers that make living in a more diverse version of OLLI challenging, but I hope it's not impossible. The Outreach Committee will continue its work to reach out to people of color. The Curriculum Committee is also exploring how to diversify perspectives within courses and to recruit Furman professors with expertise in Latino, African American and other minority groups.

Personally, I want to experience sharing ideas with my Greenville community as a whole. I hope OLLI members will have ideas for the Outreach Committee, possibly joining us in our efforts to reach out individually to people of color.

The point is not numbers, or percentages, but a common ground.

Want to comment on Diana's essay or give us your own take on OLLI's efforts to become more diverse? Send **FEEDBACK**: sue.renault@gmail.com

NEW WORDS

by SRenault

I get off my bicycle,
pull out my tiny notebook,
sit on the bench
under the shady tree.
I write a few words
as I do every day,
tuck my notebook back
into its pouch, start home,
my treasure awaiting its debut,
like new lipstick.

Soon I will spread
my words in front of me
watching them become yellow flowers,
chicks, hopping across a tall bush.

SURPRISED OUT LOUD by SRenault

wow, wow, wow, wow, wow
five wows in a row
just/because/the/sound/of/hooftbeats
came from behind and bounded
while I pedaled/stuck/to/the/ground
unable to fly/silence would not do/
three leaps/and/almost/to the other/side
he soared, filled the air/cleared the trees
wow, wow, wow, wow, wow/surprised
out loud,
what else could I do/except
for Christmas eve,
(with a jolly old fellow; but I was very young)
I have never seen a deer fly/then disappear
soundlessly/ except for
five wows

OLLIREMEMBERS * Barbara Leimsieder, Tributes Editor

James Shoemaker Tribute by Helen Graben



Jim Shoemaker, affectionately known as Shoe, was a member of OLLI for several years. A big man with wit, heart and intellect to match, he would have been hard to miss in the Great Decisions or military history class. He brought incredible experience to these classes, from witnessing the attack on Pearl Harbor as a boy to practicing law at a local firm. He died at home on July 14 at the age of 85.

Betty Manly-Garrett Tribute by Natalina Ferlauto

Betty Manly-Garrett was an early member of FULIR and an accomplished painter. Betty taught classes in watercolor for several years. She enjoyed taking classes in art and literature. Her sister, Evelyn Earle, is a current member of OLLI. Betty died on May 28 at the age of 92.



Carol Gemlick Tribute by Judy Aten and Elaine Brummett

Carol Gemlick was an early member of FULIR/ OLLI and the book club that became Rogue Readers. She co-chaired the Social Committee and was an active OLLI participant until her health required her to relocate to be near her children. She passed away on June 10 at the age of 76. Her many OLLI friends will miss her sunny disposition, great sense of humor and infectious laugh.



Elizabeth Gower Tribute by Sarah Fletcher

Elizabeth "Ducky" Gower was a native of Greenville. She took many FULIR/OLLI classes in literature and the classics including satire, the Aeneid and Shakespeare, as well as history courses about World War II. She died on May 24 at the age of 94 and will be remembered fondly by many OLLI members.



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Wine questions? Ask Cindy and Bernie Showman.

This fall we'll be drinking Pinot Noir from the Willamette Valley in Oregon. This region, south of Portland, has a long, cool growing season making it ideal for growing Pinot Noir grapes. Pinot Noir from the Willamette Valley is made in a similar style to Pinot Noir from Burgundy, France and many of these Oregon wines are recognized as the best in North America. I recently found Willamette Valley Vineyards Whole Cluster Pinot Noir at Cindy's Beverages (\$19.56) and it was absolutely delicious.

(See Bernie's advice online: www.sewinejoe.blogspot.com)