



OLLI says...

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MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

Fall, 2009

Upcoming Events

Sept. 14

Member registration for fall classes begins

Sept. 16

New member registration for fall classes begins

Sept. 18 10 a.m. - noon UNF

OLLI open house

Sept. 23 a.m. - noon UNF

Communications brainstorming session

Sept. 29

Fall term begins

Oct. 23 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. UNF

OLLI fall social

Nov. 11

Veterans Day Holiday

Nov. 26-27

Thanksgiving Holiday

Look for a Box lunch with John Delaney coming in September.

OPEN HOUSE AND FALL COURSE PREVIEW

Don't miss the OLLI Fall Open House on Friday, September 18, 10 a.m. - noon in the UNF University Center banquet hall. Please note this is a change from the previously advertised date.

This event is for all members and prospective members. OLLI instructors will be on hand to answer questions about their courses. You will also learn what book(s) you will need to buy, whether the class is structured as lecture or discussion, and which courses provide hands-on experiences. Members and prospects will be able to renew or register for OLLI membership and enroll in courses.

OLLI is offering 41 courses this fall. New courses include:

- "Rude, Lewd and Crude - A Critical Review of American Culture"
- "The First Amendment: Free Speech in an Open Society"
- "Socrates Café" - an active dialogue among attendees
- "How Does CSI Do That? Forensic Science for Everyone"
- "Richard Wagner's Operas"
- "Poverty in America"
- "Local, State, National Campaign Issues for 2010 and 2011"
- "Understanding the Game of Football for Women"
- "Legends of Jazz"
- "Caregiving for Loved Ones"
- "U.S. National Security Policy: Unravel the Secrets on Who? How? Why?"
- "Battles of the Civil War"
- "Science and Religion" - the story of the relationship of Western science and religion
- "Enigma in Perigord" - solving a mystery in French
- New wine classes and more

There will also be a one-day memoir-writing workshop!

Popular repeat courses include "Current Events," "Great Books," "What's in a Name?" and others. During the fall term, lunch lectures will be offered at University Center, Westminster Woods, Fleet Landing, and Glenmoor. Be a friend by bringing a friend with you to share your OLLI experience. Refreshments will be served. There is no fee for the open house, but please register if you plan to attend at 620-4200 or online at www.unfolli.com.

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New Advisory Board Introduced at June Annual Meeting

The OLLI annual meeting on June 11 was an opportunity to sum up a very successful year and to look to the future. Attendees enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres throughout the late afternoon gathering.

Robert Wood, Dean of UNF Continuing Education, announced that a check for the \$1 million endowment from the Osher Foundation had been received and turned over to UNF Institutional Advancement

He also introduced Barbara Turley, OLLI's new director at UNF, who expressed her enthusiasm on becoming a part of the OLLI program.

Tom Collins, co-chair of OLLI, thanked retiring board members Peggy Nielsen, Lynn Strauss, and Jim Whitmire for their contributions and hard work. He introduced the 2009-10 Advisory Board, including new members Billie Hayward, Tom Hermann, Bill McQuilkin and Ken Payne. Special thanks go to those board members who are staying on: Rita Allen, Martha Bekkum, Tom Collins, Martin Connor, Wayne Heckrotte, Rose Hendrickson, Madeline Jorgensen, Lee Marshall, Ralph Sawyer and Pat Vail.

Tom also announced that Wayne Heckrotte, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, has been planning a full slate of courses for the fall semester. Be sure to attend the Open House on Friday, Sept. 18, which will be held in the Banquet Hall at UNF. Here you will have an opportunity to meet the instructors and learn about their courses.

The annual meeting ended with several drawings, and lucky winners went home with discounted OLLI memberships and JSO recordings of "Carmina Burana."

Marie Smith



August Kokal,
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Dean Wood

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

By Marty Connor, co-chair OLLI

Tom Collins and I are sharing the duties of OLLI Chair this year. I'm speaking for both of us here when I welcome you back to OLLI for the 2009-2010 season.

It was just three years ago that a steering committee, recruited by Dean Bob Wood and led by Ralph Sawyer, launched OLLI. That September we held our first Open House and waited nervously to see if anyone would come. You did, and the rest is history. Now, on Friday, September 18, we will kick off our fourth season with over a thousand members and a dazzling array of course offerings, social events and outreach opportunities. Please plan to be there. At this Open House, you'll meet the volunteers who will be teaching this fall (retirees like most of us), learn about their courses and have a chance to register. You'll renew acquaintances with OLLI's other members as summer ends. Most importantly, you'll be able to bring your friends and neighbors and introduce them to OLLI. One thing we've learned is that OLLI grows by word of mouth.

It's important to bear in mind, as we start a new year, that we, its members, not only created OLLI but keep it going. UNF's Division of Continuing Education, in the person of Billie Lombardo, and now Barbara Turley, provides outstanding administrative support, but OLLI's programs are developed by its members. There will only be an OLLI as long as enough of us pitch in. Our courses are a product of the Curriculum Committee, chaired by Wayne Heckrotte. Our social activities and outreach programs are the work of a Social and Outreach Activities Committee, chaired by Pat Vail. The Membership Committee, chaired by Billie Hayward, is responsible for membership recruitment, retention and service. A Communications Brainstorming Session is planned for this fall to improve all aspects of member and public communications. I'd urge you to search out our committee chairs and members at the Open House and thank them for the great job they do. If you value OLLI, I'd also urge you to join a committee. Meetings are announced on our website and in our biweekly email "Updates." Y'all come!

Finally, a word should be said about our great partner retirement communities. This year OLLI will offer courses at Fleet Landing, Glenmoor, Vicars Landing and Westminster Woods. They are open to all OLLI members. If you live near the beaches, Fleet Landing and Vicars Landing are at your doorstep. So too is Westminster Woods if you live in or south of Mandarin. All are easily accessible and have splendid facilities. I have taught two courses at Glenmoor, in World Golf Village, and was astonished at how quickly I could get there from my San Jose area home. It's just minutes away on I-95!

Newest OLLI Partner Site: FLEET LANDING

By Deb Goin, Fleet Landing Liaison

In the spring of this year, Fleet Landing became a new partner with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UNF. For the over 400 residents of Fleet Landing, OLLI provides a vital component to their wellness program.

The wellness program, "Well Inspired," focuses on each of the six dimensions of wellness: social, intellectual, physical, emotional, spiritual, and vocational. Fleet Landing recognizes the wonderful benefits of pursuing knowledge by offering a lifelong learning program. Our residents will keep their minds sharp while improving memory and increasing self-confidence.

The OLLI classes scheduled for the fall will be offered in the beautiful Windward Commons, a state-of-the-art 25,000 square foot community center. It offers amenities such as an age-friendly fitness center, heated indoor pool, spa, salon, art studio and technology center. It has a gathering room with a baby grand piano and 1400-seat auditorium equipped for any audio visual needs.

Until the fall semester begins, OLLI lunch lectures are being held monthly. Fleet Landing is happy to report an overwhelming participation, and we look forward to classes on campus.

IMPORTANT “MARK YOUR CALENDAR” EVENTS PRESENTED BY THE SOCIAL AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

By Pat Vail, Chair Social and Outreach Committee

Due to the extended recuperation of Committee Chair, Pat Vail, our merry band has gotten a holiday from its social and outreach duties for OLLI. However, in spite of the holiday, we have devised some big plans for the fall.

Mark your calendars for the OLLI Open House and Fall Course Preview on Friday, September 18, when you will also have an opportunity to meet members of this year’s Lady Ospreys basketball team and coaches and learn the “Osprey Swoop.” At the Open House, you will also learn more about our new OLLI club program (Marty reports from his summer perch in NC that he found one club called the “Three Martini Luncheon Group,” whose president is known as The Grand Olive.) We were thinking more along the lines of the Wine 101 class, Marty – those NC folks are pretty wild!

In reference to the clubs, the social and outreach committee is looking for volunteers to organize the individual clubs – let us know what your interest is by getting in touch with the chair (patvail@comcast.net) or Barbara Turley (620-1159).

Another “mark your calendar” event: OLLI’s fall social happens on October 23, from 4:30-6:30 at the University Center. There will be hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar.

Madeline Jorgensen has agreed to chair the next OLLI Gala on April 17, 2010, and will be counting on your assistance and attendance to make this another successful OLLI gathering. The 2009 Jazz Gala was outstanding! Thanks, Madeline!

We have had two very successful sessions with students for the UNF Honors “Career Connections” program this past year. Dr. Tom Collins participated in a session for those interested in science as a career, and Michael Shore did one for students interested in a career in journalism. We will continue to find opportunities for OLLI members to participate with the students in the UNF Honors “Career Connections” program.

Thanks to Roger Kuder, who keeps track of all the OLLI meetings and activities on-line: go to www.unfolli.com, then to the 2009 OLLI Activities Calendar to get the latest.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Billie Hayward, Membership Committee Chair

No summer vacation from OLLI for the Membership Committee, a.k.a. the A-Team. We’ve been meeting monthly to make plans for our activities during the 2009-2010 OLLI season. Our focus has included:

- (1) Developing content and a welcome letter for new member packets that will be distributed to all new OLLI members
- (2) Developing a membership renewal letter to validate and thank members for continuing their OLLI membership
- (3) Working with Barbara Turley, to help us understand the membership data base
- 4) Planning recruitment activities at OLLI Open House events on the UNF Campus, with OLLI partners off-site and through our Speakers Bureau by presenting programs about OLLI classes and activities to community organizations
- (5) Updating information about OLLI on Jacksonville.com (the Times Union Jacksonville Community Activities Schedule)
- (6) Developing a Membership Survey Questionnaire
- (7) Designing a schedule for follow-up with OLLI members whose memberships have expired.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Membership Table during the OLLI Fall Open House on September 18 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon. **REMEMBER THAT EVERY OLLI MEMBER IS A MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER.** We urge you to bring a friend or neighbor to the Open House and to recruit two new members to OLLI in 2009-2010. Everyone 50 years and older should have the opportunity to participate in the classes and activities that we all enjoy. The best recruiting strategy available is word of mouth. Let’s see who the most successful OLLI recruiter will be during this academic year!!! Let the Membership Committee know of your successes by contacting billiehayward@earthlink.net. We welcome you to join the A-Team.

Step To The Front of the Class!

By Wayne Heckrotte, Curriculum Committee Chair

Are you an avid OLLI student who looks forward to each semester's catalog? Do you rush to sign up for courses before they fill up? Are you impressed by the diverse talents the OLLI faculty offers? OLLI's Curriculum Committee works diligently to provide the informative, interesting courses you have enjoyed but they are always in need of new volunteer instructors. Now is the time to consider stepping to the front of the class!

So, what credentials does one need to join the OLLI faculty? While you may think you have nothing to share, consider the backgrounds of several current OLLI instructors.

- A retired attorney who has taught wine appreciation, Greek Classics, Supreme Court decisions, the Roaring Twenties era, and a course on Dante's "Divine Comedy." He has combined his early education, legal background, study of wines, and general interests to enrich many OLLI courses.
- An individual whose background has been in computers, but whose avocations are opera and photography. He offers OLLI courses in all three areas.
- A woman whose background is also in computers, but who loves to cook. In addition to her computer courses, she offers cooking classes, specializing in foreign cuisines.
- A computer project and program manager whose love of history led to a course on World War II based on Ken Burns' film *The War*, another class on the History of Baseball, in addition to a computer course.

As these examples illustrate, OLLI has many teachers who are presenting courses outside of their career areas; two physicians on the faculty teach courses well outside the health-care field. At the same time, OLLI encourages people to offer courses in the areas of their life-time work. One of the courses with the highest evaluations by OLLI members is in English literature, presented by a retired English professor.

Indeed, many among us can meet the diverse qualifications of an OLLI Instructor. So, if you have a topic that interests you, the Curriculum Committee will work to get you started. Just outline your course idea, and send it to the Curriculum Committee at waynelh@comcast.net or call Wayne Heckrotte at 904-814-8299. Can you be an OLLI Instructor? Of course you can.



Communications Brainstorming Session

As our OLLI grows and matures, we continue to change and evolve. Communication within the organization and with the public is vitally important to our continued success. Currently, we achieve this in a variety of ways utilizing the internet and printed materials: our official OLLI website, www.unfolli.com and the UNF Continuing Education website, our newsletter, "OLLI Says...", weekly email updates, our catalogs, activities calendar, bulletin boards on campus, flyers for special events, and our instructors and class assistants.

Recognizing the need to strengthen and expand these avenues, a Communications Brainstorming Session is planned for Wednesday, September 23, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. We welcome all interested members to give us your time and ideas. Remember we need you to take an active role; this is a member-led organization. To plan for an appropriate sized room for the meeting, please contact Clara May at clara.may@unf.edu or 620-4347 to let us know that you will attend.

Martha Bekkum



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1. Online at www.unfolli.com beginning September 14 for current members.
2. Call (904) 620-4200
3. Fax registration form to (904) 620-4244
4. E-mail to clara.may@unf.edu
5. In the office at the University Center, 2nd floor, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday
6. Mail completed registration form to: UNF OLLI, 12000 Alumni Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32224
7. At the Open House on Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. to noon.