Neither sun or snow will keep our ultra-healthy OLLI Friday Hiking class members from enjoying the great outdoors. These photos were taken on January 21, while hiking the 4 mile South Plateau Loop on Monte Sano. Nineteen out of 39 class members boldly endured the bitter 17 degree temperature. Brrrr, aren’t they brave?

See more photos of this hiking group on: http://picasaweb.google.com/Olliphotos.

Contributed by Bev Marchelos

CALANDER OF EVENTS

Virkhaus Preview Lecture               Feb 10
Adam’s Nixon in China                  Feb 12
UAH Hockey Game                       Feb 25
Hsv Museum of Art                      Feb 28
Gluck’s Iphigenie en Tauride           Feb 26
Adam’s Nixon in China                  Mar 2
Winter Term Ends                       Mar 14
Gluck’s Iphigenie en Tauride           Mar 16
Donizetti’s Lucia di Lammermoor        Mar 19

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Chuck Duffy, President

Check the announcements of the many UAH music programs which are open to OLLI members.

Chuck Duffy, President

If you had a choice, what subject would you choose for a Summer Enrichment Series 2011? In recent years we have covered elections, the Alabama constitution, and STEM. I would like to hear from OLLI members just what sort of presentation might interest you and, if you'd like, what format and time frame. AND, would you like to volunteer to put together such a program? Send me your thoughts. My e-mail is charleseduffy81@comcast.net. While we are pondering this subject, remember to look for the Wednesday bonuses and to sign up for free tickets to the UAH hockey on February 25.

Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know. — Daniel J. Boorstin

Curriculum Corner

The facilitator plays a vital role in the OLLI academic system. Have you ever wanted to become one? It is easy to do, and your efforts will be appreciated.

Facilitators for each course are recruited by the Curriculum Discipline Chairs. (See back of the course catalog.) The Chairs call members who are enrolled for the course and ask if they would like to facilitate the class. The first person to give a positive response is named the facilitator.

If you wish to facilitate a course, just give the Discipline Chair a call. The Chair will be happy to hear from you and you will get the job. If you don’t have their phone number, call me at 256-830-9279, and I will give the number to you. I will also be happy to explain the simple duties of a facilitator.

Even though I encourage you to become a facilitator, there are some things you should consider before you volunteer. You should be able to come to the class approximately eight minutes before the class begins, so that you can make the coffee for the class (only done in Wilson Hall) and write short announcements on the white board. You should also be able to spend a few minutes in the classroom after the class is over to straighten the furniture, clean up the coffee, and clean the whiteboard.

Show your support of OLLI by becoming a facilitator.

Never be afraid to try, remember...

Amateurs built the ark.

Professionals built the Titanic
Cultural Events

The winter snow has been beautiful, but its appearance, along with ice, caused cancellation of our trip to Frist Center for the Visual Arts in Nashville. It was unfortunate that we were not able to reschedule, and we regret that many of you did not get to view *The Birth of Impressionism*, which was on loan from the Musee d’Orsay in Paris, and the Alfred Stieglitz Collection of modern American and European art at Fisk University. Eleanor Schweinsberg is working with our OLLI treasurer to refund money for the trip.

Taavo Virkhaus will inform and entertain us with another Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Preview Lecture on Thursday, February 10, from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. in Madison Hall Room 202. The HSO performance (VBC Mark C. Smith Concert Hall, Saturday, February 12) will be “The Russians are Coming!” with Daniel Boico conducting and Christopher O’Riley, guest pianist. The program will also consist of UAHuntsville New Music Festival Selection: Shostakovich Symphony No. 9, and Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 3. Conductor Emeritus Virkhaus is an interesting and enthusiastic speaker and is open to questions. You are invited to join us as we listen and learn about these beautiful compositions.

A visit to the Huntsville Museum of Art is being planned for Friday, February 18, at 10:00 a.m. Details will be confirmed soon and announced in the OLLI Weekly Newsletter.

Opera at the Movies (Hollywood 18) schedule for February and March:

- **February 12:** Adam’s Nixon in China (Live)
- **February 26:** Gluck’s Iphigenie en Tauride (Live)
- **March 2:** Adam’s Nixon in China (Encore)
- **March 16:** Gluck’s Iphigenie en Tauride (Encore)
- **March 19:** Donizetti’s Lucia di Lammermoor (Live)
- **April 6:** Donizetti’s Lucia di Lammermoor (Encore)

Senior tickets for live performances are $22; and Encore tickets are $18. Live performance times are Saturday, 12:00 p.m. – Encore performances are Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Last year’s membership drawing contest was so successful that the Member Services Committee has decided to repeat it. This time, it will be held earlier in the year — date to be announced.

Begin thinking of friends, family, and neighbors who would be interested in joining OLLI. The more membership forms that bear your name, the better your chances of winning. Watch your newsletter for the start-date of the contest.
The **Back-to-School Potluck Luncheon** was held at the end of the first week of winter-term classes. We were very lucky that the weathermen were wrong, and it did not snow or ice the night before. We had a good crowd of about 90 members that came out to celebrate the new term and catch up with all their OLLI friends. We had plenty of wonderful food served in a festive winter atmosphere. The tables were adorned with a variety of lovable snowmen! Thanks to everyone for your delicious creations; no one went home hungry, and we think they all went home happy as well!!

**Next Social Event**

Mark your calendars now for our next social event on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at noon. We will be honoring our instructors at an **End-of-Term Social** at Trinity United Methodist Church. Keep watching your newsletter for more information!

**Good Eats, Great Company at the Back-to-School Luncheon**

A pleasant time was had by all at the Potluck Luncheon which took place on January 21, at Trinity United Methodist Church.

*Photos by Susan Deferio*
A vital part of the OLLI experience is the opportunity to mingle and socialize with other members. While interaction in classrooms is encouraged, the socials provide an opportunity to personally get to know one another in a relaxed environment. This practice goes back to when the Academy of Lifetime Learning was first organized; a Back-to-School Social was held in September 1993, prior to the first term of classes.

There are a variety of social activities including Back-to-School Socials, Teacher Appreciation Socials, the Annual General Membership Meeting, summer picnics, and a Holiday Dinner/Dance party during the Christmas holiday season. Food and refreshments for most of the events are provided by OLLI at UAH. We have had pizza, BBQ, and ice cream, in addition to standard fare. However, some of the events are potluck, where members provide the food themselves. Announcements of these events are made in the OLLI at UAH newsletter.

If you are interested in joining this fun and vital group, please contact Nan Case at her email address: nancase@gmail.com.
UAH Chargers Hockey Game

No Charge!
Friday, February 25, at 7:05

Why not join us and sit together as a group at the US NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT team game. It's the last one of the season.

To register, just stop by the OLLI office or call 256-824-6959. You may also call Jan Atnip at 970-290-9868

Submitted by Jan Atnip

2011 Photo Contest

Get ready, get set, go dig out your camera. The contest start date is right around the corner. Details of the theme and criteria will be announced soon.

Important Notice: Inputs for the March Newsletter are due by February 25. Please send articles and ideas to Lorrie White, Editor; Joyce Pettis, Co-editor, at ollinewsletter@msn.com. Please understand that due to cost and space constraints, articles may be edited for length.

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