
OLLI TIMES

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE MEMBERS AND STAFF TO THE MEMBERSHIP

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WELCOME TO THE OLLI TIMES!!

Here is the first edition of OLLI's latest publication. "The OLLI Times will contain information primarily from the members for the members' benefit," according to OLLI Executive Director Debra Herman.

"This is where you come in. If you would like to write articles for publication; if you would like to communicate information to others but are reluctant to use social media; if you want to inform others about matters of general interest to the members, here is your opportunity. Nothing that is OLLI-related is off-limits," she said.

"It is hoped that the OLLI Times will become a source that complements the Newsletter by serving as an additional

resource for sharing news and information relevant to our membership. Now, it's up to you. Send us whatever information you would like to share with your fellow members--clubs, activities, birthdays, congratulations, sickness, announcements, etc.--in whatever form you choose. We will do the rest," she added. It will be available on the OLLI website noted in the masthead above.

George and Harriet Waas will serve as co-editors. Their email address is waas01@comcast.net. Deadline for submissions will be the 15th of each month, with publication on the 20th.

OLLI LAUNCHES SENIORS FOR SENIORS PROGRAM

OLLI, in partnership with the Tallahassee Animal Service Center, has launched the Seniors (dogs) for Seniors (OLLI members) program. So many senior dogs are homeless, yet they make the best pets for those in OLLI's age group. The shelter relies heavily on citizens to open their hearts and homes

to the 5,000 homeless animals taken in each year. Twenty-five percent are euthanized. The age range for senior dogs is 8 and up. Check with OLLI's leadership. There will be brochures at the Showcase on January 22, and at the OLLI headquarters at the Claude Pepper Center.

E-DEVICE TECHNOLOGY CLUB POWERS UP IN FEBRUARY

A new club, the E-device Club, will hold its first meeting on Thursday, February 8 at 11 a.m. at the Eastside Branch Library, 1583 Pedrick Road. After this initial session discussing ideas for this club, a second meeting will be held on Thursday, February 15 at the same time and at the same location. Manju Kundra will lead a discussion at this meeting.

Most OLLI members have a smart phone, and many of us have a tablet. We sort of know how to use them, First Vice President Cindy Foster said. "Why not come together with your OLLI friends and share your knowledge and learn a trick or two about your android or apple product?" she added.

NEW OLLI COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS BEING FORMED; SURVEY SHOWS OLLI MEMBERS' BROAD COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT; MEMBER IDEAS AND PARTICIPATION SOUGHT

OLLI at FSU is ready to take the next step in promoting life-long-learning and the social, emotional, mental and physical health of the age 50+ population in our community. That “next step” is to explore ways we can partner with other organizations with common interests to meet mutual goals. An example of this effort is our new OLLI “Seniors for Seniors” program with the Tallahassee/Leon County Animal Shelter---to match our members with older dogs in need of a temporary or permanent home---discussed elsewhere on Page 2 of the *OLLI Times*.

During the Fall 2017 semester, 431 OLLI members responded to our most recent program survey. That number of responses is more than three times the number we received during the previous survey. In anticipation of forming a new OLLI committee to grow partnerships, a new question was added to the Fall survey: “What other organizations in the local area are you involved in?”

Two hundred and seventy-two people, or 63% of the respondents, indicated

they are involved in other local organizations. In fact, on average, these respondents were involved with two other local organizations, in addition to OLLI. The total responses included a complete range of community organizations. The top four types of community organizations listed by respondents are civic/public services (30%), arts/music (28%), religious (24%) and conservation/parks (21%). Six other types of local organizations received more than a 10% response: medical/science, seniors, book clubs/literary, exercise, political and FSU related.

According to OLLI President Frank Alarcon, this survey information clearly demonstrates just how involved and invested our OLLI membership is in our community. So how can we use this knowledge to continue to enhance OLLI and also benefit the local organizations we already care about?

A new OLLI Committee on Community Partnerships is envisioned as an incubator for ideas on how we

can make such supportive partnerships a reality. If you have an idea or you think you might want to participate in such a committee, please contact President Alarcon at

alarconfj@yahoo.com or 850-766-6854. An initial committee meeting is anticipated sometime during the month of February. "We need your ideas and your energy!", Alarcon said.

OLLI TRAVEL CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

Iceland's Magical Northern Lights

When: Fri, February 23, 2018, 11a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Eastside Branch Library - 1583 Pedrick Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32317

Description: Jack Brinson, our Collette Representative, will present "Iceland's Magical Northern Lights" and answer any questions you may have about this trip planned for December of 2018.

Armchair Travel Club Meeting - CUBA!

When: Fri, March 9, 2018, 11a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Leon County Library Eastside Branch - 1583 Pedrick Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32317

Description: Cuba is an interesting place to visit. OLLI members visited Cuba in April of 2017.

Join us to hear about their experiences, the natural beauty of Cuba, and the wonderful Cuban people. See the article on the OLLI Padding Club's visit to Cuba on page 10.

This second Armchair meeting is a result of the successful venture held in October featuring John and Linda Kilgore's African Safari. To give full flavor to how enjoyable and enlightening these Armchair Travel Club meetings can be, below is a reprint of the article that appeared in the Olli Newsletter.

OLLI TRAVEL CLUB HOSTS VIRTUAL AFRICAN SAFARI

For those who have never been on an African Safari, the Travel Club recently hosted the next best thing...a Virtual African Safari.

John and Linda Kilgore, who recently went on an African Safari, shared their many incredible and on occasion harrowing experiences traveling through the jungles of the Dark Continent.

John, who is OLLI Second Vice President, and Linda visited four countries several

months ago. They took more than 7,000 pictures of their visit to South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Botswana, and prepared a slide show for the audience.

Numerous exotic animals and birds. Incredible flora and fauna. Elephants outside their tent and blocking the road. Crocodiles sunning themselves just an arms' distance away. Lions within a few feet of their jeep. These, along with the many fascinating stories that John and Linda shared

with the group made for a memorable virtual tour.

"This was the first meeting of its kind for the travel club," said George and Harriet Waas, co-chairs of the club. "It is hoped that the club will host other programs of this type as OLLI

members continue to travel to exotic and fascinating places. After all, it is a big, wide, wonderful world we live in," they said.

A big "THANK YOU" to John and Linda for sharing their wonderful African experiences with the audience.



OLLI HOLIDAY BOOK DRIVE A GREAT SUCCESS

Congratulations OLLI members! 430 books were collected for the annual OLLI Holiday Book Drive - an initiative of the OLLI Book club. The agencies receiving the books are Guardian ad

Litem program, Hope Community, Refuge House, and the Senior Foster Grandparents Program of Elder Care! Special thank you to Book Club chairs, Susan Barnes and Carol deJarnette!

BOOK CLUB TO HOST D'ALEMBERTE

Former FSU President Sandy D'Alemberte will be the featured speaker at a special meeting of the Book Club on Monday, March 19 at 2:30 p.m. at the Leroy Collins Leon County Public Library (downtown). He will also lead a group discussion on the recently published *My Own Words* by Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg with Mary Harnett and Wendy Williams. Both co-authors have

been/are on the history faculty at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and have worked with Justice Ginsburg. The book is primarily a compilation of Justice Ginsburg's opinions on significant cases brought before the Supreme Court since her appointment. However, there are personal vignettes which bring her personal life into play. Harnett and Williams have plans for publishing a biography

of Justice Ginsburg. It is hoped that the status of this biography will be available at the time of the meeting.

BOOK CLUB TO DISCUSS TWO NOVELS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

The Book Club will feature "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles on January 24 at Westminster Oaks at 4 p.m. The February 14 meeting at Westminster Oaks will

feature the award-winning "The Underground Railroad," by Colson Whitehead. This novel describes the horrors of slavery and the lengths one woman goes to escape it.

LONGEVITY/MORTALITY DOCUMENTARY TO BE SHOWN IN TALLAHASSEE

"Seven Songs for a Long Life" will be shown at the Tallahassee Senior Center Auditorium on Tuesday, February 6 at 6 p.m. Filmmaker Amy Hardie describes this documentary as "a gentle and surprisingly pleasurable route to considering your own mortality." Filmed at Strathcarron Hospice near Edinburgh, Scotland, the emphasis on living, and living with delight, is what may surprise viewers most. The filmmaker observes, "New advances in medicine have changed this generation's relationship with fatal disease. We can now live for years, rather than months, after a terminal diagnosis. But as scientific and medical treatments have increased in complexity and efficacy,

they have not been matched by our emotional willingness to face those choices." Winning official selection awards at 12 film festivals internationally, the film premiered on PBS on January 30, 2017. Guardian magazine says: "This incredibly moving documentary is all the more affecting because of the unsentimental way it's told. Filmmaker Amy Hardie has a particularly good eye for the evocative, quiet moments." After the one-hour film, FSU Professor, Dr. Sally Karioth, will facilitate discussion. This showing is sponsored by Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd.

EICHMANN TRIAL EXHIBIT SPEAKER TO APPEAR AT FSU

In conjunction with the Florida Holocaust Museum's hosting of the blockbuster exhibition "Operation Finale: The Capture and Trial of Adolph Eichmann," the exhibition's curator, Mossad agent Avner Avraham, will share behind-the-scenes stories of the Mossad capture of Adolph Eichmann and the importance of his trial. The presentation will be held Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30 at the FSU Alumni Center.

The exhibition formally opens in Tampa on February 10 and is the first exhibition in the United States to fully document the pursuit, capture, extradition, and trial of a Nazi war criminal.

Fifty-six years ago, Adolf Eichmann, who had been in charge of transporting millions of European Jews to death camps, sat in a courtroom for a trial that would be among the first in history to be completely televised. The trial captivated millions of people across the globe and it

was the first time that many of them learned the details of the Holocaust.

The dramatic story behind one of the world's most notorious escaped Nazi war criminals being brought to justice is told using recently declassified artifacts from the Mossad, Israel's Secret Intelligence Service. The exhibition includes objects and images made available outside the country for the first time – original 1960s-era artifacts, photographs, Telly Award winning films and audio, as well as contemporary design elements and interactive features, to tell a story of espionage, intrigue and, ultimately, justice served. Also included in the exhibition is one of the most iconic objects of the century – the bulletproof glass booth in which the accused sat as the courtroom drama was broadcast around the globe.

Operation Finale: The Capture & Trial of Adolf Eichmann opens to the public on Saturday, February 10 and is on display through July 15 at The Florida Holocaust Museum in Tampa.

REPORTER TALKS ABOUT UNITED STATES, RUSSIA AND EUROPE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Europe: Between a Russian Rock and an American Hard Place

Peter Ford, the Paris-based global affairs correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor, will explore the challenges and opportunities that Russia's activism and U.S. disengagement present to Europe, particularly in the light of Brexit, on Tuesday, January 23 at 4:30 at The Globe Auditorium, 110 S. Woodward

Street.

Prior to his current posting, Ford served for a decade as the Monitor's Beijing bureau chief, covering news and features throughout China. Before that, he served as the newspaper's chief European correspondent, Moscow bureau chief and Middle East correspondent.

FRIENDSHIP FORCE CEO TO VISIT FSU

Friendship Force International CEO Jeremi Snook, will speak to the local OLLI club about his experiences with FFI and some of the innovations he

has planned for the organization. He will appear on Friday January 26 at 3 p.m. at the Northeast Public Library, 5513 Thomasville Road.

FRIENDSHIP FORCE FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR N.C., D.C. GROUPS SET FOR MARCH

The farewell luncheon for the incoming group of Friendship Force visitors from Raleigh N.C. and Washington D.C. will be Friday, March 16, from 11:30 to 1:30 at Backwoods Bistro 401, East Tennessee Street 32301.

The deadline to register on the OLLI online system is March 1. The cost will be \$16 (includes lunch, drink, tip and tax). Contact Wendy Johnson, mrswendyjohnson@gmail.com for more information.

OLLI DAY TO BE CELEBRATED AT FSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME

OLLI Day will be celebrated on January 28 at the Tucker Civic Center as the 12th ranked FSU Women's Basketball Team hosts 5th ranked Notre Dame. The game starts at 4 p.m. Tickets are

\$1 at the box office. Come out and support our student's athletes and Coach Sue Semrau in this feature matchup featuring two of the best teams in the nation.

OLLI BOOK CLUB HAS NEW CO-CHAIRS

Sue Barnes and Carol DeJarnette have been selected as the new co-chairs of the OLLI Book Club.

OLLI "GREAT GIVE" SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE SLATED FOR MARCH

Each year, OLLI at FSU awards scholarships to FSU students who have been nominated by their professors, and whose studies are particularly relevant to OLLI members. This program, called **The Great Give**, is a 36-hour period from 9:00 a.m. March 22 until 9:00 p.m. March 23, for OLLI members--YOU--to give to OLLI's Scholarship Fund. Last year, while the goal was set at \$2,500, OLLI raised over \$3,000. This year OLLI has upped the ante – the goal is \$3,000.

"Let's see what kind of record we can set," coordinator Nancy O'Farrell said.

"We love our FSU students. This is a great way to say thanks to the University for its continuing support for our OLLI at FSU program. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!** And more information will be forthcoming as the date approaches," she added,

Want to talk about a gift to OLLI? Call Nancy at 850-509-3475, or email nancyofarrell047@gmail.com.

PADDLERS KICK OFF SPRING SEMESTER WITH

KAYAKING ADVENTURE IN CUBA

Members of the Olli Paddlers Club left on January 11 for a private, Olli exclusive exploration of the wild and natural side of Cuba. They went kayaking and hiking for 10 days in some of the most pristine and least explored places in the Caribbean, ending their adventure with a couple of days in Havana.

Olli Paddlers enjoy socializing as well as kayaking on their outings. They have paddled together and were acquainted with one another already so the fun began long before the trip. They had a “pre-Cuba party”

in October and met again over lunch early this month to socialize and plan together.

In addition to weekly paddling get-togethers in the waters of North Florida, Olli Paddlers have one or two more adventurous multi-day trips per year. Cuba is the most ambitious of these but kayaking, hiking, bicycling and staying in a Bed and Breakfast at Cedar Key was a blast last year. This April, the week after classes end, Olli Paddlers will take over the villas and campgrounds of Devil’s Fork State Park on beautiful Lake Jocassee in the Carolinas.

FEBRUARY IS A BUSY MONTH FOR OLLI CULTURE AND ARTS

Four activities highlight OLLI's cultural and arts agenda, according to committee chair Jan Smith. On Saturday, February 3, Valentine Voices & Verses, an intimate musical afternoon under the auspices of the FSU Artist Series will be held at the home of Ginny and Gene Densmore, 9713 Waters Meet Drive, Tallahassee. Soprano Carla Connors, with husband Tim Hoekman on piano, along with other musical guests, will offer love songs from opera and musical theater. Maximum number of guests in 25. Registration deadline is January 29th.

A second program is TO RAY WITH LOVE, WITH MACCEO PARKER & THE RAELETTES, an evening of jazz with saxophonist Macceo Parker rocks Ruby Diamond Auditorium on Monday, February 5th at 7:30 with a rousing tribute to the great Ray Charles. The Raelettes will be there, along with the Ray Charles Orchestra. This is an Opening Nights event. Great reserved seats are available at a reduced price.

Maximum number of OLLI guests is 30. Reservations deadline is January 29th.

The third program for February is THE ADDAMS FAMILY at the FSU School of Theater. This is a matinee performance on Sunday, February 18 at 2 p.m. Join Gomez, Morticia, Lurch, Uncle Fester and the rest of the "Family" at the Fallon Theater. Maximum number of OLLI guests is 40; registration deadline is January 31st.

February concludes with the University Symphony Orchestra Winter Concert on Saturday, February 24. This is a free concert featuring an evening of eclectic orchestral offerings under the baton of Dr. Alexander Jimenez, and will be held in the Ruby Diamond Concert Hall. Although a free event, the OLLI group maximum is 75 and will be able to sit together. Registration deadline is February 16.

WALKING CLUB HITTING THE ROAD IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Following the OLLI Showcase on January 22, club members will walk the immediate FSU campus along paved walkways, and a few hills. Members will meet at 3:30 at the entrance to the Turnbull Center garage.

Club member Carol Henderson, who hosts club members for a walk in the Luna Manor neighborhood, followed by a social gathering and book exchange at her home, will host the

next get-together on Friday, January 26 at 9 a.m.

The club will take a field trip to Tall Timbers Research Station on February 16. The club also celebrates monthly birthdays over lunch, following a Friday walk. Information on these activities will appear in the club email for the week of January 22.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR CLASS HOSTS

OLLI depends on volunteers to supplement the staff. The best way to start volunteering is to become a class host. Class hosts are the conduit between the class and the staff and the advisory board, serving in this capacity can result in moving into a leadership position. Being a class host is a good way to meet your classmates and assist them with their issues. Duties include making the pre-class announcements, assisting the instructor, and handling the paperwork. There is more

information on page 8 of the catalog. If you are a veteran volunteer, we welcome you back. If you are a new member, volunteer, help out, and learn more about OLLI.

Class host training will be Thursday, February 15 at 10 :45 – 11:30 AM, at the Pepper Center. There will be free parking. If you are interested or would like more information, email John Kilgore at kilgorejhn@comcast.net.

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