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## YOUR OLLI GIVING DOLLARS AT WORK

*By Larry Dendy*

OLLI's Annual Fund Campaign is again underway. So if you...

- Appreciate choosing from among some 150 stimulating classes each semester
- Have fun in one or more of our 27 Shared Interest Groups (SIGS)
- Enjoy attending gala seasonal parties, dinners and other social events
- Like taking travel adventures in the United States and abroad
- And enjoy friendships, both old and new, that enrich your life...

Then it's time to show your appreciation and support for OLLI with an Annual Fund donation.

This year's campaign, which began in October and ends January 15, has a goal of \$20,000. Every cent goes to expand and enhance the total OLLI experience of lifelong learning and personal growth.

"Membership and class fees, and the endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation, cover about 90 percent of our basic operating expenses," explains OLLI Executive Director Tim Meehan. "We depend on the Annual Fund to help provide those services and activities that make OLLI so special for our members."

Last year's Annual Fund helped OLLI offer Saturday and evening classes and launch the Gwinnett OLLI program. This year's Fund will help sustain the popular summer Dartmouth and Cine movie programs and perhaps upgrade audio-visual equipment, among other uses.

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## OLLI WELCOMES NEW STAFF

*By Malcolm Richardson*

New faces! OLLI has added Michelle Horton-Caricofe and Jennifer Shai-kun to our staff, each with unique specialties but with some overlap in the daily responsibilities. With **Joan Williams** still firmly in place as our anchor in the main office, Michelle and Jennifer assist members in using classroom technology, but each plays key roles in such essential behind-the-scenes tasks as class scheduling and travel.



**OLLI staff (clockwise from back left): Michelle Horton-Caricofe, Joan Williams, Timothy Meehan and Jennifer Shaikun**

*(Photo/J. Penrod)*

Joining us in the office since February is **Michelle Horton-Caricofe**, Member Services Coordinator. In this role, she works with the Membership and Hospitality committees to reach out to engage current and potential members. Michelle earned from Jacksonville State University her bachelor of science degree with a double major in marketing and human resource management and a master's degree in special education, with a focus on autism. She has three children, was married 26 years, and has more than 30 years of experience working in the travel industry and event planning. When Michelle is not with her young daughter traveling or supporting OLLI members, she plans events, enjoys photography, supports environmental science and animal rights through fund-raising events and

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Tim Meehan

We are an Organization and a Community, but we are also individuals on our own lifelong learning journey. The advantage of having 150 + classes per semester, a variety of SIGS, and engaging travel means that there is probably no other member who has the same experience as you. I like the comparison to running – both a team sport, a community sport, but also an individual pursuit. Sometimes the route is easy, and sometimes we go through a hard mile, where everything is a struggle.

One of the motivational phrases on a recent run I did was “trying your best, may not be your personal best, but it is the best you can do today.” We know that money can be tight, and \$20,000 for our Annual Fund Campaign seems like a daunting target. However, this translates to \$17.50 per member. If you have not given to the campaign before, please think about donating whatever you can – working together we can make our target for the year.

Running is also about little and often. You cannot expect to run a marathon without putting in the miles beforehand, a little bit every day, every week, every month. For OLLI, a monthly recurring donation for the

campaign, little and often, rather than a one-off larger donation, can help both you and OLLI budget better. Ten dollars a month might well be easier than \$100 at one time.

So where does the money go? Over the last nine months, we have been delighted to welcome Michelle and Jennifer to the staff (see a story about them in this issue), and Joan and Rita continue their sterling work. We continue to reach out to the communities around UGA Gwinnett, while raising our profile at festivals and civic events. However, all of this progress comes with costs, and the money we make from our programs and the spending budget from our Osher Endowment only covers 90% of our expenses. This is where your contributions make the difference.

A final thank you to our members who gave to the Annual Fund last fiscal year. We exceeded our goal for last year, and I believe, if we all chip in a little, we can beat the goal again this year, and in doing so we can support each other on the hard miles of our lifelong learning journey.

### SPRING CLASS REGISTRATION

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**@ GWINNETT JAN. 25**



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# THE TOOLS OF ENGAGEMENT: OLLI COMM EVENTS

By Cher Snyder

One of the most powerful tools in the OLLI COMM toolbox announces and lets people RSVP to SIG and committee meetings and activities. The **Events** feature makes it easy for group leaders to announce the date, time, place, and details of upcoming meetings and activities, and for members to RSVP.

You can view an Event for your group by:

- Clicking on **RSVP Now** in the email notification of the Event, which takes you directly to the Event itself, or
- Visiting OLLI COMM at [olli-uga.mn.co](http://olli-uga.mn.co) or in the Mighty Networks app. Click the name of your SIG or committee, click the Events tab near the top of the page, then click to select and open the Event you'd like to view.

The image below is an example of what members of the Picture This! SIG would have viewed upon opening an Event posted by SIG leader Gary Whiting for their November meeting. Here, members were able to:

- Click to see a Google map and get directions to the Event location.
- Click to add the Event to their Google, Apple, or Outlook calendar.
- Click to RSVP (Going, Not Going, or Maybe) to the Event to share their plans with their group leader. This is especially critical for Events taking place at restaurants or other venues where seating/space or admission may be limited. If their plans change, members can always update their RSVP selection so group leaders can make any necessary adjustments.

The next time your SIG leader or committee chair posts an Event, be sure to check out this user-friendly feature!

## OLLI STAFF

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volunteers in the community in various capacities. Most importantly, she never stops educating herself and her daughter outside the classroom!

Our most recent staff addition, **Jennifer Shaikun**, joined the OLLI team as the new Program Services Coordinator. In this role, she works closely with the Curriculum Committee, helping recruit instructors, providing support for classes, and overseeing the administrative side of the catalog production. Jennifer also assists with the planning and execution of the many wonderful trips planned by the Travel Study Committee. Jennifer graduated from the College of Charleston with a bachelor's degree in psychology. The first 13 years of her career were spent working at UGA in research and grants administration. Before joining OLLI, Jennifer worked in the nonprofit sector and spent the last six years working for the Athens Community Council on Aging as the Meals on Wheels director. She and her husband Sean have lived in Athens for 20+ years and have enjoyed raising their children here (Anna, 18, and Shepherd, 14).

"We're very fortunate to have found two exceptionally qualified and enthusiastic new staff members who have already made a major positive difference in the running of our operations," Executive Director Tim Meehan said.

The screenshot shows an event titled "November Meeting: Better Backyard Bird Photos: Tips, Tricks, Secrets, and Cheats" hosted by Gary Whiting. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm EST at River's Crossing, 850 College Station Rd, Athens, GA. The page includes a "Going" button, a "Maybe" button, and a "Not Going" button. Below these buttons, it says "8 members are going". At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text: "Join us for our November meeting and a special treat! Whether you're an ace or a novice, if you want better photos of the birds in your backyard, this presentation's for you! The best part is, you DO NOT have to invest in expensive gear! Join Chuck Murphy for a review of the basic do's and don'ts of backyard bird photography. Chuck will share some tips and tricks to help you get great..."



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**Meat Science Technology Center Class**  
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**Cartersville Trip**  
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**Can a Map Save Your Life Class**  
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**New Member Orientation**  
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**Snakes Class**  
(J. Penrod)



# JILL READ'S GIFT TO LIFELONG LEARNING

By Ann Allen

*"Jill was a lovely person who welcomed me to OLLI and contributed to my feeling a part of the fun and friendship to be experienced."*

*"Jill was an enthusiastic OLLI participant, whether she was hosting a Great Books group discussion or teaching a class on caring for antiques."*

These are just a few of the tributes by those who were fortunate to share OLLI@UGA with Jill Read.

Jill was an active member of the OLLI@UGA community. She served on the Board of Directors, was chair of the Fund Development Committee, participated in and taught classes, and conceived and directed the 2015 infamous "OLLI Follies" fundraiser that showcased the talents of more than 90 members.

OLLI@UGA is grateful to Jill for the very generous gift she bestowed on the organization upon her passing. Making a planned gift as she did helps sustain OLLI's future and its ability to provide lifelong learning opportunities in future years. There are many different kinds of planned gifts, one of the most common being a bequest in a will or living trust.

For more information about creating a legacy gift, contact Executive Director Tim Meehan at [timothy.meehan@uga.edu](mailto:timothy.meehan@uga.edu) and explore [olli.uga.edu/giving](https://olli.uga.edu/giving).



**Former OLLI member Jill Read left a lasting legacy with a planned gift that provides lifelong learning opportunities for current members.**

(Photo/File)

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## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

and Sing-Along

DECEMBER 10

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## OLLI GIVING

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OLLI has more than 1,100 members so reaching \$20,000 shouldn't be hard. A gift of \$200 from 100 members—or just \$50 from 400 members—would do it. A donor of \$150 will be recognized as a class sponsor.

OLLI President Carol Coman has been an Annual Fund donor since becoming a member in 2017. She says her gift is a way to support volunteers, who are crucial to OLLI's work. "I had no idea how dependent OLLI is on volunteers but that soon became abundantly clear," she says. "I began making donations to applaud the work of our volunteers and to help subsidize events and projects important to our growth and expansion."

Annual Fund donations go directly to OLLI and aren't shared with any other University of Georgia entity. Donors can make a one-time direct gift, pledge periodic payments throughout the year, or arrange for smaller recurring monthly payments through the UGA giving platform. Donations can be for general use or restricted for a specific purpose and are tax deductible.

For more information or to make a donation, go to [olli.uga.edu](https://olli.uga.edu) and click "Give" in the top right corner.

Or get there by pointing your phone camera at the QR code to the right.





# NEW OLLI SPONSOR: Live Oak Caregivers

By Martha McFerron

Live Oak Caregivers is a new OLLI sponsor. Its purpose is to provide licensed caregiving services in-home that support the essential activities of everyday

life. Locally, Live Oak serves Athens, Madison, Gainesville, Braselton, Monroe, Winder, Commerce, Lake Oconee, and surrounding areas, with offices also in Atlanta and Chattanooga. It is not a franchise. Since 2014 the family-run organization has delivered more than two million hours of service to more than 1,000 clients.

Live Oak's mission is clear: To enlist caregivers who are dedicated to delivering top-notch care with compassion to all clients and their families in the comfort of their homes. Each of the more than 350 Certified Nursing and Personal Care Assistants is carefully selected, highly qualified, and trained. A case manager is assigned to each client to track caregiver performance. Customized client care plans and caregiver responsibilities are developed and supervised by a registered nurse.

Among the in-home services offered by Live Oak are bathing and dressing; hygiene and grooming; toileting and continence; socializing and companionship; light housekeeping and laundry; mobility, ambulation and transfers; medication reminders and set up; shopping and errands; meal preparation and feeding; and transportation to appointments. Other needs can be tailored to the client.

Non-medical tasks can be adapted to include shopping, gift wrapping and shipping; creating floral arrangements; technology assistance; planning travel; organizing and moving/storing personal items; escorting clients to the theatre, events and church; and keeping family updated on their loved one.

Live Oak takes pride in upholding diligent standards to guarantee the highest quality of care. This is accomplished by surpassing state requirements with in-depth background checks and requiring CPR, First



## Live Oak Caregivers



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Aid, and AED certification as well as TB testing for each member of the caregiving workforce.

Feedback is gathered continuously through client surveys and on-site monitoring to maintain continuous evaluation and to identify areas for improvement.

Live Oak's office in Athens is located at 367 Prince Avenue, Suite 3-S. For additional information in Athens and surrounding areas contact Alex Taylor 404.395.9930, Angie Chesin 470.494.8009, or Bill Falconer 404.213.9993. An online no-obligation form is posted on the company's website, [www.liveoakcaregivers.com](http://www.liveoakcaregivers.com).



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