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Hammond's
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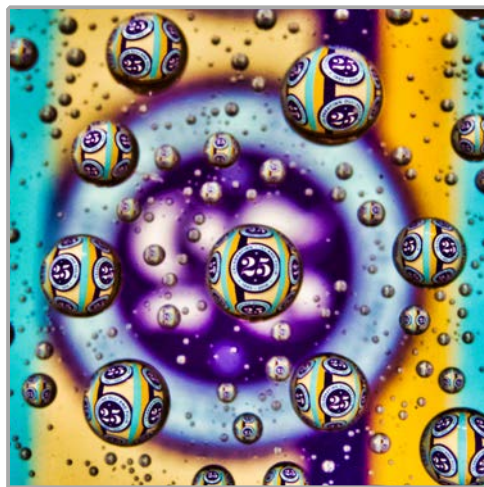
Katie Roark turned 99 in November two weeks after signing up for four OLLI winter classes. She also attends Tuesday Lunch and Learns and Thursday book discussions. At home Katie enjoys her gardens.

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Katie Roark, is a **FULIR/OLLI** original!

25th Anniversary Logo Goes Bubbly

Pat Hansen discovered *water drop photography* in OLLI's Artistry for Photographers class taught by Gordon Dohm and Ali van den Broek. This playful technique was introduced to classmates by Kathleen Allen and resulted in Pat's *OLLI at 25*.



taking a photo of drops of water that reflect an image 6 - 8 inches underneath."

"My idea," says Pat, "was to use this technique to honor our 25th anniversary by photographing the beautiful graphic design that appeared on OLLI brochures. Essentially, it's

OLLI at 25 (framed by Brenda Hill) and other selected works by OLLI photographers have been on exhibit in the Crabtree Room.

25th ANNIVERSARY GALA IS A WALLOPING GOOD TIME

Congratulations and Thank You to all who created **FULIR/OLLI's** 25th anniversary gala November 29 at the Greenville Convention Center.

More than 500 members and guests — comfy school clothes replaced by sparkle and elegance — tapped their feet to nostalgic jazz beats during the pre-dinner cocktail reception (music by Furman's Pecaro Jazz Quintet) then laughed their way through the first course as Susan Smith and Maureen Abdalla (Café and Then Some) fired comical barbs at OLLI's course catalog.

Adding to the evening's fun was "A Day at OLLI" video produced by Gary and Judy Aten and FU student, Myles Cohen. Aten, Aten, and Cohen drew chuckles of recognition as "OLLI students" strategized the ideal parking spot, mumbled through coffee lines, stumbled through tech challenges (silencing phones) and tested the feisty waters of classroom seat saving.

[Continue reading about the gala on page 7](#)



Dear Bernie & Cindy, Please give me something wonderful to drink with my **ROBUST** cheese and crackers on cold winter evenings. Thanks, Cheesehead

See page 12 for The Bernie Blog

OLLIVOICES



Linda and Tom (At Large member, OLLI Council) Nowlin greeted guests at 25th anniversary beer tasting social

OLLI Council met December 4, 2018. Its next meeting will be March 15, 2019.

The Council began with **expressions of appreciation** for all who contributed to a fun-filled 25th anniversary celebration and the November celebration gala.

Curriculum Committee: 116 classes are scheduled for this semester, also eight Lunch and Learn events and 38 Friday Bonus Events. CC is seeking a new chair for its **Computers and Technology** subcommittee (Contact Cindy Brothers, cindybrothers205@gmail.com), also a co-chair for **Cooking** subcommittee. CC, with input from the **Outreach Committee**, will focus on issues of diversity, social justice, and non-white participation.

Ron Eldridge, VP for Finance and Administration, reported that efforts are ongoing to improve OLLI's course registration procedures and make them easier to manage and fair for all. His committee has interviewed other OLLIs about their methods for dealing with waiting lists and equitable assignment of classes.

Long Range Planning: Doug Frazier has joined the LRP Committee to serve with Greg Peters and Marcee Nelson. According to LRP, OLLI@Furman is projected to continue its brisk growth in the next five years as it has in the last five. LRP focuses on ways to achieve class spaces and instructional hours needed to support this growth.

OLLILife editor Sue Renault will encourage more readers to access our newsletter online. Deadline for the March issue is February 10. Space fills up fast.

Kathy Roed reports the **Volunteer Committee** has a cadre of enthusiastic OLLI members and looks forward to supporting the work of council committees.

Interesting numbers: There are 122 OLLI institutes in the United States and 170,000 OLLI members in these programs.

ASK Nancy:

Tell us about the National OSHER Conference

A birthday party without cake is just a meeting. - Julia Child



Dear OLLI Members,

In October, OLLI Council President May Welborn and I attended the Osher Institutes National Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona. A highlight of the conference was speaking to Bernard Osher, the man who has made such a difference for so many senior adults across the United States.



Elizabeth Blackburn, a Nobel laureate and author of *The Telomere Effect: A Revolutionary Approach to Living Younger, Healthier, Longer*, was one of the plenary speakers. Google her to find her TED talk. She is an engaging presenter and makes science easy to understand. (You have more control over aging than you might think!)

May and I came home full of ideas to share with all of you and knowing that our OLLI members, volunteers, and instructors are THE BEST. We had fun bragging on all of you, so thank you for all you do! Nancy (nancy.kennedy2767@furman.edu).

Photo: Mary Bitterman, President, Osher Foundation; Bernard Osher, Treasurer, Osher Foundation; me (feeling so pleased to be with these inspiring folks); May Welborn, President, OLLI Council

OLLI, yeah!



OLLI's Read and Explore Committee is excited to announce that *The Last Castle* by Denise Kiernan is the 2019 Read and Explore title. *The Last Castle* is the true story behind Biltmore, the grandest residence ever built in the United States. Watch for announcements of Read and Explore discussions and activities.

"All we ask is to be allowed to remain the writers of our own story." Atul Gawande, BEING MORTAL



We FEEDBACK! Thanks for your comments about our September, 2018, issue.

OLLILife captures the essence of OLLI at Furmana dynamic, multifaceted, life-oriented organization of contributing, learning, and active seniors. SR ** Love your overview of our fantastic (Northern England) trip! ME** Thanks for all the time and effort you all devote to this.....it's well worth it! GP ** I especially appreciate your Anniversary Memories insert edition. Thanks, JK** Thanks (Diana) for writing about diversity. We need to be talking more about this. EF

Hi Cindy and Bernie, We saw your article in *OLLILife* and totally agree about Whole Cluster Pinot Noir. We had it for the first time at a dinner party and it was love at first taste. My friend buys it by the case and now I do too. We bought ours at Total Wine but will give Greens a try. We met the Vicks on our OLLI trip to the Chihuly exhibit and they brought up your names and your blog. We even discussed the Whole Cluster! Will look forward to more of your recommendations. Mike and Marion Westfall

Religion professor urges OLLI members: think globally report by Mary Kay Kantz; photo, Mary Lou Jones

October, 2018 - Dr. David Rutledge, Furman Professor of Religion Emeritus, spoke to OLLI members on "Extending the Boundaries of Our Caring: the Challenge of Global Ethics." He asked the audience to consider care for our neighbors, for the vastly growing numbers of refugee people, for all parts of creation within our world. He suggested that consumerism and planned obsolescence of products creates many of our human and environmental problems and that fighting the urge to continually buy more for simple convenience is a way we can all help solve some difficult issues.



Dr. Rutledge's talk was in celebration of Global Ethics Day, an annual project of the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs. OLLI@Furman was one of 155 educational and professional organizations on six continents to participate in the event. The Outreach Committee of OLLI Council sponsored the presentation.

PHOTO: David Rutledge (center) with OLLI members Seth Harrison and Janet Aguilar

Thanks, StraightTalk: "Whit Ayres (Republican, high profile consultant, author) and Peter Hart (Democrat, pollster, trend shaper) at the final StraightTalk lecture (October) proved that partisan heavyweights can engage in civil - even playful - political discussion. Thank you OLLI and Furman. Well done! srenault, *OLLILife* editor

Staff and guests


Thank you, *OLLILife* staff:

Bernie and Cindy Showman, wine blog; Gary and Judy Aten, OLLI interviews; Jim Hammond, OLLI all around; Marie Eldridge, member profiles; Diana Miel, OLLI/Furman connections, book reviews; Lori Dillon, restaurant/food reviews; Betty Jo Shaw, SIGS; Anne Doyle, bonus events; Barbara Leimsieder, Tributes Editor; Kathleen Allen, Travel Editor; Carole Eisen, Judy Aten, and Barbara Leimsieder, proofreaders.

Thanks, guest contributors:

Pat Hansen, photo and article; George Fletcher photo; Joe Deehan, essay/poetry; Janet Aguilar, travel feature; Mary Kay Kantz, Global Ethics report (with photo by Mary Lou Jones; Lynne Blitstein - Tributes

and others: Joe Thaler, Dan Klimek, Cassidi Dozier, Jane Clarke

 And special readers who contribute FEEDBACK.

LOVE THE MUG!

Thanks, Morley Jensen, for bringing your mug to OLLI and saving resources and \$\$\$.



OLLIGIGS



Judy Vick and Anne Doyle like OLLI's new cookbook.



Coming to a Coffee Shop near you- Nancy Mauldin and Teresa Pierson, students in Jann Howell's Guitar class for beginners.

"Reality leaves a lot to the imagination." John Lennon

ANNE'S BONUS PICKS

by Anne Doyle

OLLI MEMBERS VISIT THE MORGUE

Perhaps it's having watched Dr. Mallard on NCIS that made me eager to register for the OLLI Friday Bonus Event, "A Tour with the County Coroner." Images of Ducky's TV facility with multiple tables were replaced with one single table on which were performed 354 autopsies in 2017. The deputies also pointed out that autopsy results can take 6-8 weeks, rather than less than an hour!



Deputy Coroners Jim Donnelly (in photo) and Gary Sessions informed our group of the varied

law enforcement qualifications of the staff, as well as their responsibilities, the most important of which is acting on behalf of the deceased, ensuring the remains are properly cared for.

If this fascinating event is repeated, don't miss it!

What's been your favorite Bonus Event? Let us know: sue.renault@gmail.com

BETTY JO KNOWS SIGS

by Betty Jo Shaw

Out and About Singles: Fun and Friendship

When I joined OLLI, **Out and About Singles** was one of seven established SIGs. It sounded like an interesting way to meet people outside the classroom, so I decided to attend a planning meeting.

Susan Cooper and Janet Taylor made me feel welcome. This SIG has something to meet everyone's interests: movies, plays, shopping trips, local cultural events, progressive rummy and everyone's favorite, eating at a variety of restaurants. Susan Cooper and Carolyn Rice are now the main organizers, but anyone who has an idea can put together an event. There might be five or 25 participants, but the group always represents a rewarding way for singles to get "out and about" for great fun.



Out and About SIG friends enjoy a game of progressive rummy. To learn more about this group, contact Susan Cooper smc66pa12@gmail.com. Photo by Heidi Wright

Special Interest Groups are now an important part of OLLI activities.

But not always. They began through the efforts of Joy Eaton when she was an At Large member of the Council. OLLI was operating out of a trailer (pre 2012) and classes took place throughout Furman's campus, providing little opportunity to meet or interact other than in a class.

Joy researched other OLLIs to find a process we could emulate. She started with three SIGs and the only requirement was, and still is, that the purpose would not compete with classes. After about three years, with a bit of arm twisting, the concept caught on. There are now about 30 SIGs to choose from.

OLLI adventures

TRIVIA BUFFS! WHAT'S THE TALLEST STATUE IN THE WORLD? (USA Today, 11/1/2018) India has unveiled a record-breaking 597-foot bronze statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, a political leader celebrated for his pursuit of independence. The structure in the western state of Gujarat, India, is the world's tallest statue.

"Don't cry because its over. Smile because it happened." Dr. Seuss

"If you get a chance to visit South Africa, do it!" Janet Aguilar



South Africa is about twice the size of Texas and amazing in terms of history, geography, topography, natural beauty, culture and more. My trip was 21 days and barely

touched the surface of things to do and see and learn.

The impetus for my trip was a six-day vacation package to Zula Nyala, a private game reserve in the KwaZuluNatal region. I added more days and more days until the trip's length tripled, from Cape Town, to the wine country, to the Garden Route, to the Drakensberg Mountains, to Durban and finally Zula Nyala. This trip gave me an appreciation for a very different culture and increased my awareness of how insular we Americans can be.

Here are my travel tips for South Africa: use a currency exchange app on your phone. Especially helpful when the disparity is as much as R200 = \$13.80 (or multiply in your head by seven and moved the decimal one place to the right).

Tipping is appreciated everywhere for everybody. Make sure you have plenty of local currency. Online guides can help you with amounts.



If I were to do this trip again, I would invest in a nice camera with a lens for capturing closeup photos of far-away animals.

OLLI PHOTOGRAPHERS SHOOT BONEYARD BEACH by Kathleen Allen

Halloween, 2018 found 20 adventurers hitting the beach at sunrise on Bull Island, SC. Their



objective was not candy or treats, but the "bones" of Boneyard Beach. Cape Romain is closed from dusk to dawn. Very few people get to witness the sunrise in this primitive setting. This was a rare and special moment, standing on a pristine shoreline within a National Wildlife Refuge, viewing the bones of an old growth forest, partially subsumed by the sea.

Returning to Awendaw, SC, after capturing Boneyard Beach, OLLI members enjoyed a well-deserved breakfast and further opportunities to shoot in the low country. No trees were harmed in this expedition! But much fun was had by all!



Top photo Bernard Smith, Frank Erk, Jim Young, Allen Winiski See more photos on page 7 and read **OLLILife** online to enjoy our sunsets in living color!

Gary & Judy introduce Cassidi Dozier

Cassidi Dozier is our newest student worker. She is a freshman from Fort Mill, South Carolina. She is majoring in political science. Although it is early in her collegiate education, Cassidi is considering becoming a lawyer to represent the survivors of human trafficking. Her dream is founding a secure home where survivors can be housed, educated, and prepared to enter the work force.



The daughter of a missionary pastor and third grade teacher, she is the middle child of five. Cassidi had never heard of Furman until her

parents brought her to tour the campus. After comparing Furman to her other choices, she decided one was too large, the other too small, and one was for women only, which she didn't feel fit her. When she also considered the beautiful campus and the friendly people she met here she chose Furman.

A member of APO co-ed service fraternity, Cassidi enjoys volunteering and participating in Furman's life. She is a part of Wesley Campus Ministry, Young Life, and Heller Service Corps. Her beautiful braids take her loving mother eight hours to complete, a task usually involving conversations and movie viewings. She is enjoying her time with our OLLI program, so stop in, say hello, and make her welcome.

OLLICenterstage

SHOWCASE for MEMBER TALENTS

Joe Thaler: Artist, Student, Teacher!



Joe Thaler (known by old colleagues as Joe, the Creative Guy) has gone to the head of the class. After years in art direction, graphic design, illustration and — in retirement at OLLI — Gail Jones's Pen and Ink classes 1 and 2, Joe has become a teacher. Timing is everything. "I was toying with the idea of

teaching," he says, "when Gail announced her pending retirement, I volunteered to lead our class," says Joe. "I'd done my on-the-job training and I was ready."

While art is one of his first loves, the toys in a Cherrydale warehouse keep him occupied as well: a 1962 TR3A, bought in 1966; a 2000 BMW 23M coupe; three BMW motorcycles; one boat; three kayaks and other "special interest cars." (Joe met his wife Marcie at a BMW Motorcycle Club meeting). It is no surprise that Joe and Marcie's "bucket list" includes sky-diving, four-wheeling, white water rafting, and training for a half marathon walk/jog event.

Also, no surprise, he has run four marathons.

Joe joined OLLI three years ago. His work has been displayed in our Herring Center Baiden Gallery and on the photo wall in the Crabtree Room. He is a member of the bowling SIG.



The Moose, top left, and The Stump, bottom right, are two of the works Joe completed under the tutelage of Gail Jones. Now he'll be passing his skills on to others.

Do you know someone we should feature for CenterStage?
Give us your recommendation: sue.renault@gmail.com

25th Anniversary Gala - continued from page 1



Diane Paul, Paul Schaaf, and Pat Hansen joined more than 500 OLLI classmates to celebrate 25 years of FULIR and OLLI growth, excellence, and fun!

Performances by the Centre Stage Singers left every guest imagining in their own hearts they, too, could do love duets that would reach the back seats at Carnegie Hall.

Founding director, Sarah Fletcher, gave a celebratory overview of FULIR's path towards OLLI and its beautiful Herring Center; Nancy Kennedy announced that OLLI's Faculty Enrichment Fund has surpassed \$61,000; Liz Sieman, on behalf of Furman University President Elizabeth Davis, said, "OLLI members are an essential part of Furman. We love seeing you here and we benefit from you as mentors"; Steve Thaxton, Executive Director, Osher Institutes National Resource Center, called OLLI@Furman, "one of the best OLLI Institutes." Master of Ceremonies Bob Dotson stitched it all together with his warm supporting commentary.

Dotson's final words, (more accurately, he confessed, his *wife's* words) sent us on our way reflecting this joyful passage: "Don't count the candles," he said. "Count the memories."

Gala guests rose from their seats, satisfied to put a "Mission Accomplished" stamp upon the evening, when from outside the banquet room, as the doors were pulled wide, came the rousing sounds of Furman's Basketball Pep Band, loud horns blaring to greet their surprised champions — the FULIR/OLLI Family at 25 — and stop them dead in their tracks to savor the crashing sounds of triumph. Yea, team!

LET US KNOW:

Did you attend the Gala? What's your favorite memory? Send FEEDBACK to sue.renault@gmail.com

Ann Brown photo



Kathleen Allen photo



Greg Effner photo



Letter from the editor:

If you've been around OLLI for a while, you already know that we have a plethora of talented photographers. Their work is often featured on our "gallery" walls where it brightens our spaces and our faces. We're honored that the Bull Island photo adventurers have shared their sunrise masterpieces for our January **OLLILife**. Thank you! SSR, ed.

Kathleen Allen photo



Gordon Dohm photo





What's it all about, OLLI?

Greenville's prosperity costs some residents their homes

by James T. Hammond

In 1971, fresh out of the Navy and armed with a VA loan, I bought my first home, a modest downtown bungalow two blocks from Earle and Main streets, for \$12,900.

Today, Greenville County values that home at \$203,000, reflecting the stunning rise in home values in the city. A price of \$12,900 adjusted for inflation measured by the Consumer Price Index would be just \$79,000 today.

As land prices soar in neighborhoods traditionally occupied by people with modest incomes, many people are pushed out of these communities as their homes are razed and new condominiums and apartments take their place.

A 2018 housing study showed the widening gap between the need for affordable housing in the county, compared with the supply. The study concluded that 9,500 homes are needed to meet the housing needs of the population whose incomes are at the lower end of the spectrum.

Home ownership is a gateway to lives. According to a 2016 home ownership study by Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County:

- 96% agreed that their family life felt more stable;
- 95% stated they felt better about themselves since becoming a Habitat homeowner;
- 92% felt more positive about their future.

Non-profits such as Habitat for Humanity and Homes of Hope make significant contributions to housing for low-income people. Rebuild Upstate marshals volunteers to help homeowners, who can't afford necessary repairs, to stay in their homes.

But as necessary as philanthropy is to supplement affordable housing, nothing has the power to

change lives in the working class population like local government. Both Greenville City and Greenville County, working with the smaller cities, have had programs to address the housing shortfalls for decades. Lessons have been learned about housing "projects" that have long-term negative consequences, and new strategies have been adapted. Today's local government efforts aim to enable home ownership when possible, and to make county and city housing opportunities part of the overall community rather than apart from it.

Recently, the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority hired former city manager John Castille to head this agency, which manages a multi-million-dollar program to build affordable homes and provide shelter for the homeless. Castille told the GCRA board, "We've talked about hitting the ground running, about being more aggressive than we have been."

County Council expects the GCRA to up its game in response to the glaring need for more affordable homes. Council has earmarked \$1 million a year for the next five years to build homes, to add to the GCRA's annual revenue of \$8 million to \$10 million.

But here's a sobering fact: with "affordable" homes today in the range of \$100,000 to \$150,000, that \$1 million will build just 8 or 9 homes a year. It is a daunting prospect for those seeking affordable homes.

Recently, County Council appointed me to the GCRA board, an opportunity to have a voice in local policy that can improve housing opportunities. I'll serve alongside about a dozen other citizen volunteers who also believe everyone deserves a roof over their heads. And I'll be soliciting ideas. Don't be shy; share your thoughts about improving the lives of our fellow citizens with more housing opportunities. Jthammond46@gmail.com

TELL THE EDITOR: I find Jim's article thoughtful and timely. How about you? sue.renault@gmail.com, editor

OLLI Furman

by Diana Miel

OLLI members can look forward to a special event, *Seeking Abraham: Justice at Furman*, Friday, March 8, 1 p.m. Watch OLLI Notes for details.

Seeking Abraham addresses “conveniently forgotten” chapters in Furman’s history

Furman is a member of the Universities Studying Slavery consortium. *Seeking Abraham* is a report released in July 2018, by Furman’s Task Force on Slavery and Justice.

The project was prompted by questions raised by student, Marian Baker, in the student newspaper. Abraham Sims of the title was owned by Richard Furman, the founder of the university. He is considered a metaphor as Furman explores its past and the people in it.

The goal of the task force and its exhibit in the Duke Library is “to recover and present a chapter of the university’s history that has been conveniently forgotten or alternately veiled in myths of happy slaves and the “Lost Cause” explanation of the Civil War.

In 1793 with the invention of the cotton gin, cotton and slavery spread rapidly. Richard Furman, founder of the school, and a prominent Baptist minister, endorsed

slavery as “compatible with Christian principles.” He was progressive in his time, arguing for slave literacy and treatment that should be “equal and just.” His son, James

Furman, was an extremist, who upon Lincoln’s election, urged secession and said, “...the negro is not your equal unless the Bible be untrue, or you prove yourselves unworthy of the name of freemen.”

Slaves built the Furman campus on the original site of University Ridge in 1851, hired out by their masters with wages paid to the owner while forced labor of other slaves was turned to profit and

funneled to Furman as donations. Fifteen of the most important donors and leaders owned 40 slaves apiece.

A summary of *Seeking Abraham* is available and provides an excellent overview of the history. The exhibit in the Duke Library on campus has many original documents, letters, and photos, including one of Abraham.

“Many colleges and universities have taken on similar projects looking at their pasts. This project goes further by delving deep into an overwhelmingly southern, pro-slavery history and then confronting apathy with a proportional energy and redress. New campus rituals, landscape changes, and university commitments are holistic, sweeping, and minimally needed to make the pivot.”
George Shields, University Provost

Be joyful though you have considered all the facts. St. Wendell

OLLiisMe! BY MARIE ELDRIDGE

Archery Dan Hits His Target

OLLI member Dan Klimek knows how to hit his target. A longtime archer, he holds a Level 3 certificate from the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, NY. The certification, which involves hours of professional instruction and training, helped him hone skills he has used for decades.

Dan’s love of archery began in Boy Scouts. It blossomed in the 1970s, when he and his wife moved to Cranberry Township in Pennsylvania, an archery mecca. “I joined three of 10 archery ranges in the area,” he said. “I had a

knack for the sport.”

Dan’s coaching career began at Boy and Girl Scout camps, where he taught up to 300 children a day. He has coached people from age six to 95, and also produced two videos that teach proper techniques and safety.



A Greenville resident for two years, Dan continues to coach and give lessons using a small indoor range and a 40-yard outdoor range at his home. He also appears at birthday parties and group or team events and more. “I continue doing it because I still enjoy it,” he said.



We wondered if fall color would ever arrive at Furman, then one day (Nov. 5, to be exact) Mother took out her brush and delighted us.



Gary Aten photo

"I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure." Tommy Cooper

GOOD READING by Diana Miel

The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided on Politics and Religion by Jonathan Haidt

As the gulf between my political/religious tribe and those on "the other side" widens, I despair of understanding how the other side looks at the same people and events and comes to conclusions so different from mine. **The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided on Politics and Religion** offers a new perspective and reveals to me my own hypocrisy. Want to be challenged? Read Haidt's book.

The theme of the first section of **The Righteous Mind...** is our misconception about how we form opinions. We like to think we arrive at political and religious views through our

intellects, reaching conclusions based on information and on reasoning. Haidt, a moral psychologist, says we have first an intuitive response to situations and *then* use our reasoning to explain our conclusions to ourselves and others. Intuition comes first, based on our emotions; moral reasoning is a skill we humans evolved to serve our social agendas and to defend the teams we belong to.

In the second part, Haidt describes secular Western morality as concerned with fairness and justice, ignoring other powerful moral intuitions such as those related to liberty, loyalty, authority, and sanctity.

The third part of this book is summed up in the third principle of moral psychology, "Morality binds and blinds." People bind themselves into political and religious teams which share moral narratives, but simultaneously become blind to alternative moral worlds.

My own take? I still believe it will take the threat of a common enemy to bring us together. ~~#####~~

What do YOU think? Are we destined to be irreconcilably divided by politics and religion forever? SEND YOUR FEEDBACK: sue.renault@gmail.com

lori gives thumbs up to new OLLI cookbook

Want to know the best bargain at OLLI? It's our \$10 **OLLI Cooks**.

In it you'll find great recipes submitted by your OLLI friends and also our cooking classes. (You always wanted to know what they were cooking up in there.)

TEASER: There are a couple of recipes that will make you laugh, but I doubt you'll want to try them.

The book starts with a brief history of OLLI@Furman before diving into the recipes, which are grouped into categories beginning with appetizers and ending with OLLI's all-time favorite, cookies.

Each category of recipes has a colorful divider with helpful hints on the back. Who knew that a lettuce leaf dropped in a pot of soup will absorb the grease from the top? Sure sounds easier than spooning it off.

The front and back cover have useful charts for slow cooking, roasting, substitutes, and measurements. (Having these charts in a book beats Post-it notes on the back of the cabinet doors.)

You can pick up your copy at the OLLI Office, while I am off to try the recipe called Chocolate Intrigue. Lori Dillon

Let us know if you've tried some **OLLI COOKS** recipes. Do you have a favorite? Send FEEDBACK: sue.renault@gmail.com



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

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Ali van den Broek photo

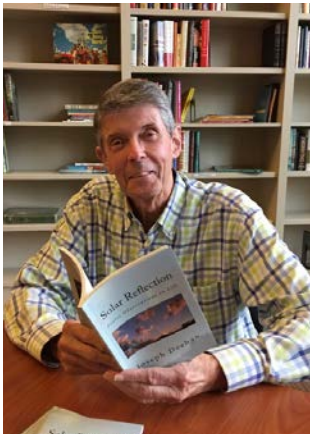


“Perhaps the truth depends on a walk around the lake” - American poet Wallace Stevens

OLLILife's 11th-Page Essay

Thank you, Sally Adkins

by Joe Deehan



From accounting to poetry is a transition I never would have predicted.

I was a CPA... a finance guy. After retirement, golf was my primary pastime.

In 2010 I did write a humorous golf poem

that went semi-viral in my community. Based on positive feedback, I decided to take a poetry-writing class at OLLI taught by the late Sally Adkins. Sally was a wonderful instructor from whom I learned a great deal about imagery and structure and the joy that can be found in writing poetry. A second class taught by Sally firmly planted the seeds of writing in me. In the years since, I've written over 300 poems. Some of my poems have been published locally and some as far away as Dublin, Ireland. In 2017, I published a book of my Irish poetry titled **Your Ancestors' Land**. I followed that up in 2018 with the publication of **Solar Reflection**, a poetry collection. A lot has happened since that first creative writing class. While I still play golf, writing is now a greater priority. Sally once said, "Poets see things differently." I've come to understand what she meant. It is no exaggeration to say that Sally Adkins, through OLLI, changed my life.

At Furman Lake by Joe Deehan

Wind-driven ripples race across the water,
giggling with mirth, dancing on their toes.
Spirit driven, they capture the sun's sparkle,
tickling the ducks they carry afloat.

The ripples' lives are brief –
In such a hurry, they reach the other side
and disappear as mist of angels,
ascending into the clouds.

Ducks sound their cantankerous call.
Darkness descends, as the shadow
of night's uncertainty begins.
Ducks huddle by the bank.
Stars appear and cast their twinkling light below.

At Furman Lake appears in Joe's second book of poetry, **Solar Reflection**, available on Amazon (ISBN 978-1720388111). He donates one hundred percent of royalties to the American Cancer Society, in honor of his wife Anna, a breast cancer survivor.

Want to comment on Joe's essay or tell us about how OLLI has changed your life?

Send FEEDBACK: sue.renault@gmail.com

Jane Clarke: **“The Guild of the Greenville Symphony welcomes volunteers.”**

OLLI member, Jane Clarke, is an active member of the Greenville Symphony Guild. Guild members get to meet the conductor at concert previews, usher children to their first classical concerts, and engage in other activities that enrich our community. Jane reports that the Guild welcomes new volunteers, and anyone interested in supporting Greenville’s fabulous orchestra should contact Jennifer@370-0965 or guildGSO@bellsouth.net.



Marian Blackwell Tribute
by Diana Miel

Marian Blackwell passed away on November 27, 2018 at the age of 77. She joined OLLI in 2016. Marian took courses in music and science. She was a lover of books and learning, a musician and poet. She will be remembered for her warmth and cheerfulness, elegance, grace and sharp wit.

OLLI remembers

Barbara Leimsieder,
Tributes Editor



Jerry Thomas Tribute

by Lynne Blitstein

Jerry Thomas, father of Nancy Kennedy, was an enthusiastic OLLI member and volunteer. As an OLLI member, he enjoyed photography, computer and history classes. As a volunteer, he served as “resident handy man.” Jerry died on September 5 at the age of 77. He was a lovely man who will be missed and remembered.



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AND FINALLY: Resolve to Read OLLILife Online...in color!

If you’ve never read **OLLILife** online, resolve to do it this year! Do it with a computer-savvy friend:

1. In address box, at top of computer screen, key in OLLI@Furman.
2. This should take you to a screen which has several categories. Click on the Member Resources choice.
3. You should see a list of resources on right side of your screen. You might have to scroll down to find OLLI Life and the “live link” that will take you straight to the current issue.

Alas, the website does not know that **OLLILife** is one word. Not two!!!!!! It may ask you if you want OLLI Life. It does no good to argue with her.

Betty Jo says you can also go to the address box and key in furman.edu/OLLILife to get to Member Resources and then OLLILife.

Were you successful? Tell us: sue.renault@gmail.com

AND FINALLY (part two) - We bid farewell to our 25th Anniversary Year. Thanks, to all who made 2018 MEMORABLE!



Thanks for the memories: Sarah Fletcher, first OLLI director; Bob Dotson, gala emcee; Lucy Woodhouse, second director; Nancy Kennedy, present director; Steve Thaxton, Osher National Resource Center photo by: George Fletcher

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Wine questions? Ask Cindy and Bernie Showman.

THE BERNIE BLOG by Bernie and Cindy Showman

Dear Cheesehead: A good wine and cheese pairing is one where the wine enhances the cheese and the cheese enhances the wine. Some interesting wines to pair with cheese are called Super Tuscans. These are wines from Tuscany that blend Sangiovese with non-indigenous grapes such as Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon or Syrah. A great, low priced Super Tuscan is Vitiano Rosso (\$9.99 at Total Wine), which is an equally divided blend of Sangiovese, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon.

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