



# OLLI *Connections*

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## OLLI News!

OLLI held its annual luncheon and business meeting on Tuesday, June 19, at the Clubhouse Grill at the Pines Country Club in Morgantown. Fifty-six members and guests joined us for the event. The MonRiver New Horizons Band, under the direction of Damon Harvey, entertained the crowd after lunch by playing several tunes, including *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*. The crowd was encouraged to sing along.

Board president Linda Jacknowitz called the meeting to order just after 1:00 p.m. Director Jascenna Haislet thanked everyone who made 2017-18 such a successful year and pointed out the reports in the annual meeting program. Members enjoyed looking back on some of the highlights of the year and paid tribute to those friends and family we said goodbye to.

Two proposed changes to the OLLI by-laws were approved. The first created two additional seats on the Board of Directors, to be held by members from the Charleston area. The second proposed change was to divide the Membership and Public Relation committee into two committees. Ed Johnson will serve as chair of the Marketing committee and Gwen Gill as the chair of the Membership committee.

Treasurer George Trapp then presented OLLI's 2017-18 budget and 2018-19 budget as they were printed in the event program. The 2018-19 budget was approved by the membership in attendance.

Karen Long, filling in for nominating committee chair Kathy Hanko, presented the slate of directors for a vote. Linda Jacknowitz was re-elected for a second term. Gwen Gill and Beverly Kerr of Morgantown were elected to first terms. Carolyn Atkinson and Kay Goodwin were elected from Charleston.



Connie McCluskey and Dalyn Grimm greet OLLI members as they arrive for the Annual Meeting.



Members of the MonRiver New Horizons Band entertained us.

## Director's Letter

I'm going to say Thank You again to the OLLI family for a wonderfully inspiring year. I am constantly amazed by the generosity and curiosity that I see in our members, donors, volunteers, instructors, partners, and friends.

We ended the 2017-18 year with 691 members of OLLI at WVU, an increase of 6% over the previous year. We welcomed over 220 new members. This year, a goal of 761 members has been set. Although this goal has been established by a grant from the Osher Foundation, it is one that I believe we can achieve.

But it's important to realize that growth is not only about increasing the number of members that OLLI has. It's also about continuing to improve the scope and depth of our members' experiences in the program.

I have some ideas, as many of you know I always do, and I will share them throughout the year. But I want to hear from you. What do you want? My door is always open and I read every email, even if I can't respond immediately. Another way to make your voice heard to is complete the feedback form that you receive at the end of a course. If you don't receive one in class, you can always complete the form online at [olliatwvu.org/for-members/member-resources/course-feedback/](http://olliatwvu.org/for-members/member-resources/course-feedback/).

OLLI at WVU is your program and your voice is important to us. I look forward to seeing you in class this year.

*Jascenna*

[www.olliatwvu.org](http://www.olliatwvu.org)

OLLI Connections is published quarterly and distributed via email to our current members. It is also posted on our website. If you are unable to read the newsletter online, you may request a printed copy by calling the OLLI office at 304-293-1793.

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## Ask a Geek

Sometimes you have questions about technology that don't fit into a specific class or course or maybe you just have a thing that is driving you crazy. For those times, OLLI's Professional Technologist, Michelle Klishis, has created a regular technology question & answer session. Bring your confusion to the Morgantown OLLI Computer Lab on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, beginning July 24, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. If there is demand, this could be expanded to a weekly thing.

Be aware that sometimes the answer is "No, you can't do that," and sometimes the answer is, "I don't have a clue." As long as you're okay with getting "No" for an answer, Michelle is willing to field any and all questions. Also, feel free to send an email ahead of time if you think your question is going to be really complicated or beyond the scope of an hour long session. Reach out to [olli@hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:olli@hsc.wvu.edu) with the subject Geek Question.

No question too small or too silly to answer! And even if you think you don't know enough to ask your own question, you can usually learn a lot listening to someone else's questions! And Michelle can always ramble on about any tech topic if you get her started.

As a warning, Michelle's strengths are Android phones, Windows PCs, MS Office software, and digital security and privacy. Her weaknesses are Apple products and AV equipment. (ie Apple questions are most likely to be answered, "I don't know, I'll have to look into it.")

## Class Handouts Available Online

Missed a class? Lost your handout? You can now access OLLI class handouts online. We have created a document repository on our website for any handouts instructors have allowed to be made available, as well as documents OLLI



staff have created and are making available to all members.

This repository will allow you to download a secured PDF version of a handout before coming to class, or even to read a handout from a class that you missed or were on the waitlist. Please note that the availability of class handouts online

is dependent upon permission of the instructor.

Currently, the repository contains a technology glossary and a texting acronym glossary; more documents will be added.

These documents are available from the Members Resources section of the OLLI website at [www.olliatwvu.org/for-members/member-resources/document-repository/](http://www.olliatwvu.org/for-members/member-resources/document-repository/). Please check back regularly as we begin adding documents to the repository!

## The Boys of Summer

Join OLLI this summer for a baseball game or two.

On Sunday, August 19, the West Virginia Power, a class A affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, will take on the Charleston (SC) RiverDogs, a NY Yankees affiliate, at



2:50 p.m. at Appalachian Power Park in Charleston. Group tickets are \$8.00 for OLLI members and \$9.00 for non-members. Reservations and payment are due by August 7. The minimum group size is 20 so bring your friends!

On Tuesday, August 28, the WV Black Bears, also a class A affiliate of the Pirates, will take on the Auburn Doubledays, a class A affiliate of the Washington Nationals, at the Monongalia County Ballpark at 7:05 p.m. Group tickets for the Black Bears game are \$9.50 for OLLI members and \$10.50 for non-members. Reservations and payment for the Black Bears game are due no later than August 3.



## OLLI is Going Green!

If you have not noticed already, our classrooms in Morgantown have recycling cans in them now. We encourage you to recycle any of your papers, plastics, cardboard, aluminum, or bottles! Unfortunately, we can't recycle Styrofoam cups so be sure to place them in the waste cans next to the recycling cans. Together at OLLI, we can make a little change on the environment, one recycled item at a time!



## Morgantown Members: We know the faces...

*but sometimes forget the names.*

Won't you please help us remember you by wearing your **Name Tag**?

If you need a name tag, check the box in the Member Lounge. If it's not there, come see us in the OLLI office.

We'll get one made for you.



**Thank you!**

# Thank You!

As OLLI at WVU strives to achieve financial sustainability we would like to say **Thank You** to everyone who has generously contributed to one of our donation funds. Below are members and friends who have given for the 2018-19 year.

Dr. & Mrs. Rudolph P. Almasy  
Betty M. Bailey  
Dr. Carole Boyd  
Mary Ellen Brady  
Marsha S. Brand  
James Brannon  
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Judith C. Mull  
Margot B. Racin  
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Barbara Schell  
Judith C. Wilkinson

**Thank You** also to our Summer Term Sponsors! Their generous sponsorship contributions help pay the printing and mailing costs of OLLI's quarterly course catalogs.

Right at Home (rightathome.net)

The Crossings at Morgantown  
(thecrossingsatmorgantown.com)

Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad  
(mountainrailwv.com)

## Bobbie Brandt - with Remembrance and Gratitude

Many appreciate how much OLLI at WVU does to make life more enjoyable for its members. Mary Roberta "Bobbie" Brandt was such member.

For some time now, you've been seeing articles in our various newsletters and the brochures around the OLLI offices encouraging you to include OLLI in your will or estate plan. You might have also noticed information on using your IRA required distribution as a donation to OLLI.

Unbeknownst to us, Bobbie had done just that – she included OLLI in her will along with the WVU College of Law. We are grateful to Bobbie for the legacy she leaves behind and for what her generosity will do for OLLI. She left no restrictions on her gift and it will be used for the greatest benefit of the organization.

I am aware of four other members who have joined Bobbie in making OLLI part of their estate plans, yet prefer to remain anonymous for the time being. We are grateful to these individuals as well.

For those members who would like to join these generous individuals and provide for OLLI's financial stability and long term growth through your will or beneficiary designation, the following wording can be included in your will:

*"I leave (dollars or percentage of estate) to the West Virginia University Foundation, Inc. for the benefit of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at WVU."*

An attorney can assist you with your plans. Your future gift can be for operational costs, class offerings, technology needs, or classroom upgrades. If you have another idea in mind, I would be happy to talk with you to be sure we can accomplish your wishes.

More useful information is available on the [www.wvuf.org](http://www.wvuf.org) site under Planned Giving (on the Ways to Give menu) or contact Karen Galentine, director of development for the WVU School of Public Health, at 304-293-1828 or [kagalentine@hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:kagalentine@hsc.wvu.edu).

- Karen Galentine

***Thank you, Bobbie, for your participation, support, thoughtfulness, and generous gift to OLLI at WVU.***

Join us on  
Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>  
for an

### **OLLI Open House**

in Charleston  
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
at the South Charleston Public Library

- Learn about OLLI classes coming up this fall.
- Meet our Board and committee members, staff, volunteers, and instructors.
- Find out how you can help keep OLLI growing in the Kanawha Valley.

## OLLI News! *continued from cover*

The Extra Mile Award, given each year by the Executive Committee to a volunteer who has gone above and beyond



Ed welcoming guests to the Holiday Bazaar in December, just one of the many times he has lent a hand this year.

the call of duty, was awarded to Ed Johnson.

Ed has served as Vice-President of the OLLI Board of Directors and chair of the Membership and Public Relations committee, taught 10 classes in Morgantown and Charleston and hosted several others, and was often found

helping out in the OLLI office.

OLLI also recognized the valuable contributions of our volunteer instructors when Bob Craig, chair of the Curriculum committee, granted Honor Roll status to six instructors this year: Kristen Cooper, Doug Myers, Catherine Samargo, Barry Wendell, Judy Werner, and Lindsey Williams.



Two of our 2018 Honor Roll Inductees, Barry Wendell and Judy Werner.

The meeting concluded with drawings for OLLI Ambassador and raffle prizes donated by the Pines Country Club and others and the group recording a video greeting for the upcoming OLLI National Conference.

A copy of the Annual Meeting program can be found in the OLLI member lounge and on our website. If you would like a copy, please call the OLLI office at 304-293-1793. The program includes a list of all volunteers, instructors, and donors from the past year, and members and friends we've lost. It also includes a list of board members, reports from each committee, and the budgets as approved by the membership.

At the first meeting of the Board of Directors for 2018-19 on July 13, Linda Jackowitz (President), Ed Johnson

(Vice-President), Earl Melby (Secretary), and George Trapp (Treasurer) were re-elected by the Board for a second term as OLLI's Executive Committee.

OLLI Members can keep up on board business by reading the meeting minutes online at <http://olliatwvu.org/about-us/board-and-staff/>. Board meetings are held at 10:00 a.m. on the first Friday of each month in Morgantown. Board and committee meetings are open meetings. OLLI members are encouraged to attend as they wish. As a membership organization, we value the input of our members.

## OLLI Has Great Courses

Did you know that OLLI has a collection of *Great Courses* DVDs and audio tapes that members can check-out? Produced by The Teaching Company, *Great Courses* lectures draw on the expertise of college professors from around the world to offer a collection of educational experiences for the lifelong learner.

Members will also find interesting documentaries and lectures from the BBC, National Geographic, and others in OLLI's collection.

Browse our collection in the Member Lounge in Morgantown and contact the OLLI office to check-out materials.



## Mark Your Calendars!

August 3	OLLI Board Meeting
August 30	Charleston Open House
September 7	OLLI Board Meeting
September 10	Fall registration begins
September 13	Fall Open House (Morgantown)
September 26	Irving Goodman Lecture
October 1	Fall term begins
October 5	OLLI Board Meeting
November 2	OLLI Board Meeting
November 9	Winter course proposals due

