



# UGARA

*The University of Georgia Retirees Association*

Staying Informed. Keeping Involved.

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## **Greetings from the Chair**

Welcome and a special thanks to Nancy Canolty, Betty Jean Craige, and Novene Landers who have agreed to serve on the UGARA Council. They bring valuable experience to the Council.

Our purpose is "to provide ongoing communication and connection between The University of Georgia and its retirees, with expressed needs and opportunities coming from retirees and from The University." We do this in many ways.

Travel is surely the most enjoyable of our activities. We have day trips such as campus tours that keep us abreast of new developments as well as trips to nearby places of interest. We also have wonderful overnight trips such as recent trips to the Biltmore Estate during the Christmas season and a trip to Savannah. Our new relationship with OLLI has greatly expanded our travel opportunities without requiring us to be members of OLLI.

Another way we stay connected is through the annual information sessions in the fall concerning changes in our health care options. We also had training sessions on the use of our new, expanded email system.

Three years ago there was a proposal to eliminate the cost of living increase provision of our TRS retirement contracts, a provision for which we had paid during our years of employment. We and our counterparts throughout the University System fought hard to defeat this proposal, and we were successful. Last summer we fought successfully to retain our health care options. In real terms, nothing we do is more important than this watch dog function.

I urge everyone to take advantage of the many opportunities provided by UGARA. Stay involved and stay connected.

*Bob Burton*  
*UGARA Council Chair*



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## APRIL 28 RECEPTION RECOGNIZES NEW RETIREES

Faculty and staff members who have retired from UGA since last spring will be honored at the annual UGARA New Retiree Reception April 28. The event will be in the Magnolia Ballroom of the Georgia Center for Continuing Education beginning at 4:30 p.m.

All university retirees and their guests are urged to attend the reception to meet and congratulate new retirees. UGARA Chair Robert Burton will welcome new retirees and UGA President Michael Adams and Provost Jere Morehead will present them certificates of appreciation for their service to the university.

There will also be a presentation about the university's new Special Collections Library by P. Toby Graham, deputy university librarian and director of the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library. The Special Collections Library, scheduled to open this fall, will house the Hargrett Library along with the Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies and the Walter J. Brown Archives and Peabody Awards Collection.

A jazz ensemble will play and refreshments will be served. Business casual attire is requested.

Reservations for the reception should be made by April 21 by e-mailing [rsvpuga@uga.edu](mailto:rsvpuga@uga.edu) or calling 706-542-4983.

### ☞ In Memoriam ☞

Mr. Malloy Agnew	(March 2011)	Dr. Morris Overton Phelps	(September 2010)
Mr. John W. Brooks	(September 2010)	Mr. Curtis E. Tate Jr.	(May 2010)
Dr. Marion M. Duncan Jr.	(April 2010)	Mr. Lyde Tallevast Thomas	(February 2010)
Ms. Barbara Ann Mallon	(February 2010)	Mrs. Jean Tomberlin Towers	(June 2010)
Dr. W. Harold Parady	(September 2010)	Dr. James O. Wheeler	(December 2010)

## UGARA, OLLI EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION

The University of Georgia Retirees Association (UGARA) and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UGA (OLLI@UGA) are looking at ways they might collaborate to share resources and provide services to their members.

Membership in UGARA, which was created in 1990, is limited to retired UGA faculty and staff while membership in OLLI, an outgrowth of the Learning in Retirement program, is open to anyone age 50 or above. The groups share several common features including a focus on serving seniors, a large overlap in membership and an affiliation with UGA—UGARA through the UGA Alumni Association and OLLI through the College of Education.

While the two groups don't have exactly the same purpose—UGARA works mainly to advocate for the interests of UGA retirees while OLLI provides a wide range of educational and social opportunities— their constituencies and missions are similar enough to warrant exploring possible avenues of cooperation, according to UGARA Chair Robert Burton and OLLI President Anita Brannen.

As an initial step, each group has appointed a liaison to the other's board of directors. Also, OLLI invited UGARA members to participate in its travel program by opening a trip to Callaway Gardens and Warm Springs this month, and trips in June to the Morris Museum in Augusta and three Georgia wineries (see article below). Each group may also permit the other to have an information table at social events.

Burton and Brannen said the groups will continue looking at possible ways to share resources and services to benefit members of both organizations. For more information about OLLI, visit [OLLI@uga.edu](mailto:OLLI@uga.edu).

## OLLI TRIPS TO AUGUSTA MUSEUM, GEORGIA WINERIES OPEN TO UGARA MEMBERS

UGARA members are welcome to join day trips OLLI has scheduled June 7 to the Morris Museum in Augusta and June 9 to three wineries in the northeast Georgia mountains. Both trips are by motor coach and will leave and return the same day.

Athens artist Philip Juras and author Dorinda Dallmeyer will lead the trip to the Morris Museum to view an exhibit of more than 60 paintings by Juras of southern landscapes as they might have appeared when American naturalist William Bartram trekked across the South from 1773-1777. Juras, who has conducted extensive research in landscape ecology, has retraced much of Bartram's route and will provide expert commentary on the paintings.

Dallmeyer, editor of an anthology of essays about Bartram's travels written by 17 southern nature writers, will join Juras in pointing out features of the landscape along the route to Augusta that Bartram might still recognize today. There will be short stops at several sites Bartram visited. The cost of the trip, including a box lunch at the museum, is \$50. More information is available by contacting Dallmeyer at 706 542-0935, dorindad@uga.edu.

The wineries trip will provide a deeper knowledge of the quality of wines and the growing boutique wineries industry in northeast Georgia. The first stop will be in Dahlonega, site of America's first gold rush in the 1820s, for a brief walk around the historic city square and then a visit to Wolf Mountain Winery near a mountaintop.

The trip will proceed to Frogtown Cellars and Blackstock Vineyards, with tours and tastings at each winery and a specialty lunch at Blackstock Vineyards overlooking a vineyard framed by the Blue Ridge Mountains. Cost of the trip, including lunch, is \$95. For more information, contact Joan Zitzelman, 706-546-6345, jzitzel@bellsouth.net.

To register for these trips, send checks by May 26, made out to OLLI@UGA, and the registration form below to: OLLI@UGA, attn: Travel/Study, River's Crossing, 850 College Station Road, Athens, GA 30602-4811.

**Trip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

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