OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE at the University of Georgia Newsletter

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ANNUAL MEETING MAY 2

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND FIVE BOARD MEMBERS, CAROL FISHER AWARD

The OLLI Annual meeting will be held May 2 at 1 p.m. at Central Presbyterian. The meeting is being sponsored by the Benson Hospitality Group of Athens, GA, which is in charge of the Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Athens. At this meeting, the Nominating Committee will present the slate of nominees for officers and for five members of the OLLI Board. There is no absentee balloting, so please plan to attend and cast your ballot! See current list of nominees on page 3.

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STADION GOLF CLASSIC TO RAISE MONEY FOR OLLI@UGA

As you see on the insert included with this issue of the *OLLI Times*, the Stadion Golf Classic will be held at the UGA golf course again this spring. If you are a golf fan—or a nature fan—you will enjoy the Stadion golf tournament on the beautiful UGA golf course.

The dates of the tournament are May 3 – 6, and tickets are only \$25 for ALL four days. You can buy your tickets from Zu in the OLLI@UGA office. Use the form on the insert included with the newsletter. Or buy tickets online at http://stadionclassic.uga.edu. If you order online be sure to select OLLI@UGA as the 501 (c) 3 that you want to get the credit because ALL of the ticket revenue is returned to us. See you at the tournament.



Photo by Pat McAlexander

SOCIAL HONORS OLLI PRESENTERS AND VOLUNTEERS; MAYOR DENSON PROCLAIMS OLLI WEEK

Our Presenters and Volunteers Appreciation Social was held on April 11th at Central. Presbyterian. The New Horizons Band played, and the food was special: Washington Farms strawberries, other fruit, and cake with chocolate fondue. Presenters, OLLI Committees, and all other OLLI Volunteers were recognized.

Making the occasion extra special, Mayor Denson attended our event to personally proclaim the week of April 9-13 OLLI@UGA week in Athens. Below is the proclamation:

Whereas the health and happiness of adults over 50 are related to remaining mentally, physically and socially active in our senior years and contributing to the Athens area community,

Whereas the mission of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The University of Georgia (OLLI@UGA), a membership based organization of adults age 50 and older from Athens-

Clarke County and neighboring communities, is dedicated to

meeting members' intellectual, social and cultural needs of mature adults through lifelong learning,

Whereas OLLI@UGA provides positive opportunities for members to keep their minds and bodies active, satisfy intellectual curiosity and practical knowledge, improve their health through exercise and form friendships that vital to maintaining a healthy mental attitude,

Whereas the volunteer-based organization is recognizing 160 OLLI volunteer instructors and over 200 volunteers on April 11 and conducting its First Annual Art Show and Plant Exchange on April 13 at the Central Presbyterian Church,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Denson, Mayor of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, do hereby proclaim April 9 through April 13, 2012 as **OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE WEEK** in Athens-Clarke County.



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute



Mac Rawson

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

Dear OLLI Members,

Mayor Nancy Denson proclaimed April 9 to 13 "Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Week" and presented the Proclamation at the Volunteers and Presenters Appreciation Social. It's exciting to see this level of recognition in our community. Many people have worked very hard to make OLLI@UGA a success. We have received the \$1 million endowment and a

\$50,000 transition grant. Next year the endowment will provide a minimum of \$50,000 to help support our staff, and recommended changes in our fee structure will place us on a sustainable financial path.

The experts tell us that the key to a successful retirement is to be mentally, physically and socially engaged in life. An often overlooked benefit of OLLI@ UGA membership is Special Interest Groups (SIGS). There are 20 active SIGs ranging from Opera to Investing to Quilting to Book Discussion to SoloSeniors to Digital Photography to Happy Hikers. Each SIG has a "Hero" who coordinates activities for the group. For example, Lady Dawgs Basketball has "Rabid" Randall Abney; Happy Hikers smiling Iris Miracle; Novice Bridge Jimmie Hawes, Lunch Bunch Mercedes Rivera. The Special Interest Groups have something for everyone – so join one or more! They help you challenge your mind, exercise your body, and form social bonds. And, if you see a need for another special interest group, you can create one.

I am pleased to announce the unanimous approval by the Board of Directors for title change for Katy Crapo to Executive Director of OLLI@UGA. The change of her title to Executive Director better reflects her responsibilities and recognizes her professionalism among her peers. We are proud of Katy and pleased to acknowledge her contribution to the success of OLLI@UGA.

Now let me change to a more difficult topic. A few weeks ago, Katy Crapo lost her mother, who lived in Michigan. We express our sincere condolences to Katy and her family. At our stage of life, the passing of loved ones — parents, spouses, partners and friends — is an all-too-real fact of life. Many of us are struggling with how to care for aging parents, as Brenda and I are doing, and many are grieving or recovering from the loss of loved ones. It is difficult to know how to be sensitive to people's losses without smothering them. We extend friendship and love to all who have lost a loved one.



The OLLI Times

Editor: Pat McAlexander

Consultants: Katy Crapo, Mac Rawson Graphic Designer: Troy Bassett

OLLI Publications: Deadline for submissions to the June newsletter (to be mailed by the week of June 25) is May 25.

The OLLI Times is published six times a year, in September, October, January/February, March, April, and June, with news about OLLI, its members, and OLLI events. Address questions, suggestions, and submissions to patmcalex@gmail.com.

OLLI @ UGA

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FIRST ANNUAL ART FAIR A SUCCESS

The First Annual OLLI Art Fair ("Drawing More Than Flies") and Garden Swap ("Need More Plants-Garden Plant Swap") was held on Friday, April 13, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Central Presbyterian Church. Participants included Margaret Agner (painting, silk wall hangings, and scarves), Elizabeth Barton (art quilts and collages), John Weber (photographs), Erica Lewis (weaving), Joanne Roth (illustrations, paintings), and Cam Bridges (oil on canvas paintings), as well as interest groups such as Picture This!, the photography SIG. Outside, OLLI gardeners met to swap plants—and much garden information was exchanged, along with the flowers, shrubs and seeds.

Many thanks to Joanne Roth and Jeani Goodwin, who organized the event, and to its sponsors, Talmage Terrace and BB&T Bank. More pictures will be published in the June *OLLI Times*.



ELECTION/FISHER - continued from page 1

Members will be asked to approve the following Slate of Officers:

President-elect, To Be Announced

Vice President, Nancy Canolty (third term)

Secretary, Carolyn Abney (second term)

Treasurer, John Songster (second term)

Members will be asked to vote for five of eleven nominees for Board positions. Clearly it is an honor to have been nominated. All nominees are well-qualified and have been active in OLLI. We are lucky to have such an outstanding list! The nominees and their most current role(s) in OLLI are:

Richard Bouldin—Chair, ad hoc Budget Committee

Larry Dendy—Attends OLLI Board meetings as OLLI liason to UGARA

Randall Abney—Chair, Marketing Committee; Chair, Development Committee

Betty Jean Craige—Chair, Curriculum Committee; former assistant editor of the OLLI Times

Margaret Anderson—Chair, Information Technology Committee

Jim Smith—Retired lawyer, new member of OLLI, active class-taker

Richard Lynch—Member of Marketing Committee, Chair of Financial Options Committee

Janet Stratton—Chair, Finance Committee; member, Development Committee

Alta Allen—member of Curriculum Committee and of ad hoc Bylaws committee

Roger Bailey—Coordinator, "String of Pearls" Memoir Writing SIG

Elaine Kalber—member, Publications Committee (she writes the front-page article for the OLLI Coursebooks)

This is the information available at press time. Watch your email for more complete biographies.

In addition to the election of officers and Board members, a second important event will occur at the Annual Meeting: the Carol Fisher award will be presented to an outstanding OLLI member. Past recipients have been Roland Brooks, Jeani Goodwin, Olga Gray, and Kathy Gratzek. Carol Fisher, a retired faculty member in the College of Education, was an active and influential member of LIR throughout its early years, serving as vice president in 1999 and 2000. The Award was named in recognition of all she had done for the organization. In addition, at her death in 2010, Carol left a generous legacy to the organization.



OLLI LIBRARY GROWING

The OLLI library, on shelves in Zu's office, is growing thanks to donations from our members. Members are free to check out any of these current holdings:

DVDs

- Luigi Pirandello's Six Characters in Search of an Author; courtesy of Dr. Stanley Longman
- Caravaggio; courtesy of Carolyn Abney
- > Ben Epps: The Legacy of Georgia's First Aviator; courtesy of Pat Epps and Richard Taylor

Books

- Written on a Rock; courtesy of Martha Phillips
- A Ring, A Dance, a Second Chance; courtesy of Jonell Kirby Cash
- Georgia Flight: This History of Aviation in Georgia 1907-2007; courtesy of Pat Epps and Richard Taylor

Tapes

VHS Video Ken Burns' Civil War Series 1) Gettysburg 2) Chancellorsville 3) Vickberg and Franklin; courtesy of Nancy Songster.

Mary Whiting, Katy's Crapo's mother, died March 27 in Michigan. We offer Katy our deepest sympathy. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to:

OLLI@UGA Leave A Legacy Campaign

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www.cancer.org 1684 Barnett Shoals Road, Athens, GA 30605 (706) 549-4893

Multiple Sclerosis Society

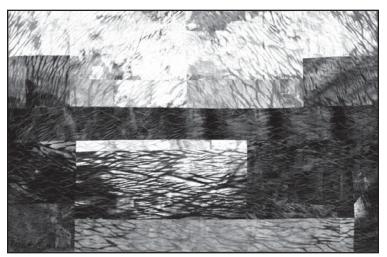
www.nationalmssociety.org
The MS Life Center
1117 Perimeter Center West, Suite E101, Atlanta, GA 30338
(678) 672-1000

BRIEF BUT IMPORTANT

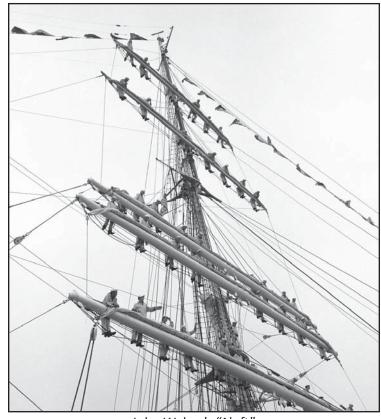
- ➤ The UGA Foundation has received the \$1 million dollar endowment check and the \$50,000 transition grant check from the Osher Foundation.
- ➤ Katy's title has been changed from Program Director to Executive Director, a title that more accurately reflects the central role she plays in OLLI@UGA.
- ➤ To avoid conflicts with other activities, the OLLI Board voted at the March meeting to change their meeting time from the third Wednesday of the month to the second Monday, starting in July 2012. It is hoped that this time slot will mean fewer conflicts for Board members, as second Mondays have fewer activities scheduled. Nancy Songster suggested the change.
- ➤ OLLI members Bruce Jacobson and Arthur Lawrence will work with Chuck Murphy on maintaining the OLLI website.
- ➤ Mary Lou Dixon and Virginia Macagnoni met recently with Nancy Songster and Bill Loughner to discuss the early history of Learning in Retirement. They were charter members in 1994 and were early board members.
- ➤ Reminder: OLLI@UGA members can join the Washington OLLI affiliate for \$10 a year. Many interesting classes are offered by this group.

OLLIS WIN PRIZES IN 37th LYNDON HOUSE JURIED EXHIBITION

Two OLLIs won prizes for their art in this year's Lyndon House Juried Art Exhibition. John Weber won the Purchase Award in memory of Andrew Landis for his photo "Aloft." Elizabeth Barton won the Ed Lambert Award of Excellent in Fiber for her quilt "Pond in Winter." These works and over a hundred others will be on display at the Lyndon House gallery through April 21. The gallery, located at 293 Hoyt Street, is open Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays noon to 9:00 p.m. There is no admission charge.



Elizabeth Barton's "Pond in Winter"



John Weber's "Aloft"



OLLIS WINNERS IN UGA ALUMNI DAWG TROT 5K

OLLI was also well represented at the UGA Alumni Association Dawg Trot 5K on March 17. Nancy Canolty won first place for her age group;. Ron Cervero came in second in his. Also participating: Parley and Alexis Winger, and Randall and Carolyn Abney. (How did the Abneys get those special numbers of 1 and 2??)

In Memoriam

Bob Jordan

Ron Linhart

OLLI CLASSES

Ed Mairoriello's "Birding—Learning Bird Songs"



Photo by Pat McAlexander

Hubert McAlexander's class on Faulkner's As I Lay Dying



Photo by Elizabeth Barton

OLLI CLASSES NOTE

If your class is in River's Crossing, Don't forget to check the glass case on the right as you enter to find the most up-to-date information on your class or meeting.

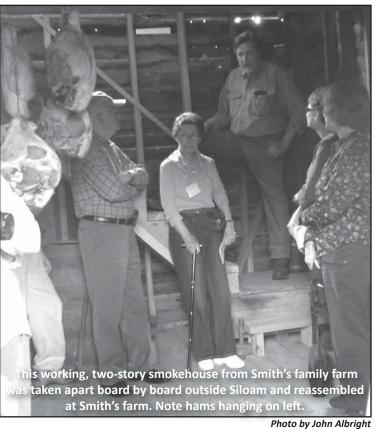
Smith Wilson's "Georgia Farming in the Early 20th Century"



Photo by Pat McAlexander



Photo by John Albright



THE WORLD OF FRANCINA COX GREER KING

by Carolyn Abney

In the fall of 2010, I joined a group of volunteers working with the Hargrett Rare Books Collection on a fascinating project. The Hargrett was given fourteen diaries kept by a local woman, Francina Cox Greer King, covering the period of 1844 to 1883. As you can imagine, the diaries are fragile, and the goal is to transcribe them so they can be digitized and made available on the University's website for scholars or "regular people" who want to know more about a "regular person's" life during the years before the Civil War, the war period, and the post-war period.

Her family's property –yes, a plantation - was just east of Athens, on the Lexington Road. She writes about daily life there – sickness and health, weddings and funerals. She writes of her sadness that neither of her surviving sons participates in the religious life. I try to transcribe a few days from the diaries each morning, and it can be so soothing. Her handwriting is not too hard to decipher, and you can quickly get lulled into her pace. She is frustrated at not knowing how her extended family is doing. Her youngest son joined the Home Guard in the spring of 1861, just after the war started, and she heard from friends that his unit had been in battle. Today we can only imagine – with our cell phones and Internet – how frightened she must have been, waiting days to hear that he was safe.

She writes of icing cakes; of planting her flower garden and making grafts. She tells us to whom she has written a note or a letter and when she gets an answer. But she rarely writes what the letters were about, which can be frustrating to her transcribers.

And then you hit some amazing bits, like her first trip out of Georgia – to Charleston. Or the following, from when she attended UGA commencement in August 1859:

Mr. A. H. Stephens [a congressman of considerable fame] addressed the sophomore declaimers and delivered the prizes; we were interested in his address being from <u>him</u>; he is a thin, pale, delicate beardless man said to be the greatest orator of the age but I think he did not show it, the subject did not suit him so well as politics; though he did well

And the hours you've spent on the boring parts – she records the temperature three times a day every day – are suddenly worthwhile.

You get to know Francina's family, her friends, who she calls on in Athens and Watkinsville, and which churches she attends. Although she is a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist, she goes frequently to Athens to the various churches, including Emmanuel

Chalky Level

Home of the Greer Family for five generations
Clarke County, Georgia

Episcopal, the Methodist and Presbyterian ones. And she has strong opinions about what she hears.

If this sounds interesting, please get in touch with Leandra Nessel (lnessel@uga.edu or 706-542-3879) at Hargrett. She is planning a short training session for new volunteers to learn about the details of how the transcriptions are done. You get a CD with several months of the scanned diary pages to work from, and you can do it at home or wherever you have computer access.

One amazing thing is how much you feel you are participating in her life. One day Randall and I ran into a friend who is also working on the project and she said, "I have bad news: Aunt Emma died." Poor Randall was wracking his brain to figure out who this could be, when he realized we were talking about Francina's aunt. Who died in 1858.

OLLI Travel

TO REGISTER FOR TRIPS, USE FORM BELOW.

For each trip you wish to participate in, fill out a separate form. Mail the form(s) with your credit card information (which will be shredded, and not kept on file in the system) or check made out to OLLI@UGA to OLLI Travel, River's Crossing, 850 College Station Road, Athens, GA 30602-4811 or hand-deliver the materials to Zu. If you are registering for more than one trip, you can write one check/credit card amount for the total due. Your payment is your registration. Note: You may now call Zu at 706 542-7715 with your information, or register online.

	Trip
RESERVATION FORM	Name (s)
	Address
	Home Phone # # of Cell Phone you will have with you
	Email
	For overnight trips, please mark the appropriate statement with X.
	I will share a room with (fill in name)(if only one name listed above).
SE	I would like an individual room.
TRIP RI	I am willing to take an individual room, but if possible, pair me with someone.
	For carpooling trips, circle one RIDER or DRIVER (I can accommodate additional passengers.)
	Check # Card # (Visa/MC/Discover) Exp
TI	Name on card if different from above:
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	Cardholder Signature

DR. DALLMEYER'S "COASTAL PROCESSES" TRIP TO JEKYLL AND ST. SIMONS ISLANDS (March 5-7, 2012)



OLLIs wend their way through north Jekyll Island's "boneyard beach," created by sand erosion.



Penny Adams and Julia Dowda brace against the beach wind.

THERE IS STILL ROOM.....

Matinee performance of *Jersey Boys* at the Fox June 9—registration fee of \$76 is due Friday, May 4.



Cost includes bus to Atlanta and performance tickets; it does not include lunch. Questions? Contact **Dindy Owens** (dindy1@msn.com or 706 255-0489).

Jersey Boys is a jukebox, documentary-style musical, based on one of the most successful 1960's rock 'n roll groups, The Four Seasons ("Big Girls Don't Cry," "Walk Like a Man," "Dawn"). The musical opened on Broadway in 2005, and has since toured worldwide, winning four 2006 Tony Awards including Best Musical.

"Geology and Mineral Deposits within the Basin and Range Province and the Eastern Sierras: Nevada and California" September 24-October 1 – deadline extended to May 15.



\$750 per person. The registration deposit per individual (non-refundable) is \$350. The \$400 remainder is due July 1. This cost does not cover airfare, lodging, or meals.

This OLLI geoexcursion will investigate the geologic evolution of the Basin & Range Province and its relationship with adjacent segments of the Sierra Nevada. It will also explore the nature and genesis of ore deposits and the history of mining throughout the region. Transport will be in 15-passenger rental vans. The trip begins in Las Vegas, Nevada and terminates in the same location; the group will visit Death Valley and Great Basin National Parks, several national monuments, and numerous other state parks. Field stops will be along roadside exposures and overlooks. Minimal walking will be required. The trip is limited to those taking the associated class September 17-23.

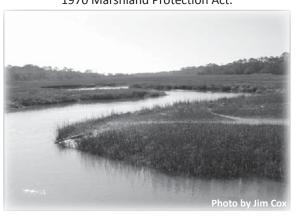


In 1999 on Jekyll's south shore, Dr. Dallmeyer's students climb on the mast of a wrecked shrimp boat.



In 2012, OLLIs pose in front of the same mast, only its tip now visible due to sand accretion.

One of Georgia's pristine coastal salt marshes; they are protected by the state's 1970 Marshland Protection Act.



A pelican poses on the St. Simon's pier



A seagull hunts for breakfast on south Jekyll beach



Turtles on My Birthday

Memorial Park, Athens, Georgia

I just loved those six turtles perched sunning on a too small rock, their necks stretched, their heads in absolute concert craning toward a spot in the heavens—one fellow just barely hanging on—as still as prayer.

Nearby, two emerald-headed mallards floated—slowly— their feathery necks jeweled with deep green iridescent softness, dipping their heads into the water, turning their butts and orange duck feet toward the blue sky in the glory of a late February afternoon.

Nestling geese twitched—fluttering on the lake's margins across the way—flustered—waiting to chase and attack and honk at intruders dawdling on the path hugging the water behind them, too close for their peace of mind.

Their flutters calmed my monkey mind as I sat on a bench at the edge with Phoebe lying at my feet, the easy breeze blowing her little poodle ears, white against the black dirt and wood-chips on which she lay, my notebook forgotten in my lap, the afternoon translucent, falling out around me.

"Are they real?" a young woman screeched through the yellow forsythia behind me, to no one I could see, as a stone struck the sculpture of shells, scattering them into a splash whose after-tremble suggested what had been.

The mother and her boy, laughing, ambled off along the path near the water into Nature and their day unaware of me and my dog and the pieces of a moment shattered like fine Waterford hurled against a stone wall.

—Roger Bailey

Monday, February 21, 2011

Tranquility:

On the lake's surface, a turtle and a photographer's ghost-like shadow

Photo by Alexis Winger

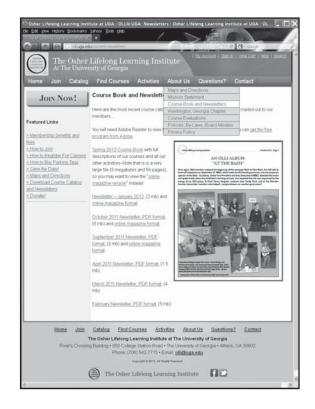
OLLI ONLINE

The OLLI Times:

http://olli.uga.edu/current-newsletter

If you would like to read a past article in the *OLLI Times*—maybe Joan Zitzelman's story of an episode during UGA's integration (March 2011), Lois and Bill Alworth's "Katrina Story" (October 2011), or Amy Munnell's story on her service dog MaGee (January 2012), you can find issues since February 2011 posted on the OLLI website. On the homepage, click on "Download course catalog and newsletters," and then select the issue you are interested in.





OLLI Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/OLLIatUGA

OLLI photographers, help keep our OLLI Facebook page illustrated! Send Amy Munnell (nega_writer@yahoo.com) your photos of OLLI events—from classes and parties to luncheons and Bashes. And all OLLIS: Check out the OLLI Facebook postings —they are informative and fun! If you are on FB, type OLLI@UGA (Official) in your search box. If you are not on Facebook, you can still keep up at http://on.fb.me/olli-uga.

Here are some excerpts from a poll on the Facebook page last fall:

OLLI@UGA Facebook Poll:

When did you join OLLI @UGA (formerly Learning in Retirement) and what made you join?

June Zorn Mazur "I joined in January 2008, one month after moving to Athens. . . . OLLI has opened many doors for me in the community and beyond, and I can't imagine retirement without it...."

Helen Epps "I joined OLLI in 2010 after Nancy Canolty told me how much she enjoyed OLLI courses and trips."

Patricia McAlexander "I joined two years ago thanks to Alexis Winger. I'll be forever grateful! I love the classes and trips and the interesting people I meet."

Vicki Forguson Bauer "2009. I'd heard about "Olli" but I didn't know who they were talking about. Maybe someone from Minnesota? Then new neighbors moved in...and started joining everything. That's when I found out who "Olli" was... Sounded interesting and fun, something for everyone....If you aren't careful, OLLI can be a full-time job;-)"

SPRING IMAGES



A frontal view: Smith Wilson's mules



Plant table at the First Annual OLLI Art Fair and Garden Swap



April Picture This! Botanical Garden Photo Walk. L to R: James Cox, Jim Jenkins, Mary Ann Cox, Alexis Winger, Bill Prokasy, Nena Lee, Lew Frazar, Erika Lewis, Chuck Murphy, Nancy York, Ann Crowley, Cindi Ross, Pat McAlexander, Bill Jones.



New Horizons Band playing at the Presenters and Volunteers

Appreciation Social

Mother's Day Brunch

For OLLI members and guests
Saturday, May 12th, 11 am at George's Low Country
Table, 20955 Milledge Avenue, Athens, GA
Dutch Treat / 18% Gratuity Added

RSVP by May 6th to Sinclair Jackson at 706-877-5818 or ssinclairr@gmail.com

Limited to 40