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New Member Coffee on March 27

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Alerts & Notices

Reminder: The deadline for submitting articles for *E-News* is 6 pm on Tuesday.

To read bios of the candidates for the Board of Directors, click [here](#)

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Spring Term Fun



By Jennifer Disano, Executive Director

Activities abound at OLLI in April & May! Check out the following events for OLLI Members and Community Members, too.

April 10, 1–2:30, Tallwood Trio at Lord of Life, Fairfax

April 30, 2:15-3:40, Tallwood Trio at Meet The Artist, Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods

April 17, 12:00 noon – 2:30pm, Super Salad Social, at the Reston Community Center's Rose Gallery at Lake Anne.

April 23, Shakespeare's Birthday Party, 2:15pm – 3:40pm at Loudoun May 1st, Annual Business Meeting (10:00am) and Picnic (11:00am) at Tallwood. Register on the OLLI Member Portal. Registration required.

In May OLLI will be hosting the following 4 events for the Creative Aging Festival:

- May 4, Readers Theater
- May 15, OLLI Players
- May 21, Tai Chi Demonstration
- May 29, Poetry, Music, & Arts Open House

These events are all open to the public at no fee but registration is required via the Member Portal. Non-OLLI Members can also register via the Member Portal by creating a Student Profile.

Checkout the Senior Section of your area Connection Newspaper to learn more about the Creative Aging Festival <http://connectionarchives.com/PDF/2015/040115/Great%20Falls.pdf>

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Parking at Our Church Venues

As guests at the facilities, we need to be mindful of the preschool programs at the churches where we rent classroom space. Since there are small children around, it is important to drive slowly through the parking lots. Please be sure not to park in spaces reserved for the use of the preschools. This has been an issue at Church of the Good Shepherd. At Lord of Life in Fairfax, the preschool sets up a chain across the parking lot when the children will be taken to the playground. When you see the chain, it is necessary to turn your car around to exit the lot.

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Program Committee Needs Volunteers



By Peg O'Brien, Committee Member

Literature, Language and Theater Help Wanted

A volunteer interested in Literature, Language and Theater (LLT) to assist OLLI in maintaining and improving our course offerings in those areas. Special extra credit goes to a person who attends classes on the Loudoun campus. Duties include acting as a conduit for suggestions and feedback for LLT topics and courses, recruiting instructors for those areas, and attending 2 - 4 program planning meetings a year. The volunteer would join an active group of co-chairs already in place. Contact Doris Bloch (dbloch50@hotmail.com) if interested.

Future Courses Looking for Instructors

The program planning groups are hard at work throughout the year seeking and developing future courses for all our program sites. OLLI members have submitted a number of good ideas and we are now searching for instructors who are knowledgeable in these topics and who would be willing to teach them.

The first three courses listed below have been requested for the Loudoun site. The contact is Barbara at bwilan@webtv.net

- 1. The Least You Should Know About _____.** (Geology, Geography, Astronomy, Ancient History, Anthropology, Archaeology, Math, Chemistry, Physics, Art History, Music, Psychology, Philosophy, Politics, etc.) The instructor can choose any topic above or any subject area he or she knows well. In one 85-minute class introduce any vocabulary, concepts, facts, and other general background needed to provide context for further individual, personal reading and exploration of the topic.
- 2. So You Want to _____.** (Buy a Car, Plan a Trip to Europe, Start and Maintain a Vegetable Garden, Downsize, etc.) The instructor can share a special hobby, skill, knowledge or experience that he or she has.

3. Any conversational language classes

4. Education. The Humanities and Social Sciences Committee would like to offer a course on "Education" that would incorporate issues such as: ranges of cultural diversity among students, interdisciplinary teaming and block scheduling, testing requirements and screening for special programs, recent changes in curricula and educational emphases, and other factors that make today's education far different from what most OLLI members experienced in school. We are especially looking for former teachers, counselors,

administrators, or specialists to assist in planning and/or conducting this course. Contact: Johnnie Hicks at johnniehicks@earthlink.net or Camille Hodges at mimihodges2@aol.com.

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OLLI Book Club April Meeting



By Ceda McGrew, Club Coordinator

The OLLI Book Club will meet at 1:30 PM on April 8 at Tallwood. The book for discussion is *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova. It is the fictional account of the early-onset Alzheimer's disease of Alice Howland, a well-respected cognitive psychology professor at Harvard. In December 2014 a movie based on the book was released with Julianne Moore playing Professor Howland. All OLLI members are welcome.

The book for discussion in May is *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline.

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Ask Uncle Olli



By Uncle Olli, Driver Safety Consultant

Uncle Olli has lived in Northern Virginia most of his lifetime, and has encountered every traffic problem. But sometimes the little problems seem so trivial you are embarrassed to admit them. Easy. Ask Uncle Olli at ollinewseditor@gmail.com. He is embarrassed by nothing!

MY CAR HAS DAY-TIME DRIVING LIGHTS. DO I STILL NEED TO TURN ON MY HEADLIGHTS WHEN IT RAINS?

By now, we are all familiar with the new rule that if your windshield wipers are on, your headlights need to be on. This increases visibility in rain or snow. And yes, you still need to turn on your headlights. The driving lights help in the front, but they do not light your tail lights. You need to turn on your head lights to make sure your tail lights are on, too!

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, next ten days

By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

For tickets for either CFA or Hylton, call 1-888-945-2468, buy tickets online through the event calendar (see links below), or visit the venue's box office. For more information see the CFA [ticket page](#) or the Hylton [ticket purchase page](#).

At the Fairfax Campus Venues

East Coast Dhamaka

Sat, Apr 4, 7:00

Indian dance competition featuring 3 Fusion, 3 Raas, and 3 Bhangra teams.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$20

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra

Sat, Apr 11, 8:00

Luke Frazier, guest conductor

National Broadway Chorus presents *A Civil War Portrait*.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$55, \$45, \$27.

Todd Ellison and Friends: *Classic Broadway*

Sun, Apr 12, 4:00

Pre-Performance Discussion: member of the company.

Concert Hall
 Admission: \$46, \$39, \$28.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

(see music.gmu.edu for additional student recitals)

An Experiment with an Air Pump

Fri, Apr 3 and Sat, Apr 4, 8:00
 Sat, Apr 4, 2:00
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: Adults, \$25; seniors, \$15.

GMU Persian Club: Norouz Show 1394

Fri, Apr 3, 8:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$12

United States Air Force Clarinet Quartet

Wed, Apr 8, 8:00
 deLaski 3001
 Admission: Free.

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At the Hylton Center

Mason School of Art Selected Faculty Exhibit

Mar 9–Apr 20
 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery
 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00
 –6:00, Thur., 10:00–8:00 and two hours before performances. Gallery

Reception: Thur, Mar 12, 6:00–8:00. For more information about the current exhibit, visit HyltonCenter.org/gallery. For reception RSVP to Hylton@gmu.edu.
 Admission: Free

GMU Persian Club: Norouz Show

Fri, Apr 3, 8:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$12

The U.S. Army Concert Band and Army Voices: Musical Masterpieces

Fri, Apr 10, 7:30
 Free tickets are available while supplies last online at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-us-army-concert-band-and-army-voices-musical-masterpieces-tickets-16086209285>.
 Tickets are for seating in the 1st and 2nd balconies and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. House opens for seating at 7:00 PM. Patrons without tickets are welcome to fill any empty seats at 7:15 PM.
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: Free

Peter Yarrow

Sun, Apr 12, 2:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: Adults, \$15; children, \$5.

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For further details on any of the above events, please see the CFA [event calendar](#) and the Hylton Center [event calendar](#)

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Mason Highlights



Other Mason events, next two weeks

By Helen Ackerman, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

Discussion: "Global Climate Change: No Longer Tomorrow's Challenge." US Representative Gerry Connolly (D, VA 11th District), who is the co-chair of the House Sustainable Energy and Environment Caucus, will talk about climate change solutions. Connolly is an advocate for protecting the environment and investing in clean and renewable energy. The dialogue will be followed by refreshments and a discussion with representatives from local organizations in a strategy session. Mon, April 6, 6:00 to 8:00. Merten Hall, Room 1201. Free.

Discussion: "The Partisan Divide: Congress in Crisis". Just what will it take to reform Congress? Former Congressmen Tom Davis and Martin Frost will discuss their new book, *The Partisan Divide: Congress in Crisis*. Tue, Apr 7, at 6:45. Arlington Campus, Founders Hall, Room 716. Seating is limited. RSVP to rguttman@gmu.edu. Free.

Lecture. Dr. Mark Koyama, assistant professor, economics department, and Mercatus Center Senior Scholar, delivers the annual Fenwick Fellow Lecture on "The Birth of Religious Freedom: Liberalism, Rule of Law, and State Capacity, 1100-1800." He discusses western Europe as the birthplace of modern ideas of political freedom and religious toleration using new historical data and approaches from modern political economy. Wed, Apr 8, 2:00 to 3:30, Johnson Center, Gateway Library, Room 228. Free.

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Meetings & Clubs

The following list covering the next two weeks is extracted for your

convenience from the master online calendar maintained by the office, with direct web links added when available. The list is accurate as of mid-week but to check anytime for the latest information, please view the latest forecast of upcoming events on our website (News/[OLLI Calendar](#)). *Note: All OLLI members are welcome at, and encouraged to attend, meetings of the Board of Directors, committees and resource groups, Kickoff Coffees, etc. (**bolded** below).*

Sat Apr 4	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Tue Apr 7	10:00am	Knitting and Needlework Club-Panera, Herndon
Wed Apr 8	1:30pm	Book Club-TA-2
	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	2:00pm	History Club-TA-1
Fri Apr 10	9:00am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Photography Club-TA--1
	10:00am	Craft and Conversation-Cottage
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club-TA-2
Sat Apr 11	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
	10:00am	Knitting and Needlework Club-Panera, Herndon
Wed Apr 15	1:30pm	Mah Jongg-TA-2
	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	1:45pm	A/V Committee-Cottage
Fri Apr 17	9:00am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	10:00am	Craft and Conversation-Cottage
	10:00am	Board of Directors Meeting-Loudoun
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club-TA-2
	11:00am	Homer etc-Annex

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About OLLI E-News

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Deadline – 6:00 pm Tuesday for that week's issue (6:00 pm Monday for letters to the editor); early submissions are greatly appreciated. Please limit articles to about 250 words.

Note: You can view past issues of OLLI E-News on the DocStore. To search the content of issues, use Search Our Site or put your search term in Google followed by "site:olli.gmu.edu/" without the quotes.
