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Photo by John Nash

*There was a beautiful aspect to the snow,
even as it closed OLLI offices and cancelled classes.*

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Editor of the Week: John Nash

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Alerts & Notices

-- Mark your calendar! The following special event in Loudoun on Monday, Feb 8, has been cancelled - **964: "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner."** Please note that the same movie is being shown at Tallwood on Friday, Feb 5, from 1:00 to 3:00. Seats are still available. Sign up for Tallwood Special Event 963 via the member portal.

-- The Theater Lovers' Group Jan 29 meeting has been cancelled and rescheduled for Feb 26, the last Friday in February. If questions, please contact Norma Reck, njreck@cs.com.

-- ALWAYS check the OLLI website at www.oli.gmu.edu for class changes, delays and cancellations.

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The Snow Paralyzes Everything... Including OLLI



By John Nash, E-News Editor

Snowmageddon or *Snowzilla*...but definitely **NOT** *Snowmini*! This massive snow storm impacted most everyone and every organization in Northern Virginia, including OLLI.

To keep members informed, an OLLI bulletin flashed to members that OLLI

would be closed last Friday and throughout the weekend. A subsequent bulletin was sent during the weekend announcing that OLLI would continue to be closed through Tuesday and that all classes would be suspended during that time. But the snow and the road conditions proved too challenging and OLLI closed for the rest of the week.

So who or what decides to close OLLI and suspend classes and meetings? According to Jennifer Disano, OLLI Executive Director, decisions to close classes and offices at all three OLLI locations (Fairfax, Reston, Loudoun) because of weather conditions are based on a number of factors, including the forecast severity of the weather, the decisions of the Fairfax and Loudoun county school systems, and closing/delays at Mason. "We try to make a decision to close by 8:30 am in order for an email to go out to all members and teachers." Jennifer also noted that as a general rule, if the public schools are closed or delayed, then OLLI classes follow the same course of action. However, an email from OLLI is the ultimate notification of closing, as road and parking lot conditions at our facilities need to be assessed.

One of the major considerations that OLLI faces when making weather-related decisions is the unique composition of its membership. "We are very concerned about placing our members in unsafe situations when attending classes, meetings or visiting the offices," said Jennifer.



Photo by John Nash

In addition to receiving OLLI E-Blasts with class or meeting changes, members can go to the OLLI website at www.oli.gmu.edu to find the latest status or call the OLLI office. "We always try to keep our membership informed of program changes or office closures as soon as possible," said Jennifer.

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Fun Facts to Celebrate OLLI's 25th Anniversary



By Ray Beery, Member, Board of Directors

The Learning in Retirement Institute (LRI) held a five-year celebration party on April 13, 1996, at the Virginian Retirement Community in Fairfax. We're on the way to 25 years!

OLLI is celebrating its 25th year of classes for seniors in 2016. We'll be publishing fun facts and interesting milestones about the institute and OLLI each week that OLLI E-News is published, until the end of the 2016 fall term.



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Inside OLLI

History Club Meeting



By Elizabeth Lambert, OLLI History Club

The next meeting of the History Club will be on Wednesday, Feb 3, at 2:15 in TA-1. Our presenter will be David Heymsfeld speaking on "A Comparison of Media Coverage of World War II and Vietnam."

David will use videos to demonstrate his points. It is a truism that media coverage of the Vietnam War brought that conflict into our homes in ways we never before experienced. A comparison with WWII will highlight the differences. I'm sure there will be much to discuss.

A special reminder: We now must register for the History Club as we do for classes. (#746 on the course listing). The good news is that a registration for the winter term is good for the entire year. If you don't receive the special announcement of the Feb 3 meeting that is sent to members on the list, please do register for the Club.

As usual, all History Club members are welcome to bring a guest; other OLLI members do not have to be an "official" member of the club to attend our meetings.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Reveries in the Red of Roses

Jack Arthur Underhill

I read by the glow of the red rose at dusk.
 I dreamed of a montage of marigolds that night.
 In the morning I was awakened by
 The hummingbird's playing a tune on the tiny trumpet vines.
 I played on the harp of honeysuckle at noon,
 Crunching on chocolate-coated crumpets and plum preserves.

In the afternoon swelter of summer
 I walked west near the pond of waterlilies,
 Then I danced in the field of daffodils beaming bright.
 I nearly tore up the tall tender tulips by their side
 But avoided the freshly planted purple petunias
 In the garden.

I thought I heard a chorus of crocuses
 Crying above the groaning of ghostly goats and
 The humming of hibiscuses.

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Obituaries

Rosalyn Lurie, a former member of OLLI and a resident of Leesburg, passed away on Saturday, Jan 23. Services will be held at Schlossberg Solomon Memorial Chapel, 824 Washington St., Canton, MA, on Sunday, Jan 31 at 12 noon, with burial to follow at Sharon Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers remembrances may be made to any organization conducting research for the treatment and cure of cancer or heart disease.

Rosemary Reardon passed away peacefully in her sleep Jan 25. Born in 1923, she was a member of OLLI for many years and has many friends here. Arrangements are being handled by Demaine Funeral Home in Fairfax.

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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 Center for the Arts (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

Polish Baltic Philharmonic Orchestra

Sat, Jan 30, at 8:00 pm
 Wagner: Overture, The Flying Dutchman
 Rimsky-Korsakov: Symphonic Suite from Scheherazade
 Chopin: Piano Concerto, No. 2 in F minor
 Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30.

TheatreWork USA: Henry and Mudge

Mon, Feb 1, at 10:30 am
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$15.

Mummenschanz

Fri, Feb 5, at 8:00 pm
 Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$48, \$41, \$29.

Tu Bhi Nachle: Indian Classical and Fusion Dance Competition

Sat, Feb 6, at 7:00 pm
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: \$15.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra

Sat, Feb 6, at 8:00 pm
 Kernis: Musica Celestis
 Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 1 - George Li, piano
 Mozart: Symphony No. 41 "Jupiter"
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$58, \$46, \$34.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

Faculty Artist Series - Voice Area: Dr. Kathryn Hearden, Soprano

Fri, Jan 29, at 8:00 pm
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: Free.

Broadway Miracles & Madcap Comedy

Sat, Feb 6, at 8:00 pm
 TheatreSpace
 Admission: Adults, \$15; seniors, \$10.

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At the Hylton Center

Art Feast by Associate Artists at the Workhouse

Nov 16 - Jan 31
 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery
 The gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00 - 6:00, Thu., 10:00 - 8:00 and two hours before performances.
 Admission: Free.

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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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**Be kind to everyone.
 There are tears in the heart
 that never reach the eyes.**

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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 Jan 30	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Tue Feb 2	10:00am	Knitting and Needlework Club-Panera, Herndon
Wed Feb 3	1:30pm	Mah Jongg Club-TA-2
	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	1:45pm	Special Events Committee -Annex
	2:15pm	History Club-TA-1
Fri Feb 5	9:00am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:00am	Dirty Knee-Annex
	10:00am	Craft and Conversation-Cottage
	11:00am	Homer, etc-Annex
Sat Feb 6	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
	10:00am	Knitting and Needlework Club-Panera, Hendon
Wed Feb 10	1:30pm	Book Club-TA-1
	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	1:45pm	Spanish Club-TA-2
	1:45pm	Program Committee-Annex
Fri Feb 12	9:00am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Photography Club-TA-1
	10:00am	Craft and Conversation-Cottage
	11:00am	Homer, etc-Annex
	11:00am	Classic Literature-TA-2
	12:00pm	Religious Studies-Cottage

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About OLLI E-News

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Deadline - 6:00 Tuesday for that week's issue (6:00 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.

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