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New Member Coffee, March 25

April 1, 2016

Editor of the Week: Jean Boltz

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Alerts & Notices

Rita Rowand from the Mason Study Abroad Office soon will be planning cultural tours for the Mason community, friends, and especially OLLI members. To assist in this effort, she would like OLLI members to provide information on their travel interests by completing either a paper survey, which can be found in the Tallwood office, or an online survey which can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B8PC5FE>.

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Notice of Annual Meeting and Election



By Jennifer Disano, Executive Director

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Friday, May 6, 2016, at 10:00, at Tallwood. The agenda for the meeting will include:

- Reports from the OLLI President and Executive Director;
- Brief speeches by the candidates for election to the Board and opportunity to ask questions of the candidates, moderated by the Nominating Committee chair; and
- Opportunity for other questions and answers.

The vote for electing the Board of Directors will take place from Friday, May 6, through noon on Friday, May 20, 2016.

Election Procedure

Recognizing the accuracy, convenience, and efficiency of electronic balloting, the bylaws allow for electronic transmission, and members are encouraged to use this method of voting. To comply with the bylaws, on April 29, directions on **How To Vote For BOD Candidates** will be emailed to the OLLI membership, included in the OLLI E-News, and provided as a handout in classrooms. Printed directions will be mailed to those without email.

Any OLLI member who requests a paper ballot will receive one by mail with a preaddressed return envelope marked **BALLOT ENCLOSED**. Please notify the OLLI office to request a mailed ballot. Use this ballot to vote for up to six candidates. You can mail the ballot to OLLI or drop it in a ballot box at Tallwood, Reston, or Loudoun. Since you do not sign the ballot or return envelope, your vote remains completely anonymous. **To be counted, all ballots must be received by noon on May 20, 2016.**

Do not lose your ballot: No member having lost, damaged, or destroyed his/her paper ballot may receive a second ballot. Making more than six choices will invalidate your ballot. Similarly, more than one ballot per envelope, any ballot not in the furnished **BALLOT ENCLOSED** envelope, or any ballot not received by May 20 will be invalid. If you have questions about the election process, contact any member of the nominating committee: Michelle Blandburg (chair), Toni Acton, Dave Mason, Ray Beery, Camille Hodges, Beth Lambert, Ted Parker, and Martha Powers.

[Click here to view BOD Candidate Profiles \(http://olli.gmu.edu/2016-board-of-directors-candidates/\)](http://olli.gmu.edu/2016-board-of-directors-candidates/)

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Don't Miss the Seniors' Prom



By Kathie West, Event Coordinator

Have you signed up for the Seniors' Prom special event? It's not too late!

Emphasis here is on special, as in special food, special desserts, special decor, special attire, and special cause.

- Food will be catered by our own Bob Coffin, of Wine & Cheese class fame. Special desserts will be from Éclat Caterers, headed by Kathleen Pablo, she of the Downton Tea and Chocolate! Chocolate! Chocolate! oversubscribed classes.
- Special décor will include a Hollywood Oscars Gala with a Walk of Fame.
- The Tallwood Trio and DJ John Henkle will perform.
- Dress as your favorite cinema star, or don once again your Senior Prom strapless. (Those of you who went to private school won't need to pass the two-inch strap test this time!)
- And, best of all, the glitter and glam is a fundraiser for OLLI's gift to Mason's Office of Military Services. OLLI members benefit with "An Affair to Remember," and the Office of Military Services benefits all year long with help to those who have sacrificed for us. Everybody wins!

Sign up at the office, if you are not already registered.

Seniors' Prom, Special Event 1104

Friday, May 20, 1:00 - 4:00

Church of the Good Shepherd

\$35 per person

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Fun Facts to Celebrate OLLI's 25th Anniversary



By Ray Beery, Member, Board of Directors

A Japanese TV company taped at LRI in late 1994 for a documentary to be shown in Japan on activities for seniors. Later they sent a tape to LRI.

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



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Two Upcoming Presentations at Mason



By Jean Boltz, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

OLLI has been notified of the presentations described below, which may be of interest to OLLI members. Please note that the April 16 event requires an RSVP if you plan to attend.

George Manson in History and Memory

April 6, 3:00

The Fenwick Library Main Reading Room

Dr. Rosemarie Zagarrri will be guest speaker at the book launch of *The Five George Masons: Patriots and Planters of Virginia and Maryland*, by Pamela C. Copeland and Richard K. MacMaster. First published in 1975, a new second edition was recently published by the George Mason University Press.

Dr. Zagarrri will speak about "George Mason in History and Memory" as part of the Mason Author Series, sponsored by the university libraries and the university Bookstore. The series highlights significant publications of Mason faculty and alumni.

Current US-German Relations

April 16, 1:30

Merten Hall, Room 1204

Dr. Marco Overhaus will be at Mason to discuss "The Transatlantic Agenda 2016 to 2018: Foreign Policy Priorities for US-German Relations." His presentation will address the results of a strategic reflection group that convened in the German Foreign Office at the end of 2015.

Dr. Overhaus is an expert on security issues affiliated with the German Institute for International and Security Affairs. He has recently completed a sabbatical project with the policy planning staff of the German Foreign Office and was a Fulbright Scholar.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Rita Rowand at rrowand1@gmu.edu.

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History Club



By Beth Lambert, History Club Coordinator

The History Club will meet Wednesday, April 6, at 2:15 in TA-1. Our presenter will be Don Ferrett, speaking on "What's in the Local Paper? From Simple Research to Major Project." This talk details the many years Don and his brother spent researching genealogy and local history in a county in Michigan. As we will discover, there is a gold mine to be found in local papers, some of it surprising and some of it entertaining. This is history at its most essential, and we are delighted that Don will share his adventures with us.

This presentation will be of interest to OLLI members who are doing genealogy work as well as to History Club members and their guests. All are welcome.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

If I Ran For President My Opponents Would Say...

He's old.
 He's tired.
 He avoids the issues.
 He has issues.
 He's too conservative.
 He's too liberal.
 He's unpredictable.
 He flip-flops.
 He lacks experience.
 He asks, "Experience at what?"
 He's an outsider.

He's an insider.
He's not what this country needs.
He's not what our party needs.
He doesn't party.

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances from April 1 through 11

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 purchase page](#) or the Hylton [ticket purchase page](#).

At the Fairfax Campus Venues

No professional performances scheduled.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

Mason's School of Theater: Middletown
Fri, Apr 1, and Sat, Apr 2, 8:00
Sat, Apr 2 and Sun, Apr 3, 2:00
TheaterSpace
Admission: Adults, \$25; seniors, \$15.

Mason's School of Music: Café George

Fri, Apr 1, 8:00

An onstage preview of the Annual Broadway Showcase with dessert and a silent auction.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$25.

iNite 2016

Sat, Apr 2, 1:00 and 7:00

Students from the Thomas Jefferson High School showcase their talents from Bhangra to Lion Dancing.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$25, \$20, \$15.

Vocal Pops A Capella Concert

Sat, Apr 2, 8:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Adults, \$12; seniors, \$8.

Mason Symphony Orchestra with University Singers and University

Chorale Concert

Wed, Apr 6, 8:00

Concert Hall

Admission: Adults, \$12; seniors, \$8.

All-Virgina Concert, All Virginia Symphonic Band Concert, and All-Virginia Orchestra Concert

Sat, Apr 9, 1:30

Each of the ensembles will perform 1 hour. Performances begin at 1:30, 2:45 and 4:00

Concert Hall

Admission: Free.

Mason Opera: At Home & Abroad

Sun, Apr 10, 1:30

Benefit recital for students attending La Musica Lirica, Italy, and a sneak peek at our Spring Opera productions: The Impresario, by Mozart, and L'Enfant et Les Sortilèges, by Ravel.

PAB A323/Harris Theatre

Suggested donation: \$20.

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At the Hylton Center

Land Beyond the Water, Peter Stern, Artist
 Mar 21 - May 15
 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.
 Gallery Reception: Thu, Apr 7, from 6:00 to 8:00. RSVP to jconnor8@gmu.edu.
 Admission: Free.

The U.S. Army Concert Band and The U.S. Army Voices
 Sat, Apr 2, 7:30
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: Free.

Asaph Dance Ensemble: *Touching Lives*
 Sun, Apr 3, 4:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: Adults, \$30; seniors, \$20.

Moscow Festival Ballet: *The Sleeping Beauty*
 Fri, Apr 8, 8:00
 Pre-performance discussion: Alexander Daev, Assistant Artistic Director
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$56, \$48, \$34.

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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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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 2	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Wed Apr 6	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
Thu Apr 7	2:00pm	Development Committee-Annex
Fri Apr 8	9:30am	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 Committee-TA-2
	12:00pm	Religious Studies Club-Cottage
Sat Apr 9	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Wed Apr 13	1:30pm	Book Club-TA-1
	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	1:45pm	Spanish Club-TA-2
Fri Apr 15	9:00am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	10:00am	Craft and Conversation-Cottage
	10:00am	Theater Lovers Group-TA-1
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club-TA-2
	11:00am	Homer, etc-Annex
	11:30am	Cooking Club-Cottage

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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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