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Photos by George Bradshaw Apr 16 2016

*Mason International Students Featured in Meet the Artists Class at Reston, April 21*  
*L to R: Class Coordinator Rosemary McDonald, Dr. Linda Monson of Mason School of Music, Hee Rak Kim, Chiao-Ti Liu, Estrella Sujin Hong, Radina Dosseva, Daniela Acosta Rodriguez, Charles Spurlock, Linh Trinh, Jennifer Disano (not pictured: Ivilin Yorgov, Jonathan Blank); Hee Rak Kim Received a Scholarship from OLLI*

## May 6, 2016

Editor of the Week: Jean Boltz

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### Alerts & Notices

Hot off the press (in these days, actually cold off the press) OLLI's literary journal *OLLI Ink 2016* will be available in the Social Room and the Social Annex on May 6, the day of OLLI's picnic.

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### Board of Directors Election



By Jennifer Disano, Executive Director

The vote on election for Board of Directors will take place from Friday, May 6 through Noon on Friday, May 20, 2016.

#### Election Procedures

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.

#### How to Vote For BOD Candidates

On May 6, members with an email address will receive an email with the subject line, **2016 OLLI Ballot for Board of Directors**. This email will contain a unique link to the 2016 OLLI BOD Ballot. The link is specific to the recipient and cannot be forwarded, transferred or shared with another member. Clicking on the link will take you to the online ballot to cast your vote. If you do not receive this email be sure to first check your spam/trash files, if not found then, contact the OLLI office (703-503-3384 or [olli@gmu.edu](mailto:olli@gmu.edu)).

Any OLLI member who does not have an email address or requests a paper ballot will receive one by mail with an addressed 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 mailed 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 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.

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## Board Meeting Summary



**By Glenn Kamber, Board President**

The last meeting of the current Board of Directors was held on April 29 at the OLLI Loudoun campus. In attendance were candidates for the 2016-2017 Board who met with OLLI members before the meeting. OLLI president Glenn Kamber recognized Garrett Cochran his many years of service and his role in smoothly relocating the Reston campus from Lake Anne Plaza to its current site at the United Christian Parish Church. Kamber also reported on the efforts of a small ad hoc group to explore various options for engaging planned senior residential communities as OLLI partners in the future. He indicated that OLLI will receive the Jack Wood Award for community-university relations from the Mason Board of Visitors on May 5. Jennifer Disano will accept the award for OLLI accompanied by Kamber, Leo Brennan, Kathy West and Alice Slayton-Clark. Kamber thanked Board members leaving after this term (Janet Cochran, Steve Goldman, Bill Reader) and asked board members to keep Bill Reader in their thoughts and prayers. Kamber announced that he intends to fill the vacant seat and unexpired term on the Board (Joel Ticknor resigned in early April) by appointing the Board candidate that places seventh in the upcoming election. He will seek Board approval via email so that the new member can take his seat in June.

The Board approved two resolutions that allocated funds from a Murder Mystery production to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gift to the Mason Office of Military Services (\$2000) and to the OLLI Players (\$1000). In her Executive Director's report, Jennifer Disano reported that the Osher Foundation had awarded a third \$1 million grant to the University of Alabama and that she is continuously informing the Foundation of OLLI/Mason activities in order to keep us in the running if the Foundation were to award additional grants in the future. Disano thanked Kamber for his two years of leadership and shared with the Board the addition of Kamber's name to the plaque honoring past OLLI presidents that hangs in the OLLI office at Tallwood. Steve Goldman recommended that the OLLI Board hold a luncheon to recognize and thank the OLLI staff for their support and excellent work. Martha Powers, chair of the Membership Services Committee, offered their help in organizing the event. All were invited to attend the Super Salad event immediately following the Board meeting in Reston where candidates for the Board present their credentials and thoughts on OLLI current and future needs.

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## Matching Gift When You Donate to Help Mason Vets Before July 15!



**By Leslie Bubenhofer, Development Committee Chair**

If you make a designated contribution for OLLI's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift to Mason's Office of Military Services (OMS), a very generous benefactor will match your donation. To qualify for the match, your gift must total \$100 or more and be received during the period from May 6th through July 15th, 2016. Your donation is tax-deductible. To donate on line, click [here](#). You can also print the contribution donation form, which can be taken or mailed to the OLLI office with a check.

This is a fantastic opportunity to help Mason's veterans and their families. The Office of Military Services provides scholarships and a variety of services to help our vets transition to student life and meet short-term needs. Your individual gift is an acknowledgement of the OLLI/Mason partnership's 25 years of exemplary accomplishments, stellar association, and mutual commitment to education and our community.

Please donate today, and double the value of your gift!

Thank you for your support!

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## Upcoming Meeting for Humanities and Social Sciences Planning Group - May 18



**By Johnnie Hicks, HSS Planning Group Chair**

The Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) Planning Group is one of OLLI's ten planning groups. We discuss and plan courses related to a wide range of subjects, including sociology, education, politics, genealogy, criminology, philosophy, marriage, personal growth, religious traditions, cultural understanding, and much more! We plan for all three OLLI locations, and our courses are listed in the "650-699" section of each quarterly catalog.

As OLLI membership grows, the HSS group would love to have more members assist in this planning. Our full planning group meets about 4-6 times a year, with sub-committees assigned to plan and coordinate specific courses. We encourage interested OLLI members to attend the upcoming meeting on May 18, 10:00, at Tallwood. We will be finalizing 2016 fall courses and begin planning for 2017 winter, spring ... and beyond!

We welcome OLLI members at any of our meetings and especially appreciate feedback on courses you would like to have repeated. For more information or if you would like to suggest or comment on any of our course offerings, please feel free to contact either Johnnie Hicks, or Co-chair Camille Hodges at 703-690-8214 or [mimihodges2@aol.com](mailto:mimihodges2@aol.com).

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## Grab 'n Gab Coffee Klatch - Register Next Week!



**By Martha Powers, Board Member**

After a couple of weeks without OLLI classes, it will be time to see some friends and catch up for an hour or so. On Friday, June 3, from 9:30-10:45, you can grab a free cup o' joe and a fistful of cookies in the social room and join us in the social Annex for casual conversation and camaraderie. Attendance is limited so sign up soon for 1002BT.

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## Fun Facts to Celebrate OLLI's 25th Anniversary



**By Ray Beery, Member, Board of Directors**

A Celebration Tea was held on April 23, 2002, to mark the signing of the LRI/Mason Affiliation Agreement. Tom Hennessey, Chief of Staff to the Mason President, signed as well as LRI President Ed Mentz. Mason Provost Peter Stearns was a speaker.

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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## In Appreciation



By Joan Lunsford, OLLI member



Beverley Persell

**Beverley, Our Wonderful French Professor**

I took OLLI classes since two thousand and ten.  
And if asked, I'd do it again.

One of my favorites is French Conversation  
Taught by Ms. Beverley—for her, a real vocation.

She showed us her many amazing collections  
Of statues of Jeanne d'Arc, Quasimodo, and other selections.

We read cool stories from **Paris Match**  
Did reports on famous people and places of France.

We played guessing games about presidents & movie stars,  
Answered questions galore on subjects from Earth to Mars.

We're going to miss Beverley, who was always very kind,  
As she retires after ten years—time to unwind!

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## Art That's Changing Lives



**By Stephanie Trachtenburg, OLLI member and event facilitator**

On Friday April 29, Catherine Fetterman of the Northern Virginia Art Without Boundaries Association showed OLLI members at Tallwood how mneme therapy provides an outlet to stimulate brain and body functions of clients who are challenged by cognitive, functional, or sensory impairments. Such impairments may be associated with dementia, stroke, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, autism, and other conditions. Catherine is one of only 40 certified therapists nationwide. For more information on this inspiring program, go to [www.art-together.com](http://www.art-together.com).



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## Spanish Conversation Class Fiesta!



**By Stephanie Trachtenburg, OLLI member and event facilitator**

On Monday April 25th, Spanish Conversation class at Tallwood had an end-of-term celebration. First, we had a wonderful guest speaker named George Salvatierra who spoke about the Panama Canal. This was followed by a FIESTA with food, Cuban music, and dancing.



Scenes from the Fiesta, courtesy Stephanie Trachtenburg

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### Advocacy Workshop on Robocalls



by Gloria Loew, OLLI Member

The spring 2016 Advocacy Workshop looked into ways that we might handle annoying robocalls and predatory automated calls to seniors. Unfortunately, we weren't able to solve the problem, but we did learn a lot. Click on [Stop Robocalls](#) to read our explanation of what we've learned. Hope you find it helpful.

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### Book Club



By Ceda McGrew, Book Club Coordinator

The OLLI Book Club will meet at Tallwood on May 11 at 1:30. The book for discussion is *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr, winner of the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. The book tells the story of a blind French girl and a German boy with a talent for repairing and building radios in Nazi-occupied France during World War II.

All OLLI members are welcome.

The book for discussion in June is *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai.

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### Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Here is the second of three award-winning poems from OLLI poets.

#### Tribute Due

within the torchlit chamber  
flames dance on cave walls  
illuminating frescoes depicting  
young supple athletes

male and female saplings  
jump over massive bulls  
tumbling over the sharp tips  
of their great horns

on the altar stands alone  
the Priestess of Crete  
snake charming woman  
elemental beauty

feline perched upon your crown  
twin red and black striped snakes  
gripped firmly in each fist  
awaiting your commands

bosom bursting forth from your  
layered linen gown  
engorged with the milk of life  
kohl adorned eyes stare boldly forward

Speak ancient seer  
the incantation of empowerment  
that flows from your abundant lips  
and calms the reptilian brain

I have beasts of my own to tame  
and lips that unlock secrets

-Susan Bennett

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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

#### Keyboard Conversations® with Jeffrey Siegel: *Musical Pictures*

Sun, May 8, 7:00  
 Concert Hall  
 Admission: \$40, \$34, \$24.

#### Mason Student and Faculty Performances

(see [music.gmu.edu](http://music.gmu.edu) for additional student recitals)

#### School of Music Honors Recital

Sat, May 7, 8:00  
 Harris Theatre  
 Admission: Free.

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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.  
 Admission: Free.

#### Pied Piper Theater: *Mary Poppins*

Sat, May 7, 2:00 and 7:00  
 Sun, May 8, 3:00  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: Adults, \$20; children, \$15.

#### NOVA Youth Ballet: *Peter and the Wolf plus Paquita*

Fri, May 13, 7:00  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: Adults, \$30; seniors, \$20; children, \$15.

#### Manassas Symphony Orchestra: *Musical Titans*

Sat, May 14, 7:30  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$16.

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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 May 7	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Wed May 11	1:30pm	Book Club-TA-1
	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	1:45pm	Spanish Club-TA-2
Fri May 13	9:00am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Photography Club-TA-1
	9:30am	Theater Lovers Group-TA-2
	10:00am	Craft and Conversation-Cottage
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club-TA-2
Sat May 14	11:00am	Homer, etc-Annex
	12:00pm	Religious Studies Club-Cottage
	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Mon May 16	10:00am	What's in the Daily News cont'd-TA-1
	10:00am	<b>Program Planning Committee-TA-2</b>
Tue May 17	9:30am	Cottage Art-Cottage
Wed May 18	10:00am	Bridge Club-TA-3
	10:00am	Mah Jongg-TA-2
	10:00am	<b>Humanities and Social Sciences Program Planning Committee-Annex</b>
	10:30am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum-TA-1
Fri May 20	9:00am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	10:00am	Craft and Conversation-Cottage
	11:00am	Homer, etc-Annex

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## About *OLLI E-News*

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**Submissions.** Members are encouraged to submit letters to the editor, letters to Ms. Ollie Ettakit (on etiquette matters), OLLI-related news items, articles and photos. Submit material to: [ollieditor@gmail.com](mailto:ollieditor@gmail.com).

**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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