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*National Park Service ranger Michael T. Kelly leads OLLI group for May 13 tour of battlefield at Bladensburg, Maryland, site of American troops' defeat by British forces in 1814.*

## May 27, 2016

**Editor of the Week: Leslie Vandivere**

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### Alerts & Notices

The next *E-News* will be on June 10.

The newly elected members of the OLLI Board of Directors are as follows: Terri Feldmayer, Marianne Metz, Manuel Pablo, Russell Stone, Rita Way, and John Woods. Please note the following correction of the OLLI E-blast sent 5/23/16: the appointment to fill Joel Ticknor's board vacancy is pending board action.

The OLLI [Summer 2016 Catalog](#) is now available.

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### Grab 'n' Gab Coffee Klatch



**By Martha Powers, Member Services**

After a couple of weeks without OLLI classes, it's time to see some friends and catch up for an hour or so. On Friday, June 3, from 9:30 to 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. Please sign up soon for 1002BT.

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



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

Founding member Audrey Markham-Sullivan, profiled in the *OLLI E-News* of June 30, 2006, remembers the following: having the George Mason University president's wife, Joanne Johnson, teach a class paid off very well. It led to the university giving the Institute space at Tallwood.

*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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## 845 Socks! OLLI Rocks!



**By Martha Powers, Member Services**



A heartfelt thank you to all the OLLI members who so kindly donated their unwanted socks for National Lost Sock Memorial Day recently. We collected a whopping 845 socks, which will be used to make Happy Sock catnip toys at the Kids 'n' Critters special event (#1101) on July 11. As an aficionado of socks, I was pleased to see so many nice men's business socks among the contributions. Apparently when folks retire and join OLLI, they give up the suits! Thanks to your generosity, hundreds of homeless (but hopeful) cats at local animal shelters will be enjoying Happy Socks in July.

For more information, please visit [www.ohappysock.blogspot.com](http://www.ohappysock.blogspot.com)



**Martha Powers (aka the "Happy Sock Lady") and spokescat Dipper (nude model for the Operation Happy Sock logo) show off the mountain of socks donated by OLLI members.**

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## Photo of the Month



The May 2016 Photo of the Month theme was open (i.e., unspecified). We selected Edward Rader's photo "Bryce," which may also be viewed at [this page](#). To view other photos by members of the Photography Club, visit the club's photo [website](#).

*By Angela Talaber, Photography Club Coordinator*

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## Poet's Corner

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

### Ranger School Graduation, Ft. Benning, Georgia

At last, and suddenly released,  
 This camouflaged stampede  
 Surrounded in thunder and shouts,  
 Flowed across the rise and fall  
 Of the close-cropped school lawn.  
 Free, free, and ready to be alone at last  
 With the understanding of what they'd done  
 And maybe, what they hadn't.

So I pinned on our son's Ranger tab twenty years  
 From the time that I had mine in '60.  
 I hope to be there sometime soon  
 To do the same for our first grandson. For  
 There are those who have heard of the way,  
 Those that think they know the way,  
 And Rangers, who will lead the way.

**Mike Mc Namara**

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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](#).

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### At the Fairfax Campus Venues

#### Air Force Band 75th Anniversary Concert

Sat, Jun 11, 8:00

Concert Hall  
Admission: Free.

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**Mason Student & Faculty Performances**

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

No performances scheduled.

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**At the Hylton Center**

**Third Annual Juried Exhibition**

May 16–July 10

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.

**Virginia Dance Center: *Dancing Through Oz***

Sat, May 28, 12:00 and 4:30

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$15.

**Manassas Chorale: *Postcards from America***

Fri, Jun 3, 7:30

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$20, \$18.

**Gainesville Ballet: *Spring Recital***

Sat, Jun 4, 6:30

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$25.

**C and C Dance Recital**

Fri, Jun 10, 7:30

Gregory Family Theater

Admission: \$10.

**Dance Etc. Recital**

Sat, Jun 11, 7:00

Sun, Jun 12, 2:00

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$20.

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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 28	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Tue May 31	9:30am	Cottage Art–Annex
Wed Jun 1	10:30am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum–TA-1
Fri Jun 3	9:00am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	10:00am	Craft and Conversation–TA-2
Sat Jun 4	11:00am	Homer, etc–Annex
	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Mon Jun 6	10:00am	What’s in the Daily News cont’d–TA-1
	10:00am	Bridge Club–TA-3
Tue Jun 7	10:00am	Mah Jongg–TA-2
	9:30am	Cottage Art–Annex
Wed Jun 8		

	10:00am	<b>Special Events Committee--Annex</b>
	10:30am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum--TA-1
Thu Jun 9	10:30am	<b>Language, Literature &amp; Theater Program Planning Group--Annex</b>
Fri Jun 10	9:00am	Recorder Consort--TA-3
	9:30am	Photography Club--TA-1
	10:00am	Craft and Conversation--TBD
	10:00am	Classic Literature Club--TA-2
	11:00am	Homer, etc--Annex
	11:00am	<b>Liaison Training--TA-2</b>
	12:00pm	Religious Studies Club--TA-2

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## About *OLLI E-News*

*OLLI E-News* was created by Rod Zumbro, who served as its editor from 2005 to 2013.

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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: [ollienewseditor@gmail.com](mailto:ollienewseditor@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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