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President Ray Beery and Executive Director Jennifer Disano Conduct the Annual Town Hall Meeting at Tallwood, November 4

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Alerts & Notices

- Reminder: OLLI's 2nd annual Veterans' Day celebration is today in TA-1 at Tallwood, 1:00-2:30. Register via member portal for event 983.
- The Friends of OLLI fall campaign is under way. Click the "Donate Today" button on the member portal to make a tax-deductible donation online.
- OLLI is closed the week of November 21-25 for Thanksgiving.
- Reminder: Monday, November 28, is the deadline to register for the Annual OLLI Holiday Party, Special Event 1105. See article below.
- OLLI's winter 2017 catalog is now available on line.

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OLLI Town Hall Meeting



By Ray Beery, President, and Jennifer Disano, Executive Director

The OLLI Town Hall was held on November 4th at Tallwood; a small but enthusiastic group of members attended the meeting. The Town Hall took a traditional format with microphones available for audience members to share ideas. Although originally scheduled for one hour, the event was extended for an extra 30 minutes so that all members who desired an opportunity to air concerns would have a chance to speak.

OLLI President Ray Beery and OLLI Executive Director Jennifer Disano provided some question prompts to encourage open discourse. Many members submitted questions in writing, and many others voiced their concerns in person. Much of the member-driven discussion was oriented around growth plans and expectations, budget dissemination and circulation to membership, consideration of alternate dues structures, improved communication with members, and a need for aggressive strategic planning. Members also submitted input via the member survey, the link to which can be accessed on line at olli.gmu.edu through December 19.

Jennifer Disano presented a summary of activity from 2016, including a report on current membership numbers (1,247) and major accomplishments for 2016, including 25th anniversary events and programming, renovation of the Tallwood parking lot, the staff move to the cottage, and the creation of the 25th anniversary book on the history of OLLI. The event was recorded by OLLI Board Secretary Rita Way, and many board members were in attendance to give responses to questions. Input from the meeting will be summarized along with survey results and reported to the board for their understanding.

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Annual Holiday Party - December 2



By Elaine Leonard, Hospitality Committee Chair

The OLLI Annual Holiday Party will take place on Friday, December 2, 11:30-3:00, at the International Country Club in Fairfax. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch of salad, rolls, chicken or pasta, dessert, coffee, and tea. A cash bar will be provided. There will be entertainment (Readers' Theater group



and music by the Recorder Consort and the Tallwood Trio), door prizes, and a display of White House Historical Association ornaments.



The sample ornament pictured here is from the 1989 bicentennial of the presidency 1789-1989. It shows the official Seal of the President, adopted as the Congressional Seal for the U.S. in 1782 and adapted by President Rutherford B. Hayes in 1880.

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Friends of OLLI Bake Sale and More!

December 13



By Lesley Bubenhofer, OLLI Development Committee Chair

Come to Tallwood December 13 to purchase delicious homemade goodies and enjoy a great movie. You may want to bring a lunch to supplement your purchases. The bake sale will be held from 11:30 to 12:30, and the movie will begin at 12:30. Single treat packaging as well as larger quantities will be available for ramping up lunch, sharing with family and friends, and holiday gift giving.

Funds raised by Friends of OLLI support our programs at all three campuses and, with board approval, may be used to supplement classroom equipment needs, publication expenses, committee and club expenses, social events, environmental improvements, scholarship awards, and Mason-community partnership endeavors.

Your participation is needed! Come, purchase, enjoy, and become a new Friend of OLLI or strengthen your existing friendships. If you can volunteer to bake, contact Lesley Bubenhofer at labubenhofer@verizon.net for details. Your help will be much appreciated.

Register for this thoroughly fun-filled day through the member portal, Special Between-term Event (1004BT).

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Meet the Artists: Mason's Darden Purcell and Wade Beach



By **George Bradshaw**, OLLI Photo Club Member

Closing out this semester's Meet the Artists program at Reston's Center Stage with jazz standards as well as new pieces was Dr. Darden Purcell, Director of Jazz Studies at George Mason University and collaborator with the world's top jazz



artists. Accompanied by GMU faculty member Mr. Wade Beach, who has toured the world with The Airmen of Note and is a "pillar of the Washington jazz scene," Dr. Purcell's beautifully personal voice and Mr. Beach's richly genuine piano connected on an intimate level with Reston neighbors and OLLI members in the audience at Reston on November 3. Many thanks to Rosemary McDonald for producing Meet the Artists. The photo shows, left to right, Dr. Purcell, Rosemary McDonald, and Mr. Beach.

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Computer Club: Voice Command for Handheld Devices; Data Monitoring and Protection

3rd Saturday, November 19



By **Paul Howard**, OPCUG Program Chair

The Computer Club (OLLI Personal Computer User Group, or OPCUG) will meet with its partner, the Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society (PATACS), on Saturday, November 19th at Tallwood. Join us at 12:30 for soft drinks and socializing in the social room. Program activities begin at 1:00.

Make Your iPad, iPhone, or Android Smartphone Work for You: Voice Commands and Using your Camera/Video and Text features - Cherie Lejeune, High Performance Aging

Cherie Lejeune, owner of High Performance Aging, will teach techniques for using voice commands and other accessibility features on your devices to take notes, read e-mail, add dates and appointments to your calendar, and more. Some familiarity with the basic functions on your device is important for this session (like turning your device on and off!). Please bring your device if you have one. Cherie has been a marketing, content, and applications technology specialist for 25 years.

Learn in 30: Monitor and Protect Your Data – Ray Parker, Epsilonix

Storage devices are unappreciated workhorses. HD Sentinel (<http://www.harddisksentinel.com/>) is a powerful tool for monitoring their health. Ray Parker, a knowledgeable technician and longtime advocate of software which works for people who are not knowledgeable technicians, will tell us more. While the website is focused on simple hard drives, HD Sentinel also supports other storage devices.

See full details on this meeting by [clicking here](#). For information on the Computer Club, see the [OPCUG website](#). OPCUG dues of \$5 for 2017 will be collected at this meeting.

Can't make the meeting in person? Dues-paid club members may attend via Zoom's cloud meeting service, beginning at 12:45. Send a message to webinarhosts@patacs.org if you plan to attend in this way. Join from PC, Mac,

iOS, or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/546246297> (Zoom Meeting ID: 546 246 297).

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

September 1944

After months
of bombings and fear
we were hoping
the end could be near

Taking refuge
in our damp and dusky cellars
we cried, we prayed
we wondered, how much
longer could it last?

The situation was alarming
we feared for our lives.
But...you came,
your soldiers liberated us!
Americans and Canadians.
We are forever thankful.

Anny DeBoeck

(OLLI poet Anny DeBoeck lived in Brussels at the time.)

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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

American Festival Pops Orchestra: A Salute to Our Veterans

Sun, Nov 13, 2:00

Pre-performance discussion: Bryan Kidd, arranger in residence, AFPO.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30.

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Fri, Nov 18, 8:00

Pre-performance discussion: Joe McCarthy.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$42, \$36, \$25.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Brahms' Great Beginnings

Sat, Nov 19, 8:00

Brahms: Piano Concerto No.1, Simone Dinnerstein, piano

Brahms: Symphony No.1

Pre-performance discussion at 7:00: David Ginder of WETA, conductor

Christopher Zimmerman, and special guests.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$65, \$53, \$39.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

Jazz 4 Justice: A Tribute to the Greatest Generation

Sat, Nov 12, 8:00

Proceeds support vital community efforts by the Law Foundation and the

George Mason University Jazz Studies department.
 Concert Hall
 Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$15.

Tuba Euphonium Ensemble Concert

Sun, Nov 13, 6:00
 DeLaski - Room 3001
 Admission: Free.

Mason Jazz Vocal Night

Sun, Nov 13, 7:00
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: Free.

Jazz Workshop Concert

Wed, Nov 16, 8:00, Preview
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: Free.

Mason's School of Theater: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Wed, Nov 16, 8:00
 Thu, Nov 17, 2016 - Sat, Nov 19, 8:00
 Sat, Nov 19, 2016 and Sun, Nov 20, 2:00
 A Talk Back/Q&A with the cast will take place after the Friday performance.
 TheaterSpace
 Admission: Wed, pay what you can
 Thu-Sun, Adults, \$20; seniors, \$12.

Opera Scenes Recital

Fri, Nov 18, 3:00
 Highlights from Mozart's *Don Giovanni*.
 Choral Room A323
 Admission: Free.

Vocal Pops A Capella Concert

Sun, Nov 20, 4:00
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: Free.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

The Arts and the Military: *Moving through Memories of Service and Conflict*

Nov 7 - Dec 11
 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.

Veterans Day at the Hylton Center: *Celebrating Veterans and the Arts*

Fri, Nov 11, 10:00 - 3:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: Free.

Jazz 4 Justice: *A Tribute to the Greatest Generation*

Fri, Nov 11, 8:00
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Shanghai Acrobats of the People's Republic of China: *Shanghai Nights*

Sat, Nov 12, 8:00
 Pre-performance discussion: Ms. Zhao Shuangwu, director of the company.
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30.

Youth Orchestras of Prince William: *Festive Fall*

Sun, Nov 13, 3:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$12.

Hylton Center Extra! *Sierra Hull*

Sun, Nov 13, 7:00
 Gregory Family Theater
 Admission: \$25.

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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 Nov 12	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Mon Nov 14	10:00am	What's in the Daily News, cont'd.-TA-1
Tue Nov 15	9:30am	Annex Art-Annex
Wed Nov 16	10:00am	Bridge Club-TA-3
	10:00am	Mah Jongg Club-TA-2
	10:30am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum-TA-1
Fri Nov 18	9:00am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation-Annex
	10:00am	Board of Directors Meeting-TA-1
	11:00am	Homer, etc.-Annex
Sat Nov 19	1:00pm	Dr. Who Club-TA-3
	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
	1:00pm	Computer Club-TA-1

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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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