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Photo of Main Building at Tallwood (Top) Before Parking Lot Renovation. Bottom Photo (Paul Van Hemel, August 28, 2017) Shows the Building After the Renovation.

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Alerts & Notices

- New class for fall term: **F427 So You Wanna Write Poetry, but Don't Think You Can.** Thursdays, September 21–November 9 from 11:50 –1:15, with Ed Sadtler and Carolyn Wyatt.
- Class canceled: **F404 Memoir Writing.**
- The next issue of *E-News* will be September 15.

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Seeking Volunteers for the Special Events Committee



By Rita Way, Secretary

We're looking for members to be a part of our Special Events Committee. Help plan for the many interesting, enjoyable, and stimulating programs we offer OLLI members. Get a first-hand look at the programs for the upcoming semesters and use your creativity to plan programs.

Please join us at our first fall planning session scheduled for Wednesday, September 6 from 10:00–12:00 in the Annex.

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Ethnic Eats! New OLLI Club Forming



By Leti Labell, OLLI member

Do you love to eat? Are you interested in learning about foods from other cultures? The DC area has an abundance of ethnic restaurants. We’re forming a new OLLI club to meet for lunch on a regular basis to explore new cuisines. Does this sound like your cup of tea (or chai or té or thé)? If you’re interested, send an email to leti@verizon.net.

Also, we’ll have an informal meeting on Friday, September 22, right after the Fairfax Fall Term Kickoff Coffee. Come to TA-1 at 10:00 to meet new members, and then join us afterwards to help plan this new club. Bon appétit!

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Medicine Bottle Collection

By Ginge Sivigny, OLLI Member

During the summer session, OLLI members donated over 450 empty medicine bottles for Matthew 25 Ministries in Cincinnati, a highly-regarded international humanitarian and disaster relief organization whose motto is: “Caring for A Needy World with The Things We Throw Away.” These bottles will be combined with medical supplies and shipped to developing countries around the world.

Our next collection will be during the winter session. Please wait until then to bring your clean, EMPTY pill bottles (with caps) to OLLI. Our intention is to hold

2 collections a year, during the summer and winter sessions.

Meanwhile, the next National Drug Take Back Day will be October 28, 2017. On that day you will be able to take any leftover medicine to the police station, where it will be disposed of safely.

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Computer Club



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, September 16, at Tallwood. Socializing in the Annex at 12:30 followed by program at 1:00 in TA-1.

23 and Me: Discover Your Genetic Blueprint—Geof Goodrum

[23 and Me](#) is a commercial service that provides personal genetic analysis services, including reports on ancestry, personal characteristics, and markers for hereditary diseases. Information doesn’t get any more personal than this! Geof Goodrum registered for 23 and Me in June 2016, and will provide an overview of the costs, features, and privacy/health issues related to this service, then tour the website and his personal genetic reports. Is Geof likely to go bald? Attend this meeting to find out!

Geof previously presented highlights from the January 2017 International Consumer Electronics Show. An active user-group volunteer since 1985, he is a founding member on the PATACS Board of Directors and Co-Editor of the *PATACS Posts* newsletter.

Learn in 30: Bike Riding for Techies and All Others—Lorrin Garson

What does cycling have to do with computers and related topics? Practically nothing! But there is a growing interest in bike riding, particularly among the “chronologically gifted” who are taking up the activity—especially with the popularity of electric-assist bike motors.

Lorri has cycled over 26,000 miles since retiring in 2004 and will share his experience and knowledge of the topic.

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, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/974573534> (Zoom Meeting ID: 974 573 534).

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Tallwood Book Club



By Ceda McGrew, Book Club Coordinator

The Tallwood Book Club will meet at Tallwood on Wednesday, September 13, at 10:00. The book for discussion is *Make Your Home Among Strangers* by award-winning Latino author Jennine Capo Crucet. It tells the story of Lizet Ramirez, a Cuban-American first-generation college student from a working-class Miami neighborhood. She attends an elite private college in upstate New York. It was a *New York Times* Editors Choice book and the 2016 International Latino Book Award winner. The book is the 2017 selection for Mason Reads (masonreads.gmu.edu). The author will be speaking at the Center for the Arts on Thursday, October 12, at 4:30 as part of the Fall for the Book festival (www.fallforthebook.org).

All OLLI members are welcome.

The October 11 selection is *Amusing Ourselves to Death* by Neil Postman.

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Clean Out Your Closet and Help Others



By Martha Powers, Board Member

Now through September 11, OLLI is joining George Mason University in support of a clothing drive to benefit **Women Giving Back (WGB)** -<http://womensgivingback.org/>), a local non-profit that **helps women and children in Northern Virginia homeless shelters**. Women re-establishing themselves in new careers and homes of their own can shop with WGB free of charge and can take up to 50 items each visit.

To support this worthy cause, OLLI is currently collecting **good-quality, clean, seasonally-appropriate women's clothing**, including

- Women's suits, skirts, blouses, pants, coats, jackets, casual clothing (including plus size);
- Gently-worn shoes, jewelry, accessories, purses, and totes;
- Unopened makeup and toiletries; and
- Clean and gently-worn infant's, children's, and teen's clothing (both boys' and girls').

A collection box will be atop the microwave in the Social Room through Monday, September 11. Please clean out your closet and help a woman in need.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Risk-Taking

Will the net appear safely beneath me
if I leap to a shadowed unknown,
eyes tightly scrunched against demons,

breath banded tightly unblown?

Will I land, bouncing gently in hammock,
a miracle to save me from wreck?
Will I find those sweet words in the mailbox,
"We accept, enclosed please find check?"

Or will I again simply bump down
on those rocky lumps we collect,
"Can't use it," "Too long," "Inappropriate"
"Not buying just now," "We reject."

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, September 1 through 18

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

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: *Fairfax Jubilee with Amit Peled*

Sat, Sep 16, 8:00
Concert Hall
Admission: \$65, \$53, \$39.

Keyboard Conversations® with Jeffrey Siegel: *A Bernstein Birthday Bash*

Sun, Sep 17, 7:00
Please note: For this performance, there will be a pre-performance

discussion in place of the Young Artists Musicale. An interactive Q & A will conclude the program.
Concert Hall
Admission: \$42, \$36, \$25.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

A Grand Piano Celebration

Sun, Sep 17, 3:00
Concert Hall
Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$15.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit: *Iconographic Visions, Works by Julia Dzikiewicz and Michael Fischerkeller*

Sep 12–Oct 21
The Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00–6:00, Thu, 10:00–8:00 and two hours before performances.

For more information, visit <https://cvpa.gmu.edu/gands>.
Gallery reception (Sep 28) now open only to Friends of the Hylton Center. Contact Jacque Connor at 703-993-7150 or jconnor8@gmu.edu for more information.

Buchanan Partners Art Gallery
Admission: Free.

Under the Streetlamp

Sat, Sep 16, 8:00
Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company.
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$54, \$46, \$32.

Arts Alive!

Sun, Sep 17, 1:00
 The 6th annual arts festival features activities for all ages, multiple stages of performances indoors and out, plus food and craft vendors. Visit pwcartsCouncil.org for a full schedule and list of participants. 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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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 Sep 2	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Tue Sep 5	9:30am	Annex Art–Annex
Wed Sep 6	10:00am	Bridge Club–TA-3
	10:00am	Mah Jongg Club–TA-2
	10:00am	Special Events Committee–Annex
	10:30am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum–TA-1
Fri Sep 8	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation–Annex
	9:30am	Photography Club–TA-1
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
	11:30pm	Cooking Club–Fairfax Lord of Life
Sat Sep 9	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Mon Sep 11	10:30am	What’s in the Daily News, cont’d.–TA-1
Tue Sep 12		

	9:30am	Annex Art–Annex
	10:00am	Spanish Club–TA-2
	10:00am	Hospitality Committee–TA-3
Wed Sep 13	10:00am	Bridge Club–TA-3
	10:00am	Tallwood Book Club–TA-2
	10:30am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum–TA-1
Fri Sep 15	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation–Annex
	10:00am	Board of Directors Meeting–TA-1
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
	1:00pm	Dr. Who Club–TA-3

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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.

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