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Photos by Paul Van Hemel, June 11, 2018

Bob Ryan, First On-Air Meteorologist for Today Show and Retired WJLA Channel 7 Chief Meteorologist, Speaks on Weather and Climate, July 11

July 13, 2018

Editor of the Week: Paul Van Hemel

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Alerts & Notices

- Christmas in July: 12:00-2:00 Friday, July 13 (today), TA-1; register for Event 1103.
- Deadline for donations (e.g., canned protein, rice, pasta/sauce, bagged nut mixes and snacks, toiletries) to Patriot Pantry at Mason is 1:00 Friday, July 13 (today). Collection box in Tallwood Social Room.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published July 20; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, July 17, at 6:00.

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From the Desk of the Executive Director



By Jennifer Disano, Executive Director

Please join me in congratulating Camille Hodges, co-chair of the Humanities and Social Sciences Program Planning Group and recent chair of the OLLI Outreach Committee, upon her selection as a member of the Mason University Libraries Board of Directors. She joins OLLI members Carol Henderson and Janet Cochran, and me on that Board.

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Computer Club

*3rd Saturday, July 21
Custom ringtones for your cell phone*

How to create/compose/record/rip sounds for your smart phone



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, July 21, at Tallwood. Join us at 12:30 for socializing in the Annex. Program activities begin at 1:00 in TA-1.

Custom Ringtones for Your Cell Phone, Presented by John Krout

See how you can use your smart phone and computer to create custom ringtones for Android and Apple smart phones. See a demo of three free products to do this: the MuseScore and Audacity computer applications, and the Sony Audio Recorder app for smart phones.

Why make a custom ringtone?

- You want a ringtone that is gentler and less obtrusive than any standard pre-installed ringtone.
- You want a ringtone that is louder and more insistent than a standard pre-installed ringtone.
- You want a ringtone that announces the name of the caller.
- It's fun to make custom ringtones and amaze your family and friends with them.
- You want to use it as notification for alarm clock and calendar events on your smart phone.

About the presenter: John Krout, a former president of WACUG (a predecessor of PATACS), produced over 30 DVDs of student concerts and stage plays between 2004 and 2009, including CD quality digital audio. He has created roughly 200 custom ringtones for his smart phone. He has presented talks on Geocaching and How to Create Month-Per-Page Calendars at recent PATACS meetings over the past 13 months.

See full details on this meeting by [clicking here](#). For information on the Computer Club, see the [OPCUG website](#). OPCUG dues of \$5 for 2018 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/2080042114>.

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The Tom Swift Squad Needs You!

Interested in technology? Learn with us!



By [Paul Howard](#), Audiovisual Support Committee Chair

OLLI's Audiovisual Support Committee (a.k.a. The Tom Swift Squad) seeks additional volunteers to help ensure the smooth employment of OLLI's audiovisual resources. Our primary mission is to help instructors, liaisons, and staff with any audiovisual issues that might arise during the classes we attend.

We'll be meeting at 2:00 on Wednesday, July 18, at Tallwood in TA-3.

Our activities for this meeting will include training on OLLI's AV equipment used in classrooms and remote locations. We'll be discussing future equipment arrangements, including 14 new wireless mic systems, and reviewing our materials for volunteer and staff training.

Please let me know if you're planning to attend or would like to become a "Swiftie," even if you can't attend this meeting. Contact me by [email](#) (preferred) or phone (703-860-9246).

For more information on the Audiovisual Support Committee, see its [web page](#).

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Seeking a Bass Player



By [Nancy Riley](#), Tallwood Trio Vocalist

Reminder: OLLI's own Tallwood Trio is looking for a bass player who can join

the group **on a temporary basis**. Our bassist, Eric Henderson, is a bit under the weather. While we expect him to make a full recovery, we have some gigs coming up in the next couple of months and would appreciate someone stepping in. If you are interested, or if you know someone who plays and is available during the daytime, please give Alan Wenberg a call at 703-690-4629. Thank you!

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Literary Potpourri Instructor Book



By Kathryn Mitchell, Co-Chair, Literature, Theater, and Writing/Languages Program Planning Group

OLLI members who attended the winter session of Literary Potpourri might remember John Gilstrap's wonderfully entertaining presentation on his books dealing with Jonathan Grave, hostage rescue operator. I thought you might like to know that his latest book, pictured here, has now been released by the publisher.



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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Creation

The tiny blue wildflower
with its yellow center
reminds me
of icing flowers
I make to decorate
birthday cakes

It should be
the other way around

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, July 13 through July 23

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

No performances scheduled.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

No performances scheduled.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit: *Vivid Transmissions*

Jun 5 - Jul 21

Buchanan Partners Art Gallery

The Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00-6:00, and two hours before each performance.

Prince William Little Theatre: *Barnum*, The Musical

Fri, Jul 20 and Sat, Jul 21, 8:00
 Sat, Jul 21 and Sun, Jul 22, 2:00
 Thu, Jul 26 - Sat, Jul 28, 8:00
 Sun, Jul 29, 2:00
 Gregory Family Theater
 Admission: Adults \$25; seniors \$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 any time 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 Jul 14	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Mon Jul 16	10:00am	Bridge Club–TA-3
	10:00am	What's in the Daily News–TA-1
	10:00am	Mah Jongg Club–TA-2
Wed Jul 18	1:00pm	A/V Committee–TA-1
	1:45pm	Special Events Committee–Annex
Fri Jul 20	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
Sat Jul 21	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
	1:00pm	Computer Club–TA-1
Mon Jul 23	10:00am	Bridge Club–TA-3
	10:00am	What's in the Daily News–TA-1
	11:00am	Spanish Club–TA-2
Fri Jul 27	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation–Annex
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
	12:00pm	Photography Club–TA-3

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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: ollinewseditor@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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