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Photos by Paul Van Hemel, July 13, 2018

White Christmas in July Celebration, Tallwood, July 13

July 20, 2018

Editor of the Week: Sheri Siesseger

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Alerts & Notices

OLLI will be closed for summer break from July 30 through August 10. The Tallwood office will reopen Monday, August 13.

The next issue of *E-News* will be published July 27. Submissions are due July 24 no later than 6:00 pm.

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Notes from the Board of Director's Annual Retreat



By Rita Way, Secretary

The Board of Directors, members of the Strategic Planning Committee, and committee chairs met Monday, July 16, 2018 for the reveal of a draft renewed Strategic Plan to be considered by the Board. The Strategic Planning Committee affirmed OLLI's mission as stated in the Bylaws:

- The mission of the Institute is to offer to its members learning opportunities in a stimulating environment in which adults can share their talents, experiences, and skills; explore new interests; discover and develop latent abilities; engage in intellectual and cultural pursuits; and socialize with others of similar interests.

The Strategic Planning Committee used a standard strategic planning method—environmental scan—and an exercise examining strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) to develop goals for the next ten years. The goals will address the areas of membership, program, facilities, finance, and the organization. The Monday meeting was to obtain input about the draft goals. These ideas will be evaluated by the committee. Subsequently, a survey will solicit input from the entire membership. The committee will prepare a full written strategic plan for Board approval and then recommend an implementation plan for Board approval. It is possible the plan could be approved by the fall.

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Thank You, Catalog Editors and Proofreaders

By Sheri Siesseger, Publications Committee Chair

Your fall OLLI catalog will soon be arriving in your mailbox. It is already available on our website.

Production of the OLLI catalog is a big job, and we are fortunate to have an excellent group of volunteers to scrutinize and edit the text of this important resource. The editors for fall were Anna Fotias, Beth Lambert and Stephanie Stahr. Proofreaders were Joan Axilbund, Rebecca Jann, Leti Labell, Martha Powers, Irene Osterman and Donna Weiss. Thank you all for your hard work.

If you are interested in joining the catalog team, please contact me, sheri.siesseger@gmail.com, for information.

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A White Christmas in July, 3rd Annual Event



By Jim Dunphy, Chair, Member Services, Social Events



Santa made an appearance at OLLI on Friday, July 13, and no bad luck was involved! It was a holly jolly time at the third annual OLLI Christmas in July.

Taking as its theme the movie *White Christmas*, attendees were treated to a delicious pot-luck lunch, followed by clips from *White Christmas* and other holiday favorites. Santa put everyone in a holiday mood by leading a sing-along to "Holly Jolly Christmas" and "Let It Snow." Finally, to ensure that OLLI's educational mission was fulfilled, there was a trivia contest, with the winners getting 16 out of the 20 questions right. Who knew that the poinsettia was named after Joel Poinsett, who brought it back from Mexico when he was US minister to that country in the 1800s?

Santa wants to thank the attendees and other OLLI members who generously donated more than 20 boxes of food for the Arise Campus Ministry to help George Mason students in need. Donors will certainly end up on the nice list!

Thanks and kudos to the Social Committee and other volunteers who quickly turned TA-1 from a classroom to a winter wonderland, and to all the attendees who brought food and good cheer to the party. Finally, a big shout out to Martha Powers, who turned over the reins of the Member Services Committee and the Social Committee just before this event.

If you missed this event, start planning to attend next July! Also, check the OLLI catalog for the next wing-ding, the annual winter beach party. Cowabunga!

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Still 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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Meteorologist Bob Ryan Speaks at OLLI



By Carolyn Kazemi, OLLI Member

Retired meteorologist Bob Ryan recently spoke to a large OLLI audience on "Weather and Climate or Climate and Weather?" He was the first on-air meteorologist for the Today show and served as a trusted voice in local weather forecasting for over 30 years.

Ryan firmly believes that meteorologists have a professional responsibility to deliver scientifically sound, accurate information to the public, including research results regarding



climate change. His presentation addressed the scientific method, which includes observation, sharing ideas, testing ideas with verification of results, peer review, and finally, conclusions. Vivid satellite photos of Earth also demonstrated the weather effects of natural and manmade causes such as fires, sandstorms, volcanic eruptions, and even contrails left behind passing aircraft.



He said that advances in computer technology and science have resulted in more data to analyze, giving us a better understanding of climate and weather, and the differences between the two, leading us to more accurate conclusions. He believes that using scientific modeling of data is critical, since it often results in finding consistent patterns that confirm our human observations.

Ryan stressed that "nature has no agenda" and that our human influence on climate is clear. He added that "... the more disruption we cause in nature the more change we will see." His presentation concluded with a quote from Jonas Salk, "Our greatest responsibility is to be good ancestors."

OLLI thanks member Stephanie Trachtenberg who brought Bob Ryan to us as a guest speaker.
 Note: Photos of this event are available at [this link](#) (you will have to scroll down)

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Photo of the Month



The July 2018 Photo of the Month theme was I Love a Parade. We selected Ed Marion's photo "Patriotic Planes on Parade," 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

Head Code (best if read aloud)

I hab a bad code id by head.
 I bid steezin' add by doze is red.
 What a bizzery this is
 Sucking cough lozzigiz
 And at dight sleeping propped up id bed.
 By dightstand has rud out of space.
 Dare are flowers frub a fred in a vase,
 And sub Vicks VapoRub
 In a big plastig tub
 Plus dare's Kleedex all over the place.
 I hab tried all those hobe rebbedies
 Echidacea and pollid frub bees
 I drak green tea with huddy
 But it bade by doze ruddy
 Chickid soup heats me up five degrees.
 Do not offer be vitabid C
 Eucalibdus or blue-greed algae
 I've tried gidger add garlic
 They were very cathartic
 But I still hab a code, dode you see?
 Dis is bore thad a girl cad eddure.
 Oh if odely I doo of a cure.
 I'd spare billiods of people
 From feeling so feeble
 Add be richer thad Bidas, I'b sure.

—Martha E. Powers

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, July 20 through Aug 14
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.

Gallery Exhibit: *Sub Rosa*

Jul 24 - Sep 8

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.

Gallery reception: Thu, Aug 14, 6:00. The gallery receptions are free and open to the public, but an RSVP is required. RSVP to smeyer3@gmu.edu

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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 21	10:30am 1:00pm	Tai Chi Club–TA-3 Computer Club–TA-1
Mon Jul 23	10:00am 10:00am 11:00am	Bridge Club–TA-3 What's in the Daily News–TA-1 Spanish Club–TA-2
Fri Jul 27	9:15am 9:30am 11:00am 12:00pm	Recorder Consort–TA-3 Craft and Conversation–Annex Homer, etc.–Annex Photography Club–TA-3
Sat Jul 28	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3

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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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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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