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Board of Directors Meeting, Tallwood, November 16



Photos by Paul Van Hemel, November 16, 2018

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Alerts & Notices

- Priority registration for 2019 winter term begins Friday, November 30 (today!), at 9:00, and ends on Friday, December 10, at noon. Winter term begins January 22.
- Planning is in the air; join any or all of the following efforts:
 - > Literature, Theater, and Writing/Languages Program Planning Group, December 5, 12:30, TA-1.
 - > Loudoun Program Planning Group, December 7, 10:30, Loudoun, Room 208.
 - > Strategic Planning Meeting, December 10, 9:30, Tallwood Annex.
- Note: The Computer Club will meet December 15 (3rd Saturday, 1:00) in TA-1. Jim Anderson, formerly with the CIA, will discuss Technological Advances Stimulated by the Civil War. Click [here](#) for details.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published December 14. Submissions for this issue are due Tuesday, December 11 by 6:00 pm.

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From the Desk of the Executive Director: Recruitment and Retention of Volunteers



By Jennifer Disano, Executive Director

OLLI depends on volunteers who are responsible for many aspects of the organization, including office volunteer staffing, program development, teaching, strategic planning, and everything in between. OLLI members give their time, talents, and hearts to make our OLLI the most enriching and engaging lifelong learning program it can be. Indeed, OLLI enjoys a robust volunteer base of dedicated individuals who repeatedly step up to help. This constant support is critical to the vitality of our organization and to the quality of our program.

As OLLI grows the work also grows, and our volunteers are being asked to do more, more often. To stave off burnout and to share the work, a new committee is being formed specifically concerned with volunteering at OLLI. The committee will investigate the best practices to recruit and retain volunteers, design rewards and recognition programs, and implement training resources to support our volunteers.

If you would like to be a part of the new volunteer committee (official name tbd), please contact the office (olli@gmu.edu) and we will add your name to the listserv. Watch for meeting announcements in the coming year. Thanks!

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Board Meeting Highlights, November 16



By Rita Way, Secretary

The Board of Directors met Friday, November 16, at Tallwood. Vice President Terri Feldmayer officiated. She reported that Executive Director Jennifer Disano and OLLI President Bill Taylor represented us at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes National Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona from October 22 through 24. The conference brought together leaders from all 122 OLLIs. There were presentations on topics including distance learning, diversity, and an explanation of aging by a Nobel-Prize-winning biologist. Executive Director Disano presented a breakout session on recruitment and retention of volunteers. President Taylor was part of a panel presentation on leadership excellence for advisory committees.

The OLLI-Mason Town Hall meeting was held on November 2. Bill and Jennifer gave

brief presentations followed by questions and answers from the floor. Among the topics raised were coordination between staff and volunteers, preferences for four- or eight-week classes, and issues raised by “no-shows” and absences from classes.

Executive Director Jennifer Disano reported total membership, as of November 16, is 1,171 (annual memberships of 1,118 and term memberships of 53). She is working with the Mason design team to evaluate the plan to install a ramp at Tallwood for easy access to the upper level. OLLI will be able to use Church of the Good Shepherd for classes beginning at 2:15 only as of spring term 2019 due to a parking issue related to the church’s day school. Fairfax Lord of Life will still be used for classes.

OLLI President Taylor congratulated everyone on a great fall term and thanked the members for the commitment to OLLI that is essential to our future success. To all OLLI members, he wishes holidays filled with warmth and cheer.

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History Club to Meet December 5



By Beth Lambert, History Club coordinator

The December meeting of the History Club will take place on **Wednesday, December 5 at 10:00** in **TA-2**. Please note time and location, as they differ from History Club meetings when classes are in session.

Our speaker will be Professor Rosemarie Zagarri of Mason’s history department, who will be discussing Joseph Ellis’ latest book, *American Dialogue: The Founders and Us*. Perhaps some have read it already, or it is on that shelf of “must reads.” In any case, the wealth of material in *American Dialogue* begs for discussion. Professor Zagarri will demonstrate how skillfully Ellis examines a certain aspect of a given founder and the way that subject plays out in our own times.

You don’t have to be a registered member of the History Club to attend our meetings. All are invited; bring a guest. If you are missing OLLI classes, this is the perfect opportunity to enjoy a taste of the best.

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OLLI Registration Made Easy: Tips for “Add to Cart” Classes



By Shannon Kim Morrow, Registrar

How many times have I heard the statement: “I thought I was on the waiting list for a trip because it wasn’t included in the email list of my confirmed regular classes!”

When you register for classes and events online, you do so using either of two actions. One is “add to cart” and the other is “request class.” “Add to cart” items are usually trips or special events in which you are enrolled immediately (space permitting). When you add these items to your cart you must immediately check out and make payment, if required. Payments are needed for all bus trips and some events with fees. Once you have paid, the system gives you a congratulatory message saying you’re enrolled. You also receive an email immediately after completing this process. It will state that you are **confirmed and enrolled** in this event.

This is the only confirmation you will get for an “add to cart” item. So make sure to mark your calendar when you are successfully registered for “add to cart” classes.

For the majority of OLLI classes you will choose “request class,” and these are subject to lottery assignment. During registration, you “request” and then must prioritize these classes. You are not enrolled in these classes until the lottery runs a couple of weeks after the priority registration period. You then receive an email confirming your enrollment in these classes. ***The confirmation email will only list your lottery classes, not classes you already successfully registered for through the “add to cart” process.***

Remember, the system never takes your payment and then puts you on a waiting list. Once paid, you’re in. If you are unsure, please contact me at ollireg@gmu.edu or 703-503-3384. I am happy to answer this and any other registration related questions!

Thank you.

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Still Seeking E-News Technical Editor



By Paul Van Hemel, OLLI E-News Chief Editor

OLLI E-News has an opening for a technical editor beginning as soon as you can start. Don’t be put off by the name of the position; little time or technical knowledge is required of the technical editor. The position requires (weekly when OLLI is in session and bi-weekly between terms):

- reviewing a draft issue of the E-News to verify that the embedded URL links work properly;
- sending an email notification to the OLLI website chair to put the E-News on the website;
- scheduling the E-News issue for distribution;
- creating the courtesy copy of the issue and scheduling it for delivery; and
- replicating a master draft of E-News to set up the next issue.

It also requires monthly updating of two URL links to Arts and Music event calendars.

We will provide instruction on how these easy efforts are done. Although it is not an absolute requirement, it will be helpful and considered a plus if you have some familiarity with MailChimp, the software that we use for generating and distributing the E-News.

The position of technical editor offers a volunteer opportunity to contribute with minimal time and effort to the effective operation of one of OLLI’s key tools for communication to its members. If you are interested in joining the E-News team, contact me at pevanh@gmail.com. Thanks!

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More about Julie and Mike Mc Namara



By Martha Powers, OLLI Member

If you are among the many who have long admired this handsome OLLI couple, you’ll enjoy learning more about Julie and Mike Mc Namara from the recent *Fairfax*

Connection coverage of OLLI's Veterans Day Celebration. (Of particular interest is Mike's role in President Kennedy's funeral.)

Please see page 10 at this link:
<http://www.fairfaxconnection.com/documents/2018/nov/14/fairfax-connection-november-14-2018/>

Happy reading!



(Photo by Bonnie Hobbs of The Connection)
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Poet's Corner

Manhattan Images

A corridor of people coming and going
 Along a busy city street
 A hustle of cars honking near their elbows
 Faces without expression
 Never touching
 Never greeting
 Some checking messages,
 Wind whistling through tunnels

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Between many-storied buildings
 Flings dry leaves against doorways.
 The corridor remains constant,
 Occasionally lighter, never absent
 Except perhaps for a few hours
 In late night or early morning.

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, November 30 through December 17



By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

For tickets for either Center for the Arts Concert Hall (CFA) or Hylton Center, 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 Center [ticket purchase page](#).

At the Fairfax Campus Venues

Hannibal Buress

Sat, Dec 1, 8:00
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$40, \$30.

Soweto Gospel Choir: *Songs of the Free*

Sun, Dec 2, 2:00
 Arrive early and hear a special performance by the Anointed Vessels of Unity featuring Mason students singing Gospel music. This performance begins at 1:15 in the Center for the Arts lobby and will be in lieu of the pre-performance discussion.
 Concert Hall
 Tickets: \$50, \$43, \$30.

Vienna Boys Choir: *Christmas in Vienna*

Fri, Dec 7, 8:00

A pre-performance discussion with a member of the company begins 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$55, \$47, \$33.

American Festival Pops Orchestra: *Holiday Pops*

Sat, Dec 8, 8:00

A pre-performance discussion with a member of the company begins 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$55, \$47, \$33.

A Canadian Brass Christmas

Sat, Dec 15, 8:00

A pre-performance discussion with a member of the company begins 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$60, \$51, \$36.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra and Fairfax Ballet: *The Nutcracker*

Sun, Dec 16, 4:00

Concert Hall

Admission: \$89, \$69, \$49.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

Opera: *Dido and Aeneas*

Fri, Nov 30, 8:00

Sat, Dec 1, 8:00

Sun, Dec 2, 2:00 and 5:00

Harris Theatre (Nov 30 and Dec 1)

Old Town Hall, Fairfax, VA. (Dec 2)

Admission: Adults, \$15; seniors, \$10.

Guitar Ensemble Concert

Sat, Dec 1, 8:00

deLaski Performing Arts Building, 3001

Admission: Free.

Healing Arts Ensemble Program

Wed, Dec 5, 5:00

deLaski Performing Arts Building, 3001

Admission: Free.

New Sound Collective Concert

Wed, Dec 5, 8:00

deLaski Performing Arts Building, 3001

Admission: Free.

Dance Innovations

Thu, Dec 6 – Sat, Dec 8, 8:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Adults, \$15; seniors, \$10.

Lab Ensemble Concert

Fri, Dec 7, 12:30

deLaski Performing Arts Building, 3001

Admission: Free.

Holiday Studio Vocal Recital

Fri, Dec 7, 3:00

deLaski Performing Arts Building, A323

Admission: Free.

***Sing Noel!* Silent Auction & Concert**

Fri, Dec 7, 7:00

7:00 p.m. – silent auction fundraiser

8:00 p.m. – choral concert

9:30 p.m. – live auction and dessert reception

Falls Church Presbyterian Church, 225 E. Broad St, Falls Church 22046

Admission: Donation.

Dr. Anna Balakerskaia Piano Studio Recital

Sun, Dec 9, 5:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free.

Mason Symphony Orchestra & Jazz Holiday Concert

Sun, Dec 9, 7:00
 Concert Hall
 Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$5.

Duo-Piano Chamber Ensemble Class Recital
 Mon, Dec 10, 5:00
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: Free.

Dr. Linda Apple Monson Piano Studio Recital
 Mon, Dec 10, 8:00
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: Free.

Chamber Ensemble Concert
 Mon, Dec 10, 8:00
 deLaski Performing Arts Building, 3001
 Admission: Free.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit: *Hidden Narratives*
 Through Dec 15
 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.

The White House Band
 Fri, Nov 30, 8:00
 Gregory Family Theater
 Admission: \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door.

***Black Nativity* by Langston Hughes**
 Sat, Dec 1, 3:00
 Sun, Dec 2, 3:00
 Sat, Dec 8, 3:00
 Sun, Dec 9, 3:00
 Gregory Family Theater
 Admission: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door.

Manassas Symphony Orchestra: *All Creatures Great and Small*
 Sat, Dec 8, 3:30
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$16.

Vienna Boys Choir: *Christmas in Vienna*
 Sun, Dec 9, 2:00
 A pre-performance discussion with a member of the company begins 45 minutes prior to the performance.
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$55, \$47, \$33.

Manassas Ballet Theatre: *The Nutcracker*
 Thu, Dec 13 and Fri, Dec 14, 7:30
 Sat, Dec 15, 3:00 and 7:30
 Tue, Dec 18 – Thu, Dec 20, 7:30
 Fri, Dec 21, 3:00 and 7:30
 Sat, Dec 22, 3:00 and 7:30
 Sun, Dec 23, 3:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$75, \$65, \$55, \$45, \$35.

Prince William Little Theatre: *It's a Wonderful Life, A Live Radio Play*
 Fri, Dec 14, 8:00
 Sat, Dec 15, 2:00 and 8:00
 Sun, Dec 16, 2:00 and 6:30
 Gregory Family Theater
 Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$17.

A Canadian Brass Christmas
 Sun, Dec 16, 2:00
 A pre-performance discussion with a member of the company begins 45 minutes prior to the performance.
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$60, \$51, \$36.

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For further details on any of the above events, 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 for the most up-to-date information, please view the latest forecast of coming 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, kick-off coffees, etc. (bolded below).*

Mon Dec 3	10:00am	What's in the Daily News, Cont'd.–TA-1
Wed Dec 5	10:00am	Bridge Club–TA-3
	10:00am	Mah Jongg Club–Annex
	10:00am	History Club–TA-2
	10:30am 12:30pm	Tom Crooker Investment Forum–TA-1 Literature, Theater, & Languages/Writing Program Planning Group Meeting–TA-1
Fri Dec 7	9:15am 9:30am	Recorder Consort–TA-3 Craft and Conversation–Annex
	10:30am	Loudoun Program Planning Group Meeting –Loudoun Rm. 208
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
Mon Dec 10	9:30am	Strategic Planning Meeting–Annex
	10:00am	What's in the Daily News, cont'd.–TA-1
Tue Dec 11	9:30am	Annex Art–Annex
	10:00am	Spanish Club–TA-2
Wed Dec 12	10:00am	Bridge Club–TA-3
	10:00am	Tallwood Book Club–TA-2
	10:30am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum–TA-1
Fri Dec 14	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation–TA-2
	9:30am	Photography Club–TA-1
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–TA-2
Sat Dec 15	1:00pm	Computer Club–TA-1

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About OLLI E-News

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Deadline: Tuesday, 6:00, for that week's issue (Monday, 6:00, for letters to the editor); early submissions are greatly appreciated. Please limit articles to about 250 words.

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