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Photos by Paul Van Hemel, July 5, 2019

**Jan Bohall Leads July 5 Tallwood Meeting of Homer, etc., a Group Dedicated to Analysis of Classic Literature Through Reading Aloud**

**July 12, 2019**

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**Alerts & Notices**

- Board of Directors meeting, Friday, July 19, at 10:00 in TA-1 at Tallwood. All members welcome.
- Loudoun Program Planning meeting, Monday, July 22, at 11:05 in room 208, Loudoun campus. All members welcome.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, July 19; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, July 16, at 6:00.

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**Computer Club**

*3rd Saturday, July 20  
 Watching TV on the Internet  
 On-Board Diagnostics and Blue Drive*



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

**Watching TV on the Internet – Presented by Allan Hide**

Today's TV's, computers, and mobile devices offer "over-the-top" options to watch movies and TV programs via streaming video over the Internet. Services such as Netflix, Hulu, YouTube, Amazon, Sling TV, and Apple TV provide new alternatives. "Cord-cutters" are replacing or supplementing their cable television subscriptions with such Internet video sources. Allan will discuss the benefits and limitations of these choices.

Allan Hide has worked as a management analyst for Fairfax County Department of Cable and Consumer Services in the Communications Policy and Regulation Division since 2003. He assists Fairfax County residents by providing outreach and education on communications topics and cable complaint resolution.

**Learn in 30: On-Board Diagnostics and Blue Drive – Presented by John Krout**

Do you dread the "check engine" light on your dashboard? It covers many different failures. Which one has caused the light to appear? Sometimes the cause is merely short term (e.g., a power surge, road-surface vibrations, cosmic rays, strong magnetic fields). How can anyone tell the difference between a persistent problem and a transient one?

On-Board Diagnostics (OBD), a mandatory standard in all cars sold in the US since 1996, includes both standard numeric codes to identify specific problems in cars and a uniform standard multi-pin connector for external devices to read those problem codes. This session will show you how to read and understand a car's problem codes using your phone or tablet and the BlueDrive hardware and software, and how to identify and ignore transient trouble codes.

See full details on this meeting by [clicking here](#). For information on the Computer Club, see the [OPCUG website](#). OPCUG dues of \$5 for 2019 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](mailto:webinarhosts@patacs.org) if you plan to attend in this way. Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/519103813> (meeting ID 519103813)

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**New Science and Technology Club in Loudoun**



*By Jim Wentworth, Science and Technology Club Coordinator*

Ever wonder why things are or how things work? Join the new Science and Technology Club in Loudoun to discuss scientific research and technologies that have significant effects on society. Some of the topics for discussion include the following: recent predictions on climate change; whether an asteroid really caused the extinction of dinosaurs and many other species about 66 million years ago; the impact of artificial intelligence on our lives and jobs; and the future of high-speed trains in the United States.

Our first meeting is Tuesday, July 23, from 9:40 to 11:05 in room 209 at the Mason Loudoun campus. Questions? Contact club coordinator Jim Wentworth at [jimwent@cs.com](mailto:jimwent@cs.com).

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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 17, in the Cottage.** Our activities for this meeting will be testing several pieces of equipment and organizing storage space in the Tallwood Cottage tech room. (Sound familiar? Yeah, we had to postpone last month's session <grin>!)

**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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**Poet's Corner**

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

**Rhythm of Life**

*cinquains on a theme*

Sparkling  
 Blue sky of spring  
 Vibrant daffodils zing  
 Nature awakens with a ping  
 Rebirth

Shining  
 Sun of summer  
 The hummingbirds hover  
 And butterflies and bees flutter  
 New life

Crimson  
 And red of fall  
 Time to store summer's haul

Acorns for winter above all  
Feasting

Silver  
White of winter  
Time to take a breather  
Animals huddle and whisper  
Torpor

*Chitra Mohla*

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## Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances July 12 through July 22



*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 Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

#### Prince William Little Theatre: *Annie*

Sat, Jul 20 and Sun, Jul 21, 8:00  
Sun, Jul 21, 2:00  
Thu, Jul 25 – Sat, Jul 27, 8:00  
Sat, Jul 27 and Sun, Jul 28, 2:00  
Gregory Family Theater  
Admission: \$25 Adults; \$20 seniors.

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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).*

Sat Jul 13	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Mon Jul 15	9:30am	What's in the Daily News?–TA-1
	10:00am	Bridge Club–TA-3
	10:00am	Mah Jongg Club–TA-2
Wed Jul 17	2:00pm	<b>Audiovisual Committee Meeting–TA-1</b>
Fri Jul 19	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Craft & Conversation–Annex
	10:00am	<b>Board of Directors Meeting–TA-1</b>
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
Sat Jul 20	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
	1:00pm	Personal Computer User Group–TA-1
Mon Jul 22	9:30am	What's in the Daily News?–TA-1
	10:00am	Bridge Club–TA-3
	11:00am	Spanish Club–TA-2
	11:05am	<b>Loudoun Program Planning Meeting–Room 208</b>
Tue Jul 23	9:40am	Loudoun Science and Technology Club–Room 209
	11:50am	Loudoun Non-Fiction Book Club–Room 209
Fri Jul 26	9:15am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Craft & Conversation–Annex
	10:00am	Theater Lovers' Group–Tallwood
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
	12:00noon	Photography Club–TA-3
Sat Jul 27	10:30am	Tai Chi 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:

[ollienewseditor@gmail.com](mailto:ollienewseditor@gmail.com).

**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.

**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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