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AGENDA
 May 15, 2020 – 10am, Zoom Remote Access

I. Approval of the Agenda

II. NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution, 200515-01** *Resolved:* Based upon health and safety guidance for older adults to minimize their exposure to the coronavirus, OLLI/GMU campuses will remain closed until it is safe to resume in-person classes. Therefore, we will offer classes and other activities only via ZOOM during the Fall Term, and, if necessary, the Winter Term. (Submitted by Bill Taylor, President.)
- Resolution, 200515-02** *Resolved:* The Board approves the Revised OLLI 2020 Budget (see attached). The Budget has been modified to reflect the receipt of CARES Act loan grants, the incorporation of the Friends Fiscal Plan and changes in revenue and expenses related to the implementation of OLLI programs during the coronavirus pandemic. The Finance Committee approved the revised Budget on May 8, 2020. (Submitted by David Swenson, Treasurer and Chair, Finance Committee.)
- Resolution, 200515-03** *Resolved:* Based upon the recommendation of Maguire Maguire, Inc., the nonprofit management association selected by the OLLI/GMU Development Committee and the OLLI/GMU ED, OLLI/GMU will apply for inclusion in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, Online May 15, to Determine Near-term Plan for Operations and Related Budget Issues

May 22, 2020

Editor of the Week: John Nash

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Alerts & Notices

- The revised summer catalog indicating the online classes is now available on the OLLI website; [click here](#) to view.
- Since catalog production, some summer-term classes have been added, changed, or canceled. The changes are available at [this link](#).
- Summer-term priority registration runs Friday, May 22 through noon on June 1. If you have questions regarding summer-term registration or membership, email the registrar [here](#).
- Zoom is upgrading its security safeguards; all users must upgrade their Zoom application by May 30. Click [here](#) for information on the upgrade. Click [this link](#) to download the upgrade.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, June 5; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, June 2, at 6:00.

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OLLI President's Message Regarding 2020 Fall Term



By Bill Taylor, President

At a special meeting on May 15, the OLLI Board of Directors decided that for the fall term we will continue to offer our program using Zoom or other online platforms.

The primary reason for this decision is the uncertainty about when it will be safe for our members to return to in-person activities. In this we must follow the decisions made by George Mason University about its campuses, as well as guidance from the governor of Virginia and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. George Mason's decision about its fall term is expected by May 31, but we cannot wait that long because of the lead time we need to finalize the curriculum, for timely preparation of the schedule, and printing of the catalog. Governor Northam's three-phase plan for relaxing the original coronavirus restrictions projects that Phase III, which permits large gatherings, will not begin until late July or early August at best. Even then, vulnerable populations will still be encouraged to stay home. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jeff McKay's recent message said that he expects that life will not return to the way it was pre-coronavirus "for many more months."

We will continue to monitor the situation closely in the weeks and months ahead and will look for the earliest opportunity to resume in-person activities at OLLI. Until that time, we are fortunate that we have developed the capability to offer our program online in a format that has been well received by our members.

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2020 OLLI Board Election Results and Bylaws Amendment



By Marianne Metz, Board Member and Nominating Committee Chair

Congratulations to the following members who were elected to the OLLI Board of Directors in the 2020 election:

Bob Heyer, Paul Howard, Gloria Loew, David Osterman, Mel Russell, Dave Talaber

The bylaws amendment to decrease the Board's size from 18 to 15 members was approved by a 23 to 1 vote.

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The Spotlight's on.....



By Doris Bloch, Program Committee Co-Chair

All OLLI members owe a huge bushel basket full of thanks to Alice, Shannon, two Susans, and Karen. "Who?" some of you may ask.



Alice Slayton Clark and Shannon Kim Morrow are the OLLI staff members that perform the nuts and bolts of our classroom programming and scheduling. Although not a classroom presence, during a typical term, these two can be found working from the Tallwood Cottage down the hill, assisting program planning groups, contacting instructors, and filling in our class schedules. They assisted Susan Todenhoft, our well-known administrator, who took the lead converting spring-term classes to online within a two- to three-week turnaround time! Every single spring-term instructor was contacted to determine their willingness to teach via Zoom and the entire spring schedule was totally revised to accommodate the new reality. Susan Todenhoft was busy with the technical requirements: arranging Zoom licensing, online scheduling, Zoom training for our site assistants and our instructors, and answering Zoom questions for members, and a whole lot more.

OLLI's registrar Susan Job, another Tallwood Cottage staff member, notified OLLI members of canceled classes and of the 100 new Zoom-class times/dates/course numbers. Karen Nash, our finance associate, provided member refunds for trips and fee classes and canceled our various external obligations to bus companies, church, and parking lot rentals, etc.

All worked tirelessly and seamlessly to ensure that OLLI had a spring term (and beyond) that we can be proud of. Thank you so much, Alice, Shannon, Susan J., Karen, and Susan T., and all our wonderful site assistants for making our spring-term program so meaningful!

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Special Events Program Planning Group Meeting



By Alice Slayton Clark Communications and Program Associate

Join the OLLI Special Events Program Planning Group at its next planning meeting online on Wednesday, May 27 at 12:15. Visit the following link on that date/time: [Zoom](#) (meeting ID 524 106 880). We will talk about all of the fabulous presentations and excursions being planned for OLLI for winter term 2021 and beyond. All of these great programs are designed and coordinated by members like you who volunteer their time to shape the OLLI curriculum. You do not need to be an expert in curriculum development or education management, and you can dedicate as much or as little time as you have available. There is no pressure. So, join us; brainstorm on classes; make some new friends; have fun!

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Upcoming Program Planning Group Meetings



By Shannon Morrow, Program Associate

All members are welcome to attend program planning group meetings. Your ideas for presentations and events are encouraged, and the possibilities of online programming permit a broad focus on member interests. Join us at one of these online meetings.

- a meeting of the Loudoun Program Planning Group on Tuesday, May 26, at 1:00—this will be an online meeting using [Zoom](#) (meeting ID 885 5123 1429);

- a meeting of the Science, Technology, and Health Program Planning Group on Thursday, June 4, at 1:00—this will be an online meeting using [Zoom](#) (meeting ID 862 6569 8947).

Share your insights and enjoy the fun!

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Outreach Committee Meeting Via Zoom



By Rosemary Lubinski, Outreach Committee Chair and Board Member

Please join us for an Outreach Committee meeting on May 28, 2020, at noon. We need your help in maintaining and increasing our membership. Using online platforms poses a great opportunity to present our courses to those at home. We are open to your ideas for marketing. If you cannot make the meeting, please send me your ideas or how you think you can help. Thanks in advance for your help.

Rosemary Lubinski, Outreach Chair
Email: cdsrosie@buffalo.edu

Outreach Meeting via Zoom May 28 at noon

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81151329943>

Meeting ID: 811 5132 9943

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OLLI Ink Is Alive and Well



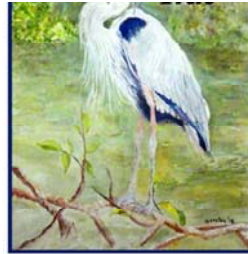
By Caroline McNeil, OLLI Ink Editor

Not only has OLLI's annual literary journal surmounted the challenges posed by social



distancing and quarantine, it has also sought out and found a new road to publication. The 2020 edition of *OLLI Ink* is initially published as an online flip book, which allows readers to “turn” pages with a click of the mouse, in much the same way a Kindle book is read.

Click [here](#) to view the *OLLI Ink* flip book, available now on the OLLI website (under DocStore). Print copies of *OLLI Ink 2020* will be available once in-person classes and meetings have resumed.



Spring 2020 Issue No. 10

Now entering its 10th year, *OLLI Ink* includes pieces as short as a haiku and as long as a memoir or short story. Writings come from a wide spectrum of OLLI members, including but by no means limited to, those in writing workshops.

Topics this year range from bison to spiders to bees, to pigs that sing to the sea, and to the sea itself; from the Wars of the Roses to World War II to Vietnam to Army brats in war and peace; from the delights of a roadside bakery to grocery lists and the joys of hot chocolate; from evocations of India’s villages and autumn leaves, to the moon, childhood companions, boyfriends, couples, families, and family life.

In its pages you will meet a piano named Chocolate along with several other interesting characters who give life to limericks and haikus—and vice versa.

Enjoy!

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Theaters Take to the Stage Online



By Norma Jean Reck, Theater Lovers’ Group Coordinator



Renowned dancer Twyla Tharp once said, “Art is the only way to run away without leaving home.” Thanks to their creative genius, theaters, musicians, and other artists have teamed up with various technologies to provide us much-needed entertainment options while we stay at home and socially distance in our battle against the novel coronavirus. Their ingenuity has

ameliorated our struggle somewhat by enabling us “to go to the theater” virtually—from the comfort of our couches at home.

The Theater Lovers’ Group (TLG) had planned several theater outings, including to 1st Stage Tysons; American Shakespeare Center in Staunton, VA; Contemporary American Theater Festival in Shepherdstown, WV; and a cabaret with Lisa Vroman at Mason’s School of Theater. Although attending theater in-person is not an option with theaters closed due to COVID-19, we can still satisfy our craving by taking advantage of the live-streaming theater productions available online—not only in the theaters in our D.C. metro area, but nationally in cities such as Chicago or Los Angeles, and even internationally, like the Royal National Theatre in London. Just Google a theater that interests you to find out it is offering. Ticket prices range from free to PWYC (pay-what-you-can) to a set dollar amount.

1st Stage Tysons ([1ststage.org](#)) offers many interesting free events. Go online to register. On Saturday, May 23, at 3:00, actors from 1st Stage’s upcoming Season 13 show *The Nance* will share some of their experiences on being an actor during the time of COVID-19.

On Sunday, May 24, at 2:00, leaders of Northern Virginia-based theater companies will talk about their progress through the COVID-19 crisis and what comes next. Peter Marks, chief theatre critic of the *Washington Post*, will be the moderator.

American Shakespeare Center ([americanshakespearecenter.com](#)) is now streaming the 2020 Actors’ Renaissance Season and three productions from their national tour through scheduled pay-per-view ticketing. Tickets start at \$10. Next week they will do John Steinbeck’s *The Grapes of Wrath*, a classic of American literature that became a Broadway hit in Frank Galati’s Tony Award-winning adaptation.

The Contemporary American Theater Festival ([catf.org](#)) has created a repertory schedule for July where you will hear from playwrights, actors, directors, designers, and other team members who work together to bring six bold, new plays to life. Opening weekend, July 10 -12, you’ll see scenes from each play, talk theater in special pre-show productions, have lively happy hours, and have Q&A with all six playwrights.

Mason Arts@Home ([cfa.calendar.gmu.edu](#)) archives its streaming events, which are free. Some examples are: *Behind the Scenes of Rags: An Inside Look at the Creative Process of Staging a Revised Musical*; Professor Kaiulani Lee discusses her play and movie based on Rachel Carson’s book *Silent Spring*; *Tangier Island is Sinking*. Get an inside look at a creation of this new play with

School of Theater alumnus Zach Wilcox. The discussion will include a reading of an excerpt.

See you at the theater! Virtually!

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Retail Enchantment

Resting lightly on a plastic hanger in the window of the North Beach Leather store I was roused by the excited sound of her voice as she grabbed me off the rack and thrust her arms into me.

"Can you believe the color of this jacket?" she cried to her dark-haired friend who was busy admiring my near twin in a radiant shade of hot pink.

My deep vibrant teal hue did highlight her blank baby-blue eyes and blond locks. Seeing my reflection in a full-length mirror for the first time I realized, I was quite striking.

"I really can't afford this" she said as she gazed adoringly at her image.

"You really can't afford not to" her friend replied, grinning.

She tossed her credit card down on the counter and said
"I won't need a bag,
I'm not taking this off!"

I felt the warmth of her skin
enveloped in my caress and
knew love for the first time.

-Susan Bennett

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Arts & Music at George Mason



By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

Although Mason's campus is shut down, online entertainment continues for us to access and enjoy. Dr. Linda Apple Monson produces a periodic "Notes from the Director." This email is full of interesting online performances by the students and faculty of the School of Music. If you would like to receive these bulletins, just send an email to Brianna Schoen at bschoen@gmu.edu. Also, the Center for the Arts has a website [Mason Arts at Home](#) which has a calendar of on-line events.

Meetings & Clubs

Please note: Physical meetings for clubs and activities are canceled until further notice in accordance with Mason's guidelines. OLLI is conducting its classes and activities online. Refer to the university's [coronavirus website](#) for official university updates and check the [OLLI Calendar](#) for revised information.

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 (online), meetings of the Board of Directors, committees and resource groups, kick-off coffees, etc. (bolded below).*

Sat May 23	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club– Zoom (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Tue May 26	9:30 am	Annex Art– Zoom (Meeting ID: 835 7207 3832)
	11:00 am	Spanish Club– Zoom (Meeting ID: 811 997 392)
	1:00 pm	Loudoun Program Planning Meeting–Zoom (Meeting ID: 885 5123 1429)
	4:00 pm	Tai Chi Club– Zoom (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Wed May 27	12:15 pm	Special Events Program Planning Meeting–Zoom (Meeting ID: 524 106 880)
	10:30 am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum– Zoom (Meeting ID: 861 1181 9898)
Thu May 28	4:00 pm	Tai Chi Club– Zoom (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Fri May 29	9:30 am	Craft & Conversation– Zoom (Meeting ID: 611 234 196)
	11:00 am	Homer, etc.– Zoom (Meeting ID: 993 949 463)
	2:00 pm	Cooking Club– Zoom (Meeting ID: 989 8618 3605)
	2:00 pm	OLLI Players– Zoom (Meeting ID: 884 4258 2820)
Sat May 30	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club– Zoom (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Mon Jun 1	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News?– Zoom (Meeting ID: 124 189 557)
	1:00 pm	Program Planning Committee Meeting– Zoom (Meeting ID: 898 5051 5538)
Tue Jun 2	9:30 am	Annex Art– Zoom (Meeting ID: 835 7207 3832)
	4:00 pm	Tai Chi Club– Zoom (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Wed Jun 3	10:30 am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum– Zoom (Meeting ID: 861 1181 9898)
Thu Jun 4	1:00 pm	Science, Technology, and Health Program Planning Committee Meeting–Zoom (Meeting ID: 862 6569 8947)
	4:00 pm	Tai Chi Club– Zoom (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)
Fri Jun 5	9:30 am	Craft & Conversation– Zoom (Meeting ID: 611 234 196)
	11:00 am	Homer, etc.– Zoom (Meeting ID: 993 949 463)
	2:00 pm	Cooking Club– Zoom (Meeting ID: 989 8618 3605)
	2:00 pm	OLLI Players– Zoom (Meeting ID: 884 4258 2820)
Sat Jun 6	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club– Zoom (Meeting ID: 284 531 289)

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About *OLLI E-News*

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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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