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Current OLLI Membership
1046

2020-'21 Accomplishments

- COVID-19 response
- Refined entire program and staffing to virtual platform
- Continued development of member handbook
- Revised book and laptop to support virtual and in-person
- Increased focus on program strategy
- Continued committee activities and action items
- Continued
- 30th Anniversary
- Website
- Openhouse
- Member services
- Partnerships
- Alumni and Parent Office
- AAVE

2021-2022 Goals

- Facilities
- Complete facilities improvements to support virtual
- Online operations for post-pandemic operations
- Donations and Sponsorship
- Focus on strategic planning to support OLLI programming and future needs
- Develop member opportunities of local government
- Public grant and foundation opportunities
- Marketing
- Build membership further with member recruitment and retention through initiatives that grow the organization
- Expand partnership opportunities to expand membership (30+ retirement communities)

Annual Meeting and Presentation of Board Candidates, May 7

May 14, 2021

Editor of the Week: Paul Van Hemel

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Alerts & Notices

- OLLI Personal Computer User Group (OPCUG) meets via Zoom May 15 (tomorrow) at 1:00; details available at [this link](#).

- Voting continues in the Board of Directors election, which runs until May 21; you should have received a ballot in an email with subject "2021 OLLI Ballot for Board of Directors."
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, May 21; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, May 18, at 6:00.

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Fun Facts for OLLI's 30-Year Anniversary



By Ray Beery, OLLI Member and Former President

In 2021, OLLI celebrates its 30th year of classes for seniors. This feature provides fun facts and interesting milestones about our institute each week that *E-News* is published throughout the year.

May 14

A compilation of Learning in Retirement Institute (LRI) poetry was published in March 1996; printing was subsidized by LRI; booklets were sold at \$2.50 each. Poems dated back to the first Poetry Workshop in spring 1991. Later, *Poets of Tallwood* was published in 2008 and *Poets of OLLI* in 2012.

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Summer Literature Course (F403) Book Change and Film Addition



By Shannon Morrow, Program Associate

There are two changes to Ellen Moody's summer course, F403, Post-Colonialism and the Novel; the changes are reflected in the course registration in the member portal. One change substitutes a book of short stories, Ruth Praver Jhabvala's *East into Upper East*, for her older novel, *A Backward Glance*. The second change is the addition of a second film that the class will view: Mira Nair's 1993 *The Namesake*. Everything else stays the same:

F403 Post-Colonialism and the Novel
Wednesdays, 9:40–11:05, June 23–July 28
Instructor: Ellen Moody
Class limit: 40

In this course we will explore identity and gender politics, colonialism, emigration, and slavery in three books: Ruth Praver Jhabvala's *East into Upper East*, Caryl Phillips's *Crossing the River*, and

Jane Mander's *The Story of a New Zealand River*. We will look at how people are affected by history, law and custom, violence, cultures, economic and geographical circumstances, as well as the sheer need for survival. The class will see/discuss Mira Nair's 1993 film *The Namesake* & Jane Campion's 1993 film, *The Piano*.

Ellen Moody taught in senior colleges until 2012 and for eight years at two OLLIs. She is a published scholar, with specialties in the 18th through 20th centuries, with a special love of historical and political novels.

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Reston Book Club



*By Nancy Scheeler and Luci Martel,
Reston Book Club Coordinators*

The Reston Book Club will meet via Zoom on Thursday, May 20, at 4:00. The selection will be *The Lying Life of Adults* by Elena Ferrante.

The book is a coming-of-age story—one at which Ferrante is a master. The novel's main story tells of a teenage girl as she grapples with the discomfort of becoming a young woman and learning how to deal with adults and their myriad of "stories." The book also focuses on the duality of Naples, its neighborhoods, and its residents. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A DATE CHANGE.

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OLLI ChatLine Topics for Next Week!



By Doris Bloch, Program Committee Co-chair

Talk with OLLI friends at any time on this 24-7 open ChatLine. Arrange a time to meet friends online or drop in for an organized discussion. We have scheduled a few specific times and topics for chats this week, including:

- **Monday, May 17, 4:30-5:30**—Topic: Washington Capitals hockey. Love them, win or lose?
- **Wednesday, May 19, 4:30-5:30**—Topic: Future classes. Your ideas and suggestions for OLLI classes to offer in our 2022 terms.

Look for links to this and any future ChatLine events in your inbox as part of the daily schedule email. Have feedback or an idea on a time/topic? Click [here](#) to email Doris Bloch.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

The Big Payoff*

My mom and her sisters did not watch
The Price is Right
They didn't need to
They had their own pricing game called
Shopping
The object – give grocers as little money as possible

Winnings included
massive bragging rights
Relishing double coupons redeemed on sale items
by crowing
They were practically giving it away!
was a guaranteed crowd pleaser
Getting a cashier to void a wrongly keyed price
deserved dramatic retellings

Strategies included poring over
store circulars
and charting where to go

A & P meat
Waldbaums produce
Shop Rite paper products

Amateur mistakes
They never admitted

Not demanding rain checks
Not checking receipts
Not using coupons before expiration

For all its joys and diversions
mom's game was junior league
compared to my Italian grandma's
Her Brooklyn neighborhood
was full of mom-and-pop shops
with six kids she mastered the art of
Let's Make a Deal.

The walk away
The hard bargain
The never back down

Being a pro, she didn't brag
 She didn't need to
 She has six eye-witnesses and me
 keeping her legend alive

Susan Rexroad

*The Big Payoff was a 1950's game show where my parents were contestants. They won their honeymoon, a week at Mount Airy Lodge in the Poconos, and their bedroom set.

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Obituary: Elizabeth Bolton



Elizabeth (Liz) Bolton, who joined OLLI in 2001 and was a member and lifelong learner for many years, died on April 15. A graduate of the University of Maine in 1959, she was a resident of Reston since its early days in 1969. An avid traveler, Liz took advantage of the Road Scholar program of educational travel for adults. A memorial in Maine will be planned for August. More information is available at [this link](#).

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, May 14 through May 31



By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

Virtual Performances

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 online events and access to many past performances. Information can also be found at [CFA ticket purchase page](#), [Center for the Arts YouTube Channel](#), or the [Hylton ticket purchase page](#).

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At the Fairfax Campus Venues

Mason School of Theater: *Luther's Trumpet*

Fri, May 28, 8:00

Virtual Event – Professional cast supported by Mason students

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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)

Manassas Ballet Theatre: *Giselle*

Fri, May 14, 7:30

Sat, May 15, 2:00

Sat, May 15, 7:30

Sun, May 16, 3:00

Sat, May 29, 7:30

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$40 to \$70, [Buy Tickets](#)

Ordway Conservatory: *Thumbelina*

Thu, May 20, 7:15

Virtual Event: [Hylton Center](#)

Admission: Free

Seán Heely Celtic Band

Sat, May 29, 4:00

Admission: \$25, [Buy Tickets](#)

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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

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. 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). The OLLI office has sent (or will send) emails with links and meeting passwords to club members; you may also log in at the [member portal](#) and click on ZOOM CLASS LINKS.*

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| Sat May 15 | 10:30 am | Tai Chi Club |
| | 1:00 pm | Personal Computer User Group |
| Mon May 17 | 4:30 pm | ChatLine: Washington Capitals hockey |
| Tue May 18 | 4:30 pm | Tai Chi Club |
| Wed May 19 | 2:00 pm | Memoir and More Writing Group |
| | 4:00 pm | Mah Jongg Club |
| | 4:30 pm | ChatLine: Future classes |
| Thu May 20 | 4:00 pm | Reston Book Club |
| | 4:30 pm | Tai Chi Club |
| Fri May 21 | 9:30 am | Craft & Conversation |
| | 11:00 am | Classic Literature Club |
| | 11:00 am | Homer, Etc. |
| | 2:00 pm | Cooking Club |
| Sat May 22 | 10:30 am | Tai Chi Club |
| Mon May 24 | 8:30 am | Gentle Yoga Club |
| | 9:30 am | What’s in the Daily News? |
| | 11:00 am | Poetry Club |
| Tue May 25 | 9:30 am | Annex Art |
| | 11:00 am | Spanish Club |
| | 4:30 pm | Tai Chi Club |
| Wed May 26 | 10:30 am | Tom Crooker Investment Forum |
| | 4:00 pm | Theater Lovers’ Group |
| Thu May 27 | 11:50 am | All the News |
| | 12:15 pm | Special Events Program Planning Group |
| | 4:30 pm | Tai Chi Club |
| Fri May 28 | 9:30 am | Craft and Conversation |
| | 11:00 am | Homer, Etc. |
| | 12:00 noon | Photography Club |
| Sat May 29 | 10:30 am | Tai Chi Club |

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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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