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Board of Directors Meeting, Tallwood, July 20

July 27, 2018

Editor of the Week: John Nash

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Alerts & Notices

- Priority registration for the fall term begins August 14 and ends at noon on August 23. Fall term begins Monday, September 17. The fall-term catalog is available [online](#) at the OLLI website.
- OLLI will be closed for summer break July 30 – August 10; the office reopens on August 13.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published August 10; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, August 7, at 6:00.

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OLLI President's Message July 27, 2018: Mason's Fenwick Library



By Bill Taylor, President

On July 20, the OLLI Board of Directors was treated to a special tour of the new Fenwick Library at George Mason University. The tour was



Board member Norma Reck.

arranged through the efforts of our Executive Director, Jennifer Disano, and former

Over the course of two hours, Jessica Clark, University Libraries development and communications officer, guided us through the beautiful five-story addition that opened in 2016. Among the highlights were the Preservation Lab, where physical repairs and bookbinding treatments are performed, and the Music Library, which houses thousands of books, scores, audio, and video recordings. They even have some LPs! (But they don't need any more.)



Several Board members expressed an interest in arranging for presentations at OLLI about these and other areas of the library. In all, the library houses over 1.5 million e-books, 750 database subscriptions, and nearly 1.3 million books.



One of the many benefits of OLLI membership is that our Mason ID gives us access to this collection. (Photos by Paul Van Hemel)

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Board Meeting Summary



By Rita Way, Secretary

The Board of Directors met Friday, July 20, 2018. Bill Taylor, president, asked that the Board approve his appointments of David Osterman to complete the term of Dave Ryan and of Dave Talaber to complete the term of Randall Scott. Both terms have two years remaining. The Board approved them unanimously.

Bill Taylor also announced the appointment of Camille Hodges to fill the vacant chair of the Outreach Committee. In addition, he appointed Lillian Brooks to replace him as chair of the Governance Committee. He also reported that a major challenge for OLLI this year will be to complete our

Strategic Plan and begin its implementation.

Executive Director Jennifer Disano reported that as of July 13, 2018, total membership is 1,149 (annual membership is 1,139 and term membership is 10. She is honored to be appointed by Governor Northam to the Commonwealth Council on Aging and eager to serve her fellow Virginians.

Jennifer also noted that Chizuru ("Chi") Negin, Susan Job and Shanti Sing are new AV staff members. Chi will work with Nihad to assist the Reston Campus and Susan will replace Mike Emery at the Fairfax Lord of Life Church.

Under new business, the Board approved Resolution 180720-01, establishing a committee to support both domestic and international trips.

Under old business, the Board approved tabled Resolution 18061-02, requesting that the Facilities Committee investigate improvement in accessibility to the Tallwood campus, and make recommendations for appropriate expenditures to ease the existing challenges posed by the site's topography.

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Have Another Drink.....of Water!



By John Nash, E-News Editor

There's a big gap between drawing raw river water and the good stuff we drink each day, as 22 OLLI members learned on July 23 when they toured the Fairfax Water Corbalis Water Treatment Plant in Herndon. Susan



Miller, head of Fairfax Water public affairs, explained how the county's water authority came into existence by consolidating many local and municipal water systems in the area. Today, she said, there are more than 4,000 miles of water lines, 20 pumping stations, numerous storage

tanks/facilities, and two main sources of water – the Occoquan Reservoir and Potomac River – that provide the county and surrounding clients with more than five billion gallons of water annually.

After the presentation, OLLI members toured the laboratory, where the staff explained the thorough testing procedures used every day to ensure that the water we use – more than 150 million gallons each day – is the safest possible water. Then the group was guided through the water processing plant, seeing how raw water from the Corballis plant’s Potomac River source is treated, stored, and distributed to our homes and businesses.



This and the two following summaries are examples of the terrific programs available each term to OLLI members. Plan to review the fall catalog now on line and register early to request your favorite classes and trips. *(Photos by John Nash)*

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Potomac Nationals Treat for OLLI Members



By Jim Dunphy, OLLI Instructor in Baseball and Other Sports

If you want to get tickets five rows from the field at Nationals Park when Steven Strasburg is pitching, you can probably expect to pay more than \$100. Well, when OLLI members took a trip to Pfitzner Stadium earlier in July to see Strasburg pitch on a rehab assignment, they got not only seats for half that price but also an all you can eat ballpark buffet of



hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings - and the seats were right next to the Potomac



Nationals (the PNats) bullpen for a close up look at Strasburg warming up.

It was definitely a “summer game” – with the temperatures well into the 90s. The seats assigned to OLLI were between the plate and first base with an excellent view of the pitcher’s mound.

It was, of course, minor league baseball so errors and misplays were a big part of the game. Strasburg overpowered the opponents, the Baltimore Orioles farm team, the Frederick Keys, striking out seven in just over five innings.

Just before the game, a news story broke that the PNats may be moving to Fredericksburg for the 2020 season. In many ways – the Strasburg rehab assignment, and the projected move – this was a timely trip for OLLI.



Stay tuned to the OLLI catalog for more baseball-related classes in the upcoming terms. *(Photos by Tom Urman)*

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Now What’s Being Dug Up in Fairfax County?



By Doris Bloch, OLLI Member and Program Committee Co-Chair

Did you know that Fairfax County contains more identified archaeology sites of significance than any other county in Virginia (3,900+)? Did you know that archaeologists are uncovering 18th-century secrets from a site named Old Colchester near Lorton, and it is not costing the county taxpayers a dime? Did you know that volunteers for this effort are always

welcome?

OLLI recently invited Christopher Sperling, senior archaeologist for the County Archaeological Research Team (CART), to Tallwood for a presentation on the work ongoing at the Old Colchester site. Just east of present-day Route 1, the site is a small 18th-century town where the team has uncovered brick and stone foundations, multiple hearths, lots of artifacts, grave sites, and much other evidence of human habitation going back 10,000 years. Identification of the inhabitants is an ongoing puzzle with a probable surmise that some of the site contains remnants of slave cottages, while other remains show signs of wealth, such as Chinese porcelain fragments or metal shoe buckles.



The goals of CART include Resource Management, Research, Education, and Outreach. To follow their progress, or to volunteer to help, either on the site or in the lab, see the website www.CARTArchaeology.wordpress.com. (Photo by Lou Mazzatenta)

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Your Light

The steps
to my front door
are challenging to find
partially hidden
by a long path
that winds through
a shadowy
sometimes dark wood.

Gray stone treads
require extra care
to balance on
being ever-so-slightly unlevel

from settling decades ago
on a flawed foundation
I really should mend.

Yet you reappear
chasing off thunderstorms
releasing rays
of light
through the canopy
unstoppable
as sunshine.

Janice Lloyd

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, July 27 through August 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

Army Voices: *Celebration Concert*

Fri, Aug 3, 8:00
Concert Hall
Admission: Free.

Voices United Concert

Sat, Aug 4, 1:30
Concert Hall
Admission: Free.

Festival de Niños 2018

Sun, Aug 5, 4:30
deLaski (various venues) and Concert Hall
Admission: \$25, \$20.

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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: *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.

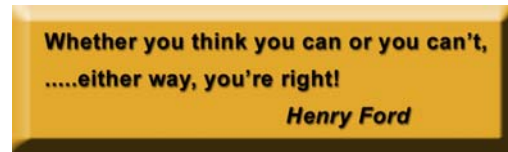
Prince William Little Theatre: *Barnum, The Musical*

Thu, Jul 26 - Sat, Jul 28, 8:00
Sun, Jul 29, 2:00
Gregory Family Theater
Admission: Adults \$25; seniors \$20.

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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

There are no events listed during the next two weeks while OLLI is closed for summer break.

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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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