

OLLI News

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Formerly LRI, Learning in Retirement Institute

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Board Highlights

The regular monthly meeting of the OLLI Board of Directors was held at Tallwood on Friday, August 20, 2004.

It was reported that at the July 28th special membership meeting, our official name had been changed to the "Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University." A newly formed name change committee has developed a checklist of items to be accomplished, some of which are already completed.

The Board passed a Conflict of Interest Policy which included the following language.

Resolved: All OLLI directors, committee chairs, and employees should be scrupulously careful to avoid any real or perceived conflicts between their actions in fulfilling their responsibilities and personal gain. Any director, committee chair or employee who deems an upcoming vote or decision to pose a real or perceived conflict of interest should disclose this information and abstain from making the decision, influencing the discussion or voting.

The Board passed a Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy which included the following language.

Resolved: Members traveling out of the local areas as representatives of OLLI must obtain prior approval from the Board of Directors. Upon completion of travel, members may request reimbursement for lodging, registration fees, travel or mileage, but not meals and incidental expenses. Officers and directors may not vote to approve their own travel.

The Board passed a resolution involving segregation of Friends of OLLI funds which included the following language.

Resolved: The treasurer of OLLI is directed to segregate all donations received in connection with "Friends of OLLI" fund raising to be used exclusively for scholarships and capital expenditures.

The Board passed a Staff Benefits Policy which would initiate a program of paid time off for all paid employees.

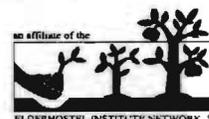
It was reported that there will be a conference of Virginia LLIs to be held in Richmond on October 23, 2004. All are invited to attend. Board meetings are held on the third Friday of every month at 10 AM at Tallwood. All OLLI members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Source: Susanne Zumbro, Vice President

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Lilyan Spero to Va. Council on Aging

A founding member of LRI (now OLLI), Lilyan Spero, has been appointed by Governor Mark Warner to Virginia's Commonwealth Council on Aging for a four year term that began on July 1, 2004. The purpose of the Council is to promote an efficient, coordinated approach by state government to meeting the needs of older (over 60) Virginians.

OLLI President Charles Duggan said of Lilyan: "It is a great honor to OLLI that one of our own has been sought out by the governor to counsel him on the needs of senior citizens. Her work with the Institute is testimony to the contribution that she has made to the lives of seniors in Northern Virginia."

Charles also noted: "Most of us take our wonderful program for granted and are unaware of the contribution made by Lilyan. Lilyan and her late husband, Abe, were among those instrumental in convincing GMU to assist us in starting a program in 1991. A few years later, Lilyan and Abe went back to the university and convinced the president to give us the Tallwood Annex. One would think that would be enough, but it wasn't. In 1999, Lilyan led LRI's efforts in convincing Fairfax County to give us the \$25,000 grant used to acquire the TA-3 modular building. We all owe Lilyan a debt of gratitude."

Source: Carol Henderson

Fall for the Book at OLLI

The hint of fall in the air means it's time for Fall for the Book. This festival at GMU is a cultural celebration of literature that brings together readers and writers in the Greater Washington area. It is made up of 60-75 events planned for **September 18-23** and is attended by more than 100 writers and performers.

Each year GMU and OLLI coordinate efforts to bring one of the events to our campus. This year's presentation features Meryle Secrest, author of nine biographies of cultural icons such as Stephen Sondheim, Kenneth Clark, Salvador Dali, et al. Currently she is working on a memoir featuring her own extraordinary life. Join us on **Wednesday, September 22, 2:00 – 3:30**, to hear her fascinating stories about the rewards and challenges of the writing life.

This event is free and is open to the public. Bring your friends along to hear this exceptional writer. Read a full description in the OLLI catalogue in Special Events.

Source: Kathryn Russell

Notice:

The Schedule of Events will now be found on the last page of the OLLI News.

STICKING AND LABELING CAN BE FUN

One August morning, a dozen OLLI members sat around a table in Tallwood's annex refolding, sticking and labeling around 4500 invitations to the September open houses.

All were volunteers, of course, doing this because they felt it was important. as this mailing had the potential to grow our membership. We agreed it was also fun, an added benefit of membership.

Sticking and labeling can be tedious; small muscles used over and over can begin to ache. But talk of cruises taken, theatre enjoyed, OLLI classes, and tasty donuts moved the work along, and we became better acquainted.

Volunteerism, at any level, does that. The give and take of committee meetings reveals much about those around you. There's always laughter, stories told, points made, respect shared.

The OLLI show just would not go on without its volunteers. Some work more than others, often just for the pleasure of helping the group and because they enjoy it. Those who teach classes probably find the experience offers opportunities for personal growth.

So thank you Rita, Luci, Vivien, Jan, Pat, Kathryn, Abbie, Bill C., Doris, Susanne, and Lillian for helping with the mailing, and thanks to all who've spent so much time and effort keeping LRI, and now OLLI, the organization we so enjoy.

Source: Debbie Halverson

IN REMEMBRANCE

OLLI wishes to remember long-time member Dorothy Cole who passed away this summer. Dorothy was known for her literary and artistic contributions to the Poetry Workshop and Watercolor groups in which she shared many personal experiences. Friends may offer their respects at a memorial service on Sunday, Sept. 26 at 2 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax. The church is located at 2709 Hunter Mill Road in Oakton (approximately one mile west of route 123).

REMINDERS

- Don't forget the new member coffee Friday, Sept. 24 at 10:30 at Tallwood. All members are welcome for coffee and conversation.
- Office hours at Tallwood are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. – noon during the term. Please see Mathilde Speier, administrative assistant at Lake Anne, shortly before and after class hours at Lake Anne for assistance at that location.
- Many courses and events are still available per the list that was sent with the confirmation letters. Lists are posted and Change of Schedule forms are available in each of the classrooms and in the Social Room.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAG SO WE CAN ALL GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER!**

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
SEPT.				
20	Monday		Fall Term Begins	
22	Wednesday	1:30 PM	Bridge, Scrabble	TA-3
		2:00 PM	Special Event - Fall for the Book	TA-1
		2:00 PM	Philosophy Book Club	Reston
24	Friday	10:00 AM	Classic Fiction Book Club	Reston
		10:30 AM	New Members' Coffee	TA Social Room
29	Wednesday	2:00 PM	Bridge, Scrabble	TA-3
		2:00 PM	"Northern Virginia's Streams"	TA-1
OCT.				
1	Friday	10:00 AM	Program Committee	TA-2
6	Wednesday	1:30 PM	Special Events committee	TA-2
		2:00 PM	Bridge, Scrabble	TA-3
8	Friday	see catalog 10:00 AM	Battle of Manassas tour Fiction Writers	bus trip TA Annex
13	Wednesday	1:30 PM	Book Club at Tallwood	TA-2
		2:00 PM	Bridge, Scrabble	TA-3
		2:00 PM	Terra Uchi: Living Underground	see catalog
15	Friday	10:00 AM	Board Meeting	TA-1
		10 AM - 2 PM	Course 806 field trip Great Falls	bus trip
20	Wednesday	1:30 PM	Fiction Writers	TA Annex
		2:00 PM	"George Washington"	TA-1
		2:00 PM	Bridge, Scrabble	TA-3
22	Friday	see catalog 10:00 AM	Historic Fredericksburg Classic Fiction Book Club	bus trip Reston
23	Saturday	2:00 PM	"An Ideal Husband"	Harris Theatre

**WELCOME NEW
OLLI MEMBERS!**

Julia	Abrahams
Kelley	Alexander
Helen	Anderson
Greg	Bednarz
Norman	Betaque
Marvin	Bleiberg
Barbara	Block
Tom	Block
Trudy	Booth
Suzi	Brunelle
Janet	Buck
Betty	Burke
Marie	Canny
Walt	Carlson
Sigrid	Carlson
Pam	Cieplak
Nick	Cirillo
Jean	Cosimi
Roxanne	Cramer
Cynthia	Darling
Bob	Dorosin
Joyce	Dorosin
Joann	Fairbanks
Charles	Faxon
Barbara	Fielding
Nancy	Frey
Madeline	Fried
Donald	Fusaro
Teresa	Green
Barbara	Harding
Pete	Hatcher
Bill	Hume
Geraldine	Inge

Mona	Irvin
Yvonne	Jennings
Karen	Johnston
Ginny	Kanyan
Joseph (Joe)	Kanyan
Carol	Kearns
Barbara	Kolouch
Mary	Lehman
Grace	Lyons
Andre	Macek
Margaret	McCrary
Peggy	McDade
Liz	McGuire
Susan	McMunn
Karen	Natsuhara
Cathy	Odom
Terryl	Paiste
Chuck	Paturick
Bobbie	Paturick
Mary	Perry
Brenda	Raflo
Alice	Roe
Al	Roe
Jane	Ryall
Peter	Schaffer
Sharon	Shultz
Iris	Steinberg
Valerie	Stucky
Mary	Towle
Ann	Turk
Pat	VanBuskirk
Mary Jane	Vizachero
Alan	Wenberg
John	West
John	Woods
Dee	Yavorsky