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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The regular monthly meeting of the OLLI Board of Directors was held on Friday, October 15, 2004.

It was announced that Deborah Halverson has agreed to serve as Chair of the Membership Committee. The following resolution was introduced and passed unanimously:

Resolved: The Board of Directors approve the president's appointment of Deborah B. Halverson to fill the remaining Board term, expiring May 2006, of Manual R. Pablo who resigned from the Board in September 2004.

It was announced that Sandra Dreisslein has agreed to serve as Chair of the Hospitality Committee.

The following resolution relating to a travel reimbursement policy was discussed and then tabled to be voted on at the November meeting.

Resolved: Members designated by the President to represent OLLI-GMU at events requiring Board-approved out-of-area travel will be eligible for travel expense reimbursement. Upon completion of travel, those members are authorized reimbursement, if they so desire, for lodging, registration fees, and actual travel costs or mileage (at the IRS charitable contributions reimbursement rate), but not for meals and incidental expenses.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. The consensus of the Board was that Charles should pursue

his recommended actions of outsourcing the payroll and hiring a part-time bookkeeper as long as the cost of these actions did not exceed the personnel budget.

It was announced that 11 OLLI members would attend the Virginia state-wide LLI conference on October 23 in Richmond.

It was the sense of the Board that clubs may use Tallwood on Fridays as long as they meet during the normal business hours of 9:00 – 12:00, subject to space availability.

The next Board meeting will be held on Friday, November 19, at 10:00 at Tallwood. BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL OLLI MEMBERS, who are encouraged to attend and express their views.

Susanne E. Zumbro, Vice President

New Fairfax Ink Issue Available

The latest issue of *Fairfax Ink*, the OLLI-GMU literary magazine, is available in the OLLI office for a suggested contribution of \$2.00 per copy. The lead story, "Three Sisters" by Wini Scheffler, won the short story prize last spring. Bill Helmantoler's story, "Morning Madness," describes an imaginary incident that took place during the 9/11 attack. This handsome publication is chock full of stories, poetry and art created by your colleagues. Check it out!

Source: Carol Henderson

Osher LLI National Conference

The Bernard Osher Foundation sponsored their Second Annual Osher Lifelong Learning Conference on October 5-7 and invited two representatives from each of the Osher LLIs to attend, all expenses paid. The Conference was held on the Irvine campus of the University of California. The Board of Directors appointed Charles Duggan, President, and Eileen Duggan, Development Chair, as Osher LLI-GMU representatives. Eileen gave a presentation on Fundraising, and Charles acted as Facilitator at a Strategic Planning presentation. While there, Charles and Eileen had the opportunity to meet with Mr. and Mrs. Osher and to learn more about the Bernard Osher Foundation's vision for creating a national network of lifelong learning institutes, each run independently, but linked through shared goals and resources. They will be sharing in the final editions of the *OLLI News* some of the information learned at the Conference. The Bernard Osher Foundation plans to expand the OLLI network to 100 Osher LLIs within the next few years from its current number of 48. These 100 will represent the best of the lifelong learning institutes in the U.S. Enough money will be available to fund all of them, and no OLLI will be in competition with another OLLI.

Source: Eileen Duggan

NSO Rehearsal Opportunity

Reservations are still available to attend an open rehearsal of the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center on Thursday, December 2. **This event is now open to non-member guests of OLLI members.** The rehearsal begins at 10:00 and ends at

12:30. The bus will leave promptly at 8:15 from Fair Oaks Mall, Parking Lot No. 8, outside the circular road near the Holiday Inn. Please arrive no later than 8:00. The fee of \$14, payable to OLLI, covers the cost of the bus fare and driver gratuity. Please deliver your payment to the Tallwood office or see Mathilde at Lake Anne.

Dutch Treat

Get a jump on an OLLI spring course on the history and art of the Netherlands.

OLLI is working on an eight-week course beginning in March that will explore such topics as the rise of the Dutch Republic, the Golden Age of art and architecture, Dutch colonialism, New Amsterdam (New York), battling the sea and reclaiming the land, the Dutch in the two world wars, contemporary social policies and the Netherlands in the new Europe. The coordinators are Mathilde Speier and Bob Webb.

Speakers will include Bob and, we expect, art and diplomatic sources. Suggestions are welcome; send them to Mathilde at atnms@earthlink.net or Bob at robertwebb@comcast.net. In the meantime, you can explore this subject yourself through a series of programs and exhibits at the National Gallery of Art beginning soon:

November 13-16: Concerts and gallery talks featuring 17th century Dutch art and music, featuring gallery talks each day at 5:30 p.m. and concerts at 6:30 p.m. by the Washington Bach Consort (Nov. 13), the Folger Consort (Nov. 14) and recorder virtuoso Marion Verbruggen (Nov. 15).

Nov. 13-14: The film "Dutch Light" will be shown on Nov. 13 at 1 p.m. and Nov. 14 at 4 p.m. in conjunction with the

Gerard ter Borch exhibition. The celebrated light in the skies over the Netherlands – depicted by Vermeer, van Ruisdael and other artists – began losing its special radiance following a land reclamation project in the Zuyder Zee in the 1950s. So postulated Joseph Beuys, the German conceptual artist who grew up near the Dutch border. The Zuyder Zee, contended Beuys, was a vast mirror of light – and losing it heralded the end of a visual culture dating from the 17th century. “Dutch Light,” a documentary, examines Beuys' theory and whether the light of Holland may be unique or simply a myth.

Jan. 30: Camerata Trajectina. Seventeenth-century popular music from The Netherlands.

May 8: The Baltimore Consort. Seventeenth-century music. Presented in honor of the exhibition “Jan De Bray and the Classical Tradition”

Exhibits include **Gerard ter Borch**, Nov. 7, 2004 - Jan. 30, 2005; **Rembrandt's Late Religious Portraits**: Jan. 30 - May 1, 2005; **Jan de Bray** and the Classical Tradition: March 13 - Aug. 14, 2005.

For more information, go to <http://www.nga.gov/programs/index.shtml>.

CLIP OUT DRIVING DIRECTIONS

For Fairfax area members who might want to take classes in Reston, but who are uncertain about how to get there, here are the directions:

Follow route 123 north (Chain Bridge Road) into Oakton and turn left onto Hunters Mill Road. Follow Hunters Mill all the way into Reston, even as it branches north at the intersection with Sunrise Valley Road, after which it will go under the Dulles Toll Road (Rte.

267). Immediately after the two lights for the Toll Road, turn left at the next light, Sunset Hills Road. Continue on Sunset Hills to Wiehle Avenue, turn right and follow Wiehle to the third light, North Shore Drive (the second NSD and the other end of a horseshoe). Turn left, drive about 1/2 mile to the entrance to Reston Community Center on your left. Park in the lot and walk into the activity area. The Washington Plaza Baptist Church is on your right, the entrance to classes between the church and the coffee shop.

An alternative for those of you who live near the Fairfax County Parkway would be to take the parkway all the way into Reston, exit right at Baron Cameron Road and drive on through a series of traffic lights to Village Road, where you would turn right and then left onto North Shore Drive. The entrance to the community center is immediately on your right.

For those Reston area members who would like to take classes at Tallwood but are uncertain about how to get there, here are directions for you:

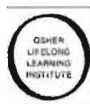
Take Hunters Mill Road into Oakton and turn right onto Rte. 123 (Chain Bridge Road). Continue on 123, crossing Rte. 50 and on into Fairfax City. As you approach the city center, turn right at the North Street traffic light (it's at the top of an incline). Stay to the left, and make a left turn onto Rte. 236 (Main Street) Go East through the center of town. At the Roberts Road traffic light, about two miles east from the town center, turn right and continue south about a mile. Tallwood will be coming up after the Forest Avenue stop sign. Park in the swimming pool lot which is beside Tallwood.

Source: Debbie Halverson

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
NOV.				
3	Wednesday	1:30 PM 1:30 PM 2:00 PM 2:00 PM	Fiction Writers group Special Events committee History Club Bridge, Scrabble	TA Annex TA-2 TA-1 TA-3
5	Friday	10:00 - 2:00 10:30 AM	Geology class field trip Wash. DC Classic Book club	bus trip TA Annex
10	Wednesday	1:30 PM 2:00 PM 2:00 PM	Book Club "Long Term Care Insurance" Bridge, Scrabble	TA-2 TA-1 TA-3
12	Friday	10:00 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM	Fall term ends Membership committee mtg. Classic Book club Reston Support committee mtg.	TA-2 TA Annex LA
17	Wednesday	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM	Course 608 make up class Fiction Writers Investment Forum Bridge, Scrabble	TA-2 TA Annex TA-1 TA-3
18	Thursday	2:00 PM	Course 901 make up class	TA Annex
19	Friday	10:00 AM 10:30 AM	Board Meeting Classic Book club	TA-1 TA Annex
24	Wednesday	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 2:00 PM	Investment Forum Bridge Philosophy Book Club	TA-2 TA-3 Reston
25-26	Thurs-Friday		OLLI closed for Thanksgiving break	
29-Dec. 2			Winter catalog readied for printing	
DEC.				
1	Wednesday	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM	Investment Forum History Club Bridge/Scrabble Fiction Writers	TA-1 TA-2 TA-3 TA Annex
3	Friday	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM	Program Committee mtg. Classic Fiction Book Club Classic Book club OLLI holiday party Winter catalog to printer	TA-2 Reston TA Annex FFX Country Club

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