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Is This You?

The OLLI By-Laws provide that:

The [Nominating] Committee shall select nominees from the membership to the Board of Directors who have demonstrated or expressed the following qualifications and standards:

(i) An active interest in the Institute in one or more of the following areas:

- Teacher, moderator or coordinator of a course or event;
- Committee member, or
- Other volunteer work

(ii) The ability to communicate and express ideas, verbally and in writing, and the willingness to contribute energy, ideas and time in support of the Institute.

(iii) Willingness to assume an active role in the management of the Institute over and above policy making on the Board of Directors, in areas such as Institute officer or committee member.

If this describes you or someone you know, the Nominating Committee should be notified for consideration in developing the slate of candidates for the forthcoming election. Names may be given to any committee or Board member or placed in the suggestion box at Tallwood or Lake Anne.

Source: Art Cook, Nominating Committee Chair

Be There....at the Moment of Discovery!

The Theater of the First Amendment, George Mason University's professional theater company, presents the 5th Annual First Light Festival on Saturday, March 19th, 11am – 6pm, and also on Sunday, March 20, 2pm - 10pm. Staged readings from student playwrights will be presented on Saturday, while on Sunday the readings will feature new plays by professional playwrights. The weekend will also include a Saturday brunch, discussions, and receptions.

Participating in the Saturday readings are three of the performers you might remember from the "Best of Readers Theater" – OLLI's very own Gordon Canyock, Charles Duggan, and Susanne Zumbro. Also featured will be an original play by Barry Berkey.

So come and show your support for GMU, the Theater for the First Amendment, and your fellow OLLI members. There will be good food, great entertainment, stimulating discussions, and an opportunity to witness first hand the creative process at work— all this for just \$10 per day, general admission! So, circle the date on your calendar right now and plan to be there!

For additional information contact: Susanne Zumbro, szumbro@rocketmail.com, 703-569-2750. To keep up to date on festival developments, visit www.gmu.edu/cfa/tfa.

Source: Susanne Zumbro, Vice President

Nametag Improvement

All nametags are equal, but some nametags are more equal than others. You have seen how those white and gold stickers have turned some members' nametags into works of art. Wouldn't you like one of your own? You don't have to go to the dentist to get a sticker. You don't have to wait until all the kids at your table are quiet before your teacher gives you one. You don't have to steal one from the person sitting next to you. All you have to do is subscribe to the message on the sticker: volunteer. Without volunteers there would be no OLLI. Opportunities to volunteer are many--join a committee, teach a class, help in the office. Share the skills you have perfected over many years or try something new. A complete list of suggestions can be found in the Member and Volunteer Handbook (available in classrooms while supplies last). The time commitment is up to you. Many volunteers find that they are rewarded a hundredfold in closer friendships with other volunteers and in the satisfaction of knowing that their efforts are appreciated. Elizabeth Crawford, Membership Committee

Events at GMU:

Virginia Opera

Wagner's Tristan und Isolde

Fri., Feb. 11, at 8 pm and Sun., Feb. 13, at 2 in the Concert Hall. Tickets \$84, \$68, \$44. Call 703-993-8888.

Art & Visual Technology Graduate Student Exhibition

Jan. 24-Mar. 2, Free, at Mason Hall Gallery. Call 703-993-8865.

Source: <http://www.gmu.edu/cfa/calendar/>

Volunteers Needed

The Meals on Wheels program is in immediate need of volunteers to deliver meals to clients in the area of Fairfax. The job involves picking up meals at specified sites between 10:30 a.m. and noon and ensuring that the meals are delivered to the clients, usually by 1 p.m. Drivers can choose to deliver meals weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or to substitute as needed. If you would like more information, please call the Volunteer Intake Hotline at 703-324-5406, TTY 703-449-1186, or email Beverly Mullis at beverly.mullis@fairfaxcounty.gov. For reasonable ADA accommodations, contact Pam Graff at 703-324-5410, TTY 703-324-1186.

Source: Jennifer Maloney OLLI Administrator

Michael Styles, Volunteer Extraordinaire

Michael Styles, one of OLLI's charter members, is stepping back from his current Institute responsibilities. This calls for a review not only of his current but also of his many previous contributions to LRI/OLLI. During the thirteen years since becoming a member, Michael has served as President, Vice-President, and Secretary and was a Board member or associate for eleven years.

He currently chairs the University Liaison Committee and in the past chaired the Program Committee, founded the Development Committee, and served as a senior advisor and participant on other committees and special projects. He led the reorganization study leading to changes in committee structure, spearheaded a bylaws revision, and negotiated an affiliation agreement with GMU.

GMU Author Visited OLLI Literary Roundtable

In 1993 he began the weekly information sheet, *LRI Notices*. The professional computerized formatting of LRI publications began on his watch on the Publications Committee and continued to format the literary magazine, *Fairfax Ink*. He is the current leader of the History Club and has been an instructor and teacher on a regular basis; these are activities he plans to continue.

In his spare time, he has published books about his seafaring triple great grandfather, Captain Michael Hogan (see <http://sixcontinents.home.att.net/> for more information on Michael Styles and on purchasing his books).

Michael's leadership and advice have helped make OLLI the vibrant organization it is today; we all thank him for his wide-ranging participation.

Source: Bob Bohall, Michael Coyne, Carol Henderson

New Travel Reimbursement Policy

"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 OLLI Board of Directors approved this new policy at its December 17 meeting.

Source: Susanne Zumbro, Vice President

Richard Bausch, who holds the GMU Heritage Chair in Writing, enlivened the final session of last fall's Literary Roundtable. This long-running OLLI class discussion of short stories had found Bausch works in two recent anthologies. Since he's at George Mason University, we wondered if he would come and talk with us. He came, he talked, and he lunched! He was very generous with his time, and we all felt his visit was the highlight of the session.

Truly a local boy, Bausch grew up in the area and went to college at GMU on the GI Bill. He felt it prepared him well for the University of Iowa Writer's Workshop where he got a Teaching Writing Fellowship. He now teaches talented GMU graduate students in poetry and fiction writing and lives in Warrenton with his wife and five children.

He recited poetry and regaled us with anecdotes about his life, his stories, his writing and his teaching of writing. An earthy and literate conversationalist, he says his characters choose him, and that "good writing comes from writing a little at a time in a great deal of confusion." He's editing a new Norton Anthology of Short Stories, which the class is interested in using for future discussions.

Source: Carol Henderson, Publications Com Chair

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