

# OLLI News

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# **Annual Meeting**

By the time you read this, you should have received your Notice of the Annual Meeting with your ballot for the Board election and the Candidates' bios.

You now have a few weeks to review those bios. But don't relax. Talk to the candidates; hear what they have to tell you. They'll be your representatives, so be sure you tell them what they should be doing for you, too. And by all means, plan to attend the Annual Meeting. This will be the one "public forum" where your wishes and questions and the candidates answers are formalized as the voting process begins.

So mark your calendar -May 6 is the date; 10:00 is the time; Tallwood is the place.

Submitted by Nominating Committee 2005

# Changes in National Archives Bus Trip

The bus trip on Friday, April 29, for Course 311: Crucial Events in American History II, has been opened to all OLLI members and rerouted to the American History Museum and the Postal Museum. Lunch will be on your own at Union Station. Pick-up remains the same at 9:00 at Fair Oaks Mall and return is set for 3:00. The cost remains \$25.

Jennifer Maloney, Administrator

#### **Behind the Scenes**

It's not magic that makes OLLI work as well as it does. It's due not only to the untiring efforts of office staff, but also to the gigantic effort of volunteers who work individually and on many committees, including mine. Let me tell you what the Membership Committee does.

Our primary purpose is to see to your satisfaction. We arrange for class liaisons who inform you on day-to-day matters and who connect you, the office, and the instructor. We arrange for office volunteers so that, when you call, there is always someone at the end of the line to help you. Our "ad hoc" people make phone calls and help with mailings for special activities. We are working on keeping lines of communication with you humming through the "Talk to Me" program and items in the OLLI News.

We also have the charge of increasing our membership by getting out the OLLI message. We service booths at fairs, arrange for speakers at community organization meetings, send out press releases, plan open houses, and also seek folks who might enjoy the OLLI experience.

The committee is large, a happy group with great ideas, and everyone on it works faithfully to fulfill their responsibilities. The best thing about OLLI is its members, and it is our pleasure to work for you. Of course, if you'd like to join us, I'd be glad to arrange that.

Debbie Halverson, Membership Chair

### Beauty, Brawn, and Brain Power

Do you remember those difficult teenage years? So many decisions. Did you want to be part of the in-crowd, admired for beauty and brawn, or part of the other crowd, known for its brain power? Fortunately, the golden years are easier in that regard. At OLLI you can be admired for all three. When you volunteer, people will admire your now mature but still good looking face as they see you teaching a class, participating in a committee meeting, or making a presentation about OLLI at a local library. Of course, all of these activities, and many others, require brain power. Is there a course you wish someone would teach? Join a planning group and suggest it. Are you computer savvy? Offer to work on the Publications Committee. Do you have some ideas on how to attract new members? Join the Membership Committee. Finally, as spring comes and the grounds need work, the Facilities Committee welcomes anyone who can offer brawn and a shovel. There is some work involved, but in general OLLI volunteers find that donating their time to the organization is mostly fun.

Elizabeth Crawford

# **Coming Events at GMU:**

From www.gmu.edu/cfa/calendar/april/

#### **GMU Band and Wind Symphony**

Wed. Apr. 13, at 8:00 \$7 adults, \$5 seniors/students Concert Hall

### St. Petersburg Ballet Theatre

Russian Seasons Sat. Apr. 16, at 8:00 \$50, \$42, \$25 Concert Hall

#### St. Petersburg Ballet Theatre

Romeo & Juliet Sun. Apr. 17, at 2:00 \$50, \$42, \$25 Concert Hall

#### **GMU Chamber Orchestra**

Sun. Apr. 17, at 3:00 \$7 adults, \$5 seniors/students Harris Theater

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