



# OLLI News

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## Participate

As we've been reminding you, the OLLI Annual Meeting is scheduled for 10:00AM, Friday, May 6.

Not only will you be able to meet with the Board candidates and tell them what you want, but also to hear what others have to say and engage in serious discussion of OLLI's future. The incumbent Board members will be there too, so all will have the benefit of your input.

You'll have only another couple weeks to cast your ballot—polls close at 11:30 on Wednesday, May 18. So this will be an opportunity to get up-to-date information from the candidates to guide your selections. Your participation is what will determine how well you enjoy OLLI in the years ahead.

Nominating Committee 2005

## Spring Membership Directory

One of the most useful tools OLLI produces is the Membership Directory. The spring edition is available at both Tallwood and Lake Anne. Please pick up a copy for your reference. The back pages list OLLI members by zip code; this may be useful for carpooling purposes. Note that the directory is intended for use solely within OLLI by its members and staff. It should not be reproduced, in form or content, for use outside OLLI unless authorized by the president.

Carol Henderson, Publications Committee

## Welcome II

Please welcome new members Hilda Alexander, Vera DeWeese, Anne Loughlin, Brian Payne, Joy Sandifer, Cathy Sears, Janice Smith, and Allen Weitz, who have joined OLLI since the last new member list was published.

Elizabeth Crawford, Membership Committee

## Email at OLLI: Some Surprising Statistics

Three volunteers (Michael Coyne, Gordon Canyock and the author) have successfully completed a project to update OLLI records with members' current email addresses. Some of you have already started receiving OLLI emails for the first time in quite a while.

We were surprised to discover that 85 percent of OLLI members have e-mail accounts—a VERY high percentage even for the sophisticated Northern Virginia community! This helps OLLI because email is more efficient for much of our business than telephone communications.

Conversely, the 100 members who do NOT have email are missing out on important and time-sensitive messages sent to the membership only by email. If you are one of these members, we encourage you to get Internet access and e-mail so you can stay "connected" with OLLI (and the rest of the world). If you're not sure of the benefits or how to do this, ask a connected friend. You

might even consider opening a free, Web-based e-mail account (with Hotmail, Yahoo Mail, etc.) that you could use via an Internet terminal in any branch library.

Have you noticed the new “opt out” message at the bottom of OLLI “mass mailings” (emails sent to all members with email)? We don’t want you to “opt out,” but you should know how to do so if that is your choice.

Finally, we need your continued cooperation: (1) PLEASE check your email regularly so communications lines stay open; and (2) If you open a new email account or change your e-mail address, please notify OLLI Administrator, Jennifer Maloney, right away; she will make the change in OLLI records so you will receive OLLI emails. Thanks for your help!

OLLI Member Rod Zumbro

### Let's Play

To help you play the spring 2005 Edition of OLLI Trivial Pursuit, here are Some facts:

Membership 659

Men 229

Women 430

Couples 67

Most Enlightened Areas

Fairfax 172 members

Reston 107

Springfield 65

Busiest Class day, Monday

Busiest Class time, 11:30

Largest Enrollment

History and Int’l Studies, 648

Art, Music, Drama, 451

Philosophy, Ethics, and

Religion, 266

Average Number of Classes/member, 3.3

Number of Cups of Coffee, googol

Winners.....All of Us!!!!

Elizabeth Crawford, Membership Committee

### Coming GMU Events:

(from [www.gmu.edu/cfa/calendar/april](http://www.gmu.edu/cfa/calendar/april))

#### GMU Players – Mainstage

##### *Mephisto*

Thurs.-Sat. April 28-30, 8:00

Fri. Apr. 29, Sun. May 1, 2:00

\$10 adults, \$7 seniors/students

TheaterSpace

#### Fairfax Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, April 29, at 8:00

\$50, \$45, \$40, \$30

Concert Hall

#### GMU Annual Music Scholarship Concert

with Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Singers and Chorale

Saturday, April 30 at 8:00

\$15 adults, \$8 seniors/students

Concert Hall

#### Keyboard Conversations with Jeffrey

Siegel

##### *The Magnificent Melodies of Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninoff*

Sunday, May 1 at 7:00

\$35, \$27, \$17.50

Concert Hall

#### Young Artists Musicale

Sunday, May 1, at 6:00

Free

Concert Hall Lobby

**For information, call the GMU Music**

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