



# OLLI News

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## *President's Message*

### **Welcome Back**

It is a pleasure to welcome everyone back for the start of a new program year at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. We once again have a great lineup of classes and events. Evidence of this is reflected in the overwhelming response to three special classes: "China," "The Great Divide" and "Focus on the Media." Not wanting to turn away any member from a course if we can help it, we have moved these classes off site to the Christ Lutheran Church. If you signed up for these classes, you have received special instructions on how to find the church.

The beginning of the year also marks the beginning of a new era for OLLI. What I am referring to is the establishment of the role of an OLLI executive director. Effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, Richard "Dick" Chobot (pronounced Sha bow, as in bow and arrow) has joined us in this senior management role. Dick comes to us with an impressive background in program development and management and now, for the first time in OLLI history, we have a full-time, on-site manager. Dick's presence will make a big difference as we continue to develop and prosper in the coming years. Please introduce yourself to Dick and welcome him to OLLI.

-----*Charles Duggan*

#### **Reminder: Office Hours**

The Tallwood Admin Office is open for business during the term from 9 to 4 daily except Friday, when it closes at noon.

## *Editor's Message*

### **Welcome to OLLI News**

Welcome to the first issue of OLLI News for fall 2005. As most of you know, during the summer we have been sending an electronic version called OLLI E-News, edited by Rod Zumbro, to those members with email accounts, and extracts are reprinted in today's issue of OLLI News. The reaction to both of these weekly newsletters so far has been very positive.

We will place the printed OLLI News in classrooms for the next eight weeks, but we will also email you the same content in the OLLI E-News format, less today's recap, with last-minute breaking news, photos and clickable links, before each week's classes start. So if you are not taking classes during a term or if you have to be away from OLLI for a while during a term, you won't miss out on news and information.

Please let me know your impressions of these publications, including suggestions for the kinds of information you think should be included in future issues. We are always looking for feature writers and reporters, so please volunteer to join our staff.

I would also like to encourage you to write letters to the editor. I will plan to devote up to a page for your comments, suggestions, and ideas pertaining to OLLI. Please try to keep them to less than 200 words. If you prefer, I will cite that famous author "Anonymous" as the writer, but I do need to know who submitted the article.

-----*Gordon Canyock, Editor*

## Getting to Know You

by Debbie Halverson, Membership Chair

Fall is the time for new beginnings, like schools starting up again, no less exciting for OLLI members who return to campus with energy and enthusiasm. One of the greatest delights for OLLI folks at the start of a new term is the arrival in classes of our new members. We feel certain, as we look forward to exciting classes, some new, some old favorites, that they will be enthusiastic as well. And we look forward to meeting them in a more relaxed setting.

Tradition has it that, on the first Friday of the term, we greet you, our new members, at the New Member Coffee. This Friday, September 23rd, at 10:30, old and new members will mingle over coffee and goodies, the like of which it is impossible to describe and prepared by the Hospitality Committee. The red dot on your name tag will identify you as new to Board members, committee chairs, and many members, all of whom have been new at one time and who will want to be there to welcome you to OLLI.

Members: Toss on your name tag and come on over to Tallwood to meet and greet your colleagues and new friends. We're looking forward to seeing you all.

## Office Volunteers Needed

By Mona Smith, Volunteer Coordinator

The OLLI office needs a few more volunteers to work one morning per month from 9:00 to 12:00 (or more if you have the time). While staff works in the back office, a person is needed up front to answer the telephone, address catalogs, assist with adding or dropping courses and other duties that may arise. It is a good chance to get to know OLLI members that you haven't met and to learn more about the workings of the organization. It is also a very valuable contribution to OLLI. You will be richly rewarded for your efforts (coffee or tea and free cookies) while you work. Call Mona Smith at 703-442-8029 or email her at [mwriter@earthlink.net](mailto:mwriter@earthlink.net) about signing up for the day of your choice.

## What? Me Wear a Name Tag? Why?

By Susanne Zumbro, Administration Committee Chair

Here at OLLI, we provide all of our members with name tags, and we request that members wear them when on campus. Some of our members have questioned why. OK, here's why.

Remember when you were the new OLLI member in the class, and you didn't know a soul? I remember that, and I remember feeling like it was so much easier to start a conversation with someone wearing a name tag. They just seemed friendlier and easier to approach.

Have you ever been embarrassed because you can't remember someone's name? I sure have. And, I might add, this seems to be happening to me more frequently as the years pass by. I have appreciated those name tags. Otherwise, I might have avoided someone lest I be embarrassed by not remembering a name.

Have you ever attended a class where the instructor is able to call on people in the front row by name because they are wearing a name tag? Those instructors have been most appreciative of those willing name tag wearers.

In summary, please wear your name tag as a welcoming gesture to new members, as a courtesy to those of us who might be a little forgetful, as a sign of respect to our wonderful instructors, and last but not least, to respect OLLI policy.

### Reminder

The Theater of the First Amendment is performing *Three Hotels*, which *Time* magazine lauded as one of the "ten best plays of 1994" and stars Kevin Murray and Mary Lechter, both of whom have taught classes at OLLI. For those members who did not sign up to see it as an OLLI Special Event on September 24, performances are scheduled for Thursdays and Fridays at 8 pm, Saturday at 2 and 8 pm, and Sunday at 4 pm from now through October 2 at GMU's Harris Theater.

## Special Events Needs Your Help

by Florence Adler, Special Events Committee Chair

Have you ever wondered about the historical beginnings of our site at Tallwood and its surroundings? Page Johnson, the commissioner of revenue for the City of Fairfax and avid historian of Fairfax City, spoke to us about these origins in a presentation last summer. Were you there when octogenarian Seymour Greene regaled us with his experiences during World War II when he traveled with Irving Berlin's historical military musical *This Is the Army* and then entertained us by playing music from the 30's and 40's on his trombone? Did you hear Dr. John Grauerholz, a retired board certified pathologist, discuss the evolution of death investigation from the drowning of Ophelia to the deaths at the World Trade Center? Did you accompany us on trips to the new Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum or the new National Museum of the American Indian shortly after they opened, or take a walking tour of Annapolis or a tour of historic Fredericksburg? Have you joined us at the Arena Stage, the Wayside Theater, or The Contemporary American Theater Festival at Shepherdstown, WV?

Have you been enjoying theater with us at our very own George Mason University? In addition to attending performances of the GMU Players and the Theatre of the First Amendment, we have had the benefit of some of the best performers in music, dance, opera as well as theater at the Center for the Arts right next door to us. These are part of Great Performances at Mason.

All of the above classes, trips and outings were planned and scheduled by members of the Special Events Subcommittee of the Program Committee. Our lectures and discussions are one time special events scheduled on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 - 3:30 PM, trips are held on Fridays, and most theater outings are Saturday matinees, with an occasional one on a Wednesday afternoon. We invite you to join us in seeking out new speakers and in planning new trips. Please join our committee, which meets on the first Wednesday of every month.

## Veterans History Project

By Florence Adler, Special Events Chair

The Library of Congress needs your help to preserve the history of World War II and Korea. Come to Tallwood at 2:00 on Oct 19 and hear how you can help the Library as a volunteer historian-for-a-day. Tape-record war veterans' stories or donate your wartime letters, diaries, photos, or memoirs. A senior staff person from the Library's Veterans History Project ([www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets)) will tell you all about this important effort and will show fascinating samples of the materials they already have. See former OLLI member Marion Gurfein's story at: <http://www.loc.gov/vets/stories/family.html>

### Memorial Service for Roxanne Cramer's Husband, Les

Harold Leslie Cramer passed away after a long illness on August 13, 2005. He was married for 37 years to his second wife, Roxanne. Les was a Boston native with a doctorate in education from Harvard. He came to DC in 1969 as research director for the Peace Corps and later founded Cramer Associates, consultants on speech enhancement of audio tapes.

Memorial service will be held at the Fairfax Unitarian Church, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, Oakton, VA at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 24, 2005. Contributions may be made to Capital Hospice, 6565 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA 22042.

The Washington Post published his obituary on Sep 11 and maintains a guest book for friends to express their sympathy. Go to: <http://www.legacy.com/washingtonpost/LegacySubPage2.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonId=14946291>

### OLLI NEWS

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## **A Grand Send-Off for Carol Ferrara**

*By Rod Zumbro, OLLI E-News editor*

A large number of friends and current and former LRI/OLLI members gathered at Tallwood on September 8 to honor and say goodbye to OLLI program coordinator Carol Ferrara—LRI's first employee. Board member Pat Cosslett organized the event, and Hospitality Committee chair Sandra Driesslein and her committee provided drinks and a superb arrangement of home-made goodies for attendees to enjoy.

OLLI president Charles Duggan presided over the ceremony honoring Carol. The keynote speaker was Delegate Ken Plum (Virginia House of Delegates, 36<sup>th</sup> District), who, along with the late Kathryn Brooks and OLLI senior president emeritus Lilyan Spero, helped found the Learning in Retirement Institute in 1991. Carol was the member of Ken's staff who was working on the creation of LRI; Ken loaned Carol to LRI, after which she became our first employee.

Charles Duggan praised Carol for her work in her positions at LRI/OLLI, including her latest job as program coordinator. For six years she has been responsible—along with volunteer Program Committee and Resource Group members—for the development of the wonderful array of courses we've all experienced. On behalf of OLLI, Charles presented Carol with two gifts: a five-year paid OLLI membership so she can come back to OLLI and take whatever courses she'd like; and a lovely Tiffany brooch.

Carol introduced her family, who had come with her to share the celebration, and gave a gracious speech describing how much her job at OLLI has meant to her and why she decided to retire. Saying goodbye to Carol was a sad occasion for many of us, some of whom have known her and relied on her and valued her friendship for more than a dozen years. But we all wish her well, and we are looking forward to seeing her again in class one of these days.

## **Special Board Meeting**

*By Eileen Duggan, Acting Secretary*

A special executive session meeting of the OLLI Board of Directors was held at Tallwood on September 8, 2005, to introduce our new Executive Director, Dr. Richard Chobot, to the Board and to talk about management transition. Charles asked Dick to share his impressions about OLLI and then opened the floor to a free-form exchange of questions and views.

Dick expressed admiration for what OLLI has accomplished through the efforts of its volunteer members. He also commended OLLI for developing a strong relationship with GMU.

Dick has been absorbing information as quickly as he can about the organization and how it functions. He recognizes that his first priority is to assume responsibility for the OLLI program, which is the cornerstone of the organization. He intends to tap resources at GMU and also at associations and think tanks throughout the area. Dick also stated that he recognizes his role in building membership and our financial base.

The discussion then turned to OLLI's future and specifically to growth. Dick noted that while we have a mission statement and goals, we do not have a unified vision for our future. He indicated that the Board must provide strategic direction and a philosophical framework. Charles commented that his vision centered around our need to serve the community through increased membership. Other Board members expressed concern about rapid growth, space, parking and loss of community. Dick suggested that there were two issues: OLLI, the space, which has limits on growth, and OLLI, the concept, through which lifelong learning could be transmitted to other locations by outreach or by distance learning using electronic technology. It was agreed to defer to the Long Term Planning Committee the task of proposing a vision, a strategic plan and timeline that will be presented to the Board for its review.

## The Gardens at OLLIwood

By Elizabeth Crawford

Only God can make a tree. That said, creation of the little Garden of Eden that we walk past on our way into Tallwood has taken a lot of human effort. For countless hours spent in planning, planting, and maintaining the landscaping, we must thank Valerie Braybrooke and her band of intrepid gardeners known as the "Dirty Knee Club."

Just five days after joining LRI two years ago, Valerie was asked to co-chair the landscaping section of the Facilities Committee with Ray Solomon. Her immersion was swift as she prepared a plan for Phase I (2004 LRI budget) to submit to the Board and later to GMU. Phase I included the 70 feet of space in front of the office, Social Room, and TA 1 windows. Some original trees were left in place or moved, and new plantings were added, keeping in mind textural contrast, height differences, and seasonal interest. Only a pro would think to plant Witch Hazel, which blooms in February, or a Butterfly Bush to attract butterflies in the summer. The primary colors here are yellow and blue. Anyone who can not distinguish a *lysimachia nummularia* from a *chamaecyparis pisifera filifera* may wish to consult the diagram that is displayed in the Social Room. Also important in Valerie's design concept was choosing plants likely to grow in this space, mostly perennials but also a couple of annuals, as well as plants that would bloom in sequence.

Recognition of the success of Phase I prompted more volunteers to work on Phase II (2005 OLLI budget), a more ambitious project thanks to the Osher grant. Phase II includes the space to the left of the walkway from the parking lot to the patio and provides us all with a valuable lesson in defensive gardening. Before planting, the gardener must anticipate and correct possible problems. For example, the salt that melts the snow in the parking lot, while necessary to keep the humans from falling, is no friend to the plants. Valerie and her crew dug out an eight inch deep trench (by hand!), removing clay that

was embedded with gravel. They made a dry river bed that they then filled with River Jacks, rock by rock. If the salt water cooperates, it will now drain into the rocks. But since Mother Nature sometimes has a mind of her own, further precautions have been taken. The gardeners unloaded eight truckloads of topsoil and built a stone wall to create a raised bed that will be protected from excess runoff. For this raised garden Valerie chose purple, cerise, and magenta plants that require a lot of sun. If some members have noticed that the colors are reminiscent of a brothel garden, it is merely a sign of active OLLI minds at work.

Beside the raised garden, toward the patio, we now have an area of bog plants that will be happy to receive any excess water. The bog garden has been the subject of intense inquiry as members extend the curiosity they show in class to the flora outside. The gardeners consider the questions and compliments from members the main reward for all their hard work. Valerie has insisted that her gardeners respect the plants by learning their Latin names, and the gardeners welcome a chance to share their knowledge with the rest of us.

Obviously, what must come next is Phase III (2006 OLLI budget), which will include the downhill side around TA 1 and the area at the back of the building between the staircases. Now members who park in the swimming pool lot and enter the building from the back miss the gardens in the front. Eventually the back will be beautiful as well. Currently, the triangular area in front of the building has been herbicided and is empty except for the tree. It was necessary to eliminate the weeds because they were sending forth seeds that were anxious to settle in the rich soil of Phases I and II. Valerie hopes that money can be found to landscape this area, perhaps as an extension of Phase III.

Finally, the gardeners hope to move on to Phase IV, in which the ground in the center of the loop in the back will be planted with perennials, vegetables, and a cutting garden.

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Once each season of planting is completed, the gardeners cannot go on hiatus. They remain busy weeding, watering, fertilizing, mulching, and pruning. What can we say to our friends who have done all this hard work in good weather and bad and learned all that Latin too? At the very least, thank you to the Dirty Knee Club:



### **Dirty Knee Club**

(L to R): Craig Zane, Jack Underhill, Bob Mathews, Valerie Braybrooke, Bill Ackerman, John DeVoll, Judy Riekse, Beverly George, and Benny Meyer. Missing are Sylvia Myers, Ollie Parrott, Kathryn Russell, Susan Voss.

Volunteers who are seasoned gardeners or are willing to learn are always welcome to join the Dirty Knee Club. Those of us who are happy that our knees are not dirty and our thumbs are not green may think that we have no role to play in what member Barbara Achilles has rightly described as "truly a work of art." In fact, we can all contribute. If we choose to make donations as Friends of OLLI, we may earmark those donations for landscaping. Further, it is common knowledge that plants thrive when people talk to them. We might not want word to spread that Tallwood is full of senior citizens who talk to plants. However, if plants can listen, then they can certainly eavesdrop. If we speak clearly when we compliment the gardeners at work, the plants will hear us and stand that much taller and bloom in ever greater color.

## **What We Did on Summer Vacation Highlights of OLLI E-News**

*During the past seven weeks' hiatus from the printed version of OLLI News, we have been emailing OLLI E-News to those members with email accounts. For the 15% of our members who do not have access to email, or those who do but would like to re-read the summer's articles, we will reprint in the next few issues those which are still of current interest.*

### **President's Message, July 30**

#### **Why Does OLLI Need an Executive Director?**

*By Charles Duggan, President*

Since announcing that OLLI will be using the second year Osher Foundation grant to fund the cost of hiring and supporting an Executive Director, I have been asked the simple question, why?

Well, there are multiple answers and collectively they lead to the realization that if we are to both maintain the current high quality of our program and to plan for our future needs, we must have a full-time on-site executive. The following are a few of the reasons why I believe that now is the time to take this step.

The executive management of OLLI has increasingly become a nearly full-time job for its volunteer management. I have found myself as did my predecessor, Bob Bohall, often working 30 hours per week or more on OLLI matters.

Other officers and board members have worked equally hard. We have all willingly done this since we passionately care about the institute and its future. However, this level of sacrifice and contribution cannot last forever, and it would be unreasonable to expect future officers and board members to take on this level of commitment. An executive director will assume many of our current tasks, which will free us to focus on planning and related issues.

GMU has advised us that they plan to provide space for OLLI within the university based retirement community (UBRC) contemplated for the west campus (west of Route 123). This will be a major project and will require a great deal of attention over the next few years. It is imperative that we have a full-time person available to represent us and our interests as the process unfolds.

The demand for OLLI's services will grow in the coming years as the population of educated Northern Virginia retirees continues to expand. Managing our program with a growing membership is an ever-increasing, time-consuming challenge. To do this well, we need a full-time executive.

OLLI has a talented and dedicated staff; however, the staff works part-time and is stretched to their limits. Also, everyone has specific areas of responsibility, and no one is asked to take overall responsibility. An executive director will provide continuity of management and bring all efforts together to better serve the membership.

We have been blessed by the generosity of the Bernard Osher Foundation and their willingness to help us enhance our program and serve our community. We were awarded the second year grant based on our plan to use most of the funds to hire an executive director, and we are convinced that this move is crucial to our continuing success.

### **Become a Friend of OLLI**

*By Eileen Duggan, Development Committee Chair*

The "Friends of OLLI" campaign needs your help! OLLI has been blessed over the years by its member volunteers. Many have generously donated their time and their talents, and they continue to do so. Others have given support financially to help us meet our capital needs.

This year, for the first time, we have had a precipitous drop in "Friends of OLLI" contributions. The receipt of the second-year Osher grant has led many past contributors to

believe that their gifts are no longer necessary. This is not the case.

Last year, the Osher grant provided us with new restrooms and updated audio-visual equipment. This year's Osher grant will primarily be used to fund the hiring of an executive director. OLLI still has capital and scholarship needs that are not covered by its operating budget.

If you are financially able and have not already done so, we ask that you consider sending a tax-deductible contribution to Friends of OLLI.

### **Planning for Winter Courses**

*By Kathryn Russell, Program Review Committee Chair*

OLLI planning for winter 2006 is already underway, and we need your help!

We are pleased to announce that Subject Area Chairs have agreed to undertake the important responsibility of coordinating OLLI courses and lectures for Winter 2006. OLLI members who will serve as chairs for each subject area include:

Art, Music and Drama .....	Eileen Duggan
Economics and Finance .....	Leo Brennan
History and International Studies .....	Tom Hady
Literature and Languages .....	Mike McNamara
Philosophy, Ethics Religion .....	Bruce Reinhart
Social Studies .....	Ben Gold
Science, Health, Technology ...	Averett Tombes
Reston Program * .....	Abbie Edwards

\*All Subject Areas Chairs will be working to identify classes at both Tallwood and Reston.

Each Subject Area Chair will be working with a member of the Program Review Committee. They need and will appreciate your ideas on topics, names of contacts and potential instructors and offers to develop and/or teach courses during the winter 2006 term. Please give them a call or send an email with your thoughts and suggestions or contact me or the other members of the Program Review Committee, RoseMary Gustin and Bob Bohall.

## **The Conversation Program**

*By Joan Crawford, George Mason University*

The English Language Institute at GMU will again sponsor "The Conversation Program," a conversation program for international students who would like to improve their oral English skills by participating in small-group discussions. This is an excellent volunteer opportunity for retired teachers and others who enjoy meeting internationals.

A core of experienced volunteers who have led groups in the past will provide orientation and training for those new to the program during the week of September 19th.

There are four time slots for the training and the weekly hour-long meetings with small groups of students: 1:30 PM and 4:30 PM Tuesdays; 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM on Wednesdays. The orientation/training sessions will be held the week of September 12th, and the eight weeks of sessions with students begin the following week, Sept. 20 and 21st.

If you are interested in volunteering or in learning more about the program, please email me [jcrowfo5@gmu.edu] or phone 703-993-3660 and provide your phone number and the best time to reach you.

## **OLLI's New Staff Employee**

*By Susanne Zumbro, Administration Committee Chair*

We are pleased to announce the addition of a part-time assistant to the OLLI staff. Diana Richards will be joining us on Tuesday, September 6th, just in time to hit the ground running and get up to speed before the start of the fall semester.

She will be working approximately 20 hours a week and will be primarily responsible for setting up classrooms, assisting teachers with audio/visual equipment, and setting up refreshments in the social room.

Diana is a long-time resident of Northern Virginia, currently living in Centreville.

Previously she has held jobs as an administrative assistant, being responsible for a wide variety of duties. Most recently, she was employed as the customer service representative at my homeowners' association office, where I recruited her for the OLLI job.

Please stop by the office to introduce yourself to Diana and welcome her to our staff.

## **Board Retreat**

*By Carol Henderson, Secretary*

The OLLI Board held a retreat on August 22 on the transition to an Institute with a full-time executive director. The Board recognized the need to focus on its major role of governance while the executive director focuses on management.

As OLLI secretary, I presented a summary of my research on nonprofit organization leadership and management, concentrating on board and executive director roles and responsibilities, and led a discussion of the appropriate relationship between the two. A summary follows.

Members who serve on committees or as office or other volunteers should expect those assignments to continue during the fall term.

The three members of the Program Review Committee (Kathryn Russell, chair, Bob Bohall and RoseMary Gustin) will together serve as interim chair of the Program Committee.

Any future chair of the Program Committee will be a member rather than a staff person.

The executive director becomes responsible for future program planning and development, but the Program Review Committee will continue with its current work to develop and coordinate winter term courses.

The executive director becomes the supervisor of all other OLLI staff and is expected to hire a part-time staff person to assist with program duties as budgeted by the Board.

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## Obituary

(Washington Post, Sep 7, 2005)

Helen Simon Beery, 70, died Sep 2 at Inova Loudoun Hospital from Sjogren's syndrome, an autoimmune illness. She was a member of LRI and her husband, Ray Beery, was President of LRI from 1999-2000.

Mrs. Beery married in 1955 and accompanied her husband on his military assignments. After settling in the Washington area, she did volunteer work with the Arlington Ladies, a group that attends graveside internment services at Arlington National Cemetery. She also was a member of McLean Bible Church, the National Symphony Orchestra's women's committee and the national Air Force Officers Wives Club.

## Meet Your Directors

By Elizabeth Crawford, OLLI E-News staff writer



While some of us were having fun in the sun, our conscientious leaders spent a day at Tallwood discussing the changes that the Board of Directors will face in working with an Executive Director. Pictured are Don Yesukaitis, Treasurer and Finance Committee chair, and Debbie Halverson, Membership Committee chair.

Don has been a member of OLLI since 1999. Don has a degree in Business Administration and worked for many years at Arthur Anderson & Co., eventually becoming a partner in 1986. He is a CPA and part-time advisor to the

international accounting firm, KPMG. At OLLI, Don is in his second term on the board and has frequently served as class liaison.

OLLI is fortunate to have someone with such an extensive background in finance to oversee the organization's financial viability. Don will be active in choosing a future home for OLLI that will enable the organization to "accommodate healthy and reasonable membership growth" and to "continue and increase the number of quality lectures, programs, and activities."

Debbie joined OLLI in 2003 and has been an active member ever since. She has had extensive experience in writing, which serves her well when she is called upon to write articles for *OLLI News* and *OLLI E-News* as well as membership-related announcements and features for local newspapers and newsletters. She has also taught writing courses for OLLI.

Debbie's years in publishing production taught her how to work with groups of people to generate ideas and see them implemented. To quote Debbie, "My continued role as Membership Chair is to focus my creative energies into growing the membership without losing sight of the varied needs of our ever-faithful members." If anyone is perfect for that job, it's Debbie.

## Undersubscribed Courses

By Jennifer Maloney, OLLI Administrator

Many courses and events are not full, and it's not too late to sign up. You may register for any of these by filling in a Change of Schedule Request form available in the Tallwood social room. If you are unable to come by Tallwood to fill out this form, you may email or call the office (703-503-3384) with your request.

If your plans have changed such that you will no longer be able to attend any of the courses in which you are enrolled, Please email or phone the office (703-503-3384) as soon as possible so that if that course is full, members on the waiting list can be given an opportunity to enroll.

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
21	Wednesday	1:00	Development Committee meeting	TA-2
		1:30	Fiction Writers	Annex
		1:30	Bridge Club	TA-3
		2:00	D. Arlington: Field of Honor	TA-1
23	Friday	10:00	Classic Fiction Book Club	Reston Library
		10:30	New member coffee	Social Room
		10:30	Homer Book Club	TA-2
24	Saturday	2:00	E. Three Hotels	GMU
28	Wednesday	1:30	Bridge Club	TA-3
		2:00	F. Vietnamese Culture	TA-1
30	Friday	10:30	Homer Book Club	Annex
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
5	Wednesday	1:30	Special Events Committee meeting	TA-2
		1:30	Fiction Writers	Annex
		1:30	Bridge Club	TA-3
		2:00	History Club	TA-1
7	Friday	10:00	Program Committee meeting ??	TA-2
		10:30	Homer Book Club	Annex
		7:30	GMU Theater of the First Amendment	Old Town Hall
12	Wednesday	1:30	Book Club	TA-2
		1:30	Bridge Club	TA-3
		2:00	G. Poetry Reading	TA-1
		10:30	Homer Book Club	Annex
14	Friday	8:30 - 5:00	H. Shenandoah Valley Museum	Bus trip
		2:00	I. <i>La Traviata</i>	GMU
16	Sunday	5:00 - 7:00	J. Wine, Bistro and Song	Café Montmartre
17	Monday	1:30	Fiction Writers	Annex
19	Wednesday	1:30	Bridge Club	TA-3
		2:00	K. Veterans History Project	TA-1
		10:00	Board meeting	TA-1
21	Friday	10:30	Homer Book Club	Annex
		2:00	L. <i>Uncle Vanya</i>	GMU
22	Saturday	1:30	Bridge Club	TA-3
26	Wednesday	2:00	M. Transportation Options	TA-1
		10 - 3	N. Supreme Court building	Bus trip
28	Friday	10:00	Classic Fiction Book Club	Reston Library
		10:30	Homer Book Club	Annex

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