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Special Event June 13, 2014: A Day in the Life of a Meteorologist, Tallwood

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Alerts & Notices

There are still spaces in classes R903 and L906, Papyrus–The Plant that Changed the World. The Washington Post did an [article](#) about the instructor last week.

We will be publishing on July 3rd instead of July 4th. All articles for that week will be due at 6pm on Monday June 30th.

The new member coffee is Friday June 27th at 10:00 in TA-1. All members are welcome to attend.

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Special Event: A Day in the Life of a Meteorologist



By Stephanie Trachtenberg, OLLI Member

Friday the 13th of June was a lucky day for OLLI members. Amelia Segal of Storm Team 4 / WRC TV presented a lecture called "A Day In The Life of a Meteorologist." Amelia majored in meteorology at Penn State



University. A native of Frederick, MD, she always wanted to work in the Washington, DC, area and joined NBC 4 in March 2013.



Photo by David Trachtenberg, June 13

Amelia told us what a typical day is like for her. She begins her day researching the internet for weather events. She visits sites like NOAA to see where the highs and lows and weather fronts are located. Although weather forecasting technology is improving all the time, predicting the weather is not an exact science and is based on more than just computer models.

Meteorologists must also apply their own knowledge to interpret the data, especially when different computer models predict different outcomes. A good background in science and math is essential and Amelia uses this knowledge to make her best predictions. Then she assembles graphics for her brief one- to two-minute on-air forecast. Working without a script, she tries to highlight the cities with the most potential for unusual weather since the Washington, DC, area weather forecast covers a very large geographic area. Amelia explained that she has a green screen behind her and watches three TV monitors to know where to point on the map we see at home.

NBC has a coach for all newscasters, who are advised on various factors (*e.g.*, how to look at the camera, how to dress). Amelia graciously answered many of the nearly 150 attendees' questions with enthusiasm. She said she hopes OLLI and Storm Team 4 can do future sessions.

Everyone agreed that Amelia gave us a great presentation and we appreciated that she could fit OLLI into her busy schedule.

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Check Out OLLI Illinois e-News



By John Woods, Past President, Board of Directors

Members interested in the activities of other OLLI sites may want to take a look at the May issue of the bi-monthly *OLLI Illinois e-News*. To access it, click [here](#).

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Yolanda Nicely “Retires” as Chair of the Liaison Subcommittee



By Manny Pablo, Liaison Subcommittee Member and Former President, Board of Directors

After managing the liaison selection and training process for a year, Yolanda Nicely has decided to step down as chair of that subcommittee (part of the Member Services Committee). Yolanda kept the committee members well informed and beautifully organized, and she laid solid groundwork for future management of the liaison assignment and communication process. With her guidance, the committee was able to find liaisons for every class, every term—despite a very short time frame between creation of class rosters and the beginning of classes.

Martha Powers will be stepping into the position, with Yolanda graciously agreeing to be on call as needed.

Please join us in thanking Yolanda—nicely!—for bringing her cheerful management style, terrific spreadsheet skills, and tireless dedication to this important OLLI function.

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Russia Discussion Club



By Gordon Canyock, Russia Discussion Club Coordinator

This ad hoc seminar meets weekly on Mondays at noon for an hour to discuss developments related to Russia in the news. Sessions will be held from June 23 to at least July 7, but may be extended if events continue to embroil the region and member interest continues.

Participants are expected to have read their favorite newspaper and other sources from lists provided by the coordinator in the club’s blog on the OLLI website. Specific topics of discussion each week will depend on who shows up, what they have read, and what events have unfolded during the previous

week.

Topics under discussion have included Putin's goal and strategy related to Ukraine, potential for similar actions in other countries of the former Soviet Union, the likelihood and potential impact of economic sanctions imposed on Russia, the impact of the current crisis in both Ukraine and Russia, as well as the development of the Eurasian Economic Union and the gas and oil agreement with China.

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Photo of the Month



The June 2014 Photo of the Month theme was open (*i.e.*, no theme). We selected member photo "Old_Old," which may be viewed in various sizes at [this page](#). To view other photos by members of the Photography Club, visit the Club's [website](#).

-- By Dan Feighery, Photography Club Coordinator

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A Sad Note

The *E-News* team was saddened to learn of the death, on June 12, of Tom Kyriakakis, husband of Barbara Kyriakakis. Barbara was for many years our superb associate editor, giving freely of her time and effort to ensure that the newsletter was the best it could be. She stepped down last fall to care for her husband, and we have greatly missed her strength on our team, and especially her grace and wit.

-- The *OLLI E-News* Team

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Reflection

Confused by conscious thought
the heart hesitates, unsure,
beats a quick beat
restores its rhythm.

As in a marching band
when all step firmly to the beat
save one, whose thinking
syncopates his stepping.

Like love,
disturbed by doubt,
dims, before a surge of joy
reveals its radiance.

Helen Harvey

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, next two weeks



**By Shelly Gersten,
OLLI E-News Staff Writer**

For tickets for either CFA or Hylton, call 1-888-945-2468, buy tickets online through the event calendar (see links below), or visit the venue's box office. For more information see the CFA [ticket page](#) or the Hylton [ticket purchase page](#).

At the Fairfax Campus Venues

Alexandria Harmonizers & Ambassadors of Harmony Joint Concert

Sat, Jun 21, 7:00

Admission: Adults, \$42; seniors, \$37

Center for the Arts

The XVI Saya Caporal Dance Competition

Caporales is a traditional Bolivian original dance from La Paz, Bolivia.

Sat, Jun 28, 5:30

Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$18

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At the Hylton Center

South Riding Dance Annual Show

Sat, Jun 21, 2:00 & 7:00

Sun, Jun 22, 11:00

Admission: \$30, \$25, \$20, \$15

Merchant Hall

Global Music Academy's Annual Music and Dance Gala

Sat, Jun 21, 3:00

Admission: \$15

Gregory Family Theater

Carlos Alcántara: *iAsu Mare! El Show*

Thu, June 26, 8:00

Admission: \$45-\$75

Merchant Hall

Hylton Performing Arts Center First Annual Juried Exhibit

Continues through July 18

The Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00 to 6:00, Thur., 10:00 to 8:00 and two hours before performances. For more information about the current exhibit, visit HyltonCenter.org/gallery

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For further details on any of the above events, please see the CFA [event calendar](#) and the Hylton Center [event calendar](#)

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Mason Highlights



Other Mason events, next two weeks

By Helen Ackerman, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

Dedication Ceremony: Alan and Sally Merten Hall. University Hall becomes the Alan and Sally Merten Hall at a dedication ceremony with reception to follow. Desserts and refreshments will be served on the terrace. Mon, Jun 23, 11:30. University Hall. RSVP to <https://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1567075>.

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Meetings & Clubs

The following list covering the next two weeks is extracted for your convenience from the master online calendar maintained by the office, with direct web links

added when available. The list is accurate as of mid-week but to check anytime for the latest information, please view the latest forecast of upcoming events on our website (News/[OLLI Calendar](#)). *Note: All OLLI members are welcome at, and encouraged to attend, meetings of the Board of Directors, committees and resource groups, Kickoff Coffees, etc. (**bolded** below).*

Sat Jun 21	10:30am 2:00pm	Tai Chi Club–TA-3 Computer Club–TA-1
Mon Jun 23	10:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	What’s in the Daily News cont’d–TA-1 Bridge Club–TA-3 Russia Discussion Group–TA-1
Tue Jun 24	10:00am 3:00pm	Knitting and Needlework Club–Panera, Herndon Strategic Planning Committee–Annex
Fri Jun 27	9:00am 9:00am 10:00am 10:00am 10:00am 11:00am 11:00am 12:00pm	Recorder Consort–TA-3 Travel Club–TA-2 Craft and Conversation–Cottage Classic Fiction Book Club–Cascades Library Potomac Falls New Member Coffee–TA-1 Homer, etc–Annex Ulysses Club–TA-2 Photography Club–TA-1
Sat Jun 28	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Mon Jun 30	10:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Bridge Club–TA-3 What’s in the Daily News cont’d–TA-1 Russia Discussion Group–TA-1
Tue Jul 1	10:00am	Knitting and Needlework Club–Panera, Herndon

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About **OLLI E-News**

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Deadline – 6:00 pm Tuesday for that week's issue (6:00 pm Monday for letters to the editor); early submissions are greatly appreciated. Please limit articles to about 250 words.

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