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Photos by Paul Van Hemel Jan 7 2016

*New Photo Club Coordinators Angela and David Talaber and Club Members Mount Winter Photo Exhibit, Tallwood, January 7*

## January 22, 2016

Editor of the Week: Leslie Vandivere

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### Alerts & Notices

- The first presentation in the Special 25th Anniversary Lecture Series, a collaboration with George Mason University, will be given on February 23 from 12:30 to 2 in the Front Ballroom at The Hub on Mason campus. Dr. William

Pomeranz, Deputy Director of the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies at the Woodrow Wilson Center, will present "Mr. Putin: What's He Up to Now?" Register for course 1001BT on the member portal.

- Fairfax County needs election officers for upcoming elections. Election officers must be registered voters in Virginia and complete required training and forms. You may choose to accept the \$175 stipend for a full day, or volunteer your time. View "Become an Election Officer" on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HV5cWp1fn60>. For more information, visit the Office of Elections website or call [703-324-4735](tel:703-324-4735), TTY 711.

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### Board Meeting Summary, January 2016



*By Irene Osterman, Board of Directors Secretary*

The Board met on January 15, 2016. We had a good general response to the fall Friends of OLLI (FOLLI) fundraising campaign, but few designations were made for the anniversary gift for the Office of Military Services at Mason. Renewed efforts are needed to support this important gift.

Jim Dunphy is now the chair of the liaison subcommittee. Michelle Blandburg, who is the chair of this year's nominating committee for Board candidates, has formed her committee. Joining her are Toni Acton, Ray Beery, Camille Hodges, Beth Lambert, Dave Mason, Ted Parker, and Martha Powers.

The present space for staff at Tallwood has become severely inadequate, so the Board voted to approve relocating staff to the cottage. All staff except Susan Todenhoft and Bill Walsh will be relocated to the cottage between the end of the spring term and the beginning of the summer term. (Note: During the parking lot work, all staff will be in the cottage.) The Annex and rental facilities will be used for clubs and classes previously held in the cottage.

Two resolutions were approved. One makes a \$2,000 donation from FOLLI funds to the Fall for the Book. The other gives lifetime memberships to Delegate Ken Plum and his wife Jane in recognition of Ken's important role in the founding of our OLLI and his continuing support for our program.



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### Fun Facts to Celebrate OLLI's 25th Anniversary



*By Ray Beery, Member, Board of Directors*

The open house on September 5, 1996, was held in the "most awful weather imaginable" due to Hurricane Fran. The electricity went on and off, but 100 people attended, and 11 were interested in joining LRI. (*LRI News*, Oct '96)

OLLI will celebrate its 25th year of classes for seniors in 2016. We'll be publishing fun facts and interesting milestones about the Institute each week that OLLI E-News is published from now until the end of the fall term, 2016.



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## Time for Course Proposals



**By Kathryn Russell, Program Committee Co-Chair**

If you ask our instructors why they volunteer to teach classes at OLLI, you're likely to hear comments such as these:

- "I love my subject and find it rewarding to be able to share it with others."
- "OLLI students are appreciative of my efforts and often contribute their own expertise."
- "I love reading and researching my topic to prepare for teaching."

If you have a desire to join the ranks of OLLI teachers and would like to develop a course to teach at OLLI, now is a perfect time to let us know. Program planners are working on schedules for the upcoming summer and fall terms and welcome new course proposals.

It's easy to submit a course proposal. Press "control" and click on this link to access the online course proposal form: <http://olli.gmu.edu/course-proposal-form/>.

These are the deadlines for course proposals:

- For summer 2016—February 10
- For fall 2016—April 15

If you have questions or desire more information, contact Program Committee Co-chairs Kathryn Russell at [kathrynrussell@verizon.net](mailto:kathrynrussell@verizon.net) or Russell Stone at [rstone@american.edu](mailto:rstone@american.edu).

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## Inside OLLI-Mason Making Music



**By Helen Ackerman, Recorder Consort Coordinator**

If you go to OLLI on Friday mornings, you might hear strange sounds and laughter coming from TA-3. It's the OLLI Recorder Consort practicing.

The consort is a club currently consisting of up to 20 members, and welcomes anyone who would like to play music from composers ranging in style from Henry VIII through Handel and on to Gershwin. Some members are experienced musicians; others never played the recorder before joining the group. Some have even managed to learn the instrument in their 50s and 60s without any previous musical experience.

The primary purpose of the consort is bringing music lovers together to share the joy of making music. However, the consort also provides entertainment to others at several performances each year. It plays seasonal music for the annual OLLI Holiday Lunch and also performs at various local nursing homes. It has performed at Meadowlark



Botanical Gardens, playing—what else—music inspired by flowers. The group has provided period music for a Civil War enactment at historic Blenheim House in Fairfax City.

Subgroups of the consort also meet regularly to practice and perform. Current members include Sharon Belanger, Judyth Britt, Helen Ackerman, Jeanne Coglianesse, Milt Eisner, Diana Graham, Jayne Hart, Marge Hogarty, Deborah Kyle, Mike McNamara, Diana Schmidt, Joan Singer, Joan Smith, Leslie Vandivere, and Gail Zander.

The Recorder Consort meets weekly from 9:00 to 11:30 on Fridays when OLLI is open. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Helen Ackerman at [helenackerman@hotmail.com](mailto:helenackerman@hotmail.com).



*Christmas performance at Olley Glen Senior Residences*

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## Help Wanted



**By Kathryn Russell, Program Committee Co-Chair**

The Literature/Language/Theater Planning Group is looking for volunteers to teach two courses: Beginning Spanish and Chekhov's Short Stories or Plays. If you are interested in teaching either of these courses or would like more information, please contact Doris Bloch ([dbloch50@hotmail.com](mailto:dbloch50@hotmail.com) or 703-389-2888) or Bill Taylor ([jane2billtaylor@verizon.net](mailto:jane2billtaylor@verizon.net) or 703-451-3371).

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## Theater Lovers' Group



**By Norma Jean Reck, Theater Lovers' Group Coordinator**

All OLLI members are invited to join Theater Lovers' Group members on Friday, January 29, from 10:00 to noon in TA-1 to meet Joe Kaplan, Hexagon president. Hexagon is DC's original political satire musical comedy revue. Kaplan will discuss Hexagon's 60-year history and play videos of some of its past shows, which will have you laughing uproariously.

Hexagon is a 100 percent volunteer organization that puts on one show a year in March or April and donates its profits to charity. This year's show is titled *Red, White, and Voters' Blues*. Considering the current political theatrics, the show should be a blast. TLG will attend a matinee, the date of which will be determined later.

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### Photo of the Month



The January Photo of the Month theme was open (i.e., unspecified). We selected Ed Marion's photo "Great Falls Chute Runner." Ed's photo may also be viewed at [this page](#). To view other photos by members of the Photography Club, visit the club's photo [website](#).

-- By *Angela Talaber, Photography Club Coordinator*

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### Poet's Corner

#### Brunch

Pen angry  
 At my urge to document  
 The blue-and-white-tiled fountain  
 Coffee - strong  
 Multi-grained bread in white bowl - open  
 Child wearing bib overalls throwing white fire engine  
 Eggs sourced from Amish farm near my Pennsylvania cabin

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

My need to entertain wait staff  
 Wild mushrooms  
 Fire engine in deep grits  
 Father cleaning with white linen napkin dipped in water  
 Restaurant - the Blue Duck - filled with young techie political artistic types  
 chaffing under my stereotypical shackles otherwise laughing relaxing  
 laughing  
 relaxing  
 I conspicuously (possibly only to me) the only baby-boomer in room  
 zoom in on remaining chocolate chip cherry marshmallow breathing  
 on white plate on Amish cherry table separate from white plate cradling  
 bill  
 I pick up which

*By Ed Sadtler*

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### Arts & Music at George Mason



**Performances, January 22 through February 1**

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

For tickets for either Center for the Arts (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

##### **Aquila Theatre: *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes***

Fri, Jan 22, 8:00  
 Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company  
 Concert Hall  
 Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26.

##### **The Band of the Royal Marines**

Sat, Jan 23, 2:00 and 8:00  
 Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company  
 Concert Hall  
 Admission: \$52, \$44, \$31.

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#### son Student & Faculty Performances

(see [music.gmu.edu](http://music.gmu.edu) for additional student recitals)

##### **Mason Improv Show**

Fri, Jan 22, 8:00  
 Theatre Space

##### **Faculty Artist Series - Brass Area: Dr. Amy Horn, French Horn**

Sat, Jan 23, 8:00  
 Harris Theatre  
 Admission: Free.

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**At the Hylton Center**

**Art Feast by Associate Artists at the Workhouse**

Nov 16 - Jan 31  
 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery  
 The Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00 - 6:00, Thu, 10:00 - 8:00 and two hours before performances.  
 Admission: Free.

**Center for the Arts Pied Piper Theater: NARNIA**

Sat, Jan 16, 2:00 and 7:00  
 Sun, Jan 17, 3:00  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: Adult, \$20; children, \$15.

**Dance Etc. 35th Annual Winter Concert**

Sat, Jan 16, 7:00  
 Gregory Family Theater  
 Admission: \$20..

**Theaterpalooza: The Snow Queen**

Thu, Jan 21 and Fri, Jan 22, 7:00  
 Sat, Jan 23, 1:00  
 Gregory Family Theater  
 Admission: Adult, \$15; senior, \$12.

**Scotch Whisky Master Class**

Sat, Jan 23, 5:00  
 Merchant Hall Stage  
 Admission: \$50.

**The Band of the Royal Marines**

Sun, Jan 22, 4:00  
 Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: \$52, \$44, \$31.

**Burns Night Supper**

Sun, Jan 24, 6:30  
 Gregory Family Theater  
 Admission: \$125.

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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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**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 Jan 23	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Tue Jan 26	10:00am	Knitting and Needlework Club-Panera, Herndon
Wed Jan 27	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	1:45pm	Spanish Club-TA-2
Fri Jan 29	9:00am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	10:00am	Theater Lovers Group-TA-1
	10:00am	Craft and Conversation-Cottage
	11:00am	Homer, etc-Annex
Sat Jan 30	11:00am	Classic Literature Club-TA-2
	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Tue Feb 2	10:00am	Knitting and Needlework Club-Panera, Hendon
Wed Feb 3	1:30pm	Mah Jongg Club-TA-2
	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	1:45pm	<b>Special Events Committee-Annex</b>
	2:15pm	History Club-TA-1
Fri Feb 5	9:00am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:00am	Dirty Knee Club-Annex
	10:00am	Craft and Conversation-Cottage
	11:00am	Homer, etc-Annex

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**About OLLI E-News**

OLLI E-News was created by Rod Zumbro, who served as its editor from 2005 to 2013.

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**Submissions.** Members are encouraged to submit letters to the editor, letters to Ms. Ollie Ettakit (on etiquette matters), OLLI-related news items, articles and photos. Submit material to: [ollieneWSeditor@gmail.com](mailto:ollieneWSeditor@gmail.com).

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

**Note:** You can view past issues of OLLI E-News on the DocStore. To search the content of issues, use Search Our Site or put your search term in Google followed by "site:olli.gmu.edu/" without the quotes.

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