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Park Ranger Kelly Fox Continues the Years-Long Relationship of National Park Service and OLLI with a Very Informative Talk on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, June 15

June 23, 2017

Editor of the Week: Paul Van Hemel

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Alerts & Notices

Reminder: Memorial service for Roxanne Cramer, Sunday, June 25, at 2:30, Sanctuary of the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, VA 22124.

OLLI Early Independence Day Picnic (annual picnic rescheduled), Friday, June 30, 12:00 – 2:00. OLLI provides the chicken; you provide the desserts or sides. Register at the [portal](#) (special event 1103).

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Inside OLLI-Mason

Understanding the OLLI Budget – Part One: Revenue

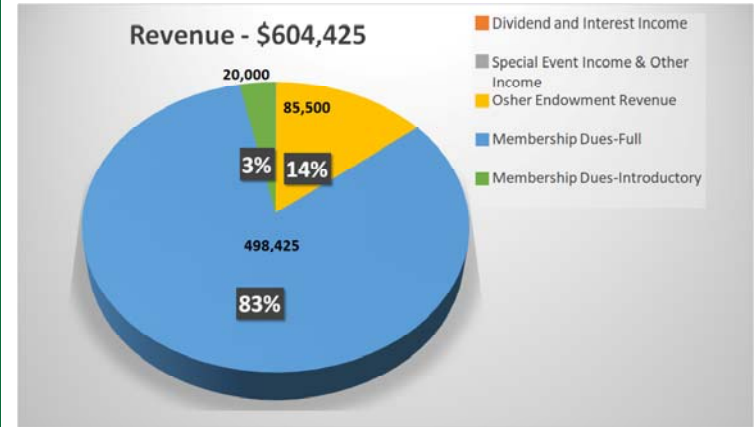


By Paul Howard, Board Member and OLLI Finance Committee Member



Ed. Note: This is part one of a series of six articles on the OLLI budget, prepared by the Finance Committee to provide insight into the OLLI budget process for E-News readers.

The figure below shows the major sources of OLLI revenue for this year.



The revenue side of OLLI's budget is quite simple, consisting of five line items, projected to total \$604,425 for calendar year 2017. Membership dues income at the introductory rate is projected to be \$20,000; at the full dues rate, \$498,525. The Osher Foundation has established an endowment of \$2 million in the George Mason University Foundation for the benefit of OLLI. The endowment will provide revenue for OLLI of \$85,500 this year, or about \$73 for each OLLI full-dues member. Two other line items – Dividend and Interest Income, and Special Event & Other Income, total only \$400, an amount too small to appear in the figure.

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Program Planning Meetings Coming Up!



By Kathryn Russell, Program Committee Co-chair

Are you enjoying your classes this term? Have you wondered how these fabulous classes are created throughout the year? Well, this is your chance to find out how your program is made and to take part in the process. Program planning groups are meeting soon to choose courses for upcoming terms. We invite all OLLI members to attend any (or all!) of these gatherings to learn about and participate in program planning. No need to sign up; just show up at the appointed time and place. You'll definitely enjoy the camaraderie and lively exchange of ideas, and you'll meet friends who share your interests. These planning groups are meeting soon:

- Monday, June 26, 11:00 – Science, Technology, and Health – Tallwood, TA-2
- Monday, June 26, 1:30 – Religious Studies – Tallwood Annex
- Wednesday, July 5, 1:45 – Special Events – Tallwood Annex
- Monday, July 10, 1:00 – Language, Literature, Theater – Tallwood, TA-1
- Wednesday, July 12, 1:45 – Program Committee – Tallwood Annex
- Thursday, July 13, 11:05 – Loudoun – Loudoun Room 209
- Monday, July 17, 10:00 – Humanities and Social Sciences – Tallwood Annex
- Thursday, July 20, 2:00 – Reston – Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr, Reston, VA 20190

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The Next Stephen Sondheim???



By Martha Powers, Member, Board of Directors

If you missed the hugely entertaining OLLI class presented by 20-year-old Alex Bulova on June 16, you can still catch one of the premier performances of his latest creation, "The Complete History of Fairfax: The Musical."

Alex won a very prestigious award at last year's DC Fringe Festival for another of his musicals, so we're lucky we can enjoy his production of this specially created musical about our city's 275th anniversary.

If the Bulova name rings a bell, it's because Alex is the eldest child of David and Gretchen Bulova. (David represents the 37th district in the Virginia House of Delegates, and his wife Gretchen is chair of the Fairfax 275th Anniversary Committee.) Alex's grandmother is Fairfax Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova.

You can still snag tickets to this very affordable musical show at one of the following:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-complete-history-of-fairfax-the-musical-tickets-3328787939>
 (July 6-8 in Falls Church for \$10).
<http://www.workhousearts.org/event/complete-history-fairfax-musical/2017-07-14/>
 (July 13-15 at Lorton Workhouse for \$12).

Someday you may not be able to afford a ticket to Alex Bulova's latest hit musical, so grab this chance to catch a rising star, and learn more about the history of Fairfax to boot!

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Calling All Language, Literature, and Theater Enthusiasts!!



By Rala Stone, Program Planning Group Co-chair

There will be a meeting of the Language/Literature/Theater Program Planning Committee on **Monday, July 10, 1:00 in TA-1.**

To ensure that our program continues to grow and improve we need your help. Come join us as we look back on the spring and summer classes, preview what's on deck for the fall and—most importantly—plan for the winter and spring terms. Part of the fun of belonging to a volunteer organization is getting involved with people with whom you share common interests and pride in a program that you have helped to build. We are looking for your ideas for new classes and your contacts who might be willing to teach a class. We encourage you to bring an OLLI friend who you know has an interest in these areas.

If you cannot be present at the meeting but have suggestions or new ideas, please contact any members of the committee. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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Food Donations During Christmas in July



By Martha Powers, Member, Board of Directors

Please help us restock the food pantry at Britepaths! Donate canned meat the week of July 10–14.

Our second annual "Christmas in July" celebration will be held July 14 at Tallwood (TA-1). For this year's contribution to our community, we will be collecting donations of canned meat (tuna, chicken, turkey) in the Annex from Monday, July 10 through Friday, July 14. Collection boxes will also be available at Reston UCP and Loudoun in the coffee/cookie areas. Remember: canned meat ONLY (due to space constraints).

Your donation will help Britepaths (formerly Our Daily Bread) in Fairfax, which helps deserving families in our area. If you want to donate other items, a Britepaths collection van will be in the front parking lot at Tallwood to accept additional donations from 9:00 to 1:00 on Friday, July 14. On July 14 only, your donation of these other items at Tallwood will be very welcome:

- Rice
- Flour
- Sugar
- Jam/jelly
- Fruit cups/apple sauce cups
- Granola bars and healthy individually wrapped snacks
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Paper towels
- Diapers (all sizes) and baby wipes

- Laundry detergent
- Cleaning supplies
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Grocery store gift cards

We hope that all OLLI members will bring a can or two of meat during the week or will bring their bulkier donation items on Friday between 9:00 and 1:00. Let's show Britepaths that OLLI's heart is in the right place!

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Excuse Me, Ma'am, There Is Stardust in Your Soup

Jack A. Underhill

An article in the New York Times described how stardust was identified in roof gutters in Norway by John Larsen, a jazz guitarist, the founder of Hot Club de Norvege. William Broad. March 10, 2017

That is not a fly in your soup, Ma'am.
 Nothing to worry about.
 That's merely stardust
 A tiny remnant of the solar system's birth
 Or, lately, in the last five billion years
 The detritus of smashups
 Among planets and asteroids.

Ten tons a day
 Tin travelers from our solar system
 And beyond
 Shower down on our earth.
 Invisible to the
 Even discerning naked eye.

We inhale it.
 We eat it on lettuce.
 It is present hiding in our drains.
 It has been coming down for
 Billions of years.

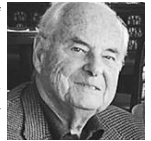
We are part of the Whole,
 Citizens of the cosmos
 With undreamed dimensions
 And untold possibilities
 With terrestrial roots
 And dreams even beyond the stars.

There is stardust in your soup.

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Obituary: Robert (Bob) Miller Whitbread

Bob Whitbread, OLLI member since fall term 2001, died June 13, 2017. With a love of history, sports, and travel, as well as his family and friends at OLLI, he especially enjoyed history and current events courses, OLLI travel (e.g., the OLLI trip to Las Vegas and the southwestern Utah National Parks in April 2014), wine trips, and history travel (e.g., the OLLI trip to Montpelier, James Madison's home in Orange, Virginia). Other members remember his dignity and friendly presence, often standing near the door before classes to greet and visit with classmates as they arrived. He was recognized nationally for a distinguished career in service to our country.



A memorial service will be held at Christ Church in Alexandria, VA on Friday, June 30, at 3:00. Additional information may be found at [this link](#).

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, June 23 through July 3



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

Concurso de Saya-Caporal Bolivian Dance Competition

Sat, Jun 24, 4:30
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$20.

U.S. Army Blues Jazz Ensemble

Sun, Jun 25, 7:00
 Concert Hall
 Admission: Free.

National Jazz Workshop

Mon, Jun 26 - Thu, Jun 29, 3:30
 Concert Hall
 Admission: Free.

National Jazz Workshop Student Showcase

Fri, Jun 30, 2:00
 Concert Hall
 Admission: Free.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

(see music.gmu.edu for additional student recitals)

No performances scheduled.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit: Sacred Feminine

Jun 6 - Jul 15

The Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00 - 6:00, Thu, 10:00 - 8:00 and two hours before performances.

For more information, visit <https://cvpa.gmu.edu/gands>.

Buchanan Partners Art Gallery

Admission: Free.

Showcase Dance Studio's Game Night

Sat, Jun 24, 2:00 and 6:00

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$20.

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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 Jun 24	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Mon Jun 26	10:00am	Bridge Club-TA-3
	10:00am 1:30 pm	What's in the Daily News, cont'd.-TA-1 Religious Studies Program Planning Group-Annex
Wed Jun 28	1:45pm	Spanish Club-TA-2
	9:15am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
Fri Jun 30	9:30am	Craft and Conversation-Annex
	10:00am	Theater Lovers' Club-TA-1
	11:00am	Homer, etc.-Annex
Sat Jul 1	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Mon Jul 3		

	10:00am	Bridge Club-TA-3
	10:00am	What's in the Daily News, cont'd.-TA-1
Wed Jul 5	1:45pm	Special Event Committee-Annex
Fri Jul 7	9:15am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation-Annex
	11:00am	Homer, etc.-Annex
	1:00pm	Dr. Who Club-TA-3

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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.

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