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Photos by Paul Van Hemel and John Woods, July 11 2014

Event 955 Supreme Court bus trip, July 11, 2014, led by Ben Gold, one of three OLLI members selected as part of the original group of nine Supreme Court docents

## July 18, 2014

Editor of the Week: **Leslie Vandivere**

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### Alerts & Notices

After next week's issue, the E-News will take a break. We will publish on August 22 and September 5. We will resume weekly publication on September 26.

Registration for the fall term begins July 30 and runs through August 22 at noon.

The Tallwood office will be closed August 1-15.

Your Board of Directors meets Friday, July 18, at 10:00 in TA-1. OLLI members are welcome to attend Board meetings and encouraged to participate.

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### Word of Mouth



By **Jennifer Disano, Executive Director**

OLLI engages in myriad advertising methods: catalogs, brochures, notices to local libraries and community centers, presentations by the OLLI Outreach Committee, and occasional paid advertisements. OLLI events are sometimes highlighted in the Mason media and the local news, and many folks learn about us that way. Then, curiosity often takes them to our website at [olli.gmu.edu](http://olli.gmu.edu) to get even more information.

But if I were to ask you, "How did you learn about OLLI?" most of you would answer that a friend or acquaintance told you about OLLI and encouraged you to join.

Most of the time, OLLI membership is gained by



word of mouth. Members talk to friends, members talk to family, and members talk to strangers. Oh my, yes they do!



And they are all saying the same thing: "Come to OLLI. It will change your life. It will give you a wonderful, enlightening, stimulating, intellectual, social, and exciting way to spend every day. Come for the love of learning and get involved with an organization that matters to you personally."

This final week of summer term, the office staff has put out brochures and OLLI cards for you to take with you. These items can be found in each classroom at Tallwood. At Reston/Loudoun, the site assistant will have these on hand.

I'd like to ask you to make a special effort over the break to encourage your friends, neighbors, and family members to join OLLI. And, well, be careful talking to strangers—but them, too. Reach out and tell someone about our organization and what meaning it has brought to you. You will be giving a great gift in the process.

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## Interview with Stan Schretter



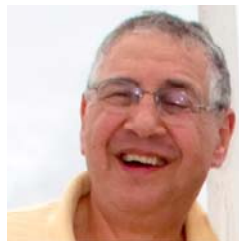
**By Roxanne Cramer**

Stan Schretter, newly elected vice-president of the OLLI Board, missed being busy and involved, so he decided to run again.

Originally from Rhode Island, Stan has lived in Reston since 1975. He's married to Judy (also an OLLI member) and they have two daughters and four grandchildren. As a long-time Reston resident, he has great admiration for fellow OLLI member Bob Simon, Reston's 100-year-old founder. He hopes he can be as active as Simon is for the next 30 years!

Stan received his bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from Brown. Although Brown is better known as an all-around liberal arts school, Stan's major stimulated his life-long interest in all things technical. His pre-OLLI job involved engineering, computers, and communications.

To fill in subject areas he missed earlier, he takes



classes at George Mason in subjects such as art history, politics, and religion. Besides filling his educational gaps, he has found another benefit, which is connecting with instructors who might be interested in teaching at OLLI. Stan, a member for nine years, takes OLLI classes, and teaches them as well, particularly classes in technology, photography, and computers.

A short course he would like to teach in the future for OLLI members would provide information for members wishing to take classes at George Mason, including learning to navigate through the university's confusing course registration process. "OLLI registration is a piece of cake" compared with that of Mason, he says.

The future of the Tallwood campus is of great concern to Stan. OLLI must grow, he says, but we've outgrown our Tallwood buildings. He hopes that greater George Mason-OLLI communication and outreach will lead to a solution as OLLI's membership continues to grow.

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## Reston Program Planning Meeting



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

A Reston Program Planning Group meeting will be held on Monday, July 21, from 1:30 to 3:00 at United Christian Parish in Reston. We will be completing planning for the winter term and will also focus on spring courses.

This is a great opportunity for OLLI members to learn about and participate in program planning. Come along to the meeting and enjoy the lively exchange of ideas and camaraderie.

Ideas for courses can also be submitted to Stan Schretter: Phone (703) 758-9586 or e-mail at [sschrett@gmu.edu](mailto:sschrett@gmu.edu).

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## Science, Technology, and Health Program Planning

**By John Acton, Co-chair of the Program Planning Group for Science, Technology, and Health**

Jeff Rosendhal and I were recently asked to co-chair the planning group for science, technology, and health, and we are looking for people interested in helping to develop the courses the OLLI membership wants in these topic areas.

After working for 45 years, I'm enjoying the opportunity OLLI provides to explore a broad range of topics that both enlighten me and enrich my retirement. I hope that you will join us and add your efforts to ours in identifying opportunities for OLLI members to learn more about the interesting advances in these fields. We need your help and ideas to ensure we pick the right topics and find the right people to bring those topics to life for the OLLI members.

Please join us July 28 from 10:00 to 12:30 in the cottage at the OLLI Tallwood campus. If you are interested in joining our group, please let me know at [jacton1@cox.net](mailto:jacton1@cox.net). If not, but you have ideas to share, please send them to me.

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## Religious Studies Program Planning



**By Beth Davis, Program Associate**

The Religious Studies Program Planning Group will meet Thursday, July 24, 1:30 to 3:00 in the Tallwood cottage to plan courses for winter 2015 and spring 2015 OLLI terms. All members are welcome to attend. If you have an idea for a course in this subject area or would like additional details, please contact Steve Goldman at [scg1951@aol.com](mailto:scg1951@aol.com).

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## Photo of the Month



**THE JULY PHOTO OF THE MONTH** theme was "Celebrations." We selected Lou Mazzatenta's photo "Celebration," which may also be viewed at [this page](#). To view other photos by members of the Photography Club, visit the Club's [website](#).

-- By Dan Feighery, Photography Club

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## Poet's Corner

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

### My Life and Times

One ear out  
for the sound of the woodpecker  
aerating my siding

and the squirrels  
pitter-pattering in my eaves,  
I read the poetry  
that takes my mind off

sharing this house with those  
who would take over  
making my decisions as to  
what stays and goes.

These creatures aren't the least bit  
lethargic, defensive, indecisive  
about carrying out  
their programs.

Call them pests.  
I'm no match for such  
persistence.

*Bravo* for them!  
They're going to downsize me  
fast as they can.

*Ed Sadtler*

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## Arts & Music at George Mason



**Performances, July 18 through July 28**

*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 Hylton Center

#### Prince William Little Theatre: *The Musical of Musicals*

Fri, July 18–Sat, July 19, 8:00  
Sun, July 20, 2:00  
Fri, July 25–Sat, July 26, 8:00  
Sun, July 27, 2:00  
Admission: Adults, \$25; seniors, \$20; children, \$15  
Gregory Family Theater

#### A Different Perspective: Multi-Level Photoart

Sun, July 20–Sun, Aug 31  
Gallery Reception: Thurs, July 24 from 6:00–8:00  
The Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10 am –6 p.m; Thurs, 10 am–8 pm; and two hours before performances. Gallery receptions are free and open to the public. To attend, RSVP to [Hylton@gmu.edu](mailto:Hylton@gmu.edu). For more information about the current exhibit, visit [HyltonCenter.org/gallery](http://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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## 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 Jul 19	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
	1:00pm	Computer Club–TA-1

Mon Jul 21	10:00am	Mah Jongg Club-TA-2
	10:00am	Bridge Club-TA-3
	10:00am	What's in the Daily News cont'd-TA-1
	12:00pm	Russia Discussion Group-TA-1
	1:30pm	<b>Reston Program Planning Group-UCP 117</b>
Tue Jul 22	10:00am	Knitting and Needlework Club-Panera, Herndon
Thu Jul 24	1:30pm	<b>Religious Studies Program Planning Group -Cottage</b>
Fri Jul 25	9:00am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Travel Club-TA-2
	10:00am	Craft and Conversation Group-Cottage
	10:00am	Classic Fiction Book Club-Cascades Library Potomac Falls
	11:00am	Homer, etc-Annex
	12:00pm	Photography Club-TA-1
Sat Jul 26	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Mon Jul 28	10:00am	<b>Science, Technology and Health Program Planning Group-Cottage</b>
	10:00am	Bridge Club-TA-3
	10:00am	What's in the Daily News, cont'd-TA-1
	12:00pm	Russia Discussion Group-TA-1
Tue Jul 29	10:00am	Knitting and Needlework Club-Panera, Herndon
Wed Jul 30	10:30am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum-TA-1
Fri Aug 1	10:00am	iPad Users Group-UCP

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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.

### Editorial Staff

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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: [ollinewseditor@gmail.com](mailto:ollinewseditor@gmail.com).

**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.

**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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