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Photos by Paul Van Hemel, July 21, 2017

**Board of Directors Meeting, Tallwood, July 21**

## August 4, 2017

**Editor of the Week: John Nash**

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### Alerts & Notices

- OLLI offices are closed through August 11, reopening Monday, August 14.
- Remember: pre-registration for fall classes is **August 15-24**.
- The next issue of *E-News* will be August 18.

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### Board of Directors Meeting Highlights, July 21



**By Rita Way, Secretary**

The Board met on Friday, July 21, 2017, at Tallwood. Ray Beery reported that the June 16 Board of Director's retreat was a success. He established an Ad Hoc Committee on Membership Growth & Retention to address the challenge of increasing OLLI membership. The first step to take is to increase our advertisements to show what OLLI has to offer. Since word-of-mouth has proven successful, all members are encouraged to pass on the benefits of belonging to OLLI.

Jennifer Disano reported that Beth Davis, program associate, has resigned from OLLI after nine years of faithful service. Jennifer McMahon was hired to be the program associate. Jen is a former teacher and education policy researcher at the Department of Education. A smooth transition is expected.

In an effort to alleviate parking issues at Lord of Life church in Fairfax, members are requested to follow signs as to where they should park and to carpool when possible. Members who are taking classes at Loudoun this fall need to contact Leigh Knox, Loudoun site

assistant, to obtain their parking passes. (Photo by Paul Van Hemel, July 21.)

As of July 13, 2017, OLLI total membership is 1,149 (annual membership is 1,134 and term membership is 15). There will be 175 courses for members to choose from this fall term.

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## Inside OLLI-Mason



### Understanding the OLLI Budget - Part Six: Program, Publications, and Committee Budgets



**By Paul Howard, Board Member and OLLI Finance Committee Member**

*Ed. Note: This is part six 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.*

This figure shows expenses projected for this year for program, publications,

and committee budgets.



The budget's Program category is budgeted for \$26,500 in 2017. The 'Teacher Appreciation' celebration and token gifts to teachers accounts for \$20,000 of that. Other expenses included here are classroom expenses/donations -- easels, markers, DVDs for Great Decisions, etc., printing instructional materials -- and an allowance for the OLLI Players performance outreach activities.

The Publications line item of \$21,325 includes \$19,500 for course catalog printing, and modest amounts for promotional materials, newsletter, and publications.

Also for 2017, the Committee Budgets category includes \$14,500 divided among development, hospitality, landscaping, member services, and outreach.

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## Fall Registration Begins Soon



**By Alice Slayton Clark, Communications Associate/Registrar**

Hopefully, you've seen it before the start of each OLLI term -- the OLLI ad on the Mason marquee on Braddock Road. The ad will be rotating periodically on the marquee for two weeks in August, promoting OLLI and fall priority registration which is from **August 15-24**.

Mason provides free space on the marquee to announce each OLLI term registration. "We appreciate Mason's support in providing us with this very visible medium to promote OLLI," said Jennifer Disano, OLLI executive director.



Watch for OLLI's ad on the Mason marquee during August and tell your friends to do the same. This just may be the incentive someone needs to join OLLI. Fall is coming and so is another great selection of OLLI classes for all of us to enjoy!

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## Online Registration System: An Easy Way to Register



*By Toni Acton, Chair, New Members Advisory Committee*

Learn how fast and easy it is register on-line rather than having to fill out the registration form by hand every term, especially when you make a mistake and need to start all over again!

Using the on-line registration system for selecting your classes each term, and signing up for social events and classes which are between terms, is not as scary as you might think. With a quick lesson from one of our able volunteers, you'll become proficient in just a few minutes.

If you'd like to learn the on-line registration system, join us on **Wednesday, August 16**, in the Annex at Tallwood. Stop by anytime between **9 a.m. and noon**, bring a list of the classes you want to register for this fall, and before you know it, you'll be registered and on your way!

If you're having too much fun this summer and can't come on August 16, drop me an email at [jacton1@cox.net](mailto:jacton1@cox.net) and we'll try to arrange another time to get together for training.

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## Computer Club



*By Paul Howard, OPCUG Program Chair*

**Virtual Technology Conference  
Watch Party and Lunch Party  
Saturday, August 19**

The Computer Club (OLLI Personal Computer User Group, or OPCUG) will meet with its partner, the Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society (PATACS), on Saturday, August 19, at Tallwood. Join us at 12:15 for a light lunch and socializing in the Annex. Program activities begin at 1:00 in TA-2 and TA-1.

This unique event offers attendees the opportunity to attend three programs from two tracks totaling six 50-minute sessions – a 'Virtual Technology Conference' presented by APCUG – the Association of Personal Computer User Groups.

### Track 1, offered in TA-2:

**1:00 – Pi-hole** – a LAN-wide ad blocker that runs on a Raspberry-pi. If you're sick of ads all over the web pages you see, here's a solution.

**2:00 – Home Automation Security** - Are you worried about home automation devices listening in on your conversations?

**3:00 – Finding Tech Information on Medium.com** – Medium is a large site for writers and readers. The platform is built to make it easy to share stories about almost anything.

### Track Two, offered in TA-1:

**1:00 – Global Navigation Satellite System - Why You Shouldn't Get Lost!**

This presentation includes information about GPS and other systems.

**2:00 – Chromebooks are for Seniors** – Are you looking for a computer that isn't complicated to use?

**3:00 – Ideas for Revitalizing Your Computer Club** – help for what ails us

<grin>!

Details on these presentations are available here:

<https://apcug2.org/apcug-2017-summer-virtual-technology-conference-vtc25/>

**See full details on this meeting by [clicking here](#).** For information on the Computer Club, see the [OPCUG website](#). OPCUG dues of \$5 for 2017 will be collected at this meeting.

**Can't make the meeting in person?** OPCUG members may register for the VTC here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/apcugs-2017-summer-virtual-technology-conference-tickets-36458274681> – Group name (required) is: OLLI PC User Group.

For information on the Computer Club, see the [OPCUG website](#).

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## Inside OLLI-Mason



### Dave Ryan - Brazil Nut Board Member



*By Dave Ryan, Board of Directors Member*

I'm probably the only OLLI member born in Rio de Janeiro, and therefore the only one who could be called a "Brazil Nut." No, I have no Hispanic heritage (despite my affinity for old Xavier Cugat records), but was born to an American Air Force family stationed in that beautiful city.

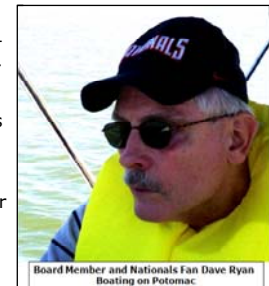
Despite a nomadic life as an only child living in 19 different homes, I've spent the bulk of my 70 years in Northern Virginia, with detours to Tokyo (where I

attended first and second grade); Langley Air Force Base in Hampton; and Michigan (where I attended high school in Detroit and then Michigan State University, receiving a master's degree in advertising).

My first job as a Kodak camera salesman in Rochester, NY, lasted little more than a month before I was drafted into the Army, serving my country as a cub reporter for the Fort Belvoir post newspaper. The Belvoir experience whetted my appetite for a journalism career, but after I had unsuccessfully sought employment in such a career, my old Army editor got me a job in Washington, DC, as national newsletter editor and photographer for the U.S. Selective Service System headquarters (ironically, the same guys who drafted me). From there, I jumped to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency headquarters, where I spent 35 years in press relations.

After retiring from the federal bureaucracy, I joined OLLI in 2011, chairing the Outreach Committee for over five years, and recently and proudly being elected to the Board, where I plan to be a productive nuisance.

My wife Nancy -- an OLLI member since 2007 -- was a Fairfax County elementary school teacher for thirty years and an adjunct professor at Mason, where she got masters and PhD degrees in education. We love boating, eating out, visiting our condo in Ocean City, Maryland, and holding hands at the Cinema Arts Theater in Fair City Mall.



Board Member and Nationals Fan Dave Ryan Boating on Potomac

Nancy and I have human children and grandchildren living in Arlington and Reston, and are also seriously attached to our surrogate children, cats Jibby and Clancy.

Not bad for a Brazil nut.

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## Poet's Corner

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

### Puffed Up

How simple to succumb to snobbery  
 Savoring that fleeting flicker  
 of feeling superior  
 Cruising down the street  
 top down in a classy convertible  
 Presiding over the opera  
 perched in a box seat  
 Ordering an obscenely expensive  
 bottle of wine  
 Flying the friendly skies  
 in first class  
 Strutting in designer stilettos,  
 dismissing discomfort  
 Claiming an upper crust college  
 on your chest  
 or the seat of your pants.  
 Passing pleasure  
 predicated on people observing,  
 Suffering a stab of inferiority  
 or a least a pang of jealousy  
 Oh, how deflating  
 when nobody notices  
 Or devastating when those who do  
 simply don't care!

By Ginge Sivigny

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## Obituary

Odette O'Donnell, longtime member of the Learning in Retirement Institute (LRI) and later OLLI, died July 20, 2017. Her funeral service was held at St. Mark Catholic Church in Vienna on July 26. Interment will be later at Arlington National Cemetery. More details are available at [this link](#).



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## Arts & Music at George Mason



**Performances, Aug 4 through August 21**

**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

#### **Celebrando la independencia de BOLIVIA: Festival de Niños 2017**

Sun, Aug 6, 4:30  
 Concert Hall  
 Admission: \$15.

#### **Tangles: A Musical Play about Family and Dementia**

Sat, Aug 12, 7:00  
 Harris Theatre  
 Admission: \$10.

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**Mason Student & Faculty Performances**

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

**No performances scheduled.**

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**At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)**

**Gallery Exhibit: Marti Patchell, *Botanical Fusion***

Jul 18 - Aug 26

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.

**K-Tigers with K-Pop (taekwondo)**

Sun, Aug 6, 5:00

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$50, \$40, \$30.

**Xanadu Jr.**

Sat, Aug 12, 2:00 and 7:00

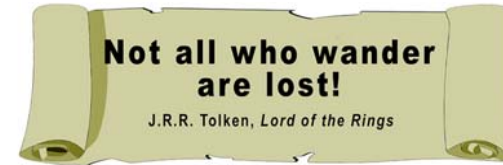
Gregory Family Theater

Admission: \$30.

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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 midweek 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).*

Mon Aug 14	10:00am 10:30am	Bridge Club-TA-3 What's in the Daily News, cont'd-TA-1
Tue Aug 15	9:30am	Annex Art-Annex
Wed Aug 16	10:30am 1:00pm	Tom Crooker Investment Forum-TA-1 <b>A/V Committee Meeting-TA-1</b>
Fri Aug 18	9:15am 9:30am 11:00am 1:00pm	Recorder Consort-TA-3 Craft and Conversation-Annex Homer, etc.-Annex Dr. Who Club-TA-3

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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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