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Mason President Angel Cabrera's Address September 18: Being Global

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## Mason President and Provost Emeritus Visit OLLI



By Jennifer Disano, Executive Director

OLLI Mason enjoyed two outstanding lectures in September, as part of an ongoing effort to bring more programming events between terms. Mason University President, Dr. Angel Cabrera and Mason Provost Emeritus, Dr. Peter Stearns visited Tallwood with teleconferenced projection to Loudoun. Both gave excellent presentations.

Dr. Cabrera spoke on *Being Global: How to Think, Act and Lead in a Transformed World* discussing what kind of people are global leaders and what sort of talents they have. He also touched on understanding the global economy, consumerism and personal responsibility for global citizens. Click <u>here</u> to see Dr. Cabrera's talk.

Dr. Stearns brought to us a wonderful lecture, Why

Do Modern People Have Children? Dr. Stearns

discussed key changes in modern societies'





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relationship to children – from birth control to a redefinition of what children are for to decisions not to have any children at all. He explored this personal slice of modern history, including questions about contemporary parental dissatisfaction, and the rise of single women bent on having children "anyway." Click <u>here</u> to See Dr. Stearns' talk.



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## **Classes and Special Events Status for Fall Term**

Fall term has arrived at OLLI Mason and there are still plenty of classes and special events available for registration. Check out this great colored chart which shows all open, closed and canceled classes and Special Events: click <u>here</u> for colored chart.



"Green Means Go!" Go and take a class that you might think is not your cup of tea. Get outside your comfort zone and jump into the unknown. You may surprise yourself!

Red indicates a closed event/class, but don't be too discouraged. Often OLLI programs are repeated from time to time and you may have another chance to get into that preferred event/class later in the year.

Black ink equals a canceled class. Classes are almost always canceled by instructors but some are canceled due to low enrollment.

As you can see there is a lot of green to be had across all OLLI campuses, so go ahead and sign up today!

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## Notes from Board of Directors Meeting, September 19



By Irene Osterman, Board Secretary

The Board meeting opened with praise for Jennifer Disano who has now been Executive Director for



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one year.

A major focus of the Board continues to be the space issue at Tallwood. The strategic planning committee reported that an engineering assessment will be



conducted by Mason in October. If use of Tallwood is viable, the 3- to 5-year plan will be to continue at Tallwood and rent additional space as needed. One long-term option will be explored by participating in a planning process being undertaken by Mason and the city of Fairfax that might result in new space being available to us. The process will kick off with a three-day meeting in early November. We will have representatives there.

The Board will be meeting to hear a special presentation from INTO, a contractor hired by Mason to serve incoming international students, concerning potential language assistance OLLI members might provide to the students.

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## Welcome New Members



By Wendy Campbell, Member Services Chair

A special welcome to our new members. I hope you have enjoyed your first week at OLLI and found your classes without too much difficulty. If you are lost, please know that our New Members Committee members are designated by a happy face sticker on their name tags. Any one of them would be glad to help with anything you are finding difficult.

I hope you attended today's New Member Coffee. If you missed it, we have one at the beginning of each term and you are welcome to attend the next one. There is always good food and conversation. I'm sure by this time that you have found the coffee and cookies offered along with good fellowship at

each of our campuses. You will find that OLLI is full of fascinating lifelong learners who are always interested in discussing practically any topic. I hope to see you all around campus.

Look for **RED DOTS** on name tags and welcome these new members (listed alphabetically by last name) who joined OLLI-Mason this term.



Arsema Abbay, Burke Sharon Alman, Oakton Mary Amidjaya, Annandale Julie Andrews, Great Falls Cathy Atchley, Burke Herbert (Herb) Bachner, Burke Laurie Barber, Reston Michael Barber, Reston Susan Barron, Arlington Mark Becker, Herndon Bob Bergin, Fairfax Rosalind (Roz) Bershatsky, Falls Church John Billy, Reston Gil Blankespoor, Reston Alice Burin, Vienna Deborah (Debby) Callender, Springfield Peter Campbell, Springfield Jeff Cawley, Alexandria Dorothy Cipriano, Alexandria John Cipriano, Alexandria Elizabeth (Liz) Clements, Annandale John Clements, Annandale Michael (Mike) Cosgrove, Lorton Ann Covington, Reston Arlene Czajczynski, Fairfax Imelda Daly, Springfield William Daly, Springfield Anne Dec, Fairfax Peggy Dillon, Fairfax Brenda Douple, Reston Evan Douple, Reston Anne Drissel, Reston Colleen Drown, Oak Hill Mary Lou Eng, Annandale Eric Forman, Reston JoAn Fowler, Vienna Patricia Freeh, Reston Merrily Friedlander, Fairfax Natalia Garcia, Oakton Tom Gaughan, Burke Marlene Gaydos, Ashburn Linda Giammattei, Fairfax DJ (Danna) Harras, Burke Carla Heymsfeld, Arlington Mike Hilert, Burke Camille Hodges, Fairfax Station Fred Horr, Reston Kathleen (Kathy) Jay, Woodbridge Nancy Jemiola, Alexandria

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Jill LaMotte, Leesburg

Eve Lebo, Reston

Lynn Lilienthal, Reston

Robert Linett, Burke

Manuel Lopez, Reston

Margaret (Maggie) Massey, Centreville

Philip (Phil) Massev, Centreville

Alan Mathews, Fairfax Station

Susan McCannell, Burke

Gordon McKay, Falls Church

Martha Mikeska, Burke

Ellen Moody, Alexandria

Duane Moore, Sterling

George Moore, Sterling

Keith Morton, Ashburn

Elizabeth (Betty) Murphy, Fairfax

Patricia (Pat) Nash, Fairfax

Carol Neiman, Burke

Edward Niles, Alexandria

Joan Niles, Alexandria

Linda Nordstrom, Springfield

Belinda Notz, Fairfax

Diane Nowicki, Reston

Peg O'Brien, Alexandria

Pat O'Neill, Chantilly

Ketty Ortega, Reston

Cookie Palladini, Oakton

Susan (Suzi) Pease, Potomac Falls

Christine (Chris) Poston, Lorton

Ellen Ritter, Leesburg

Kurt Ritter, Leesburg

Doug Rolston, Vienna

Mary Rosato, Fairfax Station

Abe Schneier, Burke

Harry Schumann, Fairfax

John Sheehan, Burke

Lynn Sheehan, Burke

Mary Lou Shehadi, McLean

Ronald (Ron) Sherwin, Annandale

William Sidenstick, Burke

Marilyn Silver, Annandale

Elizabeth (Liz) Tarpley, Woodbridge

Marie Taubman, Annandale

Marylouise (Marylou) Uhlig, Fairfax

JoAnn (Jody) Von Holtum, Springfield

Deborah (Deb) Watts, Burke

Rita Way, Fairfax

Nancy Webster, Fairfax

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## New Faces in the OLLI Offices!



#### By Alice Slayton Clark, Communications Associate

The OLLI Administrative Team has expanded! Welcome Susan Todenhoft and Ken Wade, who recently stepped into positions as site coordinators for Church of the Good Shepherd (COGS) and Reston, respectively.

Susan, a self-described "freelance musician," directs the young children's choirs as a member of the music staff at COGS. At home, she teaches flute in her private studio. And if that is not enough, in her free time, she serves as webmaster and a director for the Flute Society of Washington, Inc., and is district director for the Atlantic 2 area of Mu Phi Epsilon Professional Music Fraternity. Susan earned degrees in music and business from the University of Maryland, and



also studied at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. A Kentuckian by birth, she currently lives in Burke with her husband Walter, a recently retired member of the U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own." Susan has two grown children, Sarah and Karl, both living in Texas.

Ken is a graduate of George Mason University where he earned a degree in Health, Fitness and Recreation Resources. Since then, he has been a jack of many trades, working for a few Fairfax operations such as the George Mason Aquatic Center, Community and Recreation Services, Park Authority, and the Reston Community Center. In his spare time, Ken likes to draw, listen to music, read or just enjoy outdoor sports or a long walk.



Take a moment to say "hello" to them next time you are in class at COGS or Reston.

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## Inside OLLI-Mason

## Meet OLLI Original Members



By Alice Slayton Clark, Communications Associate

After retiring from a career in finance in 1989, Bob Overholtzer became an originating member of the nascent Learning in Retirement Institute (LRI) at Mason, forerunner of OLLI. He exemplifies the OLLI motto -learning for the sheer love of learning. Born and raised in Iowa, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in economics from the University of Iowa. He became a platoon leader in the U.S. Army, and later worked many years for General Electric. Some of his most memorable times were spent as Financial Director for their European Operations in Geneva and Brussels. Still later, he became Chief Financial Officer and co-Chief Executive Officer with Mohasco Corporation, working in northern Virginia.

Bob remembers early days at LRI when members often had to move about for classes. He was pleased when eventually Mason agreed to dedicate a campus to the LRI, donating the area that is now Tallwood. That made logistics a lot easier for students, he recalls. As OLLI has grown over the years, Bob has been particularly impressed with the breadth of classes and professional instructors.

Bob also relishes OLLI's synergies with Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel), traveling several years ago on a safari to Kenya and a spin around Italy. He now takes multiple classes every term in the areas of history, finance, economics and music, and looks forward to pursuing new reads in the lending library at Tallwood. He considers OLLI a wonderful institution in helping him enjoy his retirement years.

Although Bob considers himself "lazy" these days, he is anything but. In addition to his robust class schedule and reading endeavors, Bob plays golf, cares for his poodles,



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and manages the household because his wife Joyce is frequently off teaching classes on Japanese flower arrangements.

All the best OLLI wishes to Bob and Joyce as they mark their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year with a celebratory cruise with their two children!



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## **90th Birthday Music Premiere**



By Carol Henderson, Former Reston Coordinator

Gloria Sussman, who has been teaching "The Ongoing Pleasures of Music" class at OLLI in Reston since 1999, is celebrating a very special birthday. It's her 90th, and she told her sons Ted and Bob that she wanted to celebrate it by having a musical work commissioned by composer Scott Solak to be played by the three Chamasyan sisters, all talented musicians. The free premiere is coming up on Thursday, October 2 at 2:15 as part of OLLI's Meet the Artists series of concerts at the Reston Community Center in Hunters Woods



Gloria and her new commissioned work have been the subject of local publicity. Find out more about this popular teacher and her remarkable font of musical knowledge in either of two recent articles. One is a feature authored by OLLI members Carol Henderson and Rosemary McDonald in the fall issue of *Reston* magazine. See pages 30 to 33 in the following link:

http://issuu.com/restonassociation/docs/reston\_fall\_2014/1.

The other article appeared in the September 17-23 issue of the *Reston Connection* newspaper in a piece by Caroline Burr, "A Concert for Gloria," on p. 13. This article was also highlighted through a link to the *Reston Connection*'s online version in *Reston Now*, a local news website covering Reston. See the

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### Photo of the Month



The September Photo of the Month theme was open (*i.e.*, unspecified). We selected Steve Schanzer's photo "Milky Way," which may also be viewed at <u>this page</u>. To view other photos by members of the Photography Club, visit the club's <u>website</u>. -- By Dan Feighery, Photography Club Coordinator

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link below to the online version of this article.

#### http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2014/sep/10/concert-gloria/

Be sure to attend this very special music event, whether or not you are signed up for the Meet the Artists series. The Reston Community Center Theater has plenty of space and it's free. Gloria welcomes all music lovers to enjoy the premiere, the other selections to be played , and the reception following, where you'll have a chance to celebrate with Gloria and meet the composer and the performers.

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## FOLLI Annual Fundraising Campaign Coming in October



By Leslie Bubenhofer, Development Committee Chair

Friends of OLLI (FOLLI) needs you and your help to keep our OLLI a splendid organization. Let's continue our friendships or become new friends to OLLI in 2014!

Do you know what your wonderful generosity to FOLLI accomplishes?

With your generosity to FOLLI there is funding for the following to help maintain our excellent, progressive program and to keep our OLLI a strong, first-class organization:

- Scholarships for Mason students whose faculty and departments support our program;
- 2. Assistance to Mason's Office of Military Services;
- Implementation and expansion of videoconferencing between OLLI campuses and others;
- 4. Supplements for OLLI committees and publications;
- Monies for an emergency reserve fund and future OLLI needs; and
   Much more.

Your donation to FOLLI is tax deductible and your gift keeps OLLI vibrant!

Your generosity and consideration to help OLLI are very much appreciated. Thank you!

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## **History Club**



By Bob Persell (for Beth Lambert, History Club Coordinator)

The OLLI History Club will meet at Tallwood on Wednesday, October 1, at 2:15. OLLI's Bill Reader will give a presentation entitled "The Impact of the Camera and Photography on History and Culture." The presentation will include a discussion of the origins and history of photography, how photographs differ from other types of information, their effects upon newspapers, and their significant artistic, social, and cultural effects. So come on out and enjoy an interesting afternoon with a fascinating colleague.

OLLI members and guests are always welcome; bring a friend.

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## **New Book by OLLI Member**



By Ruta Sevo, Author and OLLI Member

OLLI member Ruta Sevo published her novel White Bird, which features Nepal travel, discovery of Buddhism, shamans, séances, and sex.

Buddhist fiction: A man travels to Nepal to scatter his brother's ashes. He discovers his brother had a love child who became an unlikely Tibetan Buddhist shaman. The journey recreates his family and his sense of himself.

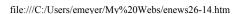
It is in the tradition of writers bringing the East to the West, like E.M. Forster and the Victorians Alexandra David-Neel and Madam Blavatsky.

Available as paperback, Kindle or iBook. See http://momox.org/whitebird.html and http://goodreads.com/sevo

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Wanted: An OLLI member who is experienced with downloading audio and video clips to PowerPoint (or other presentation software) and is willing to share this knowledge with experienced OLLI instructors as they prepare for winter term.

This would be a one-time event, to be scheduled at the volunteer's convenience.

> Contact Kathryn Russell or Russell Stone: kathrynrussell@verizon.net rstone@american.edu

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## Ms. Ollie Ettakit



By Ms. Ollie Ettakit, OLLI E-News Manners Expert

Answers to your pressing questions about OLLI etiquette

Gentle readers: Here's a succinct reminder of the most essential rules to remember for OLLI classroom etiquette, submitted by Martha Powers, Liaison Committee Chair, in the form of a brief poem which she too humbly identified as:

### Martha's Pathetic Poem

Sign in and wear your name tag, and throw your trash away. Turn your phone to vibrate (it's much more fun that way!)

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## **Poet's Corner**

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

### Four More Musical Clerihews

Such an innovation of Monteverdi Giving opera to poster'ity, For which I often think he ought To be stabbed, poisoned, strangled, and shot!

Schubert completed his *Trout Quintet* And realized he hadn't eaten, yet. He left his house, exclaiming, " Now "I vill dine on *forelle blau!"* 

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"The Donau's not blue, but grey", A critic was heard to say. Strauss muttered something Viennese, and rude, Saying, " I do waltzes, not verisimilitude!"

Rimsky-Korsakov, a Russian, and thus, neurotic, Loved odd music and themes exotic. When asked, "Do you know Scheherazade?" He said, " *Da*, I always thought her strange, b' God!

M. Yulov Ali

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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 <u>ticket page</u> or the Hylton <u>ticket purchase page</u>.

#### At the Fairfax Campus Venues

Arts by George

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Sat, Sep 27, 5:00 Includes dinner, drinks, entertainment, concert and post-concert reception with Patti LuPone. See <u>web site</u>. Admission: \$250 (\$80 tax deductible) Concert Hall

Patti LuPone: COULDA, WOULDA, SHOULDA....Played That Part Sat, Sep 27, 8:00 Part of the Arts by George; tickets for the LuPone concert are available separately (see previous item). Admission: \$100, \$85, \$60 Concert Hall

Alonzo King LINES Ballet

Fri, Oct 3, 8:00 Pre-Performance Discussion: 7:15 Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26 Concert Hall

#### The Senegal St. Joseph Gospel Choir Sat, Oct 4, 8:00

Pre-Performance Discussion: 7:15 Admission: \$46, \$39, \$28 Concert Hall

Aquila Theatre: Wuthering Heights

Sun, Oct 5, 7:00 Pre-Performance Discussion: 6:15 Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26 Concert Hall

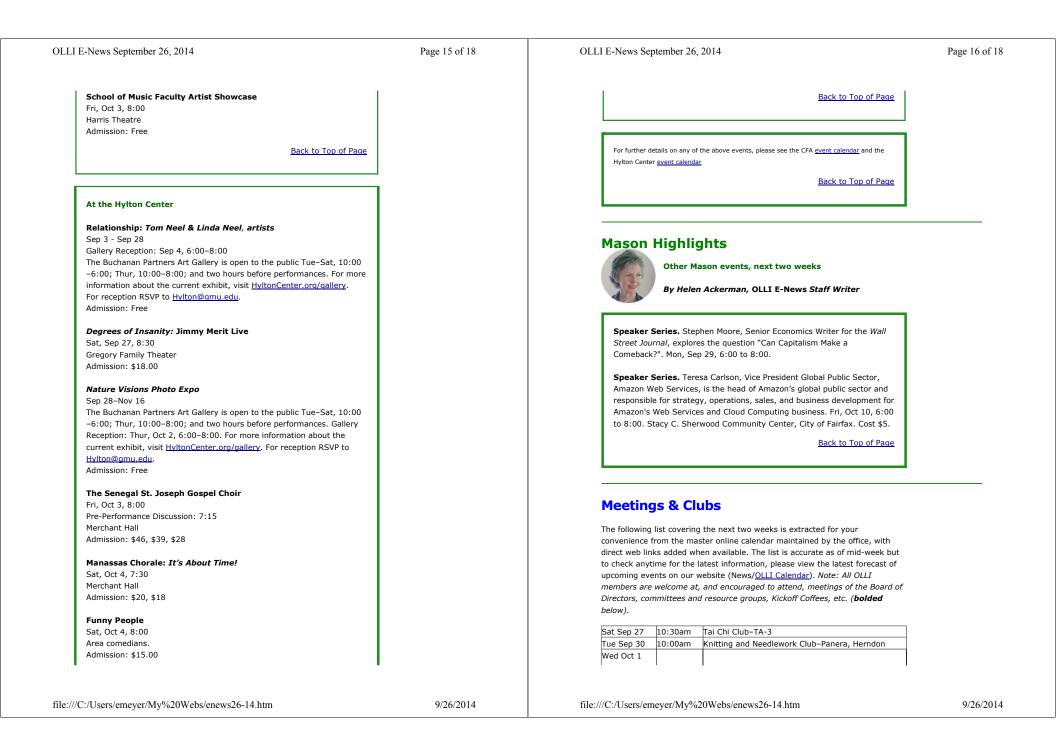
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#### Mason Student & Faculty Performances

School of Theater Studio #1: Almost, Maine Wed, Oct 1, and Fri, Oct 3, 8:00 Sat, Oct 4, 2:00 Admission: Pay what you can from \$5 - \$30 TheatreSpace

School of Theater Studio #1: The Blue Room Thur, Oct 2, and Sat, Oct 4, 8:00 Sun Oct 5, 2:00 Admission: Pay what you can from \$5 - \$30 TheatreSpace

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	1:45pm	Special Events Committee-Annex
	2:15pm	History Club-TA-1
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	9:00am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	10:00am	Crafts and Conversation–Cottage
	10:00am	iPad User Group-UCP 113/114
	11:00am	Homer, etc–Annex
	11:00am	Moby Dick Club-TA-2
	1:00pm	Reston Program Planning Group-RCC
		Hunters Woods Room 1
Sat Oct 4	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Mon Oct 6	12:00pm	FOLLI Stuffing Party-Annex
Tue Oct 7	10:00am	Knitting and Needlework Club-Panera, Herndon
	1:30pm	FOLLI Stuffing Party-Annex
Wed Oct 8	1:30pm	Book Club-TA-2
	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
Thu Oct 9	1:30pm	Loudoun Program Planning Group-
Fri Oct 10	9:00am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Photography Club-TA-1
	9:30am	Russia Discussion Group-Annex
	10:00am	Crafts and Conversation-Cottage
	11:00am	Homer, etc-Annex
	11:00pm	Moby Dick Club-TA-2

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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. **Note:** You can view past issues of *OLLI E-News* on the DocStore. To search the content of