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OLLI Holiday Party Fun, International Country Club of Fairfax, Dec 4 2015

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Alerts & Notices

This is the last issue of *E-News* for 2015. We will next publish on Jan 8, 2016. Remember to send any submissions for that issue to ollienewseditor@gmail.com by 6:00 pm Tue, Jan 5. Happy New Year!

The Tallwood office will be closed beginning Mon, Dec 21, reopening Mon, Jan 4, 2016.

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Get Your 2015 Tax Write-off; Donate to OLLI Now!



By Alice Slayton Clark, Communications Associate, with Glenn Kamber, President

It's the most wonderful time of the year! With those holiday greetings and gay happy meetings,,,,,why not tax-year receiptings? Make your charitable donation to Friends of OLLI before year's end and you can deduct the entire contribution from your 2015 tax bill!

Friends of OLLI not only supports OLLI operations such as publications and equipment updates, it provides important financial assistance to Mason programs and students, mostly in the form of scholarships. This helps maintain OLLI excellence, limit annual dues, and build critical good will and community with George Mason University.

This year, the OLLI Board of Directors approved Friends of OLLI funds for three great causes:

- students in academic departments from which faculty have volunteered as OLLI instructors;
- employees and/or family members of Mason's Facility Management staff; and
- Mason students from seven Northern Virginia school systems who are the first in their families to attend college and are supported by the university's Early Identification Program.

And as we celebrate OLLI's 25th anniversary in 2016, the OLLI Board of Directors has also approved fundraising for a one-time monetary gift to the Mason Office of Military Services (OMS) to support a variety of benefits for veterans such as scholarships, employment counseling, and job placement help.

If you wish to contribute to Friends of OLLI or the 25th anniversary gift to OMS, please go to the member portal at the following link and click the "donate" button: <https://olligmu.augusoft.net/>

Don't delay! There are only 13 more days to take advantage of the 2015 tax break.

Thanks for your support!

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Watch for Upcoming Program Planning Meetings



By Beth Davis, Program Associate



Program planners will be meeting in the new year to begin planning courses and events for the summer and fall 2016 terms. If you have a suggestion for a course or presentation, would like to teach at OLLI, or are just interested in how the program planning process works, please attend one of the following meetings.

- Special Events, Wednesday, January 6, 10:00–noon, Tallwood Annex
- History and Current Events, Thursday, January 7, 10:00–11:30, Tallwood, TA-2
- Humanities and Social Sciences, Thursday, January 7, 1:00–3:00, Tallwood, TA-2
- Loudoun, Friday, January 8, 10:00–noon, Mason in Loudoun
- Art and Music, Friday, January 8, 12:45–2:15, Mason in Loudoun
- Language, Literature, Theater, Monday, January 11, 10:00–noon, Tallwood, TA-2
- Science, Technology and Health, Tuesday, January 12, 10:00–noon, Tallwood Annex
- Reston, Thursday, January 14, 12:30–2:30, RCC Hunters Woods
- Religious Studies, Wednesday, January 20, 1:45–3:15, Tallwood Annex

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Fun Facts to Celebrate OLLI's 25th Anniversary



By Ray Beery, Member, Board of Directors

A survey of new members in 1992 showed that most came because they were invited by LRI members or read about LRI in the news. The one outstanding negative was the lack of space to socialize.



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 through the end of the fall term, 2016.

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OLLI Photographers Focus on Military Members and Families



By John Nash, OLLI Photography Club Member

It's becoming a tradition now—members of the OLLI Photo Club taking holiday portraits of military members and families. On Sunday, Dec 13, Lou Mazzatenta, Dan Feighery, Tom Simpson and John Nash joined forces with USO volunteers and staff at the USO Warrior–Family Center at Fort Belvoir to provide family portraits for 13 individuals and families...and one dog! This was the fourth year the OLLI Photo Club has supported this project.

Many of the military members and families haven't had an individual or family portrait taken for several years, often because the military member may have been deployed or have been focusing on medical treatment and recovery. "These military members are often too busy to have a portrait taken that can mean so much to other members of their families. I can tell you that each and every family that came through was very grateful for the time spent to provide them with this gift. We thank the OLLI members very much for their support," said Ashy Palliparambil, USO Hospital Services project coordinator.



After the professional–quality portraits were taken, the families were able to

choose a favorite portrait and have it printed right there. Then members received a flash drive provided by AT&T with a complete set of their pictures.

Photograph by Lou Mazzatenta

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Senator Marsden Speaks to OLLI Audience



By Martha Powers. Member, Board of Directors

On the morning of Monday, Dec 7, around 90 OLLI members gathered at the Church of the Good Shepherd to hear state Senator Dave Marsden (D-37th district) discuss the future of transportation in Northern Virginia. He talked about Metro, EZ Pass, VRE, the extension of HOT lanes on I-95, and the likelihood of I-66 (inside the beltway) becoming a toll road. Of particular concern to many OLLI members was the possibility that a major transportation hub might someday, in the distant future, be developed along Braddock Road. The senator concluded by fielding numerous questions from OLLI members concerned about these issues. OLLI member Stephanie Trachtenberg invited Senator Marsden to speak to OLLI, and she also asked OLLI president Glenn Kamber to introduce him. The event was covered by *The Burke Connection*, and once again OLLI landed front-page coverage. Kudos to Stephanie!



Click here to read the *Connection* article:

<http://connectionarchives.com/PDF/2015/120915/Burke.pdf>

Photo courtesy of Dan Feighery

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Photo of the Month



The December 2015 Photo of the Month theme was "Nature." We selected Rita Gustin's photo "Blue Tanager" which may also be viewed at [this page](#). To view other photos by members of the Photography Club, visit the club's photo [website](#).

-- By Dan Feighery, Photography Club Coordinator

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Spoiled

honey, before you go to work today,
would you kiss me goodbye one last time,
and honey, before you do would you bring
me the glass of orange juice I put in the
fridge for you—you didn't want it, did you—
and honey, would you remember to let Fifi out—
you know how she chews up the living
room rug when she gets bored, and I'm too
tired to get up just yet—and honey, you know
I love you right, and be sure to lock the back
door on your way out, and you won't forget to
kiss me goodbye one last time, will you

Jean Klaus

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, through Jan 10

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

Vienna Boys Choir: *Christmas in Vienna*

Fri, Dec 18, at 8:00

Pre-performance discussion: David Srebnik, Classical Music Program

Director, SiriusXM Satellite Radio

Concert Hall

Admission: \$54, \$46, \$32.

Savion Glover: *DANCE HOLIDAY SPeCTaCuLaR*

Sat, Dec 19, at 8:00

Pre-performance discussion: member of the company

Concert Hall

Admission: \$54, \$46, \$32.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

No scheduled performances.

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At the Hylton Center

Art Feast by Associate Artists at the Workhouse

Continues through 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.

Manassas Ballet Theatre: *The Nutcracker*

Thu, Dec 17 through Sat Dec 19, 7:30

Sun, Dec 19 through Wed, Dec 23, 3:00

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$25 - \$65

Woodbridge Dance Company: A Coffee House Concert Collection

Sat, Jan 9, 7:00

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$25, adults; \$20, seniors

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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**).*

Sat Dec 19	10:00am	Computer Club–TA-1
	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Mon Jan 4	10:00am	What's in the Daily News Cont'd–TA-1
Tue Jan 5	9:30am	Cottage Art–Cottage
	10:00am	Knitting and Needlework Club–Panera, Herndon
Wed Jan 6	10:00am	Bridge Club–TA-3
	10:00am	Mah Jongg Club–TA-2
	10:00am	Special Events Committee–Annex
	10:30am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum–TA-1
Fri Jan 8	9:00am	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Photography Club–TA-1
	10:30am	Craft and Conversation–Cottage
	11:00am	Homer, etc–Annex
	12:00pm	Religious Studies Club–TA-2

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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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