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Photos by George Addison, Paul & Susan Van Hemel November 4, 2016

**OLLI 25th Anniversary Party, Church of the Good Shepherd, November 4, 2016. (For more party photos, click [this link](#).)**

## November 18, 2016

Editor of the Week: Leslie Vandivere

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### Alerts & Notices

- OLLI is closed the week of November 21 to 25 for Thanksgiving.
- Monday, November 28, is the deadline to register for the Annual OLLI Holiday Party, Special Event 1105. The party is December 2, 11:30 to 3:00 at the International Country Club in Fairfax. See *E-News* article by Elaine Leonard at [this link](#) for details.

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### Happy 25th Anniversary, OLLI!



By Martha Powers, Vice President



Some 150 members celebrated OLLI's 25th Anniversary on the afternoon of Friday, November 4, at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Burke. The event included the following:

- Pre-party music by OLLI's Recorder Consort, conducted by Helen Ackerman
- A dessert bar featuring beautiful and delicious creations donated by Kathleen Pablo
- An opportunity to purchase *The History of OLLI* book from members of the committee that made it possible
- The Tallwood Trio with Nancy Riley for our listening pleasure
- OLLI member and historic re-enactor Jenée Lindner as Sarah Tracy, whose special ties to the Church of the Good Shepherd were revealed (see photo by Paul Van Hemel; view more pictures from the party at [this link](#)).
- Manny Pablo as master of ceremonies for the volunteer recognition part of our program



- Lesley Bubenhofer, chair of OLLI’s Development Committee (FOLLI), presenting Mason’s Office of Military Services with a check in the amount of \$25,625, our donation to their impressive program
- A movie created by staffer Alice Slayton-Clark’s teenaged son Dylan (with voiceover by his dad, scripted by his mom), which commemorated OLLI founders and our history
- Door prizes donated by OLLI members Carolyn Kramer, Lesley Bubenhofer, and Thelma Weiner



Special thanks to Toni and John Acton for setting up the event, with help from Jim Dunphy and other members of the Social Events Committee. Photographer George Addison captured the day for posterity, while Angie and Dave Talaber took photos of members at the giant green O-L-L-I letters.

This event highlighted the many talents of OLLI members: musical, educational, historical, and of course, gustatorial. Here’s to OLLI’s next 25 years!

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### Photo of the Month



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The November 2016 Photo of the Month theme was open (i.e., unspecified). We selected Ed Parker's photo "Grandmother," 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 Angela Talaber, Photography Club Coordinator*

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### Poet's Corner

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

#### Angry White Man

Yes  
I'm angry

not at blacks  
gays  
lesbians  
immigrants

not at taxes  
Democrats  
women  
government

no  
at you, Life  
for leaving me  
to Death

It's common knowledge  
you're a mess  
We were lovers  
nevertheless.

Who can blame me  
for being angry.  
I don't want to be an ex.

**Ed Sadtler**

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## Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, Nov 18 through Dec 5

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

#### BIRDMAN LIVE

Fri, Nov 18, 8:00  
 Concert Hall  
 Pre-performance discussion: Joe McCarthy.  
 Concert Hall  
 Admission: \$42, \$36, \$25.

#### Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: *Brahms' Great Beginnings*

Sat, Nov 19, 8:00  
 Brahms: Piano Concerto No.1, Simone Dinnerstein, piano  
 Brahms: Symphony No.1  
 Pre-performance discussion at 7:00: David Ginder of WETA, conductor  
 Christopher Zimmerman, and special guests.  
 Concert Hall  
 Admission: \$65, \$53, \$39.

#### Sons of Serendip: *Christmas: Beyond the Lights*

Sat, Nov 26, 8:00  
 Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company.  
 Concert Hall  
 Admission: \$55, \$47, \$33.

#### Virginia Opera: *The Barber of Seville*

Sat, Dec 3, 8:00  
 Sun, Dec 4, 2:00  
 Pre-performance discussion: Glenn Winter.  
 Concert Hall  
 Admission: \$110, \$90, \$54.

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### Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

#### Mason's School of Theater: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Thu, Nov 17—Sat, Nov 19, 8:00  
 Sat, Nov 19, 2016 and Sun, Nov 20, 2:00  
 A Talk Back/Q&A with the cast will take place after the performance Friday.  
 TheaterSpace  
 Admission: Thu—Sun, Adults, \$20; seniors, \$12.

#### Opera Scenes Recital

Fri, Nov 18, 3:00  
 Highlights from Mozart's Don Giovanni  
 Choral Room A323  
 Admission: Free.

#### Strings Chamber Concert

Fri, Nov 18, 4:30  
 DeLaski 3001  
 Admission: Free.

#### Vocal Pops A Capella Concert

Sun, Nov 20, 4:00  
 Harris Theatre  
 Admission: Free.

#### New Sound Collective Concert

Thu, Dec 1, 8:00  
 DeLaski 3001  
 Admission: Free.

#### Dance Innovations

Thu, Dec 1—Sat, Dec 3, 8:00  
 Harris Theatre  
 Admission: Adults, \$15; seniors, \$10.

#### Mason's School of Theater: *Bouncin' - A Kid Pan Alley Musical*

Sat, Dec 3, 8:00  
 Staged reading of an original musical by Paul Reisler.  
 TheaterSpace  
 Admission: Pay what you can - \$5 increments.

**Mason Opera: *Amahl and the Night Visitors***

Sun, Dec 4, 3:00 and 5:00  
 Old Town Hall, Fairfax  
 Tickets: \$12, \$8, \$5.

**Dr. Anna Balakerskaia Studio Recital**

Sun, Dec 4, 6:00  
 Choral Room A323  
 Admission: Free.

**Baroque Ensemble Concert**

Mon, Dec 5, 7:30  
 Harris Theatre  
 Admission: Free.

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**At the Hylton Center**

**The Arts and the Military: *Moving through Memories of Service and Conflict***

Nov 7—Dec 11  
 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.

**Gainesville Ballet: *The Nutcracker***

Fri, Nov 25, 2:00 and 7:00  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: Adults, \$35; children, \$17.

**Northern Virginia Ballet: *The Nutcracker***

Sat, Nov 26, 2:00 and 6:00  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: Adults, \$35; seniors, \$25; children, \$17.

**Windham Hill: *A Winter Solstice Concert***

Sun, Nov 27, 7:00  
 Featuring Liz Story  
 Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company.  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30.

**In Tune Music: *Holiday Recital***

Nov 27, 1:00 and 4:00  
 Gregory Family Theater  
 Admission: Adults, \$10; seniors, \$5; children, \$5.

**Swing Machine Big Band: *5th Annual Christmas Extravaganza!***

Wed, Nov 30, 7:30  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: \$10.

**Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra featuring New York Voices**

Fri, Dec 2, 8:00  
 Pre-performance discussion: Bryan Kidd  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: \$55, \$47, \$33.

**Mason Opera: *Amahl and the Night Visitors***

Fri, Dec 2, 2016 and Sat, Dec 3, 8:00  
 Sat, Dec 3, 3:00  
 Gregory Family Theater  
 Admission: Adults, \$12; seniors, \$8.

**Manassas Chorale: *Rejoice and Be Merry!***

Sat, Dec 3, 5:00  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: \$20, \$18.

**Asaph Dance: *Clara's Christmas and Handel's Messiah***

Sun, Dec 4, 3:30 and 7:30  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: Adults, \$30; seniors, \$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 Nov 19	10:30am 1:00pm	Tai Chi Club-TA-3 Computer Club-TA-1
Mon Nov 28	10:00am	What's in the Daily News, cont'd-TA-1
Tue Nov 29	9:30am	Annex Art-Annex
Wed Nov 30	10:00am 10:30am	Bridge Club-TA-3 Tom Crooker Investment Forum-TA-1
Fri Dec 2	9:30am	Craft and Conversation Group-Annex

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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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**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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