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Photos by Paul Van Hemel, December 1, 2017

*The OLLI Holiday Party, December 1, at the International Country Club, Fairfax.
These and more photos can be seen at [this link](#).*

December 15, 2017

Editor of the Week: John Nash

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Alerts & Notices

- The OPCUG/PATACS Joint Meeting, cancelled for December 9 because of inclement weather, is rescheduled for Saturday, December 16, 1:00, at Tallwood (TA1).
- The closure or delay of OLLI classes and offices follows the announcements of Fairfax County Public Schools regarding cancellations or delays because of the weather. Normally, a message will be sent by OLLI staff or a notice posted to the OLLI web page at <https://OLLI.gmu.edu> or you can find the FCPS decision early by going to the FCPS Twitter feed: <https://twitter.com/fcpsnews> or viewing the notice at the top of their web page: <https://www.fcps.edu/>.
- Donate now to Friends of OLLI and get a tax deduction for 2017. Click [here](#) to get started.
- OLLI offices will be closed for the holiday break December 18–January 7; offices will reopen January 8.
- Board of Directors Meeting, Friday, January 19, 10:00, at Tallwood in TA-1. All members welcome.
- The winter term begins January 22.

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How Many Wreaths Has OLLI Sponsored?



By Martha Powers, Board Member

225! Thanks to your generosity, many more veterans will be honored at Quantico National Cemetery during the holiday season this year. Our recent fundraising drive on behalf of Wreaths Across America has been a resounding success, resulting in an amazing 225 wreaths (including the third free wreath WAA donated for every two we sponsored).





To all of you who embraced this project, I offer my heartfelt thanks and an invitation to join your fellow OLLI members at Quantico National Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 16, when we will be helping to lay wreaths on graves. Those who plan to attend should arrive no later than 11:00. Proceed to Shelter D and look for someone holding a large round OLLI sign! Following the noon ceremony, we will place the wreaths. Afterward, you may join us for an optional, no-host lunch. (See travel directions below.)

Please contact me (marthapowers@verizon.net) if you would like to join us.

Best of the season to all!

Directions to Quantico National Cemetery, Shelter D

- Take I-95 south to exit 150B.
- At the end of the ramp, turn right onto the main road (Joplin Rd.)
- Follow 0.9 miles. You'll pass a golf course on the left; then turn left into the cemetery.
- In the cemetery, follow the main road (Yorktown Blvd.) past the buildings on the right to a traffic circle.
- Make a left (270 degrees) and continue to Shelter D.
- You may want to go to the next traffic circle and turn around before parking.
- Park along the right side of the road; do not park on grass.

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Raffle Winner Announced at the Holiday Party



By Lesley Bubenhofer, Development Committee Chair

The winner of a one-year OLLI membership fee was present at the annual OLLI Holiday Party on December 1. Congratulations to Lita Mellon who was delighted and thrilled to be the winner!

If you are disappointed that you were not the winner this time, you can try your luck next year at the 2018 registration fee raffle. Buying a few tickets could make you the winner and a supporter of OLLI as well!

Many thanks to all of you who participated this year to ensure



the success of this fundraising endeavor. The raffle ticket sale raised \$1,860. The only expense to be deducted was the actual cost of the registration fee, \$425. This is a terrific fundraiser for the Friends of OLLI.



Do you know what Friends of OLLI funds do for us? They provide many enhancements and benefits to OLLI which include scholarship awards to George Mason students whose faculty and students generously support our programs; support for Mason's Fall for the Book; purchases of equipment and services for our classrooms; supplemental funds for OLLI committees and publications; supplement to the emergency reserve fund; and special giving as approved by the OLLL Board of Directors.

The development committee encourages you to submit your ideas and suggestions for fundraising events that you would enjoy, and welcomes any concerns or questions. Contact Development Committee Chair Lesley Bubenhofer (labubenhofer@verizon.net).

Happy Holidays!

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Language/Literature/Theater Program Planning Group Meeting



By Rala Stone, Program Planning Group Co-Chair

The OLLI Language/Literature/Theater Program Planning Group will meet Tuesday, January 16, at 10:30 in TA-1 at Tallwood. We will be reviewing past programs and planned courses for winter and spring terms. And, of course, we are already working on courses for the summer and fall 2018 terms. Please come and share your feedback and ideas for future courses. Your input is much needed and appreciated.

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Put on Your Thinking Cap – and Join Us in January





*By Marianne Metz, Music Co-Chair, Art & Music Program
Planning Group*

On January 9, OLLI's Art & Music Program Planning Group kicks off the new year with its first meeting of 2018. Please join us!

This is your chance to present your own proposals for art, music, dance, and photography classes at OLLI. So put on your thinking cap and consider what you'd like to see. Is there a certain subject you're passionate about? Have you come across a wonderful lecturer or speaker somewhere else who'd be ideal for OLLI? One wonderful thing about OLLI is that it allows individuals to teach subjects they love...subjects of their own choice. You can take that step, and share your passion with a class. Whether you teach it yourself or find and coordinate others to teach, you can find great satisfaction in a job well done.

So join us on Tuesday afternoon, January 9, to share your thoughts with like-minded arts lovers. The meeting starts at 1:30 in the Tallwood Annex.

If you can't make the meeting but have an idea for a class or teacher – or if you just have a question – PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU! You can contact any of us. We hope you do!

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Photo of the Month



The December 2017 Photo of the Month theme was open, meaning photo club members could submit photos in any category they liked. We selected Ed Marion's photo "Tumbling Thru Time" 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

Siamese Twins

She's always home
 when you arrive,
but also manages
 to contrive
a life apart:
 one of law,
a perfect fit,
 never a flaw.
She does not need,
 she only gives.
She never screams
 at your kids.
She is my shadow,
 haunts my life,
between you two
 there is no strife.
When I clean or when
 I cook
I find her bones in
 every nook
I cannot keep her from
 my view,
so at my end build
 coffins two,
And bury us both,
 side by side:
me, the wife
 and her, the bride.

Susan Osborn

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, December 15 through January 1



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

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra and Fairfax Ballet: *The Nutcracker*

Sat, Dec 16, 4:00

Concert Hall

Admission: \$65, \$53, \$39.

Vienna Boys Choir: *Christmas in Vienna*

Sun, Dec 17, 2:00

Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$55, \$47, \$33.

Moscow Ballet: *Great Russian Nutcracker*

Wed, Dec 20 and Thu, Dec 21, 7:00

Concert Hall

Admission: \$175 Platinum, \$130 Gold Circle, \$89, \$69, \$49, \$28.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

Anjanette Trebing: Graduate Vocal Recital

Sat, Dec 16, 6:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free.

Merry Ramsey: Graduate Piano Pedagogy Recital

Sun, Dec 17, 3:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit: *Ephemeral Treasures*

Dec 5 – Jan 20

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.

Prince William Little Theatre: *A Christmas Chaos*

Fri, Dec 15 and Sat, Dec 16, 8:00

Sat, Dec 16 and Sun, Dec 17, 2:00

Gregory Family Theater

Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$17.

Manassas Ballet Theatre: *The Nutcracker*

Sat, Dec 16 and Sun, Dec 17, 3:00

Sun, Dec 17, 7:30

Tue, Dec 19, 2017 – Fri, Dec 22, 7:30

Fri, Dec 22, 2017 and Sat, Dec 23, 3:00

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$75, \$65, \$55, \$45, \$35.

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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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**In the end, there are no losers.
Sometimes, winners just take longer
to develop!**

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