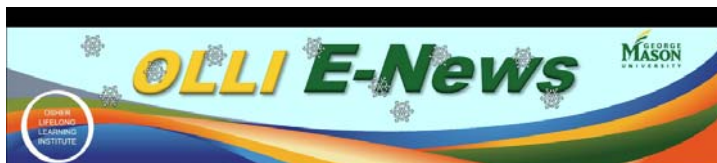


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*Development Committee Holiday Lunch, Bazin's On Church, Vienna, VA, December 19.*

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## December 29, 2017

Editor of the Week: Jean Boltz

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### Alerts & Notices

- OLLI offices re-open January 8 (9:00 to noon) after holiday break.
- Board of Directors Meeting, Friday, January 19, 10:00, at Tallwood in TA-1. All members welcome.
- Winter term begins January 22.

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### OLLI Members Lay Wreaths at Quantico



*By John Nash, E-News Editor and Staff Writer*

It was a clear, sunny, and brisk day on Saturday, December 16, when eight OLLI members bundled up and joined a multitude of others at Quantico National Cemetery to lay wreaths on veterans' graves. The OLLI effort was organized by Martha Powers, OLLI Board member (pictured on the right).

"I saw people laying wreaths on veterans' graves two years ago when I visited my parents' grave," said Martha. "This year, I thought it would be a wonderful project for OLLI members to join *Wreaths Across America* to help sponsor wreaths for gravesites at Quantico."

Martha said her goal was 100 wreaths, but she underestimated the interest and generosity of OLLI members whose efforts provided 225 wreaths to the national project for Quantico. "This was such a wonderful way to pay tribute to our veterans," she said.



*Wreaths Across America* began in 1992 when the Worcester Wreath Company in Harrington, Maine, transported their surplus holiday wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery for placement on gravesites in a not-often-visited area. Since then, the effort has dramatically expanded and now provides donated wreaths in all states. This year, with 1,422 participating locations nationwide, nearly 500 trucks transported 1,565,000 veterans' remembrance wreaths throughout the country. Wreaths were placed on more than half of the 35,000 Quantico gravesites. The goal is 100 percent coverage.

Will she repeat the project next year? "Absolutely!" Martha said. "Many OLLI members have indicated they would like to participate next year with contributions and in person to lay the wreaths. It's a great way for OLLI members and others in our community to honor and respect those who have served our country."



OLLI members pictured are: George Bradshaw, Martha Powers, Dave Talaber, John Nash, Angie Talaber. (Photos by John Nash)

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## Would You Like To Teach a Sports Class?



*By Jim Dunphy, Instructor and Member Services Committee Member*

You may have noticed that among the art, music, history, and current events classes of which OLLI is justifiably proud, we have snuck in a few baseball classes – 5 biggest Nats games in 2017, worst baseball promotions in winter 2018, and the life and times of Yogi Berra in spring 2018. This has been in response to survey results asking for more sports, not just baseball classes.

I have been lucky enough to be able to provide classes on baseball and will continue to do so. But OLLI would like to expand the bench of both sports-related classes and instructors. Have a good idea for a class? Think of something interesting? Not sure what the next step would be? If you need someone to serve as a sounding board or to help you develop the class, in the immortal words of John Fogelberg in his hit, *Centerfield*, "Put me in coach, I'm ready to play." Drop me a line at [dunphyjj@aol.com](mailto:dunphyjj@aol.com), call me at (703) 244-9046, or catch up with me when I am at OLLI, and let's talk about how we can take OLLI out to the ball game. Thanks!

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## Poet's Corner

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

### Cyber Etiquette

Plugged in,  
wired or wireless,  
music, enews or  
if hands move,  
tweeting or messaging.

If lips twitter, an unplanned interruption  
of personal cyberspace,  
talking to someone in real time,  
likely an out-of-it, but  
still sweet

grandparent.

Tony Rounds

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## Obituary: Richard Southworth Lanterman

Richard Lanterman died on December 17, 2017. His passion for learning was reflected in his years-long OLLI membership beginning in fall term 1999. He loved travel, and took a wide variety of courses at OLLI. He also enjoyed attending performances at the Mason Center for the Arts. A retired colonel in the US Army Reserve, he will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Further information is available at [this link](#).

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## Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, December 29 through January 15



*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

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### Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

No Performances

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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

#### Dance Etcetera School of the Arts: 37th Annual Winter Concert

Sat, Jan 13, 7:00

Gregory Family Theater

Admission: \$20.

#### Battlefield and Fairfax High School Combined Choirs and Orchestra: *Mozart's Requiem Mass in D minor*

Sat, Jan 13, 7:00

Merchant Hall

Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$10.

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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

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