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Dance Choreography Sampler Class, Tallwood, February 5: Coordinator Linda Garner Miller is a distinguished service professor in the Mason School of Dance.

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Alerts & Notices

- There will be a meeting of the Loudoun Program Planning Group at Loudoun on Tuesday, February 13, from 11:05 to 11:40. Members are welcome to attend and participate.
- There will be a meeting of the Humanities/Social Sciences Program Planning Group at Tallwood in TA-1 on Wednesday, February 14, from 12:30 to 2:30. Members are welcome to attend and participate.
- The Board of Directors will meet on Friday, February 16, at Tallwood in TA-1 from 10:00 to 12:00. All members are welcome to attend.
- The winter term ice cream social and Mardi Gras festival will be Friday, February 16, at Tallwood in TA-1 from 1:00 to 3:00. Register for Event 1103.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published February 16; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, February 13, at 6:00.

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Strategic Planning Committee Formed



By Bill Taylor, Chair, Strategic Planning Committee

2/17/2018



OLLI has formed a committee to develop a strategic plan for the next five years. Committee members, left to right in the photo below, are Tom Urman, John Woods, Ray Beery, Michelle Blandburg, Enid Weber, Terri Feldmayer, Gloria Loew, Norma Jean Reck, and Bill Taylor (chair). Irene Osterman, Marianne Metz, and Jennifer Disano (not in photo) are also members. As it does its work over the next several months, the committee will be asking for input from all OLLI members and staff. Notice of upcoming committee meetings will be posted. The meetings are open to any member, and the committee would welcome your participation.



Photo by Jennifer Disano, January 18, 2018

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More Than Just Classes - Way More!



By Martha Powers, Member, Board of Directors

Like most of our members, I joined OLLI thinking, "I can brush up on my Latin and learn about opera, to boot." After all, OLLI-Mason offers hundreds of courses about everything from acting to zoology, and that's what attracts most of us. But our OLLI also provides opportunities to meet others and socialize. Among our regularly scheduled annual events, you'll find:

- Six coffee klatches at Tallwood, casual events for chitchat and meeting others;
- Special coffees at all three OLLI locations, usually with speakers;
- Winter Ice Cream Social and Christmas-in-July parties at Tallwood;
- A Spring Super Salad Social and fall Chili Cook-off in Reston;
- The Annual Meeting & Picnic in May at Tallwood;
- The Town Hall Meeting in November at Tallwood; and
- The Holiday Party, a posh event held at an area country club.

All of these are free to OLLI members, with the exception of the Holiday Party and a couple of the special coffees. So if you came to OLLI to take classes, be sure to take advantage of our social opportunities, too, and get to know your fellow OLLI members.

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Help OLLI Spread the Word



By Alice Slayton Clark, Communications and Program Associate

OLLI has copies of its new promotional flyer available in the Tallwood office. The full-color flyer has information about OLLI, a listing of all the classes offered spring term, and contact details for those interested in signing up. Grab a few flyers when you are on campus if you would like to share them with friends or drop them at a local store/library/community center. Flyers will also be available from your local site assistant.

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It's Showtime! Theater Lovers' Group Plans Theatrical Outings



By Norma J. Reck, Theater Lovers' Group Coordinator

2/17/2018



Members of OLLI's Theater Lovers' Group (TLG) met Friday morning, January 26, to plan theatrical outings for this spring. All OLLI members are invited to join TLG, which meets the last Friday of the month, generally from 10:00 to 11:30 in TA-1. To receive TLG emails about our events, you must sign up for TLG on the OLLI website or go to the OLLI office to sign up. You and your guests are welcome to join TLG events. We welcome everyone to enjoy theater, have a fun dinner, and let the good times roll.

On Sunday, February 18, we will go to 1st Stage Tysons to see the 2:00 matinee of *The Farnsworth Invention*. If you watch television, then you will want to see the play since the story involves two men competing to invent TV. We'll go to dinner after the show at a restaurant nearby. Carpools can be arranged.

On Friday, February 23, Ken Elston, Director of Mason's School of Theater, will discuss his translation of Moliere's *Imaginary Invalid: Coming Down with Something Hilarious* in OLLI class 1002BT. The class will be combined with the TLG February meeting from 1:00 to 2:30 at Tallwood. You can still sign up for his class on the OLLI website. *The Imaginary Invalid* is a really laugh-out-loud tale of a miserly, outlandish hypochondriac with some romance thrown in. Then, on Sunday, March 4, we will go to the TheaterSpace next to Center for the Arts at Mason to see the performance of *Imaginary Invalid*, followed by dinner at Oh George in University Mall. Tickets for seniors are \$10. News flash: Mason's School of Theater was just named number one in our region.

On Sunday, March 18, we will go to the Reston Community Center (RCC) to see Reston Community Players (RCP) perform *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* at the 2:00 matinee. We'll have dinner after the show. Need I say more? It will be a sell-out. Tickets for seniors are \$20.

On Sunday, April 29, we will go back to RCC to see RCP perform *Thoroughly Modern Millie* at the 2:00 matinee. We'll have dinner after the show. *Millie* will have you dancing in the aisles.

We are also planning to form a Happy Hour Play Readers group at Tallwood and Reston and to take a backstage tour of the Folger. We're looking for a good murder mystery to attend, and we're looking into a trip to Shepherdstown, WV, in July to catch some of the plays at the Contemporary American Theater Festival.

Questions? Email Norma at njreck@cs.com

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Tallwood Book Club



By Ceda Magrew, Tallwood Book Club Coordinator

The Tallwood Book Club will meet at 1:30 on Wednesday, February 14, in the Annex. The book for discussion is *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah, a South African comedian, writer, political commentator, and current host of *The Daily Show* on Comedy Central. Noah was born on February 20, 1984, in Johannesburg to a black mother and a white Swiss-German father, a year before interracial relationships and marriages were legalized as part of the undoing of apartheid. From the book jacket: "His stories weave together to form a moving and searingly funny portrait of a boy making his way through a damaged world in a dangerous time, armed only with a keen sense of humor and a mother's unconventional, unconditional love."

All OLLI members are welcome.

The selection for March 14 is *Nora Webster* by Irish author Colm Toibin.

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Computer Club



By Paul Howard, OPCUG Program Chair

3rd Saturday, February 17
 Experts Panel – Extended Q&A
 iPad and iPhone – Together at Last

The Computer Club (OLLI Personal Computer User Group, or OPCUG) will meet with its partner, the Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society (PATACS), on Saturday, February 17, at Tallwood. Join us at 12:30 for socializing in the Annex. Program activities begin at 1:00 in TA-1.

iPad and iPhone – Together at Last: Presented by Gabe Goldberg

"About six years ago, I wanted to buy a tablet, for the tablet "experience." Though at first disinclined to buy an Apple device, eventually personal circumstances led me to bond with it and I began using it daily. Years later, intrigued by the iPad Air 2, I convinced my wife that she needed an iPad so I could upgrade. The amazing Air 2 weighs less than a pound, has 64 gigabytes storage, and includes much better screen and cameras than the iPad 2 (which my wife of course inherited). Features almost entirely eclipse the iPad 2, with just one – typical – Apple exception. Last year, we replaced our venerable but still functional flip phones with iPhones. I'll review my thinking behind choosing iPhones, and our pleasant smartphone experience, brilliantly partnering with the iPads, and mostly also relevant to other tablet and phone models (e.g., Android, Google Pixel)."

Gabe is an information technology professional and technical writer. He currently serves as Region-2 member of the Board of Advisors of the Association of Personal Computer User Groups, assisting groups in six mid-Atlantic states.

Extended Q&A Session with Expert Panel: Roger Fujii, Tom Gutnick, and Ray Parker

Bring your computer and related technology questions for a 45-minute session where we help you resolve computer-lifestyle issues. You may send questions in advance to: info@patacs.org – Subject Line: Tech Panel 2/17/18.

See full details on this meeting by [clicking here](#). For information on the Computer Club, see the [OPCUG website](#). OPCUG dues of \$5 for 2018 will be collected at this meeting.

Can't make the meeting in person? Dues-paid club members may attend via Zoom's cloud meeting service, beginning at 12:45. Send a message to webinarhosts@patacs.org if you plan to attend in this way. Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/2080042114>.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Emily

She's back from her travels, wiser. Still, she wants to read my poems. I can't imagine why, when she has important things to do, like canoeing in her optimistic canoe (it continues to look up at both ends) or reading poems by authors who have paid their dues, that she would wish to read mine. Curiosity? Compassion? Surely not compassion. She's liberal, but not that liberal. I think it's just one more excuse to sit, snooze.

Ed Sadtler

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, February 9 through February 19.
 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

Helsingborg Symphony Orchestra

Fri, Feb 09, 8:00
 Pre-performance discussion: Stefan Solyom, conductor and Fredrik Osterling, general manager
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$60, \$51, \$36.

TAO: Drum Heart

Sat, Feb 10, 8:00
 Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30.

Virginia Opera: A Midsummer Night's Dream

Sat, Feb 17, 8:00
 Sun, Feb 18, 2:00
 Pre-performance discussion: Dr. Glenn Winter, "Dr. Opera"

Concert Hall
Admission: \$110, \$90, \$54

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

35mm: A Musical Exhibition

Fri, Feb 16, 8:00
Sat, Feb 17, 2:00 and 8:00
Harris Theatre
Admission: Adults \$20; seniors \$10.

Faculty Artist Series: Anna & Friends

Sun, Feb 18, 7:00
Harris Theatre
Admission: Free.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

American Festival Pops Orchestra: Valentine Pops

Sat, Feb 10, 8:00
Pre-performance discussion: Bryan Kidd, Arranger in residence
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30.

Walnut Street Theatre: Baskerville

Sun, Feb 11, 7:00
Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26.

American Roots Series: Ten Strings And A Goatskin

Sat, Feb 17, 8:00
Gregory Family Theater
Admission: \$25 in advance; \$30 day of performance.

Virginia National Ballet: AIDA

Sat, Feb 17, 2:00 and 7:30
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$35 Adults; \$30 seniors.

Youth Orchestras of Prince William: Flow

Sun, Feb 18, 3:00
Complimentary light reception at 2:00 in the upstairs Buchanan Partners Art Gallery.
Merchant Hall
Admission: Adults \$20; \$12 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 mid-week but to check any time 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 Feb 10	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Tue Feb 13	11:05am	Loudoun Program Planning Group
	12:30am	Humanities/Social Sciences Planning Group-TA-1
Wed Feb 14	1:30pm	Tallwood Book Club-Annex
	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	1:45pm	Spanish Club-TA-2
	9:15am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation-Annex
	10:00am	Board of Directors Meeting-TA-1
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club-TA-2
	11:00am	Homer, etc.-Annex
	1:00pm	Chess Club-TA-2
	1:00pm	Dr. Who Club-TA-3
Sat Feb 17	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
	1:00pm	Computer Club-TA-1
Tue Feb 20	9:30am	Annex Art-Annex
	10:00am	Bridge Club-TA-3
	10:00am	Mah Jongg Club-TA-2
	10:30am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum-TA-1
	1:00pm	A/V Committee Meeting-TA-1
	9:15am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation-Annex
	11:00am	Homer, etc. -Annex
	12:00pm	Photography Club-TA-3
	1:00pm	Theater Lovers Club-TA-1

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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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