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Photos by Beth Davis, Mar 10, 2017

March 10 Appreciation Lunch for Front-office Volunteers

March 24, 2017

Editor of the Week: Sheri Siesseger

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Alerts & Notices

Please note that you will be receiving the OLLI Communicator via email on Sunday evenings. This will replace the announcements that have previously been made by class liaisons. Announcements for each week will also be displayed on the screen in each classroom prior to the beginning of the class.

A list of cancelled and changed courses for the spring term is available on the OLLI website at [this link](#).

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Notes from the March 17 Board Meeting



By Irene Osterman, Board Member

The Board met on Friday, March 17, 2017 at Tallwood. In his president's report, Ray Beery announced that the liaison committee has been disbanded

and weekly announcements will now just be shown electronically before classes start. The Communicator, which contains these announcements, will also be emailed to all members on Sundays.

This month's President's Recognition certificates are going to the instructors and facilitators for the winter term. Michelle Blandburg, Emmett Fenlon, Martha Powers, Nancy Scheeler and Stan Schretter were honored at the meeting for teaching.



The holiday party will be held at the International Country Club again this year. Entertainment will be provided by members of Mason's music department rather than the Recorder Consort, OLLI Players and Tallwood Trio.

The teacher appreciation event will be held on April 28 at the Fairfax Country Club and this year will feature breakfast.

Executive Director Jennifer Disano announced that membership is down from last spring but this year's budget will still be adequate. A replacement A/C unit has been installed in TA-1, and the room is now quiet.

Ken Wade has resigned as Reston site assistant and one of our work study students, Nihad Hedrihi, is taking over the position.

A resolution passed giving introductory memberships to OLLI at no charge to Bud and Susan Burwell, owners of the Reston Used Bookshop, who have sponsored the literary roundtable since 1999.

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Candidates Wanted for OLLI Board

OLLI-Mason will soon be electing new members to our Board of Directors. The Board meets once a month, 10 times per year, generally on the third Friday. Its work covers a variety of tasks—financial, educational, social, and organizational. The Board's work is key to serving our members' needs today and well into the future.

Please contact me now if you are willing to be a candidate for the Board.

Terri Feldmayer
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 Board of Directors Election 2017
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Art and Music Program Planning Group Meets Next Week – Come Join Us!



By Marianne Metz, Program Planning Group Co-chair

Are you interested in art, architecture, photography, music, or dance? Is there a certain subject you're passionate about? Do you have an idea to share with the rest of us? Have you met a speaker or performer 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 will have the satisfaction that comes from crafting a quality course.

This is what OLLI program planners do. At our meetings we brainstorm ideas for future classes and teachers, and then see who can do what to make them happen.

The Music and Art Program Planning Group meets on Friday, March 31, at Tallwood. The meeting will run from 1:00 to 2:30 in TA-1. Program planners are now focused on Fall 2017 and Winter 2018.

Please join us!

Marianne Metz, Music Co-Chair mandsmetz@gmail.com
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Angie Talaber, Art Co-Chair talaber@comcast.net

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Del Ray

Warm weather getaway
perfect sun, humidity, ocean views.

The condominium, a silver sanctuary
no one under sixty five.

Super Bowl--party Americana
hot dogs, potato chips, BYOB.

The men joke, the women talk
the game unfolds, unattended.

Driving along Route 75, sun bleached
billboards shout--Accident Pain, Call "MY LAWYER."

Emergency Clinic, "Best in Del Ray"
"Forever Young Botox Center."

It will be good to return to up North snows
Where we can sometimes forget how old we are.

By Tony Rounds

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Letter to the Editor



[Editor's Note: The writer requested that his letter to the OLLI Board of Directors also be published in E-News as a letter to the editor.]

4/3/2017

Dear OLLI Board,

With your last tuition increase, I don't believe I can continue as a member.

Here's the story. I now spend half the year, November through April, in Florida. This means the only full term I can attend with you in Fairfax is the short summer one.

I've been a member for over twenty years, and when a full-year resident in Fairfax, truly treasured the courses offered. Here in Tampa Bay OLLI programs are offered through the University of South Florida, Eckerd College, and St. Petersburg University. All have a modest membership fee (which they've even halved for me given my partial year presence) and charge by the courses selected, typically \$30 or \$40.

Now, I'm not asking to change your present system, although it would be worth considering, but to ask for some relief for us "snowbirds." You have a single-semester introductory rate for new enrollees, I believe. Perhaps you would allow the same for me and others in the same situation. I would wager that you would get interest from many.

Sincerely,

Dick Bulova
rbulova@gsu.edu

[Editor's Note: The following is a response from OLLI President Ray Beery to the letter from Dick Bulova:]

Thanks for your letter, Dick. We value you as a member and friend.

Your suggestion strikes a chord with me. Accordingly, I am proposing now to my colleagues on the Board that we should indeed expand the introductory membership fee and provisions to cover "cases like yours."

Specifically, my proposal would rename the special fee "Introductory and Extended Absence." We would designate as absentee any member who is regularly away for two or three OLLI terms in a calendar year, and who requests that status.

Please continue to share with us your experiences from Tampa Bay.

4/3/2017

Sincerely,

Ray Beery

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, Mar 24 through Apr 9

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

Virginia Opera: *Turandot*

Sat, Mar 25, 8:00

Sun, Mar 26, 2:00

Pre-performance discussion: Glenn Winters, "Dr. Opera"

Concert Hall

Admission: \$110, \$90, \$54.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

Faculty Artist Series: Dr. Amy Horn

Sat, Mar 25, 3:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free.

Faculty Artist Series: John Kilkenny

Sun, Mar 26, 3:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free.

Jazz Combos Concert

Wed, Mar 29, 8:00

deLaski 3001

Admission: Free.

Gogol's *Nose* and Other Strange Tales from the City -

Wed, Mar 29, 8:00, preview

Thu, Mar 30, - Sat, Apr 1, 8:00

Sat, Apr 1, 2:00

Thu, Apr 6, - Sat, Apr 8, 8:00

Sat, Apr 8, and Sun, Apr 9, 2:00

TheaterSpace

Admission: Adults, \$25; seniors, \$15; Mar 29 (preview), pay what you can.

Mason School of Dance: Dance Gala Concert

Fri, Mar 31, and Sat, Apr 1, 8:00

Concert Hall

Admission: Adults, \$25; seniors, \$15.

Vocal Pops A Capella Concert

Sun, Apr 2, 4:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free.

Jazz Ensembles Concert: Big Band Showdown

Mon, Apr 3, 8:00

Concert Hall

Admission: Adults, \$12, seniors, \$8.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit: Betty Ganley: *Petals and Reflections*

Continues through Apr 15.

The Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00 - 6:00, Thu, 10:00 - 8:00 and two hours before performances.

Buchanan Partners Art Gallery
Admission: Free.

Prince William Little Theatre: *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*

Fri, Mar 24, and Sat, Mar 25, 8:00
Sun, Mar 26, 2:00
Gregory Family Theater
Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$17.

The Jason Bishop Show: *Magic*

Sat, Mar 25, 8:00
Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$48, \$41, \$29.

Piedmont Symphony Orchestra: *Beethoven's 9th*

Sun, Mar 26, 3:00
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$50, \$40, \$30.

**Matinee Idylls: *Linda Apple Monson and Friends*
*The Art of the Piano***

Tue, Mar 28, 12:30 lunch, 1:30 concert
Gregory Family Theater
Admission: \$45 (lunch and concert); \$25 (concert only).

Hylton Performing Arts Center 7th Anniversary Gala

Sat, Apr 1, 6:00
6:00, Reception;
7:00, Dinner;
8:30, After Gala Party
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$300 (\$145 non-deductible); After Gala Party only: \$75 (\$50 non-deductible).

Mason School of Dance: *Dance Gala Concert*

Sun, Apr 2, 4:00
Merchant Hall

Admission: Adults, \$25; seniors, \$15.

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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 Mar 26	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Wed Mar 30	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
Fri Mar 31	9:15am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation-Annex
	10:00am	Reston Program Planning Committee-Hunter Woods Rm. 1
	10:00am	Theater Lovers Club-TA-1
Fri Mar 31	11:00am	Classic Literature Club-TA-2
	1:00pm	Art & Music Program Planning-TA-1
	Sat Apr 1	10:30am
Wed Apr 5	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	1:45pm	Special Event Committee-Annex
	2:15pm	History Club-TA-1
Fri Apr 7	9:15am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Humanities and Social Sciences Program Planning Committee-TA-1

9:30am	Craft and Conversation Group–Annex
11:00am	Classic Literature Club–TA-2
11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
1:00pm	Dr. Who Club–TA-3

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About *OLLI E-News*

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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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