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Photos by Paul Van Hemel and George Bradshaw July 11 2016

OLLI Members and Grandchildren Enjoy Kids 'n' Critters Event, July 11, 2016

July 15, 2016

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Alerts & Notices

- **Reminder: Tallwood will be closed for parking lot renovation starting July 22.**
- Don't miss the opportunity for a matching donation in response to your contribution of \$100 or more to the Office of Military Service at the Christmas in July party Friday, July 15, in TA-1! Match offer ends July 15.
- Pick up a copy of the 2016 *Poets of OLLI* to enjoy what the current poets are producing. Look for the yellow cover; issues are available in classrooms at all three sites and the Tallwood office.

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OLLI President's Message July 15, 2016



By Ray Beery, President

You have been thinking about teaching an OLLI course, haven't you? You've been here two terms (or ten) and enjoyed our top-quality courses, most of them with an OLLI member at the podium.

Some of us who have been on campus for even longer can tell you, if you're ready for the next step, just how rewarding it can be. If you are a retired teacher, getting

back into harness is a simple move. If you are a retired professional, passionate about your interests, but a bit nervous about sharing, talk to your new friends here and you'll find strong support.

Summer break is the ideal time to test the waters, to suggest what you might like to teach, and to talk it over with others. There are time slots available for winter 2017 and beyond. Speak to anyone in the office, on the Program Committee, or on the Board.

If you teach, you will find your OLLI experience richer by far. It has been my personal privilege to see this happen with friends here, time after time. C'mon, just do it!

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Help the Magic Continue



**By Kathryn Russell and Russell Stone,
Program Co-Chairs**

You may remember our previous appeal urging all OLLI members to think about

- proposing a course or event others might find interesting,
- offering a course you might enjoy teaching,
- organizing a course or event you might coordinate, or
- planning a one-time event you might organize.

Well, the time has come to finalize our offerings for **Winter** term 2017, which runs January 17–February 14—four weeks. **Proposals are needed by July 29**, so as summer heats up, this is an excellent time to volunteer for winter term teaching. Remember, during winter, weather cancellations are possible, even likely. Courses or events that are “modularized” are particularly welcome—offerings that will work even if one or more sessions don’t meet.

And if winter comes, can spring be far behind? Our eight-week **Spring** term runs March 20–May 12, 2017. **Proposals are needed by October 13.**

Course/event proposals can be submitted easily on-line

at olli.gmu.edu/course-proposal-form/.

Remember, OLLI’s success depends on a constant flow of new ideas, so please don’t leave the formulation of programs to others. Think of what you can do to make the magic happen: * teach, * coordinate, * invite. If you contribute even one idea to OLLI programming, we will all benefit and be the richer for it.

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Fun Facts to Celebrate OLLI's 25th Anniversary



By Ray Beery, President

In October 1998, Learning in Retirement Institute (LRI) approved a fund-raising program, including establishment of “Friends of LRI,” to solicit contributions from members and other individuals, businesses, and organizations. All contributions were to be kept in the “Friends of LRI” fund.

OLLI is celebrating its 25th year of classes for seniors in 2016. We'll be publishing fun facts and interesting milestones about the Institute each week that OLLI E-News is published from now until the end of the fall term, 2016.



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Computer Club



By Paul Howard, OPCUG Program Chair

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, July 16, at Tallwood. Join us at 12:30 for soft drinks and socializing in the

social room. Presentations will begin at 1:00.

Digital Storage. Presented by Lorrin Garson (Previously announced topic offered at a later date.)

Lorrin will address important factors in digital storage actualization (e.g., capacity, cost, speed, durability, and security) that guide choice of storage media. After a long career in technical publishing of chemical information, he has provided our computer groups with numerous thorough and clear presentations on topics such as cryptography, encryption of personal data, cloud storage, and the origins of personal computers.

Learn in 30: Android apps on a PC? Presented by Stan Schretter.

Well maybe? Two companies are looking at installing Android apps on a PC-like device. Google is updating its Chrome infrastructure to run Android apps. A new Chinese startup, Remix, has created an OS for tablets and PCs that support Android apps in a Windows-like framework. Stan will demonstrate the Remix OS on their inexpensive tablet. An OLLI member, he has been avidly exploring technology since attaching ham radio antennas to his parents' house roof at age 13.

See full details on this meeting by [clicking here](#). For information on the Computer Club, see the [OPCUG website](#). OPCUG dues of \$5 for 2016 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, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/892931883> (Zoom Meeting ID: 892 931 883).

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Time to Renew Your Loudoun Parking Pass!



**By Alice Slayton Clark, Communications Associate/
Registrar, and Leigh Knox, Loudoun Site Coordinator**

For all OLLI members taking classes at Loudoun, fall is the time to renew your

parking permits!

Mason in Loudoun graciously grants OLLI members FREE parking at the Sterling campus site. All OLLI members taking classes at the Sterling campus, however, must have a valid permit or risk being towed.

The passes are valid for one year, aligned with the OLLI fall term. So if you currently have a parking permit for Loudoun, it will expire in August 31. Similarly, all new parking permits will be valid from September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2017.

For your convenience, new parking passes can be obtained at the OLLI Open House in Loudoun on September 16. You can park at Loudoun with your old permit during the Open House just for that day, as Mason has promised not to tow during our event. If you cannot come to the OLLI Open House, parking passes can be obtained during business hours from the George Mason receptionist located in Suite 130 at the Signal Hill Plaza facility (21335 Signal Hill Plaza, Sterling VA 20164).

Place your new parking permit on your dashboard when you attend classes. Keep in mind that it is best to park in the East Lot or, if no spaces are available, in the yellow striped student spaces as indicated on this map: <http://olli.gmu.edu/maps-directions/#loudounparking>. Because George Mason shares the office building with other tenants; it is vital that you park in the correct area. Please be aware that towing is enforced.

Enjoy fall term!

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Kids 'n' Critters—and a Really Good Time



By Martha Powers, Vice President

On the afternoon of Monday, July 11, some 20 grandkids and 30 adults descended upon Tallwood—along with four dogs, two guinea pigs, one rabbit, and 637 socks donated by OLLI members. This was our new Kids 'n' Critters event, which featured a pair of rescued greyhounds, a therapy dog, a Mason K-9 police team, and Operation Happy Sock (which teaches kids to convert unwanted socks into catnip toys). For two hours, our Tallwood venues were hopping with the presentations by these critters and their human companions—a fun and unique learning experience

for everyone. The event culminated with a meeting in TA-1 at which the kids completed decorating their souvenir caps while three large sacks of Happy Sock catnip toys were bestowed upon appreciative Fairfax animal shelter volunteers.

OLLI photo club member George Bradshaw captured these wonderful photos—and many more which are available at <https://olliphotoclubgmu.smugmug.com/GF-Special/OLLI-Kids-and-Critters-2016071/>.



Photos by George Bradshaw July 11 2016

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Photo of the Month



The July 2016 Photo of the Month theme was "Landscapes." We selected Edward Rader's photo "Arches," 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

goofy

goofy
that's life
our time
seems a
dream mystery

good sometimes
bad times too
but
we float along
between
peaks and valleys

then
an unexpected surprise
and we feel without thought
without reason
more than cozy warm
more than happily content

just goofy

By Tony Rounds

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, next ten days

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

No performances scheduled

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

No performances scheduled

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At the Hylton Center

Courtney Shelton Solo Exhibition, Best in Show, 2015 Hylton Center, 2nd Annual Juried Exhibit
 July 11 - Aug 28
 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.

Prince William Little Theatre: Cabaret
 Fri, July 15 and 22, 8:00

Sat, July 16 and 23, 8:00
 Sun, July 17 and 24, 2:00
 Gregory Family Theater
 Adults, \$25; 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 Jul 16	10:30am 1:00pm	Tai Chi Club-TA-3 Computer Club-TA-1
Mon Jul 18	10:00am 10:00am 10:00am	Bridge Club-TA-3 Mah Jongg Club-TA-2 What's in the Daily News-TA-1
Tue Jul 19	9:00am	Annex Art-Annex
Fri Jul 22	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am 12:00pm 12:00pm 1:00pm	Recorder Consort-TA-3 Craft and Conversation-Annex Homer, etc-TA-2 Religious Studies Club-TA-2 Photography Club-TA-1 Dr. Who Club-TA-3
Sat Jul 23	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-Lord of Life Fairfax Fellowship
Wed Jul 27	10:00am 10:30am	Bridge Club-Lord of Life Fairfax Fellowship Tom Crooker Investment Forum-Lord of Life Fairfax Sanctuary

Fri Jul 29	9:00am 11:00am	Recorder Consort–Lord of Life Fairfax Sanctuary Homer, etc–Lord of Life Fairfax Parlor
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About *OLLI E-News*

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ollinewseditor@gmail.com.

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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