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Photos by Dave Talaber and Dave Ryan, Apr 21, 2017

*Super Salad Social, Reston Campus, April 21*

## April 28, 2017

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### Alerts & Notices

Remember to vote for candidates for the OLLI Board of Directors. Voting begins May 5 and ends May 19 at noon. Candidate campaign statements may be viewed [here](#).

The annual business meeting and picnic will take place at Tallwood May 5. The meeting begins at 10:00; the picnic at 11:00. Register [here](#) for special event 1104; please bring a dish to share based on last name—salad (A-G), side dish (H-O), or dessert (P-Z).

Space is still available for the bus trip to the Cold War Museum May 12 from 10:30 to 5:00. This event is open to nonmembers, so bring a friend. Register for special event 979.

Copies of the new *OLLI Ink* will be available at the OLLI picnic May 5.

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### OLLI President's Message April 28, 2017



*By Ray Beery, President*

Don't miss this opportunity! Bring a friend to class.

For the last week of the spring term, let's turn on our word-of-mouth machine and put out the latch-string for our families, friends, and neighbors. From Monday, May 8 to Friday, May 12, we invite visitors to sit in on any class (unless size limited by the instructor or requiring a fee) at any campus. Prospective members will receive an OLLI tote bag, summer catalog, and visitor's badge.

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## Board Meeting Summary



*By Rita Way, Secretary*

The Board met Friday, April 21 at the Loudoun campus. President Ray Beery reported that he and Executive Director Jennifer Disano attended the Osher Foundation conference in Dallas, TX on April 3-6. It was very informative and worthwhile. There are 120 Bernard Osher Institutes serving 377 locations.

A proposal was made by Ray Beery to address a request by some members who have asked for a reduced membership fee for OLLI members who can only enroll for one term due to travel, scheduling, or "snow bird" status. Board members were asked to give this proposal thought and provide feedback with ideas and suggestions. If the majority approves, Ray will submit a formal resolution to be presented at the June Board meeting.



Terri Feldmayer, chair of the nominating committee, introduced the candidates for the Board. They are Evan Douple, Paul Howard, Gloria Loew, Jeffrey Rosendhal, Mel Russell, Dave Ryan, Harvey Schwartz, and Randall Scott. They were also introduced at the Reston Super Salad Social following the Board meeting. Members will get another opportunity to meet the nominees at the annual meeting and picnic on

Friday, May 5 at Tallwood.

Membership at OLLI as of April 14 is 1,182 with 1,126 full-time members and 56 introductory members.

Nihad Hedrishi will replace Ken Wade as site assistant in Reston. Work-study students Aquila Ossian and Kendall Ayers, who assisted our Tallwood AV/IT teams, will be leaving.

The issue of installing a ramp at Tallwood for mobility-impaired members is being seriously considered along with ideas to fund the cost.

Ray Beery expressed a sincere thank you for the work and dedication of our outgoing Board members Wendy Campbell, Glenn Kamber, Irene Osterman, Stan Schretter, Martha Scanlon, and Nancy Scheeler.

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## The Virginia Economy Is Doing Well, Virginia State Senator Marsden Tells OLLI Audience



*By John Nash, OLLI E-News Staff Writer*

"In spite of some pockets of economic problems, the Virginia economy is doing well," said David Marsden (D), state senator from the 37th district. Speaking to more than 140 OLLI members, Senator Marsden discussed some of the factors contributing to the commonwealth's economic strengths: federal/military-related employment, the Port of Virginia, the Chesapeake Bay, an educated, diverse, and well-trained workforce, agriculture, tourism, and technology.

Senator Marsden's presentation included graphs where he compared the Virginia economy to national averages. The corridor from Northern Virginia through Richmond to Virginia Beach remains the strongest part of the Virginia economy, although this area is still recovering from the recent recession and federal budget reductions. The educated workforce and growing



technology base have helped this corridor fare much better than other parts of the commonwealth.



Photos by John Nash, Apr 21, 2017

Some areas Senator Marsden felt needed attention include:

- job creation, especially in the coal industry and other depressed areas of the state.
- a rise in the minimum wage above \$7.50/hour. For 120,000 Virginians, the minimum wage they earn is simply not enough to provide a decent living.
- Medicaid expansion, especially in depressed areas. By refusing expansion, the commonwealth has given up \$1.8 billion in federal assistance.
- growing transportation problems that could be alleviated through expanding the transportation fund, improving roadways, devising innovative transportation solutions, and widening of Interstate 66 to include toll lanes.

OLLI member Stephanie Trachtenberg arranged the meeting so that OLLI members could hear firsthand the senator’s viewpoints and express their concerns about Virginia’s economic health.

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## History Club to Learn about Aleutian Islands War History



*By Beth Lambert, History Club Coordinator*

The History Club will meet Wednesday, May 3 at 2:15 in TA-1. We are looking forward to a very informative presentation by retired Army colonel Stan Johnson on World War II in the Aleutian Islands. While “the Aleutians” may be a familiar name to those of us who have studied (and lived during?!) World War II, we may not know that the fighting there was the first time enemy troops landed and occupied US territory since 1814. Johnson will also discuss the Japanese strategy for taking the islands. Johnson’s presentation will explore Japanese history and the Bushido Code/Samurai Warrior ethic in the context of the epic events that took place on that inhospitable volcanic archipelago.

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## Inside OLLI-Mason

### Volunteer to Help Produce Our OLLI Course Catalog



The Publications Committee needs YOU if you are able and willing to edit, co-edit or proofread future course catalogs. Please see the inside front cover of the summer catalog for how the process works. For additional information about working on the catalog, please contact Publications Committee Chair Sheri Siesseger, [sheri.siesseger@gmail.com](mailto:sheri.siesseger@gmail.com).

The summer catalog is now online. Watch your mailbox for the printed copy coming soon!

Thanks to the production crew for this issue: editor Leti Labell, proofreaders Joan Axilbund, Karen Murphy, Martha Powers, Susan Van Hemel, and our super staff Leigh Knox, Beth Davis, and Alice Slayton Clark.

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## Missing Something? Check the Lost and Found



*By Jim Dunphy, Outreach Committee Member*

As the spring semester is rapidly coming to a close, we will be cleaning out the lost and found box in the Tallwood social room. As in the past, we will donate eyeglasses to the Lions Club, telephones to the police so that they can be given to victims of domestic abuse, and general material to Goodwill.

The spring semester ends May 12. The lost and found box will be emptied the week of May 15 to be donated as above. If you have lost something, please check the social room prior to that time.

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## Invitation to an Evening with American Novelist Richard Ford

**By Matthew Davis, Founding Director of The Alan Cheuse International Writers Center at George Mason**

On Thursday, May 4, the Alan Cheuse International Writers' Center at George Mason University will present acclaimed American novelist Richard Ford. One of the preeminent writers working in the United States, Ford will engage in conversation with Maureen Corrigan of NPR's *Fresh Air* about his new memoir, *Between Them: Remembering My Parents*. The event will begin at 7:30 in Dewberry Hall North on the George Mason Fairfax campus and is free and open to the public.

At 6:00, you are invited to meet Richard Ford. Ford was a good friend of Alan Cheuse, and he will help celebrate the Cheuse Center with a meet and greet in the Johnson Center Gold Room. This event features hors d'oeuvres and drinks. A contribution of \$40 is required, with proceeds going to the Cheuse Center to continue to expand its programming.

To register for both this pre-event and the public conversation, click [here](#).

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## Theater Lovers' Group Visits Gilbert and Sullivan Exhibit



**By Ed Rader, TLG Member**



On Friday, March 21, members of OLLI's Theater Lovers' Group attended an exhibition at Mason's new Fenwick Library: "*Oh Joy Unbounded... A Celebration of Gilbert and Sullivan*". We were honored to have David Stone personally conduct our tour of his Gilbert and Sullivan collection that took forty years to amass and that he recently donated to Mason.

The exhibit features memorabilia from all fourteen Gilbert and Sullivan operas, individual compositions of both W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan, and personal items from each of their lives. The exhibition is part of a larger celebration of the famous duo that the University Libraries and the College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) are coordinating at Mason through 2017. The exhibit is free and open to the public during Fenwick Library's operating hours.

A full-day forum, A Celebration of Gilbert and Sullivan, will be held on Saturday, April 29. The forum will include noted scholars, a guided tour of the exhibit, and lunch; a Friends of Music dinner, and a performance of *Iolanthe*. *Iolanthe* will also be performed on Sunday, April 30. For more information and tickets, go to <https://cvpa.gmu.edu/gands>.

Thanks to Kathleen Kehoe, director of development for University Libraries and Norma Jean Reck, TLG chair, for organizing this outstanding event for OLLI.

*Photo by Ed Rader; front row—Sherry Hart, Martha Powers, Thelma Weiner, Norma*



Jean Reck; *back row*—Sandy Hoch, Vonnie Herczogh, Seymour Metz, Marianne Metz, Ed Rader, David Stone, Kathleen Kehoe, Suzanne Brooks.

You can see more photos at [this link](#).

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## Spanish Class Members Attend Play

*By Joyce Weinstein, Class Member*



Several members of the Spanish Conversational Forum honed their language skills while enjoying a matinee performance of Lin Manuel Miranda's Tony Award winning musical *In the Heights*. The play, entirely in Spanish with supratitles, is currently at the GALA Theater in Washington, DC. Class members attending included Marvin Singer, Melissa Fitzgerald, Joyce Weinstein, Janey Mink, Wini Schleffer, and Alice Svenson.

*Photo by Shalev Weinstein.*

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## Poet's Corner

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

### Computer Consternation

My computer is feeling a tad brackish  
 slow to start and slower still to connect  
 you might even say unresponsive  
 without coaxing and threats too direct.  
 My geek murmurs o'er it with a warning  
 lays hands on its innards and sighs  
 suggests I delete a good deal of its load  
 to lighten its burden, avoid its demise  
 then perhaps it might last, on a note of good cheer  
 no guarantees, but just maybe, to the end of the year.

*—Jan Bohall*

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## Arts & Music at George Mason



**Performances, Apr 28 through May 8**

*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

#### Martha Graham Dance Company

Fri, Apr 28, 8:00

Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company  
 Concert Hall

Admission: \$48, \$41, \$29.

**Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: *Inspiring the Next Generation with the Fairfax County All Stars Youth Orchestra***

Sat, Apr 29, 8:00

Pre-performance discussion: Join David Ginder of WETA and conductor

Christopher Zimmerman

Concert Hall

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

**Keyboard Conversations® with Jeffrey Siegel: *The Genius of Chopin***

Sun, Apr 30, 7:00

A pre-performance concert by young artists will be held in the lobby.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$42, \$36, \$25.

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**Mason Student & Faculty Performances**

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

**Lab Ensemble Concert**

Fri, Apr 28, 12:30

DeLaski - Room 3001

Admission: Free.

**Guitar Ensemble Concert**

Fri, Apr 28, 8:00

DeLaski - Room 3001

Admission: Free.

**Ten-Minute Play Festival**

Fri, Apr 28 and Sat Apr 29, 8:00

Sat, Apr 29, 2:00

TheaterSpace

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

**Mason Opera: *Iolanthe***

Fri, Apr 28 and Sat Apr 29, 8:00

Sun, Apr 30, 3:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$15.

**International Jazz Day Concert with the Mason Jazz Ensemble**

Sun, Apr 30, 2:00

Concert Hall

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

**Mason Jazz Vocal Night: *Celebrating Ella***

Tue, May 2, 8:00

Concert Hall

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

**GMU Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month Celebration**

Wed, May 3, 7:30

Concert Hall

Admission: Free.

**Dance Innovations**

Fri, May 5, and Sat, May 6, 8:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Adults, \$15; seniors, \$10.

**Scholarship Benefit Concert: *Soloists with the Mason Orchestra***

Sun, May 7, 7:00

Concert Hall

Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$15.

Post-show desert reception: \$15 (RSVP to Alice Magelssen-Green at 703-993-1593 or [amagelss@gmu.edu](mailto:amagelss@gmu.edu)).

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**At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)**

**Gallery Exhibit: *Gilbert and Sullivan Memorabilia***

Through May 27

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>.

Admission: Free.

**Pied Piper Theatre: *Disney's Beauty and the Beast***

Sat, Apr 29, 2:00 and 7:00

Sun, Apr 30, 3:00

Merchant Hall

Admission: Adults, \$20; children, \$15.

**New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players: *H.M.S. Pinafore***

Thu, May 4, 8:00

Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$56, \$48, \$34.

**Virginia National Ballet: *Snow White***

Fri, May 5, 7:00

Merchant Hall

Admission: Adults, \$35; children, \$17.

**Mariachi Los Camperos**

Sat, May 6, 8:00

Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30.

**InTune Music Studios: *Spring Recital***

Sun, May 7, 1:00 and 4:00

Gregory Theater

Admission: Adults, \$10; seniors and children, \$5.

**Youth Orchestras of Prince William: *Let it Bloom!***

Sun, May 7, 3:00

Merchant Hall

Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$12.

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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 Apr 29	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Wed May 3	1:30pm	Mah Jongg Club-TA-2
	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	1:45pm	<b>Special Event Committee-Annex</b>
	2:15pm	History Club-TA-1
Fri May 5	10:00am	<b>Annual Business Meeting-TA-1</b>
	11:00am	Homer, etc.-Annex
Sat May 6	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Wed May 10	1:30pm	Tallwood Book Club-Annex
	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	1:45pm	Spanish Club-TA-2
Fri May 12	9:15am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation-Annex
	9:30am	Photography Club-TA-1
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club-TA-2
	11:00am	Homer, etc. -Annex

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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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