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Photos by Paul and Susan Van Hemel, Apr 28, 2017

**OLLI Teacher Appreciation Event, Country Club of Fairfax, April 28**  
 (More photos available at this [link](#).)

**May 5, 2017**

**Editor of the Week: John Nash**

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**Alerts & Notices**

- Remember voting for candidates for the OLLI Board of Directors begins today, May 5, and ends May 19 at noon. Candidate campaign statements may be viewed [here](#).
- 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.
- The OLLI summer catalog for 2017 is now available for viewing on line at this [link](#).
- Noted milestone: OLLI's contributions to worthy causes at Mason have now surpassed a quarter-million dollars over the past two decades. See [here](#) for details.

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**Mason Academic Scholarships Awarded at Teacher Appreciation Event**



**By Jennifer Disano, Executive Director**

April 28th marked OLLI's 26th annual teacher appreciation event. This year, we celebrated our program success with a generous gift from Friends of OLLI in the form of student scholarships. Friends of OLLI donates money each year to the Mason departments that support our programs so the departments, in turn,

can award academic scholarships to their students. We thank the hundreds of OLLI members who contribute to Friends of OLLI each year to award deserving students and strengthen ties with our Mason community. You are the ones who made the Mason academic scholarships possible!

Below are listed the award categories, recipients, and departments of those recognized for the 2016-2017 academic year, followed by the photographs of those present at the event. (Photos by Paul and Susan Van Hemel. More photos available at this [link](#).)

**OLLI Mason Pathways to Advancement Scholarship**

- Daniel Howe, Volgenau School of Engineering

**OLLI Mason Special Project Grant**

- Dr. John Zenelis, Dean, Mason Libraries

**OLLI Director's Discretionary Awards**

- Julie Elizabeth Pramis, Department of English
- Houman Seyson, Department of Philosophy
- Erin Mahaffey, Department of Religious Studies
- Stephen Lippi, Department of Psychology
- James "Jimmy" Williams, Department of Global Affairs
- Andrea Mendoza, Department of Global Affairs
- Sarah Edmonston, Department of Global Affairs
- Caitlyn Kelly, Department of Modern & Classical Languages
- Rachel Orga, Department of Modern & Classical Languages
- Nikolai Lipnicky, Department of Modern & Classical Languages

**Kathryn Brooks Scholarships**

- Shuwen Li, Department of Economics
- David Lucas, Department of Economics
- Lauren Ammerman, Department of History and Art History
- Heather Longfellow, Department of History and Art History
- Zachary Greenfield, Department of History and Art History
- Regina Bechtel, Department of History and Art History
- Austin Hofeman, Schar School of Policy & Government

**Shirley Fox Scholarships**

- Amy Dezember, Department of Criminology, Law, & Society
- Margaret McClure, Department of Criminology, Law, & Society
- Lena N. Ali, School of Nursing
- Taplin H. Arant, Department of Rehabilitation Science
- Zeina Alkhalaf, Department of Global & Community Health

**Abe and Lilyan Spero Scholarships**

- Alyssa Thostesen, School of Dance
- Meagan Arnold, Department of Film & Video Studies

- Amanda Bowen, Department of Film & Video Studies
- Rosane Castro, School of Music
- Faith Ellen Lam, School of Music



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**OLLI Teachers Recognized**



*By Kathryn Russell, Chair, Program Planning Committee*

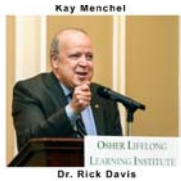
At the teacher appreciation breakfast on April 28, we had the opportunity to honor an exceptional group of people: our OLLI teachers. Where would OLLI be without them? Their dedication and generosity in sharing their time and expertise is nothing short of extraordinary, and many teach multiple terms during the year.



Kathie West



Some of these teachers come from our own OLLI membership, some from the surrounding community, and some from Mason. One speaker from each of these groups shared their teaching experiences at OLLI. - **Kathie West**, a long-time OLLI member, described many of her theater classes at all three sites.



- **Kay Menchel**, representing instructors from the community, spoke of her love of teaching British literature courses and her appreciation of OLLI students.  
 - **Dr. Rick Davis**, dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts at Mason and currently executive director of the Hylton Performing Arts Center, recounted some fond memories of his many years of teaching

courses at OLLI.

We were delighted to have the chance to recognize all our dedicated teachers, who spend countless hours developing courses that foster our intellectual growth. (Photos by Susan Van Hemel. More photos available at this [link](#).)

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## Summer Registration Begins Soon



**By Alice Slayton Clark, Communications, Associate Registrar**

Get ready for summer...and OLLI spring priority registration, May 16-21. And just to help you remember those dates, an advertisement promoting OLLI will be displayed on the Mason marquee prior to these dates. When driving down Braddock Road, look for the OLLI announcement rotating periodically on the marquee.

Mason provides free space on the marquee to announce each OLLI term registration. "We appreciate Mason's support in giving OLLI the opportunity of using a very visible medium to promote OLLI," said Jennifer Disano, OLLI executive director.

Watch for OLLI's ad on the Mason marquee during these two weeks in May and tell your friends to do the same. This just may be the incentive someone needs to join OLLI. Summer is coming and so is another great selection of OLLI classes for all of us to enjoy!



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## Theater Lovers' Group to See *Private Lives*



**By Norma Jean Reck, Theater Lovers' Group**

Everyone is welcome to join the Theater Lovers' Group to see *Private Lives* on Sunday, May 14, at the 2:00 matinee at the Reston Community Center. *Private Lives* is a long-lived, award-winning comedy of manners, written by Noel Coward in 1930. The Reston Community Players are performing *Private Lives* as part of their 50th birthday celebration.

A once-married couple accidentally meet at the same hotel while they are honeymooning with their new spouses. What follows for them after being reunited is a gleeful comedy of alternating passions of love and anger, as well as a dance of affiliations with their spouses. You'll have to join us to see how it ends. *Newsweek* called it 'A brilliant comedy--a very funny play.'

The cost is \$15/person. Optional dinner at Clydes after the performance.

To sign up and for more information, please email Norma at [njreck@cs.com](mailto:njreck@cs.com).

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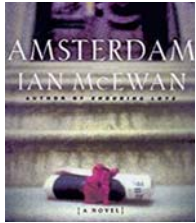
## Reston Book Club Meeting



**By Nancy Scheeler, Reston Book Club Member**

The Reston Book Club will have its final meeting of the spring term on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 2:15 at the United Christian Parish Church in Reston. The book selection is *Amsterdam*, by Ian McEwan, the 1998 Booker Prize winner. *Amsterdam*, which takes place in London and the Lake District, begins with the funeral of artist





Molly Lane. Three of the funeral guests share certain attributes: each has a very high opinion of himself, each was at some time Molly's lover, and each regards the dead woman's husband with a mixture of amusement and contempt. During the course of the book, two of the guests become mortal enemies bent on exacting revenge. The consequences of their decisions, and a pact made between them, lead to Amsterdam where the novel's denouement plays out.

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## Ask Uncle Olli



**By Uncle Olli, Etiquette Consultant, Driving Consultant, and everything in between**

Uncle Olli has lived long enough that people often ask him various questions, including ones in the matter of etiquette. He is approachable (to take nothing away from Miss Ollie Ettakit) and welcomes your queries: ask Uncle Olli at [ollieditor@gmail.com](mailto:ollieditor@gmail.com). He is embarrassed by nothing!

**Question:** Announcements are no longer read at the beginning of each class, and class decorum seems to have declined. Am I being too fussy?

**Uncle OLLI:** Absolutely not, and thank you for noticing. Miss Ollie Etiquette complained to me the other day that we sometimes forget our manners in class. I reminded her we need to re-emphasize the Three Rules of OLLI...Plus One. These are:

1. Wear your name tag;
2. Sign in to each class you're taking;
3. Put trash in trash cans;
4. And the important Plus One (the Gordon Canyon Rule) - Put your phone on vibrate!

Remember, next week is *Wear Your Name Tag Week*. With 1,200 members and three campuses ('campi'? I bow to the Latin Scholars), no one - not even

Jennifer Disano - knows everyone's name. And memory is not so sharp as it was decades ago. Wear your name tag so we can talk to you like the old friend you are. I know members' names until the moment I must introduce them - then my mind goes blank. I end up suddenly needing more coffee. If you lost your name tag, the front office prints out replacements every Friday on request and can give you a plastic holder to put it in.

Next week: Sign In. We even provide the pencil!

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## Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

### Time in the Garden

we mulch

and  
trim  
and  
spray

as if  
we  
could  
avoid

all trace  
of  
rot,  
mold  
and decay

but surely  
as the  
seasons  
spin

we can't  
escape

our fate  
our breath  
returns  
to wind

-Susan Bennett

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## Arts & Music at George Mason



**Performances, May 5 through May 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.

#### Fairfax Symphony Orchestra

Sat, May 13, 8:00

Pre-performance discussion: John Ginder of WETA and conductor Christopher Zimmerman

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

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### Mason Student & Faculty Performances.

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

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

#### Dance Performance Studio

Tue, May 9, 6:00 and 8:00

DeLaski - Room A301

Admission: \$7.

#### Dr. Linda Monson's Piano Studio Recital

Fri, May 12, 7:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free.

#### Music Department Honors Recital

Sat, May 13, 8:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free.

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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.

#### 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.

**Northern Virginia Ballet: Cinderella**

Fri, May 12, 7:00  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: Adults, \$28; seniors, \$18.

**Manassas Symphony Orchestra: Symphonic Exuberance**

Sat, May 13, 7:30  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$16.

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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 May 6	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
	1:30pm	Tallwood Book Club-Annex
Wed May 10	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	1:45pm	Spanish Club-TA-2
Thu May 11	2:15pm	Reston Book Club-UCP Church Reston
	9:15am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation-Annex
Fri May 12	9:30am	Photography Club-TA-1
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club-TA-2
	11:00am	Homer, etc.-Annex
Sat May 13	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Mon May 15	10:00am	What's in the Daily News, cont'd-TA-1
Tue May 16	9:30am	Annex Art-Annex
	10:00am	Bridge Club-TA-3
Wed May 17	10:00am	Mah Jongg Club-TA-2
	10:30am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum-TA-1
	9:15am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
Fri May 19	9:30am	Craft and Conversation-Annex
	11:00am	Homer, etc.-Annex
	1:00pm	Dr. Who Club-TA-1

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**About OLLI E-News**

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**Submissions.** Members are encouraged to submit letters to the editor, letters to Ms. Ollie Ettakit (on etiquette matters), OLLI-related news items, articles, and photos. Submit material to: [ollinewseditor@gmail.com](mailto: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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