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Dr. Peter Stearns, Mason University Professor and Provost Emeritus, Speaks at OLLI on Tolerance in World History, September 15

September 22, 2017

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Alerts & Notices

Fall-term Loudoun Kickoff Coffee, Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 2:15–3:40 at Mason in Loudoun Room 209. Register for Special Event 1103.

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Notes from the Sept. 15 Board Meeting



By Rita Way, Secretary

The first Board of Directors meeting for the 2017-18 academic year was opened Sept. 15 on an enthusiastic note by Board President Ray Beery. He compared the meeting to a type of "convocation," inviting the Board and OLLI members to be proactive in promoting OLLI in the community. He also announced that two OLLI members have made generous donations to OLLI as a memorial to their loved ones.

Executive Director Jennifer Disano reported that as of September 11, 2017, OLLI total membership is 1,166 (annual membership is 1,101 and term membership 65). A vigorous marketing push during the summer through social media, ads in local papers, and an ad at Cinema Arts movie theater helped us gain about 60 new members. It is important, however, that we all play a role in marketing, especially through word-of-mouth.

Dave Osterman has accepted the position of chair of the Finance Committee. His expertise in this field will be a great contribution to us all. Negotiations are taking place in the search for a new Outreach Committee chair. A new newsletter for the Loudoun OLLI community is being created and written by Kathie West. Also, for those interested in forming clubs in the Reston/Loudoun area, please notify either Beth Lambert, Reston coordinator, or Barbara Wilan, Loudoun program chair.

The Board of Directors extends a warm welcome to our new and returning OLLI members for a fulfilling year at OLLI.



Photo by Paul Van Hemel, September 15, 2017

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Donors for OLLI 25th Anniversary Gift

As we enter this season of giving thanks, George Mason University offers a special thank you to the OLLI members who opened their hearts and their wallets to contribute to the 25th Anniversary Gift for the Office of Military Service (OMS). Additional thanks to the OLLI matching donor who accelerated effort to reach OLLI's goal of raising \$25,000 for programs to help student veterans.

The OMS is still in the process of expending OLLI's very generous gift and we expect to hear from them soon regarding how the money has been spent to help students. In the meantime, OMS is deeply indebted to the OLLI benefactors identified in the attached list:

<https://olli.gmu.edu/donors/>

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

In a Museum

The picture of
 brick farmhouse
 white porch
 white windows
 white fence
 white snow
 innocence
 of blue sky
 is all I note
 It reminds me
 of the house
 my mother resided in
 after marrying a man
 who played mandolin
 and sang songs
 a hundred verses long
 and recited poems
 sometimes 'til dawn
 and saved my mother
 from being alone.

Ed Sadtler

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, September 22 through October 2

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

ARTS by George!: An Evening Like No Other

Sat, Sep 23, 5:00; performance at 8:00

The evening begins by showcasing student performances and art amid an array of food and beverages. It culminates with a performance by Tony Award winner Kelli O'Hara. The event is a benefit in support of student scholarships at Mason's College of Visual and Performing Arts.

Admission: \$275/person (\$120 tax deductible); performance only: \$100, \$85, \$60.

Festival of South African Dance

Sat, Sep 30, 8:00

Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company.

Concert Hall

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

Aquila Theatre: Sense & Sensibility

Sun, Oct 1, 4:00

Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

Potomac Arts & Mason Wind Symphony Young People's Concert

Sun, Sep 24, 3:00

Concert Hall

Admission: Children (up through grade 12), \$5, adults, \$12; seniors, \$8.

Mason Jazz Ensemble at Blues Alley

Mon, Oct 2, 8:00

Buy tickets through Blues Alley at:

[https://www.bluesalleylive.com/?](https://www.bluesalleylive.com/?fuseaction=home.artist&VenueID=3&artistid=12302)

[fuseaction=home.artist&VenueID=3&artistid=12302](https://www.bluesalleylive.com/?fuseaction=home.artist&VenueID=3&artistid=12302)

Blues Alley Club, Blues Alley Northwest, Washington, DC
Admission: \$20 + \$5 cover.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit: Iconographic Visions, Works by Julia Dzikiewicz and Michael Fischerkeller

Continues through Oct 21

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>.

Gallery reception (Sep 28) now open only to Friends of the Hylton Center.

Contact Jacque Connor at 703-993-7150 or jconnor8@gmu.edu for more information.

Buchanan Partners Art Gallery

One Noble Journey: A Box Marked Freedom

Sat, Sep 23, 3:00 and 7:00

Gregory Family Theater

Admission: Adults, \$22; seniors, \$20.

Matinee Idylls: Mannheim Rocket Orchestra

Tue, Sep 26, 12:30; performance, 1:30

Admission: Lunch/Concert/Dessert Reception Package: \$47

Concert/Dessert Reception Package: \$27

Pushcart Players: The Velveteen Rabbit, Reborn

Sun, Oct 1, 2:00 and 4:00

Merchant Hall

Admission: Adults, \$15; children, \$5.

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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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Mason's Travel
 Travel opportunities of interest
 to OLLI Members



By Rita Rowand, Mason Cultural Tours Manager

Traveling with George Mason's Cultural Tours, now to be called *Mason Voyages*, has been a great experience for at least 30 OLLI members this year.

We have posted some new opportunities for 2018! Start off the New Year right with a trip to [southern Spain](#) in January. It is very affordable and gives you a chance to get out of the Virginia weather for a while. A deposit is needed by September 25.



In March, we have some amazing programs including Ecuador and the Galapagos, exotic Thailand, and a chance to visit southern Germany with Achim Loch, our German-speaking staff member. Further information on these programs can be found on our [website](#).

We have a tour posted for May 2018 to Scotland. What a great present for your graduating grandchild!

I will be planning the second half of 2018 and am open to suggestions. Contact [Rita Rowand](#).

Photo of OLLI members visiting Machu Picchu in 2017

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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 midweek 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).

Wed Sep 27	1:45pm 1:45pm	Spanish Club-TA-2 Bridge Club-TA-3
Fri Sep 29	9:15am 9:30am 10:00am 10:00am 11:00am 11:00am 1:00pm 1:00pm	Recorder Consort-TA-3 Craft and Conversation-Annex Theater Lovers Club-TA-1 Finance Committee-TBA Classic Literature Club-TA-2 Homer, etc. -Annex Dr. Who Club-TA-3 Chess Club-TA-2
Sat Sep 30	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Wed Oct 4	1:30pm 1:45pm 1:45pm 2:15pm	Mah Jongg Club-TA-2 Bridge Club-TA-3 Special Event Committee-Annex History Club-TA-1
Fri Oct 6	9:15am 9:30am 11:00am 11:00am 1:00pm	Recorder Consort-TA-3 Craft and Conversation-Annex Classic Literature Club-TA-2 Homer, etc. -Annex Chess Club-TA-2

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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.

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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