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Photos (including images of Lou's Norway photos) by Paul Van Hemel, April 2, 2018

Trip Tales: In one of a popular long-running series, Lou Coglianesi presents a trip to Norway and its fjords, April 2.

April 6, 2018
Editor of the Week: [Jean Boltz](#)

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Alerts & Notices

- Board of Directors Meeting, Signal Hill, Loudoun, April 20, 10:00. All OLLI members welcome.
- Super Salad Social, Reston, Rose Gallery, Community Center, Lake Anne, April 20, 12:30 - 2:30. All OLLI members welcome; candidates for Board election will be present and take questions (see article below).
- The next issue of *OLLIE-News* will be published April 13; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, April 10, at 6:00.

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Notice of Annual Meeting and Election



By Jennifer Disano, Executive Director
The Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Friday, May 4, 2018, at 10:00, at Tallwood. The agenda for the meeting will include reports from the OLLI president and executive director; brief speeches by the candidates for election to the Board; and an opportunity for members to ask questions of the candidates, moderated by the Nominating Committee.

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The vote for electing the Board of Directors (BOD) will take place from Friday, May 4, through noon on Friday, May 18, 2018. An explanation of the **election procedures** follows:

- Recognizing the accuracy, convenience, and efficiency of electronic balloting, the bylaws allow for electronic transmission, and members are encouraged to use this method of voting. To comply with the bylaws, on April 23, directions on how to vote for BOD Candidates will be emailed to the OLLI membership, included in the OLLI E-News, and provided as a handout in classrooms. Printed directions will be mailed to those without email.~
- Any OLLI member who requests a paper ballot will receive one by mail with a preaddressed return envelope marked "BALLOT ENCLOSED." Please notify the OLLI office to request a mailed ballot. Use this ballot to vote for up to six candidates. You can mail the ballot to OLLI or drop it in a ballot box at Tallwood, Reston, or Loudoun. Since you do not sign the ballot or return envelope, your vote remains completely anonymous. To be counted, all ballots must be received by noon on May 18, 2018.
- Do not lose your ballot. No member having lost, damaged, or destroyed his or her paper ballot may receive a second ballot. Making more than six choices will invalidate your ballot. Similarly, more than one ballot per envelope, any ballot not in the furnished "BALLOT ENCLOSED" envelope, or any ballot not received by May 18 will be invalid.

If you have questions about the election process, please contact Terri Feldmayer, Nominating Committee Chair, at tfeldmayer@gmail.com or 703-725-9627.

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Opportunities to Meet the Candidates



By Teri Feldmayer, Nominating Committee Chair
Please mark your calendars for the following opportunities to meet the candidates for OLLI's Board of Directors.~

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April 20, ~ 9:30, LOUDOUN - Social time before the Board of Directors meeting. Candidates will be introduced at this meeting, but there will be no formal statements or Q and A.

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April 20, 12:30-2:30, RESTON - Super Salad Social at Rose Gallery, Community Center, Lake Anne. Candidates will provide brief introductions, followed by Q and A.

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May 4, 10:00-12:00, TALLWOOD - OLLI Annual Meeting and Picnic. Candidates will provide brief introductions, followed by Q and A.

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Thank You, OLLI Catalog Volunteers and Staff

By Sheri Siesseger, Publications Committee Chair I know. We've only just begun the spring term, but your OLLI summer catalog is off to the printer. Look forward to a great selection of courses, both one-time classes and some that continue for several weeks.

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We can't produce the catalog without volunteers. We had three new volunteer editors this time: Stephanie Stahr, Anna Fotias, and Linda Cullen. If you see any of them around the OLLI campuses, please let them know that you appreciate their work. Thanks also to our proofreaders: Joan Axilbund, Doris Bloch, Leti Labell, Rebecca Jann, Karen Murphy, Irene Osterman, and Susan Van Hemel. This group has a wide range of knowledge and experience, and they have saved us from a variety of embarrassing errors.

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We also appreciate the hard work by OLLI staff members Leigh Knox, Jen McMahon, and Alice Slayton Clark.

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If you are interested in working with us on a future catalog, please contact me at sheri.siesseger@gmail.com.

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Teacher Resource Initiative



By Jim Dunphy, Chair, Teacher Resource Initiative~

The backbone of OLLI is the classes our talented corps of teachers provides, and we want to do everything we can to provide the resources those teachers need. Therefore, OLLI has created a Teacher Resource Initiative, which I will be overseeing. We hope to create a multi-platform approach to providing OLLI

instructors with the tools they require. This will include classes on teaching techniques, revising the Teacher Guide and making it readily available, coordinating with Mason to determine what teacher resources they can provide, furnishing instructors with a monthly newsletter, and sponsoring events where instructors can get together and share ideas and best practices. We are looking both for ideas to help instructors and for members willing to participate in this most important initiative. If you are interested, have any questions, or need further information, please contact Jim Dunphy at (703) 244-9046 or at dunphyjj@aol.com.

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Spanish Conversation 2: OLLI Gauchos



By Carolyn Kazemi, OLLI Member

OLLI's Spanish Conversation 2 class, under the direction of Ligia Glass and Tom Black, is comprised of many well-traveled members. One is

world-renowned National Geographic photojournalist O. Louis "Lou" Mazzatenta, who, while dressed in original gaucho clothing, delighted the class with a photographic presentation of his travels on assignment in Paraguay; Cartagena, Colombia; and Argentina—a sampling of the vast body of his work during his 42-year career with the magazine. OLLI's Spanish Conversation 2 class provides its members with enriching opportunities to converse in the language while learning about the cultures and traditions of Spanish-speaking people throughout the world. ¡Hablemos Español!

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Photos by Carolyn Kazemi, April 2, 2018

Tallwood Book Club



By Ceda McGrew, Tallwood Book Club Coordinator

The Tallwood Book Club will meet on Wednesday, April 11, at 1:30 in TA2. The book for discussion is *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver. Set in rural Tennessee, it tells the story of a farm family that is considering selling a wooded portion of their property to a logging company in order to pay off mounting equipment debt. Kingsolver, a scientist by training as well as a storyteller, shows the effect of climate change on the community as well as its effect on the migration patterns of monarch butterflies. A reading guide is available at: <http://www.litlovers.com/reading-guides/13-fiction/8988-flight-behavior-Kingsolver>.

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All OLLI members are welcome. ~

The selection for May is *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles.

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Reston Book Club



By Nancy Scheeler and Luci Martel,

Reston Book Club Coordinators

The Reston Book Club will meet Thursday, April 12, at 2:15, at the United Christian Parish Church in Reston. The book selection is *Last Orders* by Graham Swift, which was the 1996 Booker Prize winner. It is a story of the relationships among a group of WWII veterans who live in the same corner of London, with the backbone of the story being the journey of four of the members to Margate to scatter the ashes of a fifth member in accordance with his last wishes. ~

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

There must be quite a few things a hot bath won't cure, but I don't know many of them. Sylvia Plath, The Bell Jar

Plathetic Reading some poems by Sylvia Plath Inspired me to soak in a scalding hot bath To purge all illusions about being brilliant When my words are hogwash, and hers are so Sylviant.

Martha E. Powers

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, April 6 through April 16 By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer For tickets 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: *Lucia di Lammermoor* Sat, Apr 7, 2018, 8:00 Sun, Apr 8, 2018, 2:00 Pre-performance discussion: Dr. Glenn Winter. Concert Hall Admission: \$110, \$90, \$54. **L.A. Theatre Works: The Mountaintop** Sat, Apr 14, 8:00 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) **Mason School of Theater: The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail** Sat, Apr 7, 8:00 Sat, Apr 7, and Sun, Apr 8, 2:00 Harris Theatre Admission: Adults \$30; seniors \$15. **Jazz Combos and Steel Pan Ensemble Concert** Wed, Apr 11, 8:00 deLaski 3001 Admission: Free. **International Week Dance Competition with Student Chamber Orchestra** Thu, Apr 12, 7:00 Concert Hall Admission: \$10. **Spring New Dances** Thu, Apr 12 - Sat, Apr 14, 8:00. Harris Theatre Admission: Adults \$15; seniors \$10. **The Mason Chorale: Cafe George** Fri, Apr 13, 8:00 Dessert and performance in cabaret style Concert Hall Stage Admission: \$25. **Mason Tuba &**

Euphonium Ensemble Concert Sat, Apr 14, 5:00 deLaski 3001 Admission: Free. **Mason Guitar Ensemble Concert with Lake Braddock Guitar Ensemble** Sat, Apr 14, 8:00 deLaski 3001 Admission: Free. **Jazz Workshop Concert** Sun, Apr 15, 7:00 Harris Theatre Admission: Free.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus) 8th Anniversary Gala Silent Art Auction Exhibition Through Apr 21 Final bids Apr 14 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery **Mummenschanz** Sat, Apr 7, 8:00 Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company. Merchant Hall Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30. **Asaph Dance Ensemble: Spring Concert** Sun, Apr 8, 4:00 Merchant Hall Admission: Adults \$30; Seniors \$15. **Matinee Idylls: A Taste of Opera** Tue, Apr 10, Lunch 12:30 / Concert 1:30 Gregory Family Theater Admission: Lunch/Concert/Dessert \$47; Concert/Dessert \$27. **The Mason Cabaret in Concert** Fri, Apr 13, 8:00 Gregory Family Theater Admission: \$30. **Hylton Center 8th Anniversary Gala** Sat, Apr 14, 6:00 - 11:00 6:00 - Reception in the Grand Foyer 7:00 - Dinner on the Merchant Hall Stage 8:30 - "Party for a Cause" Gala After Party Hylton Performing Arts Center Admission: \$300.

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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 any time 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 7	10: 30am	Tai Chi Clubâ€™TA-3
Wed Apr 11	1: 30pm 1: 45pm 1: 45pm	Tallwood Book Clubâ€™TA-2 Bridge Clubâ€™TA-3 Spanish Clubâ€™TA-2
Thu Apr 12	2: 15pm	Reston Book Clubâ€™UCP
Fri Apr 13	9: 15am 9: 30am 9: 30am 11: 00am 11: 00am	Recorder Consortâ€™TA-3 Craft and Conversationâ€™Annex Photography Clubâ€™TA-1 Homer, etc.â€™Annex Classic Literature Clubâ€™TA-2
Sat Apr 14	10: 30am	Tai Chi Clubâ€™TA-3
Wed Apr 18	1: 30pm 1: 45pm 2: 00pm	Mah Jongg Clubâ€™TA-2 Bridge Clubâ€™TA-3 A/V Committeeâ€™TA-1
Fri Apr 20	9: 15am 9: 30am 10: 00am 11: 00am 11: 00am 12: 30pm 1: 00pm	Recorder Consortâ€™TA-3 Craft and Conversationâ€™Annex Board of Directors Meetingâ€™Loudoun Classic Literature Clubâ€™TA-1 Homer, etc.â€™Annex Super Salad Social, Restonâ€™Rose Gallery Dr. Who Clubâ€™TA-3

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About *OLLI E-News*

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