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LAST ISSUE IN THIS FORMAT

The end of a grand experiment and adventure



By [Rod Zumbro](#), OLLI E-News Editor



Top, original logo (2005–2011); bottom, current logo (since 2012).

THIS IS THE FINAL ISSUE of OLLI E-News in the format that you are used to. After eight years now, I'm hanging up my hat as editor, effective today. I'm ready for a break from the weekly commitment and looking forward to having a little more time to catch up with personal stuff.

It's been a grand experiment—and creative adventure for me—that Communications Committee Chair Gordon Canyock and I started in July 2005 when we saw the need for an OLLI email newsletter and decided to 'just do it.' Over the years, I've refined the format (my own creation because I never wanted to be locked into a pre-set template) and added new features. Probably E-News is a victim of its own success, though, since no member with html experience has both the desire and the time to take over this job.

From the beginning, I've insisted on—

- ⌚ "Pushing" the newsletter into your email inbox so you can read it directly without your having to "pull" it by clicking a link first.
- ⌚ Also providing an easily accessible online version that you can view when away from home as well as a print version (pdf) for those of you who prefer to read E-News as 'hard copy' rather than online.
- ⌚ Trying to keep all articles to a reasonable length and limiting the number of articles – so you will not get discouraged and stop reading (I admit, sometimes we did not succeed!).
- ⌚ Giving a byline to each writer and credit to photographers, and getting each writer's approval before publishing his or her article.
- ⌚ Including appropriate photos or graphics to illustrate articles, making them more interesting.

My mission for E-News has been to inform, educate and entertain you, and my passion has been to produce the best newsletter possible for your reading pleasure. I hope E-News has succeeded in doing that. I greatly appreciate all of

you who have expressed your thanks to me and supported our newsletter over the past eight years. It was a great run.

THANK YOU ROD ZUMBRO...

For eight fantastic years of OLLI E-News!

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, after eight years Rod Zumbro has decided to retire as the editor of *OLLI E-News*. This will be his last edition and the last edition of the *E-News* until September. As I thought about what to say about the significant contributions Rod has made, I went back to the beginning of *E-News*. Before we had our email (and online) newsletter, our primary means of communication with members was through a printed newsletter published weekly when classes were in session and distributed in the classrooms. It was expensive to print, and the lead time for submission of articles was 10 days, which meant the news was no longer news.



Rod Zumbro

In July 2005, Rod and Gordon Canyock decided to put in place an electronic document that would be as current as possible, with the lead time for submitting articles reduced to 1.5 days. While initially intended for publication only when sufficient material was available, Rod quickly discovered he had plenty of material to make it a weekly newsletter published whenever OLLI was open for business.

With Rod as editor, the weekly e-document expanded into a living story of OLLI, filled with pictures of members and activities, timely news stories, articles by and about members, and links to numerous sites of interest at Mason and in the community. The value of the *E-News* as a communicator of news to OLLI members is only one of its virtues. It also is a face of OLLI to the outside community, and we can be proud that our newsletter under Rod's careful and creative hand stands out as one of the best among OLLIs around the country. I also have discovered what a valuable historical document the *E-News* is. I urge all of you who want to see the movers and shakers and major events at OLLI during the last eight years to delve into the archived editions of the *E-News* in our website's DocStore (click "Enews Archive" near the top, or just click [here](#)).

I can't be sure, but I don't think Rod has missed a scheduled publication date since the *E-News* began in 2005; OLLI members have been privy to 381 weekly editions (including a few April Fool's editions that had believing members asking about free 'GooglePad' tablets and the new parking garage next door to Tallwood). Unfortunately, the large amount of time and care that Rod devotes to the *E-News* plus his invaluable editorial skills have made him irreplaceable as editor. Thus, as Rod steps down, *E-News* will have to take a breather for the

rest of this summer. It will be continued in September, but with a new face and probably a few more inaccuracies and typos than Rod would have allowed.

On behalf of the Board and membership, thank you, Rod, for bringing us *E-News* for eight years and for your continuing contributions to OLLI in many other ways.

-- By [Martha Scanlon](#), OLLI President

A SAD GOOD-BYE

Reflections from an insider



By Barbara Kyriakakis, *OLLI E-News* Associate Editor

CHANGE IS INEVITABLE. We learn this in early childhood. Our bodies grow and mature, school years turn into career years, we move to new homes in new cities, we leave the comfort and safety of our families to pursue our own dreams. Most of us like change. It is beneficial to our health and our psyche. But some changes are difficult, like the one that is about to happen at OLLI. After eight years Rod Zumbro will step down as editor of OLLI's sleek, colorful, edgy electronic newsletter ... the *E-News*.

As associate editor, writer, colleague and friend for many of those eight years, I cannot let him go without a few words. The origin of the *E-News* goes back to July 2005 when Rod and Gordon Canyock agreed on the concept of a periodic electronic newsletter. Rod then designed the *E-News* logo and, using free software so there would be no cost to OLLI, created the *E-News* format that we've become accustomed to – including an attractive 'banner image' (OLLI-related photo) at the top, a handy table of contents with direct links to articles, photo bylines so we could recognize our colleagues who contribute by writing articles, and clickable links to web pages for more information.

Rod has been instrumental in taking *E-News* from its infancy to its present state-of-the-art maturity. His desire for perfection, his eye for detail, and his persistent hard work have made it the main communication medium for our members. *E-News* has been the vehicle by which members have kept up with their organization's many activities, programs, special events, club/group news, Board highlights, class schedule changes, etc.

Week after week for eight years Rod has worked diligently to ensure that the newsletter is the best it could be ... and would arrive in each member's email inbox each Friday morning. Enlisting volunteer writers, proofreaders, and photographers to assist him in this massive undertaking, Rod, with his gentle nature and his quirky sense of humor (remember the April Fool's issues), has devoted many hours, days, weeks and months to a creation that has served

OLLI and its members well.

Working with Rod on the *E-News* has been one of the highlights of my retirement. Fun is a word I like to use because why retire if you can't have fun? It has been more than fun the last eight years. It has been a learning experience, a pleasure, and an honor to be a part of the *E-News* family. Yes, this change is difficult, sad and unfortunately inevitable.

Thank you, Rod! You will be missed!

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS MADE *E-NEWS* A SUCCESS

Without contributed content, there would have been no E-News **WE'VE BEEN FORTUNATE** to have enough material submitted by OLLI members so that there has been at least three articles—often many more—in every week's issue of *E-News* for eight years. There are too many contributing members to thank individually, but without all of the content that they contributed, there would have been no *E-News*. **To all of you contributors, thank you!**

My special thanks go to:

- ⌘ Review Team members **Gordon Canyock**, **Barbara Kyriakakis** and **John West**, who carefully reviewed and proofread the draft issue each Wednesday evening, finding 'nits' to fix and providing thoughtful, precise comments and suggestions for rewordings to make *E-News* read better and be as perfect as possible ... and to associate editor **Barb** for efficiently coordinating with our cadre of staff writers to come up with desired articles.
- ⌘ Backup editors **John West** and **Ernestine Meyer** for unhesitatingly taking over and doing one or more weekly issues when Susanne and I were out of town, thereby keeping members informed without interruption.
- ⌘ Weekly columnists **Jan Bohall** (Mason-Fairfax Arts and Music), **Helen Ackerman** (Mason Highlights) and **Sheri Siesseger** (Hylton Arts and Music) for selecting and writing the details of upcoming events that might be of interest to members.
- ⌘ Former executive director **Thom Clement**, who wrote an insightful/informative article for members every single week for five and a half years (he even sent me advance articles when he was going to be away from OLLI!).
- ⌘ Master photographers **Dan Feighery**, **Stan Schretter** and **Lou Mazzatenta**, who submitted exceptional photos of OLLI events without being asked and whose photos and slideshows added immeasurably to

the *E-News* reading experience ... and to my *E-News* colleague **Gordon**, who took numerous super photos of OLLI people and events for *E-News* articles.

Thanks to all the club/group coordinators who submitted regular notices of upcoming meeting details. Thanks to all our staff writers who so graciously volunteered to write articles, including profiles of new Board members, committee chairs and program planning group chairs, to enlighten the membership. And thanks to the members at large who submitted unsolicited articles and photographs to share with the membership.

Finally, thanks to those in leadership positions at OLLI—our presidents and committee chairs—for the many and various articles they submitted over the years to inform the membership about important OLLI matters.

-- By [Rod Zumbro](#), OLLI *E-News* Editor

GETTING TO KNOW GLENN KAMBER

Newly elected Board member



By Carolyn Sanders, OLLI *E-News* Staff Writer

HE ANSWERS EMAIL AND PHONE CALLS,

is prompt and can follow directions – what more can we ask of a new Board member? He can also charm the ladies: after my seven-year-old great-granddaughter, Aya, told him he was much better-looking in person than his campaign photo showed him, he asked her to stay in the room for the rest of the interview!



Glenn Kamber
Photo by Stan Schretter



Our conversation ranged from the joys of grandparenting and having them close, to maintaining a healthy, lengthy marriage. Glenn's obvious pride and joy in his granddaughters—nine-year-old Olivia and seven-year-old Morgan, who live in Arlington—is most evident. He and his wife of 34 years, Denise Rechter, really do enjoy those girls. They also enjoy lunch dates because their interests are very different, and each is often going his or her own

way. Glenn's extensive background includes experience in marriage and family therapy; as he loves to teach, we might look forward to hearing more from him on that subject.

The success of OLLI is something this member of three years is greatly interested in keeping going. He's a good listener, and many folks have told him how influential our wonderful organization has been in providing them inspiration for aging well. The friendships formed among the members have met very special needs as participants have dealt with the vagaries of life itself.

Glenn keeps busy with all sorts of things, including buying and selling stuff on eBay and turning out stained glass pieces that I, for one, look forward to seeing [*one of his stained glass irises is shown at left above. --Ed.*]. It was fun meeting him and comparing both professional and personal experiences. It was a typical OLLI occasion and, don't forget, he's much better looking in person – Aya says so!

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Selected by the Photography Club



"Flag" by Lou Mazzatenta.

THE JULY PHOTO of the Month theme was "Patriotic Symbols or Activity." We selected Lou Mazzatenta's photo "Flag," which may be viewed in various sizes at [this page](#). To view other photos by members of the Photography Club, visit the Club's [website](#).

-- By Ed Parker, Photography Club Coordinator

Editor's note: "Photo of the Month" has been a regular *E-News* feature since October 2007, only two months after the club's first meeting. Dan Feighery organized the club and served as its first coordinator.

DEPARTMENTS

POET'S CORNER

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Alyssum

Sprigs of dusky violet and not-quite-white
mingle, amassed with off-pink and hybrid royal blue.

Star-shaped, these gifts from last season,
assured survival with seed plopped strategically abed.

Showy plumes now emerge from tiny rootlets,
appearing as spring pushes winter to the sidelines.

An obvious genetic mix, some stretch sunward,
others anchor earthbound, shadowed by freer brethren.

Together creating a moat, a sentry, behind which
larger species – marigolds, dahlias, zinnias – thrive.

Through brief summer weeks, greeting eyes daily
with dissimilar hues living perfectly together.

John Henkel



Editor's note: In February 2010, *E-News* launched this column after Poetry Workshop co-moderators Jan Bohall and Mike McNamara (photos above) reached an agreement with me to showcase the work of OLLI poets by publishing one 'short' poem each week. Jan sent them to me for more than three years, through mid-May 2013, after which Mike took over.

FAIRFAX ARTS AND MUSIC

Upcoming performances



By Jan Bohall, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

Editor's note: Jan is our longest-serving columnist, having started writing her column in September 2005 – almost eight years ago! Her only non-vacation break has been during the summer, like now, when there usually are no Fairfax arts and music performances.

MASON HIGHLIGHTS

Other Mason events



By Helen Ackerman, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

Editor's note: Helen has been writing her column since May 2009 – for more than four years now, after taking over from original columnist Barbara Kyriakakis. Like Jan, Helen's only non-vacation break has been when Mason becomes quiet during the summer, like now.

HYLTON ARTS AND MUSIC

Manassas performances, July 19–28

By Sheri Siesseger, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

FOR TICKETS, call 1-888-945-2468 or click "Buy Tickets" at the event listing in the [calendar](#) (phone and online orders are handled by tickets.com; a service charge applies) – or visit the box office in the lobby of the [Hylton Performing Arts Center](#) on Mason's Prince William campus in Manassas, Wed-Sat, noon to 6:00 (or visit the box office in the lobby of the Center for the Arts on Mason's Fairfax campus, Tue-Sat, 10:00-6:00). More info on tickets is at the [ticket purchase page](#).



Jeff Gorrell's Watercolors
Continues through Sun, Jul 21
Gorrell specializes in watercolor painting but also works in oils. He has previously exhibited at the Virginia Watercolor Society, the Central Virginia Watercolor Guild, and has paintings in collections globally.

Prince William Little Theatre
Bye Bye Birdie
Fri, Jul 19, 8:00
Sat, Jul 20, 2:00 and 8:00
Sun, Jul 21, 2:00
Thu, Jul 25, 8:00
Fri, Jul 26, 8:00
Sat, Jul 27, 2:00 and 8:00

Gorrell focuses on landscapes with rocks and flowing water. He has painted multiple views of Great Falls.
Admission: Free
Buchanan Partners Arts Gallery

NEW Genevieve Ivan
My Inner Mask and Andrew Cossaboon: The Nature of Architecture

Exhibition Mon, Jul 22 through Sat, Aug 24
Gallery reception Thu, Aug 1, 6:30:
Genevieve Ivan and Andrew Cossaboon
Admission: Free
Buchanan Partners Arts Gallery

Sun, Jul 28, 2:00
Directed by Don Petersen, this ever-popular musical tells the tale of events leading up to rock-and-roll star Conrad Birdie's last performance on the *Ed Sullivan Show* before he joins the military.
Admission: adults, \$20; seniors and students, \$16; children, \$10
Gregory Family Theater

Editor's note: After Mason established a performing arts center at its Manassas campus, Sheri Siesseger started writing this weekly column for *E-News* in March 2011 – more than two years ago.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Upcoming non-class events at OLLI

THE FOLLOWING LIST covering the next month for this final issue 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).*

OLLI-Reston Notes is a news email of particular interest to Reston members, written by Reston Coordinator Carol Henderson. The most recent version is dated April 2013 and can be read at [this link](#) (pdf).

OLLI-Loudoun Notes is a news email of particular interest to Loudoun members, written by Loudoun Coordinator Kathie West. The most recent version is dated March 2013 and can be read at [this link](#) (pdf).

Fri Jul 19 9:00am [Recorder Consort](#) - TA-2
10:00am **Board of Directors meeting** - TA-1
11:00am [Homer, etc.](#) - Annex

Sat Jul 20 1:00pm [Personal Computer User Group](#) meeting - TA-1
 Mon Jul 22 10:00am [Bridge Club](#) - TA-3
 Tue Jul 23 10:00am [Knitting and Needlework Club](#) - Lake Anne Coffee Shop
 Thu Jul 25 10:00am [Craft & Conversation Group](#) - Cottage
 Fri Jul 26 9:00am [Recorder Consort](#) - TA-2
 9:30am [Travel Club](#) - Cottage
 10:00am [Classic Fiction Book Club](#) - Loudoun Room 205
 11:00am [Homer, etc.](#) - Annex
 Mon Jul 29 10:00am [Bridge Club](#) - TA-3
 10:00am [Craft & Conversation Group](#) - Cottage
 Tue Jul 30 9:00am Grand Camp ([pdf brochure](#)) - Tallwood
 10:00am [Knitting and Needlework Club](#) - Lake Anne Coffee Shop
 Wed Jul 31 10:30am [Investment Forum](#) - TA-1
 Thu Aug 1 **Registration starts for fall term** (ends Fri, Aug 23)
 Fri Aug 2 9:00am [Recorder Consort](#) - TA-2
 11:00am [Homer, etc.](#) - Annex
 Mon Aug 5–Fri Aug 16 **OLLI closed for summer break**
 Tue Aug 6 10:00am [Knitting and Needlework Club](#) - Lake Anne Coffee Shop
 Fri Aug 9 10:30am **Loudoun Program Planning Group meeting** - Loudoun room 236
 Mon Aug 12 11:30am Development Committee planning group meeting - Coastal Flats Restaurant
 Tue Aug 13 10:00am [Knitting and Needlework Club](#) - Lake Anne Coffee Shop
 Fri Aug 16 10:00am **Board of Directors meeting** - TA-1
 Sat Aug 17 1:00pm [Personal Computer User Group](#) meeting - TA-1

KEY CONTACT INFORMATION

How to contact OLLI

HERE IS A READY REFERENCE on how to contact OLLI. For email addresses and phone numbers not listed below, please consult the online Membership Directory (log in to [Member Portal](#)).



President: [Martha Scanlon](#)



- Acting Executive Director: [John Woods](#), phone 703-941-4083
- [OLLI Office](#), phone 703-503-3384
- OLLI Administrator/Registrar: [Kerin Braudaway](#), phone 703-503-3384
- Board members: See [Organization page](#) (Note: To send an email to the entire Board, send it to the [acting executive director](#) or to the [OLLI administrator](#), asking that it go to the Board)
- Committee chairs and program planning group chairs: See [this part](#) of our website's Organization page
- Suggestions: [Online suggestion box](#)

About Rod Zumbro's OLLI E-News and the member-volunteers who produced it



Rod Zumbro
*Creator;
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 2013*



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Ernestine Meyer
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 Editor, 2011–
 2013*



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Poet's Corner: Jan Bohall and Mike McNamara

Mason-Fairfax Arts and Music: Jan Bohall

Mason Highlights: Helen Ackerman

Hylton Arts and Music: Sheri Siesseger

Coming Attractions: John West through 2012

> **About this newsletter.** OLLI's first weekly email newsletter, *OLLI E-News*, started July 31, 2005 and was emailed to current OLLI members with email addresses by the OLLI office on Fridays through July 19, 2013. When classes were in session, printed copies of this newsletter were distributed in classrooms. Comments, suggestions or complaints were directed to Editor

[Rod Zumbro](#) or Communications Committee Chair [Gordon Canyock](#).

> **Read the latest issue early.** The new weekly issue of *OLLI E-News* was posted to the OLLI website Thursday evening. Readers could view it by visiting <http://www.oli.gmu.edu/pubs.htm#enews>, where they would find a list of the last 12 issues by date.

> **Viewing or searching past issues.** You can **view** past issues of *OLLI E-News* via either the list of the [last 12 issues](#) or the [DocStore archive](#) of all past issues by date/issue number. To **search** the content of issues, use [Search Our Site](#) or put your search term in Google followed by "site:oli.gmu.edu/" without the quotes (e.g., searchterm site:oli.gmu.edu/). [Back to top](#)

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