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Dr. Peter Stearns, Mason University Professor and Provost Emeritus, Addresses the History of Happiness, Tallwood (and Loudoun), September 14

September 28, 2018

Editor of the Week: Paul Van Hemel

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Alerts & Notices

- Reston fall-term kick-off coffee, Community Room, Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, Thursday, October 4, 1:00-2:00 (register for Special Event 1103), before the first Meet the Artists concert.
- Flu shots administered at Tallwood, Friday, October 5, 10:00-11:00. Sign up at the Tallwood office or call 703-503-3384; cost is \$35 without insurance. Remember to bring your Medicare card.
- Development Committee members are selling raffle tickets for the annual OLLI registration fee raffle between now and December 4; watch for them at classes and events.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published October 5; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, October 2, at 6:00.

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Board Meeting Highlights



By Rita Way, OLLI Secretary

The Board of Directors met Friday, September 21, 2018 at Tallwood. OLLI President Bill Taylor welcomed everyone back for the fall term and noted the wide selection of courses covering diverse topics being offered for this term. He expressed appreciation to all the volunteers that help make OLLI successful, and also stressed that members should take advantage of the wonderful courses and programs offered by our Reston and Loudoun campuses. He acknowledged Executive Director Jennifer Disano's efforts in arranging our collaborative effort with AARP on September 8th by hosting their "Boomer Academy" at Tallwood.

The Strategic Planning Committee is beginning to work on a survey to the membership to get their views on the draft strategic goals we've developed.

Jennifer Disano reported that as of September 14, 2018, total membership is 1,160 (annual membership is 1,112 and term membership is 48). She congratulated the Hospitality Committee

and Toni Acton, Chair of Member Services, for a very successful fall Kick-Off Coffee. Dallas Joder is the new audiovisual (AV) staff member to assist Reston campus locations at United Christian Church and Lake Anne.

At Tallwood the back parking lot has been repaved, and the front walk has been repaired. These repairs were conducted by the Mason facilities-maintenance staff at no charge to OLLI.

In August OLLI made several outreach efforts within the local Connection Newspapers, Facebook, video ads at Cinema Arts Theatre, and a wonderful collaborative conference with AARP to recruit members.

Under new business, the Board discussed and passed four resolutions: (1) approval of \$600 from the Friends of OLLI for publication of 325 copies of *OLLI Ink*; (2) approval of an update to the Board handbook to include a description of the Travel Committee; (3) approval of guidelines to structure the development of the OLLI 2019 budget; and (4) approval of authorizing the Finance Committee to implement investments without prior Board approval, in accordance with its fiduciary responsibility to the organization.



Photos by Paul Van Hemel, September 21, 2018

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OLLI Working with George Mason on Member Travel Opportunities



By Rita Way, OLLI Secretary and Travel Enthusiast

Good news is on the horizon for OLLI members! George Mason's Office of Global Education is pleased to accommodate the growing interest of seasoned adults seeking to travel together abroad and in the U.S. OLLI members have been asked to provide input into the design of these trips (e.g., ideas on where to go, length of trip, activity level). Mason will facilitate the outing for OLLI members to subscribe.

OLLI's goal is to provide preferences for two trips a year – one for early September 2019, to Europe, and another in late May 2020, within the USA and Canada. Both of these trips would occur between terms so members would not have to miss our exciting classes. In fact, we hope to develop classes in advance of travel to help OLLI participants enhance their understanding of the destination and focus of the trip.

To get the ball rolling, OLLI has developed a three-minute survey on member travel preferences. If you are interested in overseas or domestic travel with your OLLI friends, take a few minutes to register your opinions so we can move forward with planning. Click the following link to get started: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7D557FJ>.

If you have any questions about OLLI travel, please contact me at ritaway27@gmail.com.

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OLLI Members: The Outreach Committee Needs You!



By Camille Hodges, OLLI Outreach Committee Chair

The OLLI Outreach Committee's task is to make our presence known in the community. Here's how you can help:

Fairfax County Fair, Saturday, October 13

- Sign up to provide a smile and info about OLLI at a table during the Fairfax Fair on Saturday, October 13. We need three or four people to fill the 1:00-3:00 and 3:00-5:00 slots. If you can possibly help out, please e-mail me at your earliest convenience: mimihodges4@gmail.com.
- Represent OLLI at the State Department Job Retirement Fair information table on October 23 from 1:00-4:00 at the FSI Center, 4000 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA.
- Introduce a friend to OLLI by bringing him/her to a class as a guest. Classes at Church of the Good Shepherd (COGS) or Fairfax Lord of Life are suggested due to their space availability.
- Join the OLLI Outreach Committee and share your wonderful ideas.

Thank you!

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Attention Sports Enthusiasts!



By Rala Stone, Literature, Theater, and Writing/Languages Program Planning Group Co-Chair

We are seeking a speaker for an 8-week class in fall 2019 on the Black Renaissance, based on the book "SMOKETOWN" by Mark Whitaker. The book focuses on Pittsburgh, and the course would address the baseball figures of that era, for example Josh Gibson, Satchel Paige, Oscar Charleston, and Smokey Joe Williams. If you have that expertise, or know of someone who does, please contact Barbara Nelson at Barbara.nelson1946@gmail.com or Camille Hodges at mimihodges4@gmail.com.

Thanks!

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History Club



By Beth Lambert, History Club Coordinator

The first meeting of the History Club for this term will take place on Wednesday, October 3, at 2:15 in TA-1. Peter Ansoff will present us with a mystery flag designed by George Washington that the British took for a flag of surrender. That is the "official" version of the story. Peter will examine the original sources, including Washington's own account, and present a hypothesis that what really occurred on that January morning in 1776 was something rather different.

All OLLI members are welcome to attend History Club meetings; you do not have to be officially registered to come and enjoy our presentations. This is the first of what promises to be another interesting and varied year for History Club presentations. Come and learn.

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Ethnic Eats Lunch Club



By Letitia Labell, Lunch Club Coordinator

Do you love to eat? Are you interested in learning about foods from other cultures? The Ethnic Eats Club meets for lunch monthly at local restaurants to explore various cuisines. We often have wait-lists for the lunches, but in October we are meeting in a larger restaurant, and we have space for a few more folks. We are meeting on **October 5** and **October 8** we are meeting at **Ciao Osteria** in **Chantilly** at **11:30**. If you'd like to join us for lunch on either date, or if you'd like to join the club for future outings, contact me (Leti Labell) at leti@verizon.net.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Who Knows?

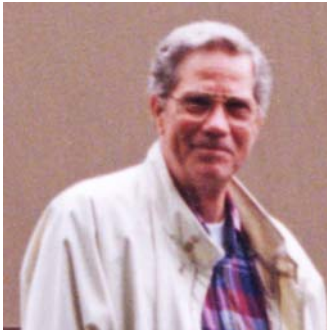
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the onset of age;
such a relief,
I tell you;
my husband,
though, my
poor dear man,
recalls
little of what
I remember
so I worry

Jean Klaus

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Obituary: Allen J. Montecino, Jr.

Allen Montecino, one of the first members of the Learning in Retirement Institute (LRI) at George Mason University, pre-cursor to OLLI-Mason, died September 17, 2018, in Odenton, Maryland. A towering figure in LRI/OLLI history, he was a member for many years and taught numerous history courses at the institute. He served on the Board of Directors, and figured prominently in *The Story of OLLI*, the history book prepared for OLLI's 25th anniversary in 2016.



Allen was responsible for the institute's purchase of its first modular classroom, now designated as TA-3 (pictured on page 11 of *The Story of OLLI*). This allowed membership to increase to about 600 at Tallwood alone by 1999. In 1996 George Mason University administration recruited Allen and Ray Beery to teach classes for Mason faculty and staff on Windows 95, helping cement good relations right across the university's schools and departments. Allen loved LRI/OLLI and his many friends here.

A memorial service was held on September 25. He will be buried with military honors at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Further information is available at [this link](#).

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, September 28 through October 8

By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

For tickets for either Center for the Arts Concert Hall (CFA) or Hylton Center, 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 Center [ticket purchase page](#).

At the Fairfax Campus Venues

ARTS by George!: The Manhattan Transfer

Sat, Sep 29, 5:00, concert at 8:30
deLaski and Concert Hall (various venues)
Contact Susan Graziano, call 703-993-4188, or visit artsbygeorge.gmu.edu for tickets and information.

Admission: \$275 includes dinner and wine, concert and champagne reception; \$100, \$75, \$50 for concert only.

Aga-Boom

Sun, Sep 30, 1:00 and 4:00
Concert Hall
Admission: Adults, \$20; children, \$10.

Aurelio Martinez (Garifuna Music)

Fri, Oct 5, 8:00
Harris Theatre
Admission: \$15.

Virginia Opera: *Street Scene*

Sat, Oct 6, 8:00 and Sun, Oct 7, 2:00
Pre-performance discussion with a member of the company.
Concert Hall
Admission: \$110, \$90, \$54.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

Mason Symphonic Band

Thu, Oct 4, 8:00
Harris Theatre
Admission: Adults, \$12; seniors, \$8.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit: *When Art Meets Medicine*

Sep 11 – Oct 27
Buchanan Partners Art Gallery
The Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00-6:00, and two hours before each performance.

Aga-Boom

Sat, Sep 29, 11:00 and 2:00
Merchant Hall
Admission: Adults, \$20; children, \$10.

Chris Jones & The Night Drivers

Sat, Sep 29, 8:00
 Gregory Family Theater
 Admission: \$25 in advance, \$30 day of performance.

Keyboard Conversations® with Jeffrey Siegel: *Bernstein Birthday Bash*

Sat, Sep 29, 8:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26.

Matinee Idylls: *Gourmet Symphony*

Tue, Oct 2, 12:30
 Gregory Family Theater
 Lunch/Concert/Dessert Reception Package: \$47.

Manassas Chorale: *Silver Serenade*

Friday, Oct 5, 7:30
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$20.

Will Ackerman

Sat, Oct 6, 8:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$45.

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For further details on any of the above events, 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 for the most up-to-date information, please view the latest forecast of coming 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, kick-off coffees, etc.*

Sat Sep 29	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Wed Oct 3		

	1:30pm	Mah Jongg Club–TA-2
	1:45pm	Bridge Club–TA-3
	2:15pm	History Club–TA-1
Fri Oct 5	9:15pm	Recorder Consort–TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation–Annex
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club–TA-2
	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
	1:00pm	Dr. Who Club–TA-3
Sat Oct 6	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Wed Oct 10	1:30pm	Tallwood Book Club–TA-2
	1:45pm	Bridge Club–TA-3
	1:45pm	Spanish Club–TA-2
Fri Oct 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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Deadline: Tuesday, 6:00, for that week's issue (Monday, 6:00, 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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