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Burt Wides Presents Analysis of The Mueller Investigation for an Appreciative Audience at Tallwood, Spring, 2019

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Alerts & Notices

- The Super Salad Social and Meet the Candidates for the OLLI Board event will be Friday, April 26 from 12:30 to 2:30 at United Christian Parish in Reston. This is a new location! Please bring a salad (green salad, pasta salad, grain salad, or fruit salad), fruit, or dessert to share.
- The annual business meeting and picnic will take place at Tallwood Friday, May 3. The business meeting begins at 10:00 followed by the picnic at 11:00. If you register for the picnic (special event 1105), please bring a dish to share based on your last name: salad (A-G), side dish (H-O), or dessert (P-Z).
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published April 12; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, April 9, at 6:00.

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From the Desk of the Executive Director

Find Yourself Through OLLI Volunteerism!



*By Jennifer Disano, Executive Director
 with Alice Slayton Clark, Communications and Program Associate*

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. --Mahatma Gandhi

OLLI exists due to the efforts of hundreds of volunteers who contribute their time, talents and energy year after year. Although OLLI has a small part-time paid staff, over 80 percent of the work of running OLLI is done by member-volunteers. Courses, clubs, special events, social activities, publications, and classroom services—all are developed by members like you. And every single one of OLLI's instructors, whether OLLI members, Mason professors, or outside experts, are unpaid volunteers. Just think of what that saves you in terms of member dues!

If you volunteer at OLLI, THANK YOU!

Volunteering at OLLI not only is rewarding but can be life-altering for many members. Studies show that volunteering may help to lengthen vital [telomeres](#) by supporting prosocial helping behaviors and social interactions. Volunteering creates opportunities to make new friends, build community, develop new skills, and contribute ideas to shape the future of OLLI! You don't need prior experience or particular expertise, although that is welcome. Everyone has the talent to help in some capacity. If special knowledge is required, we can train you. You should volunteer only for what you want to do. Your time is valuable. We won't ask you to put in more time than you can handle comfortably or serve longer than you can. You should look on volunteer work as enjoyable and rewarding. If it isn't, we are doing something wrong.

OLLI Is currently in need of volunteers to fill the following exciting positions:

- Loudoun Coordinator—Serve as point-of-contact for the Loudoun campus and coordinate with staff.
- Publications Chair—Lead OLLI publications production efforts, particularly the OLLI course catalog.
- Member Services Representative Reston—Lead efforts on the Member Services Committee to develop social events in Reston.

One of our most dedicated volunteers sums up the experience: "OLLI is a quality organization, and it is a pleasure to be a part of it both as 'student' and volunteer."

Interested? Contact us today: volli@gmu.edu or (703) 503-3384 (OLLI Office).

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Tallwood Book Club



By Ceda McGrew, Tallwood Book Club Coordinator

The Tallwood Book Club will meet on Wednesday, April 10, at 1:30 in the Tallwood Annex. The book for discussion is *March: Book 1*, the first book in a graphic memoir trilogy by Georgia Congressman John Lewis. Born in 1940 to an Alabama sharecropper family, as a young man he became interested in the Civil Rights Movement. He participated with the Freedom Riders and was one of the organizers of the March on Washington. *March: Book 1* was the 2018 Mason Reads selection, the book chosen to be read and discussed by each incoming Mason freshman. Congressman Lewis was one of the featured speakers at the 2018 Fall for the Book. All OLLI members are welcome to attend the book club meeting.

The reading selection for May 8 is *Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine, and the Murder of a President* by Candice Millard.

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Reston Book Club



By Nancy Scheeler and Luci Martel, Reston Book Club Coordinators

The Reston Book Club will meet on Thursday, April 18 at 2:15 at the United Christian Parish Church in Reston. The book selection is *Anything is Possible* by Elizabeth Strout, a Pulitzer Prize winner for fiction. The book explores the whole range of human emotion through the intimate dramas of people struggling to understand themselves and others. It was written in conjunction with Strout's previous bestseller, *My Name is Lucy Barton*, which is the club's selected reading for May.

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OLLI Members Tour MPSTOC



By John Nash, OLLI E-News Staff Writer and Editor

"So that's what happens to a 9-1-1 call," said one OLLI member as she observed the large room with state-of-the-art communications equipment. Twenty-five OLLI members toured the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center (MPSTOC) in Fairfax on Friday, March 29.

After the visitors were screened by security, Tracey Shelton, general manager, gave an overview of the MPSTOC responsibilities as the group looked down on the operations center floor. Then Sulayman Brown explained the functions of the emergency operations center, which is activated only in emergency situations. The tour group learned how the MPSTOC serves as the central nerve center for the county's emergency action requirements



OLLI members toured the county's MPSTOC. Pictured at the far left is Tracy Shelton, facility general manager. (Photo by John Nash)

that may involve police, fire and rescue, transportation, and human services, as well as coordination of out-of-county emergency requests and participation. The group was then shown the actual operations center where the presentation became a reality.

Members of the OLLI group were definitely impressed. "I know about emergency action response, but I had no idea that the system here in Fairfax County was so extensive and responsive," said OLLI member John Acton. "Just seeing this operation makes me feel better that any emergency action is covered." A resident of Burke, John is a member of the Community Emergency Response Team, a civilian community volunteer group which, in case of emergencies, "helps until help arrives."

This tour was one of a number designed to acquaint OLLI members with some of the outstanding operations and resources of Fairfax County government. The next tour, listed in the OLLI summer catalog, will be of the county's public access facility. Attendance will be limited.

A related note regarding emergency preparedness: Fairfax County has a new *Community Emergency Response Guide* to help residents prepare for, and respond to, local emergencies and disasters. You can download a copy at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergencymanagement/cerg, or visit a county public library to pick up a printed copy.

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The Reston to Loudoun Drive



By Bob Cather, OLLI Member

Many OLLI class attendees have commented regarding the perceived long drive from Reston to the Loudoun campus. I suggest the following alternative driving route.

Take the FAIRFAX COUNTY PARKWAY north, to cross Route 7 (with its two lights) and CONTINUE northbound. The road name changes to the ALGONKIAN PARKWAY.

Continue as the parkway heads west. Turn LEFT on POTOMAC VIEW Road (route 637) southbound, turn LEFT on COTTAGE Road, make an immediate RIGHT turn into the KOHL's parking lot, and then a LEFT turn at OLLIE's Bargain store and the La-Z-Boy store. The George Mason Loudoun Campus, 21335 Signal Hill Plaza, is the brick building ahead on the right, across from La-Z-Boy. Here is a map: <https://info.gmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/LoudounMap2018.pdf>

Driving here in northern Virginia can be frustrating, due to the thriving tech sector with

thousands of employees having varied schedules. With our four-lane highways, I suggest driving as much as possible in the RIGHT lane, letting the speed demons and lane switchers pass you by.

Hope this helps. Try doing a preview drive a day or so before heading to an unfamiliar location. Get to know the features and traffic patterns.

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Member Achievement: OLLI Member Featured in *Washington Post* Column



By Jan Bohall, Co-Moderator of the Poetry Workshop

OLLI member Tony Rounds' springtime-in-Washington haiku was selected for inclusion in John Kelly's column in *The Washington Post* on April 2nd:



*spring in washington
now announced by angry tweet
cherry trees be damned*

Tony is a seasoned member of OLLI and the Poetry Workshop, and in his words, "...is grateful to all the Poetry Workshop members who have made subtle, sensitive, beneficial, and, when necessary, brutal suggestions to help him become a better poet."

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Atlantic Encounter

Late afternoon in a rising sea,
I hefted the last pot aboard the launch
And found one small, but legal
Lobster huddled against the netting,
Out of its element and clearly alarmed...
(Strange how compassion grips you.)
I thought to let it go free,
Perhaps to join those
Mysterious long, long single-file
Marches of lobsters

Moving in migrations
 Along the ocean bottom,
 Each in touch with the one before...
 Distracted by thinking,
 (For the mind is its own place,
 I negligently reached into the pot,
 And the lobster bit me.
 Goddamned hard.

So, after I sold off the others
 Of its caught kin,
 I took the biter home.
 Then boiled, ate it, and somehow
 Felt a lot better.

(Ah! But who said revenge is a dish
 Best served cold?)

Mike Mc Namara

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, April 5 through April 15



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

Russian National Ballet: *Giselle*

Sat, Apr 6, 8:00

A pre-performance discussion with a member of the company begins 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$56, \$48, \$34.

Russian National Ballet: *The Sleeping Beauty*

Sun, Apr 7, 2:00

A pre-performance discussion with a member of the company begins 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$56, \$48, \$34.

Pablo Sáinz Villegas

Fri, Apr 12, 8:00

A pre-performance discussion with a member of the company begins 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$46, \$39, \$28.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

Mason School of Theater: *Our Country's Good*

Sat, Apr 6, 8:00

Sat, Apr 6 and Sun, Apr 7, 2:00

TheaterSpace

Admission : \$30, Adult; \$15, senior.

Mason Tuba Euphonium Ensemble

Sun, Apr 7, 5:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free.

Vocal Pops Concert

Sun, Apr 7, 6:00

deLaski 3001

Admission: Free.

Jazz Combos/Steel Pan Ensemble Concert

Wed, Apr 10, 8:00

deLaski 3001

Admission: Free.

International Week Dance Competition

Thu, Apr 11, 7:00

Concert Hall

Admission: \$10.

Spring New Dances
 Thu, Apr 11 – Sat, Apr 13, 8:00
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: \$15, Adult; \$10, senior.

Chorale Broadway Showcase
 Sat, Apr 13, 2:00 and 8:00
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$20, Adult; \$15, senior.

Brass Ensemble Concert
 Sun, Apr 14, 1:00
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: Free.

Jazz Workshop Concert
 Sun, Apr 14, 7:00
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: Free.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit: David Barr
 Continues through May 18
 Gallery Reception: Thu, April 11, 6:00.
 Gallery receptions are free and open to the public. Please RSVP to smeyer3@gmu.edu.
 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery.

Russian National Ballet: *Swan Lake*
 Fri, Apr 5, 8:00
 A pre-performance discussion with a member of the company begins 45 minutes prior to the performance.
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$56, \$48, \$34.

American Roots Series: *The Seldom Scene*
 Sat, Apr 6, 8:00
 Gregory Family Theater
 Admission: \$25, in advance; \$30, day of performance.

Washington National Opera's Young Artists and Mason Opera: *Raising Voices*
 Sun, Apr 7, 4:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$20.

Asaph Dance Ensemble: *New Beginnings*
 Sun, Apr 14, 4:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$30, \$25 Adult; \$20, \$15, senior.

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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. (bolded below).

Sat Apr 6	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
	1:30pm	Tallwood Book Club-Annex
Wed Apr 10	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	1:45pm	Spanish Club-TA-2
	9:15am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Crafts and Conversation-Annex
Fri Apr 12	9:30am	Photography Club-TA-1
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club-TA-2
	11:00am	Homer, etc.-Annex
Sat Apr 13	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
	1:30pm	Mah Jongg Club-TA-2
Wed Apr 17	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	2:00pm	AudioVisual Committee Meeting-TA-1
Thu Apr 18	2:15pm	Reston Book Club-Room 117 UCP

Fri Apr 19	9:15am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Crafts and Conversation-Annex
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club-TA-2
	11:00am	Homer, etc.-Annex
	12:30pm	Dr. Who Club-TA-3
Sat Apr 20	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
	1:00pm	Personal Computer User Group-TA-1

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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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