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Photos by Paul Van Hemel, February 7, 2019

Ranger Heidi Dietze Describes How Wonder Woman Became a Powerful Idol for Girls, February 7, Part of a Long-Running Series by National Park Service

March 8, 2019

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Alerts & Notices

- Spring term begins Monday, March 25. You should receive confirmation of your assigned classes on Monday, March 11. For online catalog, [click here](#).
- Board of Directors meeting at Tallwood Friday, March 15, in TA-1 at 10:00. All members welcome.
- Meeting of the Program Planning Committee at Tallwood Friday, March 15, in TA-1 at 1:00. All members welcome.
- Coffee and conversation Thursday, March 21, at Loudoun, at 10:30. New members encouraged; all members welcome.
- Commemoration of Rosemary McDonald before the first spring-term Meet the Artists concert, Thursday, March 21, at 1:00 in Reston at the Hunters Woods Community Center.
- Spring term kickoff coffees will be Friday, March 22, one at Tallwood in TA-1 at 10:00 and one at Reston in the United Christian Parish Church at 10:30. All members welcome.
- The next issue of OLLI E-News will be published March 22; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, March 19, at 6:00.

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Course Proposals for Fall Term 2019



By Alice Slayton Clark, Communications and Program Associate

Calling all longstanding and new OLLI instructors! Please be aware that the deadline for course proposals for fall term 2019 is April 12. Fall term

2019 runs from September 23-November 15. If you haven't submitted your proposal yet, please do so soon to ensure we will have space for your offering. Your description does not need to be catalog-ready for you to submit, but your submission allows us to save you a spot on the calendar. The earlier you submit, the more likely we can fit your offering into the term and provide you with your preferred dates for the class. Spaces fill up quickly, so act soon!

If you need more time, the deadline for course proposals for winter term is July 29, 2019. Winter term 2020 runs from January 27-February 21. We encourage all to send in offerings!

You can find the course proposal form at: <https://olli.gmu.edu/olli-course-proposal-form/>. Please fill it out in its entirety, click "submit," and the OLLI program planners will be in touch with you soon thereafter about your offering. Thanks for your support for OLLI programming!

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Computer Club

3rd Saturday, March 16

*Apple EcoSystem - A Private Conversation
VPNs - Virtual Private Networks*



By [Paul Howard](#), OLLI Personal Computer User Group Program Chair

The Computer Club (OLLI Personal Computer User Group, or OPCUG) will meet with its partner, the Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society (PATACS), on Saturday, March 16, at Tallwood. Join us at 12:30 for socializing in the Annex. Program activities begin at 1:00 in TA-1.

The Apple EcoSystem – A Private Conversation:

A representative of Apple will discuss Apple iDevices and software, including iOS 12 and topics of broad general appeal, including a hardware overview of the latest iPhones and iPads. There will be no Zoom session available for this portion of the meeting, and no photography or other recording permitted.

Learn in 30: VPNs: Don't get mugged on the Information Superhighway, Presented by Tom Gutnick:

Every time you connect your computer, phone, or tablet to another network, you're putting your device — and your personal information — at risk. Using a Virtual Private Network (VPN) can mitigate the risks. We'll explain the risks and how the technology helps keep you safe.

Tom Gutnick — technologist, educator, musician — has worked in the computer industry for most of his adult life. As the owner of Sunny Banana IT Consulting, he helps small businesses and home offices use technology more effectively. He also teaches personal technology at Arlington Adult Education and information technology at Northern Virginia Community College.

See full details on this meeting by [clicking here](#). For information on the Computer Club, see the [OPCUG website](#). OPCUG dues of \$5 for 2019 will be collected at this meeting.

Can't make the meeting in person? Dues-paid club members may attend via Zoom's cloud meeting service, beginning at 12:45. Send a message to webinarhosts@patacs.org if you plan to attend in this way. Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/519103813> (Meeting ID: 519 103 813).

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The Tom Swift Squad Needs You!

Interested in technology? Learn with us!



By [Paul Howard](#), Audiovisual Support Committee Chair

OLLI's Audiovisual Support Committee (a.k.a. The Tom Swift Squad) seeks additional volunteers to help ensure the smooth employment of OLLI's audiovisual resources. Our primary mission is to help instructors, liaisons, and staff with any audiovisual issues that might arise during the classes we attend.

We'll be meeting at 1:00 on Wednesday, March 20, in TA-1. Our activities for this meeting will be the installation of new equipment in

Tallwood classrooms and training on its use.

Please let me know if you're planning to attend or would like to become a "Swiftie" even if you can't attend this meeting. Contact me by <mailto:phoward@gmu.edu> (preferred) or phone (703-860-9246). For more information on the Audiovisual Support Committee, see <mailto:phowrd@gmu.edu>.

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Ask Uncle Olli



By Uncle Olli, Etiquette Consultant, Driving Consultant, and Everything in Between

Uncle Olli has lived long enough that people often ask him various questions, including ones in the matter of etiquette. He is approachable (to take nothing away from Miss Ollie Ettakit) and welcomes your queries: ask Uncle Olli at ollienewseditor@gmail.com. He is embarrassed by nothing!

Dear Uncle OLLI: I was talked into being a class liaison and now I'm really nervous. Should I book an extended cruise and leave the country until this all blows over? --Second Thoughts

Dear Second Thoughts: Try this—close eyes and take a deep breath. Easy, right? Liaison is just as easy. You stand up, make sure class starts on time, read or recite a few reminders, maintain order if needed [rarely needed], and make sure class ends in time to make the next period. The hardest part is starting the class, because you think everyone is looking at you. They're not. They want class to start on time, too. You consult with the instructor beforehand, by email or before class, how he/she would like to handle questions [during lecture or at end], introduce the instructor before the first lecture to explain why he/she is doing this class, remind us all of good manners [sign in, wear name tags, dispose of trash, plus put phone in Airplane Mode], and sit down.

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Class made unpleasant because someone wants to dominate lecture? You have the power to correct that! Stand up, announce questions should be held until the end so we may finish the lecture in the time remaining, and sit down. The rest of the class will cheer you, silently. This hardly ever happens, but if it does, you will have the support of the rest of the class. Liaison is easy, and most shy away from doing it because they have not done it. You are in the class anyway, why not be empowered to take charge? Liaison is the best guarantee that you signed up for the right class!

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"Good-bye, Martha! Hate to See You Go!"



By John Nash, Editorial Team Member and Staff Writer

That's not just a paraphrase of the song, "Good-bye, Charlie," it's a sincere lament on the departure of Martha Powers from OLLI. Martha and her husband are moving from their Fairfax home to a retirement community near Winchester, a location and distance that precludes continuing her OLLI activities.

Since Martha joined OLLI in 2013, she jumped into the organization with both feet...and hands and a hundred other moving parts! Members who know her – and just about everyone in OLLI does – know that Martha is energy personified. During her time in OLLI, she has taught classes, worked as special events program planner, and served on the OLLI Board as member and vice-president. If you didn't catch her at one of these events, you also stood a good chance of enjoying her positive personality as she organized lots of member coffees, OLLI parties, movies, and always, the annual Veterans' Day celebrations. Martha also was a regular contributor to the *E-News*, always promoting better communications with OLLI members.

"Martha has been a mainstay of OLLI. Her commitment to our organization is best illustrated by her tireless work as a member of the

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Board. She had hundreds of ideas – and most of them were good – with the energy to help make them happen,” laughed Michelle Blandburg, OLLI Board member. “She became one of my best ‘OLLI friends!’ I’ll certainly miss her.”

We all will miss Martha Powers as a friend and member of OLLI. But we wish her and her husband well as they transition to a new and exciting life. Members of that retirement community just don’t know what a wonderful “force of nature” will soon descend upon them! Good luck, Martha! You’re always welcome at OLLI!



(Photo by John Nash—Pictured at right, Martha joined other OLLI members at Quantico National Cemetery to place memorial wreaths.)

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Tallwood Book Club March Meeting



By Ceda McGrew, Tallwood Book Club Coordinator

The Tallwood Book Club will meet at 10:00 on Wednesday, March 13, at Tallwood. The book for discussion is *We Fed an Island: the True Story of Rebuilding Puerto Rico, One Meal at a Time* by award winning chef José Andrés. Following the devastation of Hurricane Maria in September 2017, Andrés and his non-governmental organization (NGO), World Central Kitchen, established a network of volunteer-run community kitchens across the island which eventually provided more than 100,000 hot meals per day. All OLLI members are welcome to the book discussion.

Our title for April 10 is *March: Book 1*, U.S. Congressman John Lewis’s graphic novel about the 1963 March on Washington, which he helped plan.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Connelly

After the bridge crosses the Rondout Creek
Turn right. Travel down the tree-lined road.
When you come to a T, go right again.
Some houses soon appear, four blocks of them,
On a street leading back to the creek.

(Go left up the hill another six blocks,
And you will have seen all of Connelly.)

On the right is my grandmother’s house
With its wide front porch where my grandfather
Sat to smoke his pipe. Down the backyard hill
Is the brook where I fell through the ice
One winter day, just at the edge, and I
Pulled myself out, knowing no monsters
Lurking in the murkiness could get me
Because my grandmother and grandfather
Just up the hill wouldn’t let me be harmed.

Betty Smith

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, March 8 through March 25



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

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Mozart's Clarinet Concerto

Sat, Mar 9, 8:00

A pre-performance discussion with conductor Christopher Zimmerman and special guests begins 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$65, \$53, \$50, \$39, \$30.

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Tue, Mar 12 and Wed, Mar 13, 7:30

Thu, Mar 14, 2:00

Concert Hall

Admission: \$180, \$140, \$120, \$100, \$90, \$80.

Tu Bhi Nachle Classical-Fusion Dance Competition

Sat, Mar 16, 6:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: \$15.

Virginia Opera: *Madama Butterfly*

Sat, Mar 23, 8:00

Sun, Mar 24, 2:00

A pre-performance discussion featuring "Dr. Opera," Glenn Winters, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$110, \$90, \$54.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

MCAA Faculty Chamber Ensembles Recital

Sat, Mar 23, 12:00

Center for the Arts, Monson Grand Tier III

Admission: Free.

Faculty Artist Series: Jim Van Slyke, Musical Theater

Sun, Mar 24, 3:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free.

Faculty Artist Series: Pianist Anna Balakerskaia & Friends

Sun, Mar 24, 7:00

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit: 8th Annual Prince William County Public Schools Student Exhibition

January 22 – March 9

Buchanan Partners Art Gallery.

The Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00-6:00.

Manassas Ballet Theatre: *A Fantastique Evening*

Fri, Mar 8 and Sat, Mar 9, 7:30

Sun, Mar 10, 3:00

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$65, \$55, \$45, \$35, \$25.

Prince William Little Theatre: *Anne of Green Gables*

Fri, Mar 8, and Sat, Mar 9, 8:00

Sun, Mar 10, 2:00

Fri, Mar 15 and Sat, Mar 16, 8:00

Sun, Mar 17, 2:00

Gregory Family Theater

Admission: \$20, Adult; \$17, senior.

9th Anniversary Gala Silent Art Auction Exhibition

March 12 – March 22

Auction: Tue, Mar 12, 10:00

Gallery Reception: Thu, Mar 14 6:00.

Gallery receptions are free and open to the public. Please RSVP to smeyer3@gmu.edu.

Buchanan Partners Art Gallery.

9th Anniversary Gala

Fri, Mar 22, 6:30

For more information, please visit HyltonCenter.org/give/galas.

Hylton Performing Arts Center

Admission: \$300 (includes After Party below).

Party for a Cause: 9th Anniversary Gala After Party

Fri, Mar 22, 8:30

Hylton Performing Arts Center

Admission: \$75.

Manassas Chorale: *Silver Voices*

Sat, Mar 23, 7:30

Merchant Hall,

Admission: \$20, \$18.

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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 Mar 9	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
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Mon Mar 11	10:00am	OLLI Players–TA-3
Tue Mar 12	9:30am 10:00am	Annex Art–Annex Spanish Club–TA-2
Wed Mar 13	10:00am 10:00am 10:30am	Bridge Club–TA-2 Tallwood Book Club–Annex Tom Crooker Investment Forum–TA-1
Fri Mar 15	9:15am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 12:30pm 1:00pm	Recorder Consort–TA-3 Crafts and Conversation–Annex Board of Directors Meeting–TA-1 Homer, etc.–Annex Dr. Who Club–TA-3 Program Planning Committee Meeting –TA-1
Sat Mar 16	10:30am 1:00pm	Tai Chi Club–TA-3 Personal Computer User Group–TA-1
Mon Mar 18	10:00am	OLLI Players–TA-3
Tue Mar 19	9:30am 12:00noon	Annex Art–Annex Teacher Workshop at Reston–Hunters Woods Community Center Rooms 3-4
Wed Mar 20	10:00am 10:00am 10:30am 1:00pm	Bridge Club–TA-3 Mah Jongg Club–TA-2 Tom Crooker Investment Forum–TA-1 Audiovisual Support Committee–TA-1
Thu Mar 21	10:30am	Coffee & Conversation– at Loudoun
Fri Mar 22	9:15am 9:30am 10:00am 10:00am 10:30am 11:00am 12:00noon	Recorder Consort–TA-3 Crafts and Conversation–Annex Spring Term Kickoff Coffee Tallwood–TA-1 Theater Lovers' Group–TA-2 Spring Term Kickoff Coffee Reston–United Christian Parish Church Homer, etc.–Annex Photography Club–TA-3
Sat Mar 23	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3

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About OLLI E-News

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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.

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