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Mason Interim President Anne Holton Discusses "Equipping Students for Life Beyond High School" in a Well-Received Talk at Tallwood, October 8

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Alerts & Notices

- **Reminder:** The OLLI Personal Computer User Group (OPCUG) will meet on Saturday, October 19 (tomorrow!), at 1:00 in TA-1; social activities at 12:30 in the Annex.
- The OLLI Thanksgiving Potluck will be held Friday, November 1, at 1:00 at Fairfax Lord of Life Church. Come celebrate our volunteers. See additional information and register for event 1106 at the member portal.
- A preview of winter term courses, including some tasty brunch treats, will take place at United Christian Parish in the coffee room Thursday, November 7, at 11:05. No registration required.
- There's still time to have your voice heard! The OLLI programming team is conducting another Idea Week Survey. Please complete the short survey to provide valuable input for the development of future OLLI classes and events. Here is the [link](#).
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, October 25; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, October 22, at 6:00.
- **Editor's Note:** The October 11 *E-News* article on the Theater Lovers' Group October 20 event to attend the 2:00 matinee of *Trying* at 1st Stage in Tysons, with an optional post-show dinner, had an editing error; the mentioned group rate is for the play tickets, not the dinner. Also, the location for the 10:00 meeting of the Theater Lovers' Group on Friday, October 25, was incorrect in the Meetings & Clubs table; the correct location is TA-1. (The correct location for the 11:00 meeting of the Classic Literature Club on that day is TA-2.)

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Inside OLLI-Mason



Many Happy Returns! Mike Emery is back at OLLI!

By Alice Slayton Clark, Communications and Program Associate

Have you noticed a familiar face on the OLLI Tallwood campus? It's Mike Emery, a former site assistant who helped with off-campus audio-visual (AV) needs. Mike has rejoined the OLLI staff as the Fairfax Site Assistant, replacing Bill Walsh who retired this summer.

Mike is OLLI's "go-to" person for Fairfax classroom needs. Whether you need help with audio-visual equipment, classroom materials, or event set-up, he is on hand for all administrative and technical support in and out of term at Tallwood.



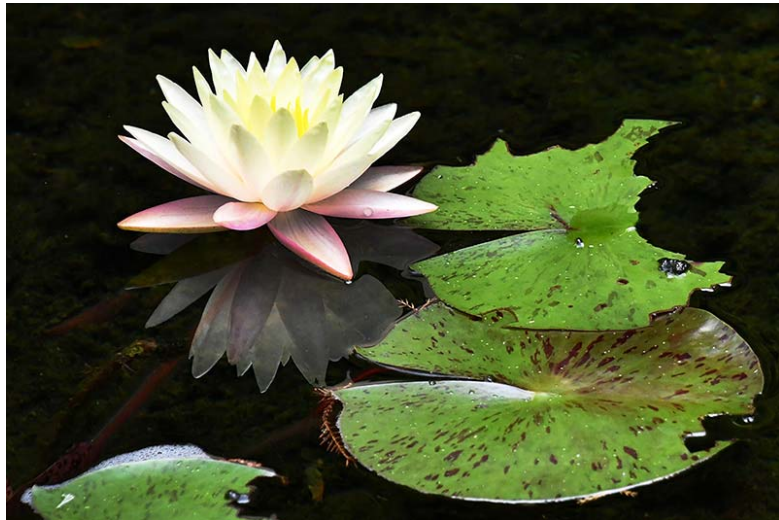
Mike's expertise runs deep. For 37 years he served as a program analyst for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, managing information-technology-related projects and programs, application design, form design, web site, and page management. Prior to that, he served as explosive ordinance disposal technician at Fort McNair, helping the US Army to render devices safe and to dispose of explosive materials, among other challenging responsibilities.

In his free time, Mike provides audiovisual and other technical support for his church, Fairfax Lord of Life. He likes to tinker with his home computers and work with Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom to enhance his photographic pursuits. A dedicated husband, he also helps his wife Ruth with her successful catering business, Tea Time Delicacies.

Mike says he is excited to be back in the OLLI community, "working out solutions to the technical problems and keeping active." Please stop by and welcome Mike back into the OLLI family!

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Photo of the Month



The October 2019 Photo of the Month theme was Still Life. We selected John Nash's photo "Water Lily," which may also be viewed at [this page](#). To view other photos by members of the Photography Club, visit the club's photo [website](#).

-- By Angela Talaber, Photography Club Coordinator

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OLLI Members Welcome an Honor Flight



By John Nash, E-News Editor and Writer

It was a small but enthusiastic group of OLLI members who joined almost 100 others in welcoming an Honor Flight at Dulles International Airport on Saturday, October 12. Members (pictured left to right below) Colleen

Tuddenham, Christine Brooks, Bob Kelberg, Manny Pablo, John Nash, Sherry Hart, and Michelle Blandburg helped welcome 30 veterans and guardians from New York to spend the day in Washington, DC, visiting the memorials dedicated to their service.

"I really enjoyed this," said Colleen Tuddenham, herself an Army veteran. "I've known about these events but never participated in one. I'm glad I did!"

Sherry Hart also voiced her enthusiasm, saying "This was my first time doing anything like this. I really enjoyed the spirit and positive support everyone showed who welcomed the veterans."

Honor Flights occur throughout the spring and fall at both Dulles and Reagan National airports. The program was originally designed to bring WWII veterans to Washington, DC, to visit the WWII Memorial. Now, due to the aging and declining numbers of WWII veterans, the Honor Flights are shifting to recognizing Korean and Vietnam war veterans.

Afterward, the OLLI group had lunch at Bernie's Deli where Bob Kelberg and Bernie talked New York stuff that Sherry, a New York native, claimed to understand. The rest of us enjoyed terrific sandwiches and agreed that arranging another Honor Flight trip in the spring would be good. Stay tuned! (Photo courtesy of John Nash)



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Get Ready for Rags



By Kathryn Russell, Program Committee Co-Chair

This week OLLI students enjoyed a superb preview of Mason's upcoming musical, *Rags*. Several members of the cast descended on TA-1 and for 90 minutes enthralled the crowd with selections from the musical. Rick Davis, dean of Mason's School of Visual and Performing Arts, is directing the play and presented some of the background of the musical. He introduced Musical Director Joe Walsh, who accompanied on piano. The

extraordinarily talented group of Mason players performed several songs from the play, moving the audience to laughter and tears.

Rags centers on a group of Jewish immigrants in New York in 1910, who face both challenges and hope as they adjust to their new home. The story and themes are particularly relevant to our own times. If you loved *Fiddler on the Roof*, you won't want to miss *Rags*.

On Monday, October 21, Rick Davis will return to OLLI to tell us about the development of the play as well as visual effects, staging, and costuming. We're in for another real treat. Come join the discussion in TA-1, 11:50-1:15.

Performances of *Rags* will be at Center for the Arts Concert Hall at the Fairfax campus on these dates and times:
 Thursday, Oct. 31 – 8:00
 Friday, Nov. 1 – 8:00
 Saturday, Nov. 2 – 2:00
 Saturday, Nov. 2 – 8:00
 Sunday, Nov. 3 – 4:00

Tickets are \$15 for seniors. You can purchase in person at the box office; online purchase incurs an added fee.

In addition, OLLI member Norma Reck has arranged for a reserved section for OLLI members and their guests at the Sunday, Nov. 3, matinee. Norma's instructions for purchasing tickets for this performance: "Phone Group Hotline at 703-993-8600 and be sure to tell them that you are with OLLI. Or, you can purchase tickets in person at the box office. Again, be sure to tell them that you are with OLLI."

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

OLD?

I don't like getting old
 I don't like it when I'm told
 Don't do this and don't do that
 Don't eat this or you'll get fat.

Be careful now
 Please do not fall
 Stay close to me
 Remember to call.

BUT

At the office
 I love my job
 My word is not questioned
 My door is ajar.

Years of practice
 Are looked up to by most
 My opinions are valued
 Not looked at as toast.


To get old is a blessing
 It can be so much fun
 I will do what I'm able
 Do not think that I'm done!

Gail Zander

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Obituary: Chester Alan Frederick

OLLI member Alan Frederick died August 26 at his home in Fairfax. An enthusiastic participant in many OLLI literature classes, he always contributed perceptive insights and comparisons. A voracious reader, he frequented public libraries in Fairfax, Alexandria, and Arlington. He also used the Mason library and took many literature courses at the university, where Professor Keith Clark was a favorite instructor.



Alan contributed numerous suggestions to OLLI's Language, Literature, and Theater Program Planning Group. He was an original member of the Classic Literature Club and delighted in the club's mission to tackle "difficult" works.

A memorial service was held in early September in Fairfax. More information is available at [this link](#).

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, October 18 through October 28



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

L.A. Theatre Works: *SEVEN*

Fri, Oct 18, 8:00
 Concert Hall

A pre-performance discussion begins on Monson Grand Tier 45 minutes prior to the performance. Post-performance cocktails and conversations with members of the cast will be in the lobby.
 Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26.

Cirque Mei

Sat, Oct 19, 2:00 and 8:00
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30.

Keyboard Conversations® with Jeffrey Siegel: *Mistresses and Masterpieces*

Sun, Oct 20, 7:00
 Concert Hall
 The Young Artists Musicale begins at 6:00 in the main lobby.
 Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26.

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Mason Student and Faculty Performances

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

Fall Choral Concert

Sun, Oct 20, 3:00
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$12 Adults; \$8 seniors.

Percussion Ensemble Concert

Sun, Oct 27, 4:00
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: Free.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit: Lory Ivey Alexander

Sep 10 to Oct 26
 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery
 The Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00-6:00.
 Admission: Free.

Prince William Little Theatre: *Judgment at Nuremberg*

Fri, Oct 18 and Sat, Oct 19, 8:00
 Sun, Oct 20, 2:00
 Gregory Family Theater
 Admission: \$20 Adults; \$17 seniors.

Manassas Ballet Theatre: *Jazz in Motion*

Fri, Oct 18, and Sat, Oct 19, 7:30
 Sun, Oct 20, 3:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$70, \$60, \$50, \$40, \$30.

Matinee Idylls: *Terra Voce*

Tuesday, Oct 22, 12:30
 Gregory Family Theater
 Admission:

Lunch, concert, and dessert reception: \$49
 Concert and dessert reception only \$29.

So You Think You Can Dance Live! 2019

Tuesday, Oct 22, 8:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$100, \$75, \$45.

Cirque Mei

Thursday, Oct 24, 8:00
 Merchant Hall
 A pre-performance discussion begins in Merchant Hall one hour prior to the performance.
 Admission: \$48, \$41, \$29.

Manassas Symphony Orchestra: *Innovative Brilliance*

Saturday, Oct 26, 7:30
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$20 Adults; \$16 seniors.

RESCHEDULED: Bumper Jacksons

This performance date has been moved from Oct 26, 2019, to May 15, 2020.

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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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Athletic Highlights at George Mason



By Jim Dunphy, Instructor, Sports Courses



Got Your Mason ID Yet?

What's in your wallet?

Well, if it is not a Mason ID, then your wallet is not complete! If you get a Mason ID, besides having a cool card, you get benefits--like 50% off on Mason weekday basketball games, like 5% off on all purchases at the University Mall Giant store.

Interested in getting one? Go to the following website:

<https://olli.gmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/GNumber-Packet-2017.pdf>

Fill out the form, mail or bring it to Tallwood, then when you get your G number, stop by Mason and in 10 minutes you will have your ID and begin to start saving money.

So, join the in crowd with Mason IDs!

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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).*

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| Sat Oct 19 | 10:30am 1:00pm | Tai Chi Club–TA-3 Personal Computer User Group–TA-1 |
| Tue Oct 22 | 2:15pm | Loudoun Non-Fiction Book Club–Room 209 |
| Wed Oct 23 | 1:30pm 1:45pm 1:45pm | Outreach Committee Meeting–Annex Bridge Club–TA-3 Spanish Club–TA-2 |
| Fri Oct 25 | 9:15am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 11:00am 12:00noon | Recorder Consort–TA-3 Craft and Conversation Group–Annex Theater Lovers' Group–TA-1 Classic Literature Club–TA-2 Homer, etc.–Annex Photography Club–TA-3 |
| Sat Oct 26 | 10:30am | Tai Chi Club–TA-3 |
| Wed Oct 30 | 1:45pm | Bridge Club–TA-3 |
| Fri Nov 1 | 10:00am 1:00pm | Annual Town Hall Meeting–TA-1 Thanksgiving Potluck–Fairfax Lord of Life |
| Sat Nov 2 | 10:30am | Tai Chi Club–TA-3 |

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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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