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Board of Directors Meeting, Tallwood, June 5, 2026 (first meeting with the newly-elected directors and new officers)

June 26, 2026

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- The next issue of OLLI E-News will be published Friday, July 3; the regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, June 30, at 6:00.

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Why Teach at OLLI Mason?



By Camille Hodges, Humanities and Social Sciences/ Current Events (HSS/CE) Program Planning Group Chair

"On sharing knowledge ... A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle." — Father James Keller [1]

Did you know that Route 66 will celebrate its 100th anniversary on November 11th of this year? Did you know that it was not always welcoming? What do you know about the cultural impacts of the Lincoln Highway or the Blue Ridge Parkway? And this, of course, leads us to the larger question: How do major government-sponsored roadways and airports affect local communities? And, yes, we almost had a major airport in Burke!

These topics come under the heading of "Movement." Migration is another aspect of movement. People move for various reasons, whether it is refugees fleeing a conflict or a family moving across town. The movement of people has a significant impact on societies and cultures, creating diverse communities in different parts of the world.

If you have expanded knowledge regarding these or other topics of interest, please consider teaching a single or multi-course session in 2027. And yes, we are scheduling for next year already! We at OLLI encourage our members to voluntarily share their knowledge by teaching a course or two in their fields of expertise and/or interest. As part of social sciences and current events, HSS/CE covers many sub-categories. Now is a great time to consider sharing your knowledge with OLLI members in 2027 and beyond. Here is the course proposal form for your convenience <https://olli.gmu.edu/olli-course-proposal-form/>.

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Red, White, and Brainpower: Trivia Party Highlights



By Marilyn Harriman, Diversions Chair

In a spirited display of teamwork, intelligence, and camaraderie, the George Mason Patriots Trivia Team, composed of Marianne Metz, Paul Van Hemel, David Green, Phyllis Krochmal, and Pat Coshland, emerged victorious over seven competing teams on May 29 at our Happy America Birthday Party. The 1776 Trivia competition, which brought together 42 OLLI members in multiple rounds, showcased the intelligence, dedication, and enthusiasm of our lifelong learners.

After enjoying cake and ice cream and singing happy birthday to America, OLLI participants self-organized into eight teams. The MC, our own Diversions Committee member Tom McDonald, kept the teams engaged with brief

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The winning Trivia team showed outstanding skill and determination throughout the event. They persevered after tying for first place with five other teams in the first round. Each member contributed insights and expertise, helping the team navigate challenging questions and tasks. Each first-place winning member took home Walter Isaacson's *The Most Important Sentence Ever Written*.

Three additional teams competed in two tough lightning tie-breaker rounds, with two of them emerging with a tie for second place: the New England Patriots, with members Tim Harworth, Irene Harworth, Don Budowsky, and Corrine Swanson, and the Colonials, made up of team members Ann Smith, Kate Wanderer, Dean Wanderer, Margie Wildblood, and Joan Lunsford.

For 150 minutes, TA-1 buzzed with impressive knowledge of history, friendly rivalry, and mutual respect. Trivia participants can look forward to future competitions at our Tallwood campus, with the next scheduled contest on Friday, January 22, 2027.

A big thanks goes to Diversions committee members Gay Alper, Elaine Leonard, Mary Mudd, Doris Bloch, Leti Labell, and Tom McDonald for volunteering to make the event a success.

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Tallwood Book Club



By Elizabeth Ellerbee, Tallwood Book Club Coordinator

The Tallwood Book Club will meet in July and August on the 2nd Friday of the month at 2:30 on Zoom.

In July we will discuss *Orbital* by Samantha Henry and in August we will discuss *Memorial Days* by Geraldine Brooks.

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TO YOUR HEALTH....

heat-related illness this summer. If the HEAT INDEX is in the Caution Zone or above, consider limiting or avoiding time outdoors. Remember to check the HEAT INDEX not only for the time you leave but also for the time you plan to return. Many weather apps will report this out hourly.

From the Healthcare Advisory Workgroup

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

I Get to Age

with each inhale and exhale
 a breath filling my lungs
 a breath leaving my lungs
 twenty thousand times a day
 effortlessly with little or no attention
 until out of breath from
 exhaustion or swimming
 air allows for
 laughing, complaining, questioning, sleeping,
 cursing, telling my story, worrying, arguing,
 age like air happens with little notice
 until it is noticed
 a health scare, near misses, shock of
 a friend dying too early
 age happens when things slow down
 morning time with a cup of coffee
 an idle Saturday afternoon,
 evening time putting the kids to bed
 age happens in meditation the consciousness
 on each breath through the gentle inhaling and exhaling
 relaxing the body and calming the mind until
 the day's noise is silenced, mind and body are still
 then
 notice the slow movement of age and
 appreciate flashes of moments past and those to come

-Bill Sinclair

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances June 26 through July 19

By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

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The College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) has several web sites of performances, talks etc.

[CFA ticket purchase page](#)

[Center for the Arts YouTube channel](#)

[Hylton ticket purchase page](#)

The new <https://masonartsimplified.gmu.edu/>

music.calendar.gmu.edu/

theater.calendar.gmu.edu/

dance.calendar.gmu.edu

masonexhibitions.org/.

Dr. Linda Apple Monson produces a periodic "Notes from the Director." This email is full of information on interesting online performances by the students and faculty of the School of Music. If you would like to receive these bulletins, just sign up at [this link](#) to stay in touch. Also, the Center for the Arts has a website, [Mason Arts at Home](#), which has a calendar of online events and access to many past performances.

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At the Fairfax Campus Venues

Capital Wind Symphony: Heroes and Villains

Fri, Jun 26, 7:30

Concert Hall

Admission: Free and Open to the Public.

Mason Summer Band Camp Final Concert

Sat, Jun 27, 2:00

Concert Hall

Admission: Free and Open to the Public.

Brian Ganz in Concert: Piano

Thu, Jul 9, 4:30

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free and Open to the Public.

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Fairfax and Arlington Campuses Visual Arts

(details can be found at <https://www.masonexhibitions.org/>)

Flare: Finding a Sense of Place in the Chronically Ill Body

Mason Exhibitions

Arlington

Through August 1

Pulp Fictions: the stories we tell about paper / the stories paper tells us about ourselves

Through August 14

Special Collections Research Center, Fenwick Library

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Mason Student and Faculty Performances

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

Faculty Recital: Mason Summer Piano Academy

Mon, Jul 6, 4:30

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free and Open to the Public.

Dr. Yukiko Fujimura in Concert: Piano

Tue, Jul 7, 4:30

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free and Open to the Public.

Dr. Linda Monson and Dr. Anna Balakerskai in Concert

Wed, Jul 8, 4:30

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free and Open to the Public.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

ARTfactory Pied Piper Theatre: Disney's *The Lion King Jr.*

Fri, Jun 26, 7:00

Sat, Jun 27, 10:00 and 2:00

Sun, Jun 28, 2:00

Gregory Family Theater

Admission: \$20.

Prince William Little Theatre: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

Fri, Jul 10, 8:00

Sat, Jul 11, 2:00 and 7:00

Sun, Jul 12, 2:00

Fri, Jul 17, 8:00

Sat, Jul 18, 2:00 and 7:00

Sun, Jul 19, 2:00

Gregory Family Theater

Admission: \$35 Adult, \$29 Senior, \$25 Student, youth, military, group (8+)

VISUAL ARTS

Kevin Jones: *Reflections in Black and White*

Buchanan Partners Art Gallery

Hylton Performing Arts Center

Through June 20, 10:00

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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

Please note: OLLI Meetings and Clubs may currently take place in several formats: some are in person only, some are online only, and some are hybrid, meaning that they take place in person and are accessible online simultaneously. OLLI events and activities meeting online bear the identification "Z" in their course or event number (except clubs; you may need to check the [OLLI calendar](#) and daily schedule email for location and other event information).

The following list covering the next two weeks is extracted for your convenience from the master online calendar maintained by the office. The list is accurate as of mid-week. *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. The OLLI office has sent (or will send) emails with links and meeting passwords to club members.*

Sat Jun 27	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club – online
Mon Jun 29	9:15 am	OLLI Artists Club
	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News? – online
	10:00 am	Board Game Club
	10:00 am	Bridge Club
	4:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online
Tue Jun 30	4:00 pm	Family History/Genealogy Club – online
	2:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club – online
Wed Jul 1	12:00 noon	Chair Yoga and More – online
	4:00 pm	Spanish Club – online
Thu Jul 2	3:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online
	4:30 pm	Spanish Club – online
Fri Jul 3	11:00 am	Homer, etc.
	12:00 noon	Chair Yoga and More – online
Sat Jul 4	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club – online
Mon Jul 6	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News? – online
	10:00 am	Board Game Club
	10:00 am	Bridge Club
	4:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online
Tue Jul 7	2:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online
	3:45 pm	Caregivers Support Group – online
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club – online
Wed Jul 8	11:50 am	Investment Forum
	12:00 noon	Chair Yoga and More – online
	2:00 pm	Memoir and More Writing Group – online
	4:00 pm	Spanish Page Turner Club – online
Thu Jul 9	3:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online
	4:30 pm	Spanish Club – online
Fri Jul 10	9:30 am	Photography Club
	9:30 am	Crafts and Conversation
	10:00 am	Mah Jongg Club
	11:00 am	Homer, etc. – online
	11:30 am	Cooking Club
	12:00 noon	Chair Yoga and More – online

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Sat Jul 11 10:30 am Tai Chi Club – online

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