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**Board of Directors Meeting with Newly-Elected Directors, June 18**  
(See Summary Article Below)

## June 25, 2021

Editor of the Week: David Gundry

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### Alerts & Notices

- Summer term has begun and runs through July 30. If you are registered for a course/event you cannot attend or no longer want, please contact the registrar (email [ollireg@amug.edu](mailto:ollireg@amug.edu)) and drop it.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, July 2; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, June 29, at 6:00.
- As a reminder, OLLI classes will not be held on Monday July 5, in observance of Independence Day.

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## Fun Facts for OLLI's 30-Year Anniversary



*By Ray Beery, OLLI Member and Former President*

In 2021, OLLI celebrates its 30th year of classes for seniors. This feature provides fun facts and interesting milestones about our institute each week that *E-News* is published throughout the first half of this year.

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A five-year contract for the use of the Fairfax swimming pool parking lot was signed in 1996.

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## Summary of the Board of Directors Meeting June 18



*By Rita Way, Secretary*

President Paul Howard opened the meeting by welcoming the newly elected board members, Toni Acton, Zachary Teich, Camille Hodges, Debby Mossburg, and Charles Silver.

The first order of business was the election of board officers. A vote was taken by virtual technology and ballots counted by Mike Sargent of Earthcare. Lillian Brooks, chair of the Governance Committee, announced the results as follows:

- President – Paul Howard
- Vice President– Mel Russell
- Secretary – Rita Way
- Treasurer – David Osterman

Executive Director Jennifer Disano reported that ramp construction at Tallwood has started. Much activity is happening at the site and the new ramp is taking shape. Additionally, the Audiovisual Committee ("Tom Swift Club") is working in TA-1 to improve equipment in our classrooms. As of now, all classes for summer and fall are planned to be held on zoom.

The promotional rate of \$300 is working to bring in new members. However, the membership is in a downward trend and all members are encouraged to promote OLLI. Word of mouth is the best marketing tool.

Site assistants and staff have been working long hours to prepare for summer and fall terms with very little turnaround time. Please give kudos to them at your next opportunity.

More help is needed producing the catalog. Several editors and proofreaders have moved on to other activities. Putting out the catalog is a very large project and it is an important marketing tool.

The old *OLLI Handbook* is now titled, *The OLLI Manual*. Lillian Brooks and the Governance Committee have worked very hard to bring the manual up to date. This will be an ongoing process.

Current OLLI membership is 1,034 (1,030 full members and 4 introductory members). [Back to Top of Page](#)

## Poet's Corner

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

### Birding

Once I hiked up mountains  
Armed with binoculars  
Tripod camera and patience  
Scanning the skies  
To spy on birds

Once I traveled the world  
Barging into remote forests  
Bug spray camouflage  
Worn jeans field guide  
Following faint trails  
To spy on birds

Once I haunted marshes  
Early morning ghost  
Ready with spotting scope  
Tidal charts coffee  
Lurking in the reeds

To spy on birds

Now I walk softly  
Through subdued woods  
Sit quietly in parks  
Set out feeders and suet  
So birds can come  
To spy on me

*Betty Webb*

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## Arts & Music at George Mason

**No Performances until September**



*By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer*

### Virtual Performances

Although Mason's campus is shut down, online entertainment continues for us to access and enjoy. Dr. Linda Apple Monson produces a periodic "Notes from the Director." This email is full of interesting online performances by the students and faculty of the School of Music. If you would like to receive these bulletins, just send an email to Brianna Schoen at [bschoen@gmu.edu](mailto:bschoen@gmu.edu). 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.

**All Mason Arts & Music events are postponed until September.**

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## Meetings & Clubs

**Please note:** Physical meetings for clubs and activities are canceled until further notice in accordance with Mason's guidelines. OLLI is conducting its classes and activities online. Refer to the university's [coronavirus website](#) for official university updates and check the [OLLI calendar](#) for revised 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 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). The OLLI office has sent (or will send) emails with links and meeting passwords to club members; you may also log in at the [member portal](#) and click on ZOOM CLASS LINKS.

Sat Jun 26	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Tue Jun 29	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Wed Jun 30	2:00 pm	Memoir and More Writing Group
	6:00 pm	Ethnic Eats Club
Thu Jul 1	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Fri Jul 2	9:30 am	Craft and Conversation
	11:00 am	Homer, Etc.
Sat Jul 3	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club
Tue Jul 6	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Wed Jul 7	4:00 pm	Mah Jongg Club
Thu Jul 8	12:15 pm	<b>Special Events Program Planning Group Meeting</b>
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club
Fri Jul 9	9:30 am	Photography Club
	9:30 am	Craft and Conversation
	10:00 am	Coffee and Trivia
	11:00 am	Homer, etc.
	11:30 am	Cooking Club
	2:30 pm	Tallwood Book Club
Sat Jul 10	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club

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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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