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*OLLI Members Depart September 11 Baltimore Harbor Cruise
Blue Angels Flew Over Harbor and Fort McHenry*

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Alerts & Notices

OLLI Holiday Party Fri, Dec 5 at the International Country Club, Chantilly; \$30 per person, register at your site.

OLLI will be open on Columbus Day, Mon, Oct 13

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Computer Club



by Paul Howard, Computer Club Coordinator

THE COMPUTER CLUB (OLLI Personal Computer User Group, or OPCUG) will meet with its partner, the Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society (PATACS), Saturday, July 19th at Tallwood. Join us at 1:30 for soft drinks and socializing in the social room. Presentations will begin at 2:00. (Special start time because of OLLI music program in the morning.) This month's offerings will include the following:

Some Thoughts on Tablets, Presented by Stan Schretter, OLLI Member

The tablet wars remind me of the Beta vs VHS VCR battles. Commercials are very well produced, but not necessarily useful to the consumer. Technical specs are abundant, but again not that useful to the ordinary consumer. So what is one to do in making a decision? Stan will discuss his own experiences with the iPad (iPad 3 and Mini 2) and Nexus 7. Since these are sold and updated directly by their manufacturer (Apple and Google) they provide the ability to actually compare iOS vs Android. Note that many/most "Android" tablets are really

products of companies (e.g., Amazon, Samsung,) and besides having a custom user interface they may not be updated very often or not at all during their lifetime.

Stan spent almost 40 years as an electrical engineer conceptualizing and designing complex computer and communication systems. His first experience with computers was in the late 50s and he still has his Apple 2e and original IBM PC (i.e., the one that came without a hard drive). While he has developed Windows PC freeware software that obtained a worldwide distribution, today he is only a device user and not a tinkerer in either hardware or software. Currently Stan's set of devices include iPhone, iPad, Nexus 7, iMac desktop, Windows 7 desktop, and a Chromebook laptop for doing email and browsing the internet when he needs a real keyboard.

**Learn 30: Introduction to Zoom – Attend Meetings Remotely
Presented by Mel Mikosinski**

Zoom is a cloud-based meeting service allowing voice and video conferences from two to 1000 participants. Participants can attend via Windows and Mac computers, and Android and iOS devices—smartphones and tablets. The recent addition of their 'Room Connector' service allows linking standards-based video conference systems from major hardware providers to their cloud service offerings.

Mel Mikosinski had a long career serving on active duty and as an Air Force civilian employee. He's the 2nd Vice President/membership chair of PATACS, moderates the Webinar SIG on the 2nd Wednesdays of the month, and has been the lead researcher of the OLLI AV technical team investigating and implementing videoconferencing.

See full details on this meeting by [clicking here](#). For information on the Computer Club, see the [OPCUG website](#). OPCUG dues of \$5 for 2014 will be collected at this meeting.

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Poetry Reading on 18 October in Alexandria



Mike McNamara, co-moderator of OLLI Poetry Workshop

OLLI'S Mike McNamara has been invited by the Poetry Society of Virginia to read his poems at 10:30 on 18 October, at the Martha Washington Library (6614 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA). He will share the platform with Jean Nordhaus, author of six volumes of poetry, past programmer of poetry at the Folger Library, and prose editor of the prestigious *Poetry Lore* journal.

Mike has been a member of OLLI for seven years and, with Jan Bohall, is now the co-moderator of OLLI's Poetry Workshop. He has been published in several literary and popular journals, and has received numerous awards in the Poetry Society's annual competitions. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1989 as an infantry colonel after 30 years of service. He subsequently worked for the Turks, the Bosnian Federation, and the Afghans to improve their defense capabilities. He teaches international poetry, Shakespearian/Elizabethan literature and military issues at OLLI.

The poetry reading is open to all, and will also feature an open microphone. OLLI poets are invited to come and present their verse.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of Poetry Workshop

Suburban Wild

I walked out the side door of my house
to roll the trash of the week to the curb,
looked up and discovered two huge eyes
staring at me from the big maple tree

What are you doing here? the eyes asked me
from the face of a king-sized owl,
two feet tall, mighty wings, razor claws

I realized I had no good reply,
turned quickly, and went back inside

Betty Smith

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, Oct 10 - Oct 20

By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

For tickets for either CFA or Hylton, 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 [ticket purchase page](#).

At the Fairfax Campus Venues

The Goddess Diaries

Fri, Oct 10, 7:30

The Goddess Diaries is a series of true-to-life monologues. The Goddess Diaries was voted "Best of the Fringe" at the Capital Fringe Festival three years in a row.

TheatreSpace

Admission: Adults, \$20; Seniors, \$10

Virginia Opera: Sweeney Todd

Sat, Oct 11, 8:00

Sun, Oct 12, 2:00

Virginia Opera's 40th season opens with Sondheim's Tony Award-winning musical. Performed in English with English supertitles. Pre-performance discussion: Glenn Winters

Concert Hall

Admission: Sat - \$86, \$72, \$44

Sun - \$98, \$80, \$48

Dr. Ralph Stanley and The Clinch Mountain Boys: An American Icon

Fri, Oct 17, 8:00

The mountain music legend's farewell tour.

Pre-Performance Discussion: Randy Barrett, President, DC Bluegrass Union.

Concert Hall

Admission: \$48, \$41, \$29

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Mason Student and Faculty Performances

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

Anjanette Trebing, Voice Graduate Recital

Sat, Oct 18, 7:30

St. Georges United Methodist Church, 4910 Ox Rd, Fairfax

Admission: Free

CJ Redden-Liotta Choral Graduate Conducting Recital

Sun, Oct 19, 7:30

Harris Theatre

Admission: Free

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At the Hylton Center

Nature Visions Photo Expo

Sep 28–Nov 16

The Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue–Sat, 10:00–6:00; Thu, 10:00–8:00; and two hours before performances. For more information about the current exhibit, visit HyltonCenter.org/gallery. For reception, RSVP to Hylton@gmu.edu.

Aquila Theatre: The Tempest

Sat, Oct 11, 8:00

Shakespeare's ultimate commentary on life and art, vengeance and forgiveness. Pre-Performance Discussion: Christopher Marc, Stage Manager, Aquila Theatre Company.

Merchant Hall

Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26

Matinee Idylls: Joel Fan

Tue, Oct 14, 1:30
 Pianist Joel Fan is one of the most dynamic and accomplished musicians performing today.
 Gregory Family Theater
 12:30 - lunch
 2:30 - concert followed by reception
 Admission: \$43 (includes lunch), \$20 (concert only)

The National Acrobats of the People's Republic of China: Cirque Peking

Sun, October 19, 4:00
 Pre-Performance Discussion: Zhou Zhongtao, Director
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$48, \$41, \$29

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For further details on any of the above events, please see the CFA [event calendar](#) and the Hylton Center [event calendar](#)

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Mason Highlights



Other Mason events, next two weeks

By Helen Ackerman, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

China Town Hall: "Can China Move 250M People into Cities?" The China Town Hall is a national program at seventy sites across the country designed to provide Americans the opportunity to interact with leading China experts. The evening's keynote speaker (via live webcast) is Jimmy Carter, the 39th president of the United States. The local guest speaker is Dr. Weiping Wu, professor and chair of the Department of

Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning at Tufts University. Dr. Wu will share her thoughts on the various opportunities and challenges presented by China's ongoing and intensifying processes of urbanization and migration and will answer questions from the audience. Thu, Oct 16, 6:45 to 9:30. Mason Global Center (formerly Mason Inn), Salon A. Free

Midnight Madness. Share the excitement of the start of the men's and women's basketball team seasons. Players and coaches will be introduced, and the evening's events will include student performances. Sat, Oct 18, 8:00. Patriot Center. Free.

Panel Discussion. Operation Protective Edge. Join members of the Middle East Studies Program, the Trans-Arab Research Institute, Arab Studies Institute, New Century College, and Global Programs for a panel discussion on Israel's offensive, Operation Protective Edge, in the Gaza Strip. Mon, Oct 20, 4:00. Johnson Center, Room C.

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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 to check anytime for the latest information, please view the latest forecast of upcoming 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, Kickoff Coffees, etc. (**bolded** below).*

Sat Oct 11	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Tue Oct 14	10:00am	Knitting and Needlework Club-Panera, Herndon
Wed Oct 15	1:45pm	Mah Jongg Club-TA-2
	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
Fri Oct 17	9:00am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	10:00am	Craft and Conversation-Cottage

	11:00am	Homer, etc-Annex
	11:00am	Moby Dick Club-TA-2
Sat Oct 18	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
	2:00pm	Computer Club-TA-1
Tue Oct 21	10:00am	Knitting and Needlework Club-Panera, Herndon
Wed Oct 22	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	9:00am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
Fri Oct 24	10:00am	Board of Directors-Reston UCP
	11:00am	Homer, etc-Annex
	11:00am	Moby Dick Club-Cottage
	12:00pm	Photography Club-TA-1

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Deadline – 6:00 pm Tuesday for that week's issue (6:00 pm Monday for letters to the editor); early submissions are greatly appreciated. Please limit articles to about 250 words.

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