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E-News Staff Irene Osterman (Left) and Paul Van Hemel Welcome Pat Bangs, Joining the Team of Editors

March 27, 2015

Editor of the Week: Leslie Vandivere

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Alerts & Notices

- Correction: In last week's issue of OLLI E-News, Lord of Life Church Pastor Ron Qualley's name was misspelled. We apologize for the error.

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FUN at OLLI in April



By Jennifer Disano, Executive Director

During the month of April there are three social events planned—one for each OLLI venue!

982 Shakespeare's Birthday Party, April 23 at 2:15 at Loudoun. April 23 is Shakespeare's birthday as well as the anniversary of his death. We're having a party! Our party will have cakes and ale (punch); Elizabethan music; videos of fools doing the Morris dance; a viewing of rare footage of the Bard himself in the office of Richard Burbage discussing one of Will's plays and; of course, camaraderie and some surprises. Registration is required.

983 Annual Business Meeting and Picnic, Friday, May 1 at Tallwood. The annual business meeting starts at 10:00, followed by the picnic at 11:00. At the annual business meeting you will learn about the programming and operations of OLLI, as well as hear from the candidates for the Board of Directors. Voting for the Board of Directors will also begin on this day. Following the meeting, join other members for the annual picnic and enjoy the beautiful gardens and landscaping at OLLI. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to the event. The meeting is open to all members. Registration for the picnic portion of the event is required.

988 Super Salad Social, Friday, April 17, 12:00 at the RCC, Rose Gallery. Join us for lunch with your fellow OLLI members and for an opportunity to hear the Recorder Consort who will perform. Please bring a salad (green salad, pasta, or grain salad, fruit or fruit salad) or dessert to share. Registration is required.

Register for social events on the OLLI member portal. Go to the OLLI website at OLLI.gmu.edu and click on "Member Portal," sign in, click on "View Current Offerings," click on "Social Events" under the "Spotlighted" category, add the events you want to "Cart," click "View Cart," then "Checkout."

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Board Meeting Summary



By Irene Osterman, Board Secretary

At the Board of Director's meeting on Friday, March 20, the Board approved the budget for 2015.



Implementation of the new registration system and setting up two new venues both involved a considerable amount of work by staff and volunteers. Bonuses have been given to the executive director and the staff for work on the registration system. The Board also applauded Paul Howard for the many hours he has devoted to setting up the A/V equipment at the new venues. A list of issues is being put together for a discussion with Augusoft and Jennifer Disano welcomes comments from members. The Program Committee has been asked to examine the possibility of going to a three-term schedule.

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Candidates for the Board of Directors



By Martha Scanlon, Chair of Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that the following members will stand for election to the Board of Directors:

- Carl Baxter
- Ray Beery
- Michelle Blandburg
- Emmett Fenlon
- Alan Glenn
- Martha Powers
- Corky Rainey
- Norma Jean Reck
- Bill Taylor

Candidate biographies and pictures will be posted on the OLLI website and in social rooms in April. Please look for these candidates in your classes and around the campuses. Voting will take place May 1 to 15, when six of the candidates will be elected as directors.

Many thanks to the members of the Nominating Committee for their participation and thoughtful input to the selection of this strong slate of candidates. The committee members are Dave Mason, Russell Stone, Ted Parker, Paul Van Hemel, and Toni Acton.

(Note: Petition candidates may be added until April 22.)

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Virginia Task Force 1





By Stephanie Trachtenberg, Coordinator

On Wednesday, April 29, OLLI members can meet personnel from Virginia Task Force 1 – International Urban Search and Rescue. The group comprises 200 trained workers, including doctors, structural engineers, and communications experts. They are known for their handling of highly skilled search dogs. Recently the canines have been trained in human remains detection, as seen last April in the Washington state mud slides. The members of TF1 will be sharing their mission of domestic and international disaster assistance in both natural or man-made catastrophic events, such as floods, typhoons, tornadoes, tsunamis, earthquakes, hurricanes, and cyclones, as well as bombings (Oklahoma City, Olympics) and events requiring security assistance.



There are still seats available. Don't miss this special presentation!

Course **966B** is on Wednesday, April 29, at 2:15 at Tallwood

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Welcome New Members

A special welcome to our new members! Look for RED DOTS on name tags and welcome these new members.

Robert Anderson, Reston
 Norman Bayne, Springfield
 James Beasley, Woodbridge
 Ellen Boyter, Springfield
 Mary Crisler, Fairfax Station
 Louis Defalaise, Fairfax
 Niki Gamble, Annandale
 Barbara Gillis, Fairfax
 Karen Hermansen, Herndon
 Kristin Herzog, Fairfax

Lesley Casula, Gainesville
 Janet Crumley, Fairfax Station
 James Dann, Fairfax Station
 Suzanne Dann, Fairfax Station
 Marilyn Dorn, Chantilly
 Bev Hirschfeld, Burke
 Paula Hollerbach, Fairfax
 Luise Krebel, Springfield
 Robert Kreider, Potomac Falls
 Paige Lowther, Alexandria

Dona Hill, Fairfax
 Ellen McCarthy, Haymarket
 Doris McKee, Dumfries
 Leslie McNeill, Reston
 Carolyn Radcliff, Alexandria
 Abbey Siciliano, Reston
 Elaine Sloan, Fairfax
 Sonia Stafko, Burke
 Patrick Sullivan, Herndon
 Karen Taimi, Clifton
 Susan Turner, McLean
 Byron Wong, Vienna
 Viktoria Allerdings, Burke
 Elizabeth Bennett, Alexandria
 Brien Benson, Reston
 Jessica Burmester, Fairfax
 Cathleen Cameron, Haymarket

Judy Maginity, Clifton
 Thomas McElwain, Springfield
 Esteban Molfino, Great Falls
 Sandra Passero, Reston
 Willa Pickering, Alexandria
 Paula Nassen Poulos, Reston
 Carolyn Powers, Fairfax
 Joseph Puleo, Montclair
 Sarah Richard, Fairfax
 Gail Salo, Fairfax
 Michael Scott, Fairfax
 Susan Shaw, Arlington
 Alice Svendson, Fairfax
 Cara Virchow, Fort Belvoir
 Mindi Weisenbloom, Burke
 Mary Woodson, Ashburn

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Thank-You Brunch

By Eleanor Pascale, OLLI Member and Contributor

Lesley Bubenhofer held a brunch at her home on March 18 to thank all the volunteers on the Development Committee. The food was delicious and a grand time was had by all.



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Mason Scholar's Presentation

Members can sign up for this presentation on the Member Portal. Click on "Spotlighted" classes under "Added Courses" or go directly to the appropriate page on the website by clicking [here](#).

SCHOLARS SPEAKER SERIES

DR. SUGATA BANERJI

How Do COMPUTERS SEE?

Computer Vision is a rapidly expanding research area in Computer Science today. With the ever-increasing numbers of digital images being shared online each day, it has become important to create a system that can index, classify or search through these images without human intervention. To do this, the computers need to see our world, i.e. to partly or fully understand our images.

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2:15 PM– 3:40 PM

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Sugata Banerji received his Ph.D. degree in Computer Vision from the Department of Computer Science at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in 2013. He is currently working as a Post-doctoral Researcher at the Computer Science Department at George Mason University. His research interests include color image processing, image search and retrieval.

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An "Aha!" Moment



By Martha Powers, OLLI Member



When I recently encountered a technical glitch on my laptop, I made a mental note to ask OLLI's techno-guru Paul Howard about it. The next time I ran into him at Tallwood, I asked him about it and, in response, he asked me a question: "Did you Google it?"

Then he added, "That's why it's called Lifelong Learning."

Aha! Teach a person to fish...

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Film Screening: *Last Days of Vietnam*

By Jennifer Conors, Director of Military Services, George Mason University

George Mason University, in partnership with local veterans organizations, is hosting a free screening of Rory Kennedy's 2014 Academy Award-nominated documentary film, *Last Days in Vietnam*. This screening coincides with Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day, so the film will be preceded by a brief ceremony honoring veterans. It will be followed by a panel discussion featuring Professor Meredith Lair (a historian of the Vietnam War); Captain Paul Jacobs, who participated in the US evacuation of Saigon and is featured in the film; and Dave Nguyen, a prominent member of the Northern Virginia Vietnamese community who will speak to the impact of the fall of Saigon and the ensuing refugee crisis on South Vietnamese people.

This event is also part of Mason's commitment to honor the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War as an official commemorative partner of the United States Vietnam War Commemoration, sponsored by the Department of Defense (<http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/>).

The screening will be held at 6:30 on Sunday, March 29, in the Johnson Center Cinema on the Fairfax Campus.

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Ask Uncle Olli





By Uncle Olli, Driver Safety Consultant

Uncle Olli has lived in Northern Virginia most of his lifetime, and has encountered every traffic problem. But sometimes the little problems seem so trivial you are embarrassed to admit them. Easy. Ask Uncle Olli at ollinewseditor@gmail.com. He is embarrassed by nothing!

I GOT A TICKET FOR PASSING A COP ON THE HIGHWAY WHO HAD SOMEONE PULLED OVER. WHAT GIVES?

This is a fairly new rule, put in after too many highway police were injured by cars zooming by in the next lane. You must either shift a lane over or slow down, even if you are not exceeding the speed limit. Makes sense when you think about it.

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History Club



By Beth Lambert, Reston Coordinator

The History Club will meet on Wednesday, April 8, at 2:00 in TA1. Johnnie Hicks will speak on a subject that is very much in the news: "From Ancient Persia to Modern Iran . . .with a few interesting stories in between!" Johnnie has had extensive experience with world cultures and on two occasions was a teacher for the Teheran American School in Iran. Her OLLI courses on the Middle East have been thought provoking for many, and she is looking forward to a lively Q and A session at the meeting.

All OLLI members are welcome to attend the History Club meetings. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, April 8, in TA1.

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Photo of the Month



THE MARCH PHOTO of the Month theme was open (*i.e.*, unspecified). We selected Rita Gustin's photo "Norris Geyser Scenery" (from Yellowstone Park), 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 Dan Feighery, Photography Club Coordinator

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Elusive Spring

Elusive spring, slow to come.
 Nature, that fickle woman,
 has one foot in winter
 the other nudging spring awake
 with little success.
 Spring, a recalcitrant child.
 Maples heavy with red flowerets
 crocus bulbs and daffodils springing up
 yet willow switches show no sign of yellow.
 Vines and grasses lie still dormant
 no hint of peepers' song
 late snow blanketing our world.

Jan Bohall

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, March 27 through April 6

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

Mason Unplugged: *Mary Lambert*

Thur, Apr 2, 8:00
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$20

East Coast Dhamaka

Sat, Apr 4, 7:00
 Indian dance competition featuring 3 Fusion, 3 Raas, and 3 Bhangra teams.
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$20

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

An Experiment with an Air Pump

Wed, Mar 25, 8:00 (Preview)
 Thur, Mar 26 - Sat, Mar 28, 8:00
 Sat, Mar 28 and Sun, Mar 29, 2:00
 Thur, Apr 2 - Sat, Apr 4, 8:00
 Sat, Apr 4, 2:00
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: Adults, \$25; seniors, \$15

Mason's School of Dance 2015 Gala Concert

Fri, Mar 27 and Sat, Mar 28, 8:00
 Sun, Mar 29, 4:00 (Hylton Center)
Pupil Suite by Andrea Miller
Lickety Split by Alejandro Cerrudo
Vespers by Ulysses Dove
 Concert Hall
 Admission: Adults, \$25; seniors, \$15

Combined Choir Concert

Sun, Mar 29, 7:00
 Vienna Baptist Church
 541 Marshall Road, SW, Vienna, VA
 Admission: Free

Symphony Orchestra Concert

Mon, Mar 30, 8:00
 Concert Hall
 Admission: Adults, \$10; seniors, \$5

Percussion Ensemble Concert

Wed, Apr 1, 8:00

de Laski - Room 3001
Admission: Free

GMU Persian Club: Norouz Show 1394

Fri, Apr 3, 8:00
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$12

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At the Hylton Center

Mason School of Art Selected Faculty Exhibit

Mar 9–Apr 20
Buchanan Partners Art Gallery
Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00–6:00, Thur., 10:00–8:00 and two hours before performances. Gallery Reception: Thur, Mar 12, 6:00–8:00. For more information about the current exhibit, visit HyltonCenter.org/gallery. For reception RSVP to Hylton@gmu.edu.
Admission: Free

Russian National Ballet Theatre: Cinderella

Fri, Mar 27, 8:00
Pre-Performance Discussion: Alexander Daev, Assistant Artistic Director
Merchant Hall
Admission: \$56, \$48, \$34

Black History Month Gala

Fri, Mar 27, 6:00 (rescheduled from Feb 21)
Gregory Family Theater
Admission: \$80 (includes dinner)

New Dominion Choraliers: A Musical Collaboration—From Schubert to the American Songbook!

Sat, Mar 28, 7:30
Merchant Hall
Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$15

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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

Film. Last Days in Vietnam. In the last days of the Vietnam War, American diplomats and military must decide if they can rescue any Vietnamese or must leave them behind. Rory Kennedy's Academy Award-nominated documentary will be followed by a panel discussion. Sun, March 29, 6:30. Johnson Center, Cinema. Free.

Film. Approaching the Elephant. Director Amanda Rose Wilder's feature film debut covers the inaugural year of the Teddy McArdle Free School in New Jersey, where all classes are voluntary and rules are determined by vote, adults and children have an equal say. The film observes founder Alex Khost and an indelible cast of outspoken young personalities as they form relationships, explore their surroundings and intensely debate the rules. Wed, Apr 1, 4:30 to 7:30. Johnson Center, Cinema. Free.

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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 Mar 28 | 10:30am | Tai Chi Club-TA-3 |
| Tue Mar 31 | 10:00am | Knitting and Needlework Club-Panera, Herndon |
| Wed Apr 1 | 1:30pm | Mah Jongg Club-TA-2 |
| | 1:45pm | Bridge Club-TA-3 |
| | 1:45pm | Special Events Committee-Annex |
| Fri Apr 3 | 9:00am | Recorder Consort-TA-3 |
| | 10:00am | Craft and Conversation-Cottage |
| | 11:00am | Classic Literature Club-TA-2 |
| | 11:00am | Homer etc-Annex |
| Sat Apr 4 | 10:30am | Tai Chi Club-TA-3 |
| Tue Apr 7 | 10:00am | Knitting and Needlework Club-Panera, Herndon |
| Wed Apr 8 | 1:30pm | Book Club-TA-2 |
| | 1:45pm | Bridge Club-TA-3 |
| | 2:00pm | History Club-TA-1 |
| Fri Apr 10 | 9:00am | Recorder Consort-TA-3 |
| | 9:30am | Photography Club-TA-1 |
| | 10:00am | Craft and Conversation-Cottage |
| | 10:00am | iPad User Group-UCP Reston |
| | 11:00am | Classic Literature Club-TA-2 |
| | 11:00am | Homer etc-Annex |

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