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Photos by Paul Van Hemel Feb 3 2016

David M. Wallace, industrial/organizational psychologist, presented a class on Leadership and Social Influence for Psychology Potpourri Series, Feb 3.

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Editor of the Week: John Nash

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Alerts & Notices

- Remember, OLLI's spring term begins Monday, March 21. Some classes are still open so be sure to check the member portal and register soon.

- Reminder: The computer club meets Saturday at 1:00 in TA-2. One of the topics will be apps for iOS and Android.

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Fun Facts to Celebrate OLLI's 25th Anniversary



By Ray Beery, Member, Board of Directors

Long-range planning began early in the Institute's history, when a committee was established for this purpose in September 1992. On Dec 16, 1993, the Board approved five standing committees (four operational and one administrative), changed part-time staffer Carol Ferrara's title from Coordinator to Administrator, and approved numerous management and implementation procedures recommended by an Ad Hoc Reorganization Committee.

OLLI is celebrating its 25th year of classes for seniors in 2016.



We'll be publishing fun facts and interesting milestones about the Institute each week that OLLI E-News is published from now until the end of the fall term, 2016.



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Gordon Canyock: Growing OLLI E-News



By Rod Zumbro, OLLI E-News Creator and Editor 2005-2013

If you enjoy reading OLLI E-News, you have longtime OLLI member Gordon Canyock to thank. Without him, our email newsletter would never have started and would not have continued after I stepped down as editor in July 2013.

In 2005, Gordon, then Communications Committee chair, and I decided to launch something new at OLLI-Mason: a colorful weekly newsletter that would display directly in members' email inboxes and keep members fully informed about our Institute. I put together each E-News but always had Gordon there to offer wise counsel and, as part of the review team, to look carefully at the draft of each issue to ensure it was as perfect as possible. When I stepped down after eight years as editor, Gordon took it upon himself to ensure that E-News would continue.

Gordon quickly devised and executed a plan for a new E-News operation with weekly editors to spread the workload and a commercial newsletter format to replace the unique format I had designed.

As chief editor of OLLI E-News version 2.0, Gordon published the first issue in August 2013. Within a short period he was able to recruit Irene Osterman as chief editor and other OLLI volunteers as associate editor, weekly editors, proofreaders and photographers. Gordon got a new E-News Committee established and worked on that committee, offering guidance and serving as a newsletter proofreader until last month, when he stepped down



Gordon Canyock

from E-News involvement. It's time to recognize Gordon's extraordinary efforts in starting and growing OLLI E-News from its inception and then keeping our newsletter — long a key part of OLLI communications with its members — alive and thriving.

Gordon, on behalf of a grateful OLLI membership, I offer a huge, heartfelt "Thank You, and Well Done!" for your continuous dedication to, and outstanding work on, OLLI's newsletter over the past ten-and-a-half years.

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Coffee Klatch Hosts Special Guests



By Martha Powers, E-News Writer and OLLI Board Member

On the morning of Friday, March 4, we had a light dusting of snowflakes - but that didn't stop 15 hearty souls from coming to the Social Annex for an hour-plus of homemade goodies and interesting conversation. Three guests from Mason's Office of Military Services (which will be the recipient of our 25th anniversary financial gift) made this a special occasion by giving OLLI members a chance to learn about the office's goals and the many ways OMS helps Mason's veteran-students.

The OMS staffers included:

- Ryan Barnett, operations manager and transition coordinator;
- Michael Williams, assistant transition coordinator, an eight-year Marine veteran from California who is studying criminology, law, and society;
- Kara Dailey, assistant transition coordinator and daughter of a Navy CH-46 pilot; she is studying interpersonal communication.

In the words of OMS staffer Ryan



Barnett, "The coffee klatch was a great and humbling opportunity to speak with a variety of members within OLLI. This was a great reminder that veterans are not forgotten by their community. I enjoyed discussing how our office assists veterans and issues that affect their education. Moreover, the coffee and camaraderie were unforgettable."

Members of Mason's Office of Military Service met with OLLI members at a recent Coffee Klatch. Pictured above: Ryan Barnett, OMS; and Curt Herrick, OLLI. Bottom: Kara Dailey, OMS, and Michael Williams, OMS, talk with OLLI members. (photos by Eleanor Pascale)

Sorry you missed it? Then come to our next coffee klatch on Friday, April 1. Please sign up at the member portal. (Just put 1106 in the search box, at the top right of the box; when you click on "Checkout," you'll get confirmation that you're signed up.) Hurry! Space is limited.

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Hexagon President Meets OLLI's TLG



By Norma Reck, E-News Writer

The intrepid members of OLLI's Theater Lovers' Group and their guests who braved the snow scare on March 4, were rewarded with a fabulous presentation by Hexagon President Joe Kaplan. Kaplan also writes lyrics for and performs in this 100-percent volunteer theatrical group that is celebrating its 60th birthday this year.



Hexagon President Joe Kaplan

Kaplan artfully interspersed videos and humorous quips from previous Hexagon productions with his talking points, to preview what we can expect to see in this year's show entitled *Red, White, and Voters' Blues*. OLLI's TLG members and their guests will attend the April 3 matinee performance.

Hexagon, which is DC's original political satirical musical comedy review, produces one show a year in March and April only. Its laugh-out-loud humorous songs, skits, and quips



feature topical political and cultural subjects, such as the presidential race, cell phones, and drones...and, of course, its perennially popular chorus line.



Hexagon President Joe Kaplan talks with members of the OLLI Theater Lovers' Group.

In addition to having fun and providing entertainment, Hexagon also raises money for local charities. This year's recipient is the Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home for low-income elderly people in Washington, DC.

Thanks to Bob Jann for taking the photos.

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Focusing on...the OLLI Photo Club!



By John Nash, E-News Editor

Probably everyone has taken pictures and more so recently with the rising popularity of cameras in smart phones. But if you want to improve the quality of your pictures, OLLI members have a great resource right here: the OLLI Photo Club.



Dave and Angela Talaber (photo by John Nash)

The OLLI Photo Club was organized several years ago by Dan Feighery, who served as the club chairman. "There were many good photographers in OLLI who were interested in improving their picture-taking skills," said Dan. An accomplished photographer himself, Dan started monthly programs that include photograph critiques and competitions, professional speakers and technical assistance. Within the last year,

the photo club has organized a monthly local "road trip" headed by Tom Simpson where attendees have an opportunity to be together, taking pictures of a selected site such as one of the Washington, DC, landmarks, and compares and critiques the results.

Beginning in November, Dan relinquished his duties when he found two wonderful leaders in the form of new OLLI members Angela and Dave Talaber. Dave is a retired member of the Army whose career took him, Angela and their family to many interesting places that encouraged their photographic hobby. "We both shoot digital as do many people now but we haven't given up our film cameras," said Dave, noting that both he and Angela are enrolled in a "dark-room, film-print" course at the Northern Virginia Community College.

"Our goal is to continue the good work that Dan began, offering OLLI members opportunities to learn about photography, expand their skills and improve the quality of their photography" said Angela. She also pointed out that the photo club is testing a new webpage, primarily through the diligent work of George Bradshaw. "We want the new webpage to be easier to transfer information and post photographs," she said.

All OLLI members are invited to attend the photo club which now has 58 registered members. The photo club meets the second Friday of each month. Field trips are scheduled the third Friday of each month while special technical/skills discussions are held every fourth Friday. The photo club schedule, plus member photographs and any special announcements, can be found on the OLLI Website at <http://olli.gmu.edu/photography-club-overview/>.



Photo by Ed Marion

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Here's the Scoop on the Ice Cream Social!



By Martha Powers, E-News Writer and OLLI Board Member

Though the weather outside was frightful, our Ice Cream Social was delightful! The Social Events team was scooping up a storm, and every chair in TA-1 was occupied by OLLI members noshing on homemade goodies, hot cider, ice cream, and toppings. Our annual talent show offered a wide variety of musical, dramatic, and comedic performances, followed by the hilarious Carol Burnett/Steve Martin spoof, "Beach Blanket Boo-Boo" and Steve Martin's "Comedy for Dogs." But if you missed the chance to laugh at Ol' Man Winter,

take heart: We're having Christmas in July this summer! Keep an eye peeled for details.



OLLI members enjoyed ice cream after which Martha Powers offered 25 words...or more! (photos by Dan Feighery)

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Four Musical Clerihews

"The Danube's not blue, but gray",
A critic was heard to say.
Strauss muttered something Viennese, and rude,
Saying, "I do valtzes, not werisimilitude!"

Leos (a Czech) Janacek
Said, " Oh! What the heck.
I'm better than Dvorak
And that's a fakt."

Such an innovation of Monteverdi
Giving the opera to poster'ity.
For which I really think he ought
To be stabbed, poisoned, strangled and shot.

Rimsky-Korsakov, a Russian, and thus neurotic,
Loved odd music and themes exotic.
When asked, "Do you know Scherezade?"
Said, "Da, she was strange when we met in Novgorod !"

- Mike McNamara

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The DO'S and DON'T'S of Emergency Preparedness at OLLI



By Alice Slayton Clark, OLLI Staff Member and E-News Writer

What would you do if you are with an OLLI member who slips on the stairs or gets hit by a car in the parking lot? Accidents happen on campuses across America and OLLI is no exception. Injuries can be more serious and treatments more complicated in older Americans, especially if they have a long-term health condition. Unless you are a doctor, nurse or EMT, please leave emergency treatments to the professionals or trained staff.

DO'S

1. Immediately call 911. Even if the injury looks minor, the individual could have a broken bone or internal injury that is worse than it appears. Better safe than sorry and too late with proper care.
2. Notify the OLLI staff. OLLI staff representatives have access to first aid kits and can provide bandages and necessary salves. All OLLI staff have been trained in CPR and the use of defibrillation equipment in case someone is unresponsive and not breathing. Importantly, staff have emergency contact information for all OLLI members.
3. Talk to and reassure the victim that treatment is at hand. Your calm assurances can go a long way toward maintaining the patient's well-being.

DON'T'S

1. Do not move the individual. They could have an internal injury that would be exacerbated by shifting their body.
2. Do not give them water, food or medicine. You do not know what medicines they are taking or allergies they have. After trauma, their system might not be able to handle anything consumable.

A little caution and savvy about what to do in the event of an emergency will go a long way toward ensuring the best outcomes for patients and caregivers alike.

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, Next Ten Days

By Shelly Gersten, E-News Staff Writer

For tickets for either Center for the Arts (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

Celtic Nights: *Spirit of Freedom*

Sun, Mar 20, 4:00

Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company

Concert Hall

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

Aquila Theatre: *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*

Sat, Mar 26, 8:00

Rescheduled from Jan 22

Concert Hall

Pre-performance discussion: Member of the company

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

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

Dance Gala Concert, School of Dance

Fri, Mar 18 and Sat, Mar 19, 8:00
 Prior to the performance on Mar 19, the School of Dance will host the Dance Gala. Tickets start at \$150 per person. For information, contact Cody Clarke at cclark17@gmu.edu or 703-993-4749.
 Concert Hall
 Admission to concert: Adults, \$25; seniors, \$15.

Faculty Artist Series: Dr. Stanley Curtis, Trumpet

Sat, Mar 19, 8:00
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: Free.

University Singers Concert

Sun, Mar 20, 4:00
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: Adults, \$12; seniors, \$8.

Faculty Artist Series: Dr. Anna Balakerskaia, Piano

Sun, Mar 20, 7:00
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: Free.

Mason's School of Theater: Middletown - Preview

Wed, Mar 23, 8:00
 Performing Arts Building, Room A105
 Admission: Pay what you can, \$5 increments.

Jazz Ensemble Concert - Big Band Showdown

Wed, Mar 23, 8:00
 Concert Hall
 Admission: Adults, \$12; seniors, \$8.

Mason's School of Theater: Middletown

Thu, Mar 24, - Sat, Mar 26, 8:00
 Sat, Mar 26, 2:00
 Thu, Mar 31, - Sat, Apr 2, 8:00
 Sat, Apr 2, - Apr 3, 2:00
 TheaterSpace
 Admission: Adults, \$25; seniors, \$15.

Symphonic Band and Percussion Ensemble Concert

Thu, Mar 24, 8:00
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: Adults, \$12; seniors, \$8.

Korean-American Student Association Culture Show

Sat, Mar 26, 7:00
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: Free.

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At the Hylton Center

The 5th Annual PWPCS Student Exhibition

Feb 1 - Mar 20
 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery
 The Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00 - 6:00, Thu, 10:00 - 8:00 and two hours before performances.
 Admission: Free.

Prince William Little Theatre: *Sherlock Holmes and the West End Horror*

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

Manassas Chorale: *Voices United*

Sat, Mar 19, 7:30
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: Adults, \$20; seniors, \$18.

Mason Dance Company Dance Celebration

Sun, Mar 20, 4:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: Adults, \$25; seniors, \$15.

***Land Beyond the Water*, Peter Stern, Artist**

Mar 21 - May 15
 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery
 The Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00 - 6:00, Thu, 10:00 -

8:00 and two hours before performances. Gallery Reception: Thu, Apr 7 from 6:00 to 8:00. RSVP to jconnor8@gmu.edu. Admission: Free.

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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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Have A Speedy Recovery!

Members of the Special Events Subcommittee send a warm "Hello" and best wishes for a speedy recovery to Chairperson Florence Adler, who recently suffered a bad fracture while at OLLI. (photo by Stephanie Trachenberg.)



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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 19	10:30am 1:00pm	Tai Chi Club-TA-3 Computer Club-TA-1
Wed Mar 23	1:45pm 1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3 Spanish Club-TA-2
Fri Mar 25	9:00am 9:00am 10:00am 11:00am 11:00am 12:00pm 12:00pm	Recorder Consort-TA-3 Travel Club-TA-2 Craft and Conversation-Cottage Homer, etc-Annex Classic Literature Club-TA-2 Religious Studies Club-Cottage Photography Club-TA-1
Sat Mar 26	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Tue Mar 28	9:30am	Cottage Art-Cottage
Wed Mar 29	10:00am 10:00am 10:30am	Bridge Club-TA-3 Mah Jongg-TA-2 Tom Crooker Investment Forum-TA-1
Fri Apr 1	9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 11:00am 11:45am	Recorder Consort-TA-3 Craft and Conversation-Cottage Homer, etc-Annex Classic Literature Club-TA-2 Art and Music Program Meeting-Cottage

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About OLLI E-News

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

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