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Jim Kirby, Photographer for Magazines, Agencies, and Corporations, Speaks to OLLI's Photography Club on Backpacking in the Canadian Rockies, December 9

December 30, 2016

Editor of the Week: Jean Boltz

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Alerts & Notices

- Reminder: the Language, Literature, and Theater Program-planning Group is meeting at 10:00 on Thursday, January 12, at Tallwood in TA-1. Please come and share your ideas for future courses, or contact Nancy Scheeler, Bill Taylor, Katie Mitchell, Jackie Gropman, or Rala Stone.
- The Tallwood office is closed for the holidays and will reopen Monday, January 6.
- The next edition of OLLI E-News will be published January 13. All submissions must be received no later than 6:00 Tuesday, January 10.

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OLLI President's New Year Message: A Bit of History



By Ray Beery, President

Friends in OLLI,

Year end is the time, *par excellence*, for renewal based on tradition. Let me take us back across the years, before we were OLLI. We were the Learning in Retirement Institute, part of the Elderhostel Institute Network.

Yes, I'm referring to Elderhostel, now Road Scholar, where we go for outstanding tours. Early on, that group also created Life-long Learning Institutes (LLIs), which today number over 400 ... and we still belong.

An LLI is a community of peer learning in which members learn from and teach each other. LLIs offer noncredit college-level educational experiences, but with little or no homework and at a fraction of the cost. Classes are taught by members, retired and active faculty, and outside experts with knowledge of a particular subject. But perhaps best of all — the life experiences of all members elevate the discourse.

Members of the LLI Resource Network are committed to:

- Learners having significant involvement in developing college-level educational programming;
- An organizational structure that distinguishes the Institute as an educational community of older learners;
- An educational purpose of providing college level course work, usually on a non-credit basis;
- A membership organization with structures (by-laws, committees, etc.) that create an entity with identity and purpose;
- Open membership by involving members in decision-making, determining curriculum, recruiting new members, financing the Institute, and developing social programming; and
- Co-curricular programming that encourages participation without regard to previous levels of formal education.

That’s our heritage, and it is an inspiration to have these guiding principles before us as we slide right into the New Year.

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Don't Throw Out That Grass Skirt

OLLI’s annual talent show will be held during the ice cream social and Hawaiian luau on Friday, February 10, from 1:00–3:00 at Tallwood in TA-1. (The snow date is Friday, February 24, same time and place.) Space is limited, so be sure to register for event #1102.

We are looking for new acts (no repeats from the 2012-2015 shows, please), and a Hawaiian theme is preferred but not required. There is a five-minute time limit for each act, and the MC will once again be the hilarious Manny Pablo.



If you’ve got talent, please contact Manny at fredpablo@cox.net and provide a description of your act. Thank you!



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Wait–Don't Throw Out That White Elephant!



By Martha Powers, OLLI Vice President

Our next casual get-together will be at 9:30 on Friday, January 27th, at Tallwood in the Social Room annex. In addition to coffee and cookies, we’ll have an opportunity to swap unwanted holiday gifts. Bring those orange Harley Davidson socks from Cousin Bubba and the avocado slicer from your niece Petunia, and trade them in for something better . . . hopefully.

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Save Those Prescription Bottles!



By Martha Powers, OLLI Vice President

During the winter term, Member Services is going to be launching a prescription-bottle recycling program. Please save your empty bottles rather than throwing them away, and, if possible, remove the labels. (Most peel off easily.) We’ll give you more details about this new program soon.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Solstice Musing

Perhaps like the bears we would like to hibernate.
 Perhaps we, too would rather rest.
 Not do all the shopping, not go to all those parties,
 forget the baking and the decorating.

Perhaps we would rather sleep the winter away,
 miss the ice storms and the loss of power,
 the cold winds that penetrate our skins,
 the struggle to conserve what warmth we can.

And what do we do when we sleep?

We dream in the delicious dark.
 Germinating like seeds to spring back to life.
 We succumb to the dark to find our inner sparkle,
 our own soul's sweet treasure

The seasons make their circle
 with or without our consent.
 We can only try to tease out
 the mystery of the long midwinter nights.

-Susan Bennett

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Obituaries

Ellen Dierdre Mulrenin

Ellen Mulrenin, who recently became an OLLI member and was to teach a genealogy course, Family History Rewards and Challenges, during winter term 2017, died on December 12, 2016. Besides volunteering to teach the course, she served on the history and current events program-planning committee. A funeral mass was celebrated at St

Anthony of Padua Church in Falls Church, VA, on December 16. More information is available in her obituary at [this link](#).

Mary Nell (Nellie) Lawrence

Former OLLI member Nellie Lawrence passed away December 21 in Alexandria, VA. She had been an elementary school teacher and served as a docent at the Woodlawn Plantation, Frank Lloyd Wright Pope-Leighey House, and the National Portrait Gallery. She was a member of OLLI from July 2012 through August 2014. Nellie is survived by her husband of fifty-two years, John Frederick Lawrence, two sons, and six grandchildren. More information is available in her obituary at [this link](#).

William Nicholas Ciccolo, Sr.

Bill Ciccolo, an OLLI member from 2001 to 2013, died on August 21, 2016. He was a retired US Army colonel with two tours in Vietnam plus tours in Korea, Japan, Greece, Panama, and Paraguay. After retirement he worked for Systems Research and Applications Corporation as an Oracle database designer and developer. He received his BS degree from Boston University and an MA from the US Army War College. He began teaching at OLLI soon after joining, eventually leading a dozen history and geopolitical courses.

As a retired Army colonel, he was interred in Arlington National Cemetery on December 21. More information is available in his obituary at [this link](#).

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Arts & Music at George Mason



Performances, Dec 30 through Jan 16

By Shelly Gersten, OLLI 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

Sax Symposium

Fri, Jan 6, and Sat, Jan 7
 Various times and locations; see <http://cfa.gmu.edu/calendar/853/>
 Admission: Free.

Keyboard Conversations with Jeffrey Siegel: A French Musical Feast

Sun, Jan 8, 7:00
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$42, \$36, \$25.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

No performances scheduled.

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At the Hylton Center

Four Seasons Active Adult Community Exhibition: Visual Expressions

Dec 12 - Jan 29, 2017
 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, Jan 12 from 6:00 to 8:00. RSVP to jconnor8@gmu.edu.
 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery
 Admission: Free.

Woodbridge Dance Company: A Coffee House Concert Collection

Sun, Jan 8, 5:30
 Come to the lobby at 4:00 prior to the concert for complimentary coffee

and refreshments during the director's reception and auction.
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: Adults, \$25; seniors, \$20.

Dance Etcetera School of the Arts: 36th Annual Winter Concert

Sat, Jan 14, 2017 at 7:00
 Gregory Family Theater
 Admission: \$20.

Center for the Arts Pied Piper Theatre's: Disney's Mulan, Jr.

Sat, Jan 14, 2:00 and 7:00
 Sun, Jan 15, 3:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission until Jan 9: Adults \$15; children, \$12
 after Jan 9: Adults \$20; children, \$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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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 Jan 7	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Mon Jan 9	10:00am	What's In the Daily News cont'd-TA-1
Tue Jan 10	9:30am	Annex Art-Annex
	10:00am	Spanish Club-TA-2

	10:00am	Humanities and Social Sciences Program-planning Group-TA-3
Wed Jan 11	9:30am	Special Events Committee-Annex
	10:00am	Bridge Club-TA-3
	10:00am	Tallwood Book Club-TA-2
	10:30am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum-TA-1
Thu Jan 12	10:00am	Language, Literature & Theater Program-planning Group-TA-1
	10:00am	Serious Acting Group-TA-3
	1:00pm	Loudoun Program-planning Group-Room 208
Fri Jan 13	9:15am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Craft and Conversation Group-Annex
	9:30am	Photography Club-TA-1
	11:00am	Homer, etc-Annex

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About *OLLI E-News*

OLLI E-News was created by Rod Zumbro, who served as its editor from 2005 to 2013.

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Submissions. Members are encouraged to submit letters to the editor, letters to Ms. Ollie Ettakit (on etiquette matters), OLLI-related news items, articles and photos. Submit material to: ollinewseditor@gmail.com.

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.

Note: You can view past issues of *OLLI E-News* on the DocStore. To search the content of issues, use Search Our Site or put your search term in Google followed by "site:olli.gmu.edu/" without the quotes.

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