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*Inter-term Grab 'n' Gab Coffee for New and Continuing Members,  
 Tallwood, August 22*

## August 30, 2019

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### Alerts & Notices

- Meeting of the Literature, Theater, and Writing/Languages Program Planning Group, Thursday, September 5, at 10:30, in TA-1 (see Rala Stone article below).
- Meeting of the Outreach Committee, Tuesday, September 10, at 10:00 in TA-1; (see Rosemary Lubinski article below).
- Meeting of the Special Events Program Planning Group, Thursday, September 12, 10:00 to 12:00 in the Annex at Tallwood.
- Course F906 - Pittsburgh Renaissance is listed under Other Topics in the fall catalog. Class meets Thursdays at 11:50 at the Sherwood Community Center (see Camille Hodges article below).
- Special Event 967 – Tour of World War II in Europe will be presented by Indiana author Kayleen Reusser at Tallwood on Friday, September 27 (see Carolyn Kramer article below).
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, September 13; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, September 10, at 6:00.

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### Literature, Theater, and Writing/Languages Program Planning Group Meeting



*By Rala Stone, Literature, Theater, and Writing/Languages Co-chair*

*Note: This article appeared in the August 2 E-News; it is published here as a reminder.*

To all our OLLI literature/theater/writing/languages enthusiasts: Please join us.

What for?	Literature, Theater, and Writing/Languages Program Planning Group meeting.
When?	Thursday, September 5, 10:30-12:00.
Where?	TA-1
Why?	We value your feedback and need your talents and input.

To ensure that our program continues to grow and improve we need your help. Come join us as we look back on the spring and summer classes, preview what's on deck for the fall, and most important, plan for the winter and spring terms. Part of the fun of belonging to a volunteer organization is getting involved with people with whom you share common interests and feeling pride in a program that you have helped to build. We are looking for ideas for new classes and/or any contacts that you may have who might be willing to teach a class. We encourage you to bring an OLLI friend who you know has an interest in these areas.

If you cannot be present at the meeting but have suggestions or new ideas, please contact any member of the committee. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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Thank you!

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## Outreach Needs You



*By Rosemary Lubinski, Board Member and Outreach Committee Chair*

*Note: This article appeared in the August 2 E-News; it is published here as a reminder.*

To maintain our vibrant and stimulating programming and audience, we need to attract more members to OLLI. One way to do this is through the Outreach Committee. If you have ideas of how to attract more members or want to participate in outreach programming activities, please join us for our first Outreach Committee meeting of the fall term on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 10:00 in TA-1. Continuing and new members are sincerely welcome.

Remember that each time you tell a friend or acquaintance about OLLI, YOU are doing outreach. You are an OLLI ambassador. This summer tell a friend about OLLI's eclectic, thought-provoking programs and the socialization opportunities they provide. Tell friends

your story of what you do at OLLI and what it has meant to you. Your enthusiasm is the single best-selling point about OLLI. Help spread the news that OLLI is a treasure to our community. You may also earn an incentive for engaging new members this fall.

If you have questions or suggestions or would like to join the committee, please contact Rosemary Lubinski at [cdsrosie@buffalo.edu](mailto:cdsrosie@buffalo.edu). Every ambassador is helpful, and every suggestion is welcome.

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## Smoketown: "The Other Great Black Renaissance"



*By Camille Hodges, Humanities and Social Sciences Program Planning Group Co-chair*

*(Note: This article appeared in the August 2 edition of E-News; it is repeated here in case you may not have seen it or noted the course in the "Other Topics" section of the fall 2019 catalog.)*

You have no doubt heard of the Harlem Renaissance, but have you heard of the "Pittsburgh Renaissance"? Otherwise known as "The Other Great Black Renaissance," this period in American history will be thoroughly covered in the fall OLLI course based on the book *The Untold Story of Smoketown* by Mark Whitaker. Mason professors will discuss the philosophies of W.E.B. DuBois and Alain Locke. Other presenters will share black cultural contributions in the fields of music, baseball, news media, and the arts including works of the playwright August Wilson.

This "not-to-be-missed" OLLI course (F906) will be held at the Stacy Sherwood Community Center located on Old Lee Highway in Fairfax. A full description is found in the Other Topics section of the fall 2019 catalog. The course is titled "The Pittsburgh Renaissance: An Interdisciplinary Approach" and will run Thursdays at 11:50 from September 26 through November 14.

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## Calling Veterans of World War II -A Special Invitation





*By Carolyn Kramer, Event Coordinator*

Just a registration reminder! You will want to take a look in your fall catalog for Special Event 967 – Tour of World War II in Europe: Stories and Photos of Those Who Served, presented by Indiana author Kayleen Reusser at Tallwood on Friday, September 27.

In addition to speaking to groups about World War II topics, Kayleen has a passion for interviewing veterans! In fact, she has interviewed hundreds of vets whose stories have been published in four books. She is especially eager to interview veterans of World War II and would very much like to interview several veterans while she is in our area.

OLLI members who have family, friends, or acquaintances who would be willing to participate in an interview with Kayleen are encouraged to schedule an interview. The interviews will be held at the below-listed Fairfax Tallwood sites of OLLI Mason for the indicated dates and times.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Thursday, September 26	1:30 and 3:00	Office of Jennifer Disano (TA-2)
Friday, September 27	9:30	TA-2

If interested, or if you have questions, please contact OLLI member Carolyn Kramer at [carolynkramer2@verizon.net](mailto:carolynkramer2@verizon.net). Interviewees are asked to bring World War II-era photographs, photo albums, and other memorabilia.

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## Program Planning Group Meetings



*By Kathryn Russell, Program Committee Co-chair*

Program Planning groups are meeting soon to choose courses for upcoming terms. Here are some wonderful opportunities to learn about and participate in program planning. We invite all OLLI members to attend any (or all!) of these gatherings to learn about and take part in program planning. You'll definitely enjoy the camaraderie and lively exchange of ideas, and you'll have the chance to learn how your program is made. These program planning groups are meeting soon:

Literature, Theater, and Writing Languages	Thursday, September 5, 10:30, TA-1
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Humanities and Social Sciences	Monday, September 9, 10:00, Tallwood Annex
Special Events	Thursday, September 12, 10:00, Tallwood Annex
Art and Music	Monday, September 16, 1:00, Tallwood Annex
Loudoun Planning Group	Tuesday, September 17, 10:30, Mason-in-Loudoun Campus

Also, the second annual Teacher Event meeting will take place on Thursday, September 12, 12:00-1:30, at Tallwood, room TA-1. Jim Dunphy is inviting OLLI teachers from all sites to come enjoy a pizza lunch, share ideas, and receive important information about teaching at OLLI, including important tips on copyright compliance from Mason special guest presenter Professor Joyce Johnston. Instructors, please contact Jim ([dunphyji@aol.com](mailto:dunphyji@aol.com)) if you're planning to attend. He wants to have plenty of pizza to go around.

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## Mason-in-Loudoun Parking



*By Leigh Knox, Loudoun Site Assistant*

Everyone registered for a class or event at Loudoun will need a new FREE parking permit. The new parking permits will be valid for the entire academic year from September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020. Permits will be available for pick up on September 16, between 10:00 and 4:00 at the Mason-in-Loudoun office, 21335 Signal Hill Plaza, Sterling, VA 20164, in Suite 130.

You may also arrive early on your first day of class and pick it up then. Parking is NOT permitted in the spaces in front of the building, even with an OLLI permit; the only exception is for handicap spaces with the proper state-issued handicap permit. You may park temporarily in the East Lot while obtaining your new parking permit. Please display the permit noticeably in your front windshield.

Because George Mason shares the office building with other tenants, it is important that you park in the correct area. Please park in the East Lot (when facing the building, it is the lot on the left side of the building). If there are no spaces available (which is unlikely), you may park in the yellow-striped student parking spaces. A map of the parking lot is printed on the back of your permit. Please be aware that towing is enforced.

If you have a Mason (G#) but need to have your photo taken for your Mason ID card, you may also get that done at the same location (21335 Signal Hill Plaza, Sterling, VA 20164 in

Suite 130). Mason-in-Loudoun staff are not able to look up your G#; please have that ready when you arrive for your ID.

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## Tallwood Book Club Meeting



*By Ceda McGrew, Tallwood Book Club Coordinator*

The Tallwood Book Club will meet on Wednesday, September 11, at 10:00 at Tallwood. The book for discussion is *Pachinko* by Korean-American author Min Jin Lee. A historical novel, it follows the life of a Korean family that emigrates to Japan in the early twentieth century until the late 1980s. All OLLI members are welcome.

The reading selection for October 9 is *An American Marriage* by Tahari Jones.

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## Reston Book Club Meeting



*By Nancy Scheeler and Luci Martel, Reston Book Club Coordinators*

The Reston Book Club's September meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26, at 2:15 at the United Christian Parish in Reston. The book selection is *Heat and Dust* by Ruth Praver Jhabvala. This 1975 Booker Prize winner is set in post-World War I India. It is the story of a beautiful, spoiled, bored English woman, who elopes with an Indian prince, outraging society in the tiny, suffocating town where her husband is a civil servant and of her granddaughter who, 50 years later, goes back to the heat and dust of the bazaars to solve the enigma of the scandal.

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## Poet's Corner

*Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop*

### On Duty

Just a tiny high-pitched squawk  
like a police car clearing the way  
disturbs my mental picture  
of the medieval thatched roof town  
from the cathedral catwalk.  
I turn the page. As the villain  
pursues the heroine the squawk  
builds into a full-throated cry  
wordlessly calling: Help me!

Help me! I'm awake! Wet!

I abandon my book, rush  
to the crib, comfort screaming  
squalling red-faced infant  
rip Velcro, grab ankles  
with one hand, shake out  
diaper, slip under squirming baby,  
powder bottom, affix tabs, soothe  
snuffling charge: There, there.  
Mama will be home soon.

*Carolyn F. Wyatt*

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## Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, August 30 through September 16



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

For tickets for either Center for the Arts Concert Hall (CFA) or Hylton Center, 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 Center [ticket purchase page](#).

At the Fairfax Campus Venues

No performances scheduled

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**Mason Student and Faculty Performances**

(see [music.gmu.edu](http://music.gmu.edu) for additional student recitals)

**The Mason Players Originals!**

Fri, Sep 13, 8:00  
 Sat, Sep 14, 2:00 and 8:00  
 TheaterSpace, deLaski Performing Arts Building, A105  
 Admission: Pay What You Can (\$5 increments only).

**School of Music Piano Departmental Recital**

Mon, Sep 16, 12:30  
 Harris Theatre  
 Admission: Free.

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**At the Hylton Center (Manassas)**

**Gallery Exhibit: Lory Ivey Alexander**

Sep 10–Oct 26  
 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery  
 The Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00-6:00.  
 Admission: Free.

**The 25th Annual Miss/Ms. India-DC Pageant**

Sat, Sep 14, 7:00  
 Merchant Hall  
 Admission: \$25 in advance; \$30 day of show.

**Arts Alive!**

Sun, Sep 15, 1:00  
 Hylton Performing Arts Center  
 Admission: Free; art and food available for purchase.

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For further details on any of the above events, 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 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 J**)*

Sat Aug 31	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Mon Sep 2	OLLI Closed for Federal Holiday – Labor Day	
Tue Sep 3	09:30am	Annex Art–Annex
Wed Sep 4	10:00am 10:00am 10:30am	Bridge Club–TA-3 Mah Jongg Club–TA-2 Investment Forum–TA-1
Thu Sep 5	10:30am	<b>Literature, Theater, and Writing/ Languages Program Planning Group Meeting–TA-1</b>
Fri Sep 6	9:15am 9:30am 11:00am	Recorder Consort–TA-3 Craft and Conversation Group–Annex Homer, etc.–Annex
Sat Sep 7	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TA-3
Mon Sep 9	9:30am 10:00am	What’s in the Daily News?–TA-1 <b>Humanities and Social Sciences Program Planning Group Meeting–Annex</b>
Tue Sep 10	9:30am 10:00am 11:00am	Annex Art–Annex <b>Outreach Committee Meeting–TA-1</b> Spanish Club–TA-2
Wed Sep 11	10:00am 10:00am 10:30am	Bridge Club–TA-3 Tallwood Book Club–TA-2 Investment Forum–TA-1
Thu Sep 12	10:00am  12:00noon	<b>Special Events Program Planning Group Meeting –Annex</b> Teacher Training Initiative–TA-1
Fri Sep 13	9:15am 9:30am 9:30am	Recorder Consort–TA-3 Photography Club–TA-1 Craft and Conversation Group–Annex

	11:00am	Homer, etc.–Annex
	11:30am	Cooking Club–TA-1
Sat Sep 14	10:30am	Tai Chi Club–TBA
	12:30pm	AARP Open House–Tallwood

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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.

**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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