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OLLI Walking Group Outing to Fairfax City Civil War Cemetery, August 27 (Photo by Tom Urman)

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Alerts & Notices

- Reminder: Tour of World War II in Europe: presentation by Kayleen Reusser, 1:00 Friday, September 27 at Tallwood (register for Special Event 967). Related interviews with WWII veterans in TA-2, September 26 (1:30 and 3:00) and September 27 (9:30).
- Meeting of Arts & Music Program Planning Group, Monday, September 16, 1:00 in Tallwood Annex; all members welcome.
- Board of Directors Meeting, Friday, September 20, 10:00 in TA-1; all members welcome.
- Meeting of the OLLI Personal Computer User Group, Saturday, September 21, 1:00 in TA-1 (social activities at 12:30 in the Annex); see Paul Howard article below.
- Governance Committee Meeting, Monday, September 23, 1:00 in TA-1; all members welcome.

- Loudoun Non-Fiction Book Club, Tuesday, September 24, 2:15, Room 209 Loudoun. Discussion of *Sapiens* by Yuval Noah Harari. Sign up on the member portal, or at the meeting.
- The next issue of OLLI E-News will be published Friday, September 27; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, September 24, at 6:00.

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OLLI President's Message September 13, 2019



By Bill Taylor, President The operating rules of OLLI are found in its bylaws and in the Board Handbook. The Handbook is the basic reference source for the Board, the committee chairs, and the executive director and staff to use in the operation of OLLI. It is

the responsibility of our Governance Committee to keep the Handbook updated and make sure the text is consistent with current policies and procedures. At its retreat this summer, the Board asked the committee chair, Lillian Brooks, to undertake a full review of the Handbook. I know that Lillian will need some volunteers to help with this project. If you have experience in this type of work, or if you are interested in learning more about how OLLI operates, please consider volunteering. Lillian may be contacted at lillian.b.brooks@gmail.com. The Governance Committee will be meeting on Monday, September 23, at 1:00 at Tallwood.

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From the Desk of the Executive Director Come Hear Mason President Anne Holton Speak at OLLI!



By Jennifer Disano, Executive Director OLLI is excited to announce that the interim president of George Mason University, Anne Holton, will speak at OLLI this fall as part of a lecture series on education. President Holton is the former secretary of education for the Commonwealth of

Virginia, spouse of Virginia Senator Tim Kaine, and the daughter of former Virginia Governor Linwood Holton. She was one of the first students in Virginia to attend integrated schools and has spent her career championing education for all. Although President Holton's

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presentation is part of a multisession course (F653), we hope OLLI members will take time out of their schedules to attend this session as a show of support for George Mason. The event will take place October 8 at 2:15 in TA-1. Register now on the member portal: <https://olliqmu.augusoft.net/>. Bring a friend or neighbor! Education is a universal topic of importance to all of us. The entire education series is now free and open to the public. Other speakers and topics include:

Sept. 24: "A Dialog on State of Education and Teaching in Virginia." Mason College of Education and Human Development Dean Mark Ginsberg.

Oct. 1: "The State of Education in Virginia and Goals for the Near Term." Secretary of Education for the Commonwealth of Virginia, Atif Mustafa Qarni.

Oct. 8: "Equipping Students for Life Beyond High School." Anne Holton, interim Mason president and former secretary of education for Virginia.

Oct. 15: "A World Class Education for All." Dr. Robert Smith, Mason College of Education and Human Development faculty and former superintendent, Arlington Public Schools.

Oct. 22: "Managing Technology for the 21st Century." Tammi Sisk, educational specialist, Office of Instructional Technology Integration, Fairfax County Public Schools.

Thank you for your support for our university president!

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Computer Club

3rd Saturday, September 21 History of Computers: How We Got Here; Part 1



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By [Paul Howard](#), OPCUG Program Chair

The Computer Club (OLLI Personal Computer User Group, or OPCUG) will meet with its partner, the Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society (PATACS), on Saturday, September 21, at Tallwood. Join us at 12:30 for socializing in the Annex. Program activities begin at 1:00 in TA-1. **History of Computers: How We Got Here; Part 1 - Presented by Lorrin Garson** Starts at 1:20: The technology of our modern computers goes back to the early 19th century with most of the advancements occurring in our lifetime. You will learn how weaving, mathematics, the telephone, and cryptology played important roles and how the basic laws of chemistry and physics apply. Our computers are the creation of many interesting people and several disparate technologies. Contributors to the development of computers include mathematical geniuses and hippies, aristocrats and the poverty-stricken, men and women, party animals, and withdrawn neurotics. Lorrin Garson had a long career in technical publishing of chemical information. His presentations to our computer groups are known for their thorough research and clarity in explaining topics such as cryptography, encryption of personal data, cloud storage, and the origins of personal computers. See full details on this meeting by [clicking here](#). For information on the Computer Club, see the [OPCUG website](#). OPCUG dues of \$5 for 2019 will be collected at this meeting. Can't make the meeting in person? Dues-paid club members may attend via Zoom's cloud meeting service, beginning at 12:45. Send a message to webinarhosts@patacs.org if you plan to attend in this way. Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS, or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/519103813>; meeting ID: 519 103 813.

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Join the Theater Lovers' Group in Exciting Theatrical Events This Fall



By Norma Jean Reck, Theater Lovers' Group

Coordinator Save the dates: **September 27, Friday**. Every OLLI member is invited to join members of OLLI's Theater Lovers' Group (TLG) in its upcoming many and diverse outings, beginning with a presentation by Mack Miller, OLLI member, at its September club meeting.

Mack, past president of Mason's Friends of Theater, will address the TLG on Friday, September 27 from 10:00 to 11:30 in TA-1. You won't want to miss his discussion of the variety of free programs and events that

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Mason's School of Theater offers that can exponentially enhance a viewer's understanding and appreciation of a play. **October 14 and 21, Mondays; November 3, Sunday**. Be sure that you have signed up for OLLI's F420 class on *Rags* (a musical), featuring Mason's venerable professors Rick Davis and Joe Walsh (Mondays, October 14 and 21). Set in 1920s New York City, *Rags* is an immigrant story that could very well be taking place today. Mason singers will be on hand to round out the musical program. We will see *Rags* at the Center for the Arts (CFA) at the 4:00 matinee on Sunday, November 3, with optional lunch at Oh George before the performance. To purchase your senior \$15 tickets, phone CFA at 703-993-8888. Be sure to tell them you are with OLLI, as they are reserving a section for us and our guests. You need not have attended the class to see the performance. Guests are welcome to join us for the show and pre-show luncheon. **November 24, Sunday**. On Sunday, November 24, at the 2:00 matinee, we go to Roundhouse Theater to see *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. We have a group rate of \$42.30; payment is due October 18. Murder Mystery Math: a coming-of-age journey for a 15-year-old who self-describes as a "mathematician with some behavioral issues." We will be supporting the daughter-in-law of a TLG member who is a member of the cast. Optional dinner nearby. To join TLG, you can go online and select Theater Lovers' Group just as you would a class, or email Susan Job at sjob2@gmu.edu. If you want more information, email Norma at njreck@cs.com. See you at the theater!

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Inside OLLI - Mason

August Storm Brings Equipment Replacement



By Paul Howard, Audiovisual Support Committee Chair

In an August 13 thunderstorm, lightning struck a tree about 75 feet from TA-1. At the time, our audiovisual contractor was installing a new screen in TA-2; power was interrupted at Tallwood and the surrounding neighborhood.

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That Friday, the staff discovered a loss of internet access and telephone problems. I arrived about 10:00 to set up TA-1 for Saturday's computer club meeting. Instead, I walked through the office and cottage with Susan Todenhoft, and agreed with her diagnosis that lightning caused damage to local area network (LAN) and telephone systems. Then the fun began – Susan contacted OLLI's phone-system contractor, who sent a crew to investigate those issues. I called Roger Fujii, a PATACS computer-group colleague who has been helping with OLLI technology issues since 2006. Roger researched appropriate replacement LAN equipment, while I drove to Microcenter at Pan Am Plaza, buying two 24-port LAN switches that form the backbone of our network connections. I returned to Tallwood shortly after the phone crew arrived; they had to replace two instruments and swap defective cable pairs for good ones between Smallwood and the cottage. I started replacing the LAN switch in the cottage, ultimately discovering that the FIOS router had also been damaged. I substituted an older unit to get the administrative LAN restored. Roger arrived and began untangling the office, where four pieces of LAN gear ultimately proved to have been damaged. Bill Walsh arrived mid-afternoon, and with Roger and me, found the Life-Size codecs, special-purpose computers used for video conferencing, had also been damaged and were unusable. On Saturday, OLLI finance associate Karen Nash came to work, and grabbed me as I was setting up for the computer club meeting, to check on why her computer wouldn't connect to the internet, despite the previous day's efforts. Her computer was grindingly slow, and its LAN card was damaged, needing replacement. Also, the following week Mike Emery and Tom Appich found two more damaged LAN switches in TA2. The fun continues . . .

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Home-grown

Sun-blest, wind-brushed, Sweet nuggets of raspberries
Plucked from lavish bushes
Planted and nurtured by my father
Into full-blown bushes laden
With illicit joy
Bush to hand to tongue
No worries if organic or no

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Long sleeves needed if serious picking
The quick pass to an outside row
Was best Quick, before the birds come

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, Sep 13 through Sep 30



By Shelly Gersten, OLLI E-News Staff Writer
For tickets 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 Fairfax Symphony Orchestra:

The Downton Abbey Era Saturday, Sep 21, 8:00 Concert Hall Admission: \$65, \$53, \$50, \$39, \$25. **Keyboard Conversations** with Jeffrey Siegel: **Music of Mozart and Haydn** Sunday, Sep 22, 7:00 Concert Hall The Young Artists Musicals begins at 6:00 in the main lobby. Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26. **ARTS By George!** **College of the Visual Performing Arts** Saturday, Sep 28, 5:00 Concert Hall Includes student performances, dinner, drinks, concert, and post-concert dessert reception with Audra McDonald. Admission: \$300. **An Evening with Audra McDonald** Saturday, Sep 28, 8:30 Concert Hall Admission: \$100, \$75, \$50.

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Mason Student and Faculty Performances (see 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). **Grand Piano Celebration** Sun, Sep 22, 3:00 Concert Hall Reception to follow in lobby Admission: \$20 Adults; \$15 seniors. **Stockton Helbing Jazz Combos Masterclass** Mon, Sep 23, 1:30 deLaski Performing Arts Building, A327C Admission: Free. **LADAMA Masterclass with Jazz Combos and the Latin American Ensemble** Mon, Sep 30, 1:30 deLaski Performing Arts Building, A327C Admission: Free.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus) Gallery Exhibit:
Lory Ivey Alexander Sep 10â€“Oct 26 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery The Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00-6:00. Admission: Free. **Â The 25th Annual Miss/Ms. India-DC Pageant** Sat, Sep 14, 7:00 Merchant Hall Admission: \$25 in advance; \$30 day of show. **Â Arts Alive!** Sun, Sep 15, 1:00 Hylton Performing Arts Center Admission: Free; art and food available for purchase. **The Hot Sardines** Sat, Sep 21, 8:00 Merchant Hall A pre-performance discussion begins 45 minutes prior to the performance. Admission: \$48, \$41, \$29. **Larry, Steve, and Rudy - The Gatlin Brothers** Sun, Sep 22, 7:00 Merchant Hall Admission: \$70, \$55, \$45. **Manassas Chorale: Broadway's Best** Tue, Sep 24, 1:30 Hylton Performing Arts Center, Rehearsal Room Admission: Free.

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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 below).*

Sat	10:30am	
Sep 14	12:30pm	

		Tai Chi Clubâ€“Lord of Life Lutheran Church AARP Open Houseâ€“Tallwood
Mon Sep 16	Â 9:30am 10:00am	Whatâ€™s in the Daily News? â€“TA-1 Art & Music Program Planning Group Meeting â€“Annex
Tue Sep 17	Â 9:30am	Annex Artâ€“Annex
Wed Sep 18	10:00am 10:00am 10:30am	Bridge Clubâ€“TA-3 Mah Jongg Clubâ€“TA-2 Tom Crooker Investment Forumâ€“TA-1
Thu Sep 19	11:00am 12:00noon 12:00noon	Hospitality Committee Meetingâ€“Annex Fairfax Kick-off Coffeeâ€“TA-1 Loudoun Coffee & Conversationâ€“Room 209
Fri Sep 20	Â 9:15am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am	Recorder Consortâ€“TA-3 Craft and Conversation Groupâ€“Annex Board of Directors Meeting â€“TA-1 Homer, etc.â€“Annex
Sat Sep 21	10:30am 1:00pm	Tai Chi Clubâ€“TA-3 Personal Computer User Groupâ€“TA-1
Mon Sep 23	Â 1:00pm	Governance Committee Meeting â€“TA-1
Tue Sep 24	Â 2:15pm	Loudoun Non-Fiction Book Clubâ€“Room 209
Wed Sep 25	Â 1:45pm 1:45pm	Bridge Clubâ€“TA-3 Spanish Clubâ€“TA-2
Thu Sep 26	Â 2:15pm	Reston Book Clubâ€“Room 117 UCP

Fri Sep 27	9: 15am	Recorder Consort
	9: 30am	Craft and Conversation
	10: 00am	Group
	11: 00am	Lovers
	11: 00am	Classic Literature
	12: 00noon	Club
Sat Sep 28	10: 30am	Tai Chi Club

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About *OLLI E-News*

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