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Mason Faculty Club Series Panel on Authoritarian Regimes (Napoleonic France, Pre-WWII Japan, and Myanmar): Mason Emeritus Professor Jack Censer, Mason Associate Professor of History Brian Platt, and Mason Associate Professor of Sociology John G. Dale, October 22, 2018

January 11, 2019

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Alerts & Notices

- Board of Directors meeting, Friday, January 18, 10:00, at Tallwood, TA-1. All members welcome.
- Computer Club meeting, Saturday, January 19, 1:00, at Tallwood, TA-1 (socializing in the Annex at 12:30).
- Winter term begins January 22.
- Grab 'n' Gab coffee klatch, Friday, January 25, 10:00, at Tallwood, TA-1.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published January 25; regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, January 22, at 6:00.

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Appreciating OLLI Liaisons



By Shannon Kim Morrow, Registrar

Who wouldn't want to experience a warm and inviting welcome to an unfamiliar setting? Who wouldn't want someone to reach out to them and ask how they might be helped with unfamiliar tasks at a new organization?

OLLI liaisons ensure that this is the case when contacting instructors and introducing them to class members. It may seem that the liaison performs a minor duty, but what liaisons do is an integral part of what makes OLLI tick. Liaisons most importantly introduce instructors, and particularly new ones who've never taught at OLLI before. But that's not all they do! They welcome instructors, but also provide support in the classroom. If there are glitches with A/V equipment, if someone needs special assistance, or if there needs to be any other contact with a site assistant, liaisons are on the job!

"Although I served as liaison for five classes this term, it has definitely been FUN and REWARDING to email and meet with the various Instructors. Each Instructor has told me about their own background and tales of what led to their particular specialties and classes. In most cases we shared similar experiences and it was fun probing for additional information I used in introducing them to the class. I also helped them determine where to park, what computer setup to use, microphone use, any classroom setups they wanted, and the friendliness of their audience who are there to hear their tales, not challenge them! This all helped them feel at ease and welcome in coming to OLLI. A really fun experience and NOT work!" – *Bob Heyer, liaison for five classes in winter 2018 term*

The OLLI staff greatly appreciates all those who step up term after term to volunteer as a liaison. Without liaisons, the OLLI experience would not be the same! Thank you all very much!

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Great News! Friends of OLLI Holiday Fundraising Projects



By Lesley Bubenhofer, Development Committee Chair

Many thanks to YOU, the very generous Friends of OLLI, whose fantastic support for recent fundraising endeavors has provided a very nice boost to the Friends of OLLI fund, and we sure had lots of fun, too!

Annual OLLI Registration Raffle—\$1,490.00: Why not purchase some raffle tickets next time, and you may be the lucky winner of a registration fee-free year at OLLI?

50/50 Drawing—\$150.00: At the OLLI Holiday Party, the winner went home with many more dollars in her pocket than upon arrival, and OLLI funds also increased by \$150. Wouldn't that be terrific if you were the winner next year?

Bake Sale—\$487.00: On December 14 our bake sale was a huge success. Monies were deposited with Karen (Nash) that day. If you missed the December Bake Sale this year, you also missed a host of yummy goodies and good times. If you can come to the next bake sale, you will be amazed at delicious variety of the goods, and the baking talents of our fellow OLLI members.

The photo, taken by Eleanor Pascale, shows Development Committee members (left to right) Thelma Weiner, Florence Adler, Peg O'Brien, Lesley Bubenhofer, Michelle Blandburg, Julia Adams, Doris Weisman, and Rita Way. Not pictured but also bakers/contributors to this very successful event were Kathleen Pablo, Toni Acton, Eleanor Pascale, Martha Powers, and Gay Alper.



Again, thank you for your wonderful support and generosity.

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OLLI Players at the Library



By Michelle Blandburg, OLLI Player and Board Member

OLLI Friends & Players -

The January issue of the *Golden Gazette*, Fairfax County's senior community newspaper, lists the OLLI Players' upcoming performance (at 10:30 on Friday, January 25, 2019, at the City of Fairfax Regional Library) in the Community Calendar. All are invited, since the event is open and free to the public. I hope we will have a good audience turn-out.

I left copies of the illustrated flyer in the Tallwood office. *Please spread the word!*

I hope you have a safe and fun time welcoming in the New Year!

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Reston Book Club Meeting



By Nancy Scheeler and Luci Martel, Book Club Coordinators

The Reston Book Club will have its January meeting on Thursday, January 24, at 2:15 at the United Christian Parish Church in Reston. The book selection is *Less* by Andrew Sean Greer, the 2018 Pulitzer Prize winner for fiction.

The book tells the story of a failed novelist about to turn fifty when a wedding invitation arrives; his former boyfriend of nine years is engaged to someone else. On his desk are invitations to half-baked literary events around the world. To avoid the wedding, he accepts all, thus beginning an adventure to six countries. This novel is a love story, a satire on the American abroad, and a rumination on time and the human heart.

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Volunteer at Wolf Trap

By Randall & Maggie Scott, OLLI Volunteers

Want to be a volunteer usher at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts for summer 2019 (late May to early September), and attend performances for free? We have done this for the last 20 years and love it.

You simply select the one night a week that you choose to usher. You will report 50 minutes before the performance for an usher briefing. You can also miss three of your scheduled dates, plus you get to pick-up "substitute slips" if available for any other nights that you want to attend. And if you don't like the performance you are ushering for, you can leave 10 mins. after intermission. To do this, you only need to attend one training session.

Here is the info from Wolf Trap: "As volunteers, you are well-aware how much we depend on unpaid workers to help us. Please do let your friends, family, and co-workers know that we are actively accepting applications for people interested in becoming National Park Service volunteer ushers at Wolf Trap. Ask them to visit the government website www.volunteer.gov (search for the keyword "Usher") or to contact me if they would like more information: sam_swersky@nps.gov." Mention that we recommended you. You are very likely to be accepted!

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The Tom Swift Squad Needs You!

Interested in technology? Learn with us!



By Paul Howard, Audiovisual Support Committee Chair

OLLI'S Audiovisual Support Committee (a.k.a. The Tom Swift Squad) seeks additional volunteers to help ensure the smooth employment of OLLI's audiovisual resources. Our primary mission is to help instructors, liaisons, and staff with any audiovisual issues that might arise during the classes we attend.

We'll be meeting at 1:00 on Wednesday, January 16 in TA-1. Our activities for this meeting will be a work session; setting up our new wireless mic systems to be used in Tallwood classrooms; and in one of our "Road Show" audio kits, used in our off-site locations.

Please let me know if you're planning to attend or would like to become a "Swiftie," even if you can't attend this meeting. Contact me by email (preferred) or phone (703-860-9246).

For more information on the Audiovisual Support Committee, see its [web page](#).

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Computer Club



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

3rd Saturday, January 19
Routers: What Is It - and Why Do I Need One?
Windows Clipping Tool

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, January 19 at Tallwood. Join us at 12:30 for socializing in the Annex. Program activities begin at 1:00 in TA-1.

What's a Router? Why Do I Want One? - Presented by Gabe Goldberg

The electronic box connected between your internet service provider's (ISP's) wall connection and your home network is almost certainly a router (providing Ethernet ports and WiFi access), or perhaps a router with added capabilities (e.g., modem converting ISP connectivity to Ethernet). This presentation will answer the question posed above and help understand and exploit router features.

Gabe serves as Region-2 Advisor for Association of Personal Computer User Groups in NJ/DE/MD/DC/VA/NC/WV/PA. As a technology writer, editor, and consultant, he's written for many consumer and industry publications and audiences from consumers to computer professionals.

Learn in 30: Windows Snipping Tool – Presented by Henry Winokur

The "Snipping Tool" is in both Win7 and Win10, but the Win10 version is more versatile. The snipping tool is a great way to do screen captures and it's built into Win10. I will demonstrate its features by building a Word doc that has, as Arlo Guthrie sang in "Alice's Restaurant," "8x10 color glossy photos, with circles and arrows on them and a description on the back," but without the description on the back.

Henry Winokur, aka PC .HLP has been in business since 1990. PC .HLP responds to requests for on-site help in the general areas of Montgomery County, MD, Northwest DC, and Fairfax County, VA. Henry is a volunteer teacher on computer topics at the Jewish Council for the Aging's Rockville, Maryland office.

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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Photo of the Month



The December 2018 Photo of the Month theme was open. We selected Stan Schretter's photo "Shadows," 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 Angela Talaber, Photography Club Coordinator

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

Striving for Balance

On one leg
 a seagull stands
 in shifting sands

by breaking waves
 beak pointed
 Into NW winds
 blinking
 that yellow eye
 at me
 as If to say
 easy peasy

On one leg
 I stand
 on a hard floor
 in a still room
 body focused
 on breathing
 blinking
 the mind's eye
 at swaying walls
 as if to say
 easy queasy

Janice Lloyd

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Arts & Music at George Mason

Performances, January 11 through January 28



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

Shen Yun

Thu, Jan 17 – Sat, Jan 19 7:30
 Sat, Jan 19, 2:00
 Sun, Jan 20, 1:00
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$200 to \$80 depending on date and seat.

MOMIX: Opus Cactus

Fri, Jan 25, 8:00
 Cocktails & Conversations: Join MOMIX company members in the lobby after the performance for a Q&A over cocktails.
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$50, \$43, \$30.

Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra: *Benny and Beyond*

Sat, Jan 26, 8:00
 A pre-performance discussion with a member of the company begins 45 minutes prior to the performance.
 Concert Hall
 Admission: \$46, \$39, \$28.

Enchantment Theatre Company: *The Phantom Tollbooth*

Sun, Jan 27, 2:00
 Concert Hall
 Admission: Adults, \$15; children, \$10.

Virginia Dance Coalition: *Emerging and Talented Artists*

Sun, Jan 27, 2:30
 Harris Theatre
 Admission: \$20.00.

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Mason Student & Faculty Performances

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

41st Annual Saxophone Symposium

Fri, Jan 11, and Sat, Jan 12, beginning at 8:00am
 Harris Theatre, deLaski Performing Arts Building, Black Box
 Admission: Free.

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At the Hylton Center (Manassas Campus)

Gallery Exhibit: *Ambry*

Dec 18 - Jan 19
 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery
 The Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00-6:00.

Gallery Exhibit: *8th Annual Prince William County Public Schools Student Exhibition*

January 22 – March 9
 Gallery Reception: Sat, Jan 26, 3:00
 Gallery receptions are free and open to the public. Please RSVP to smeyer3@gmu.edu.
 Buchanan Partners Art Gallery
 The Buchanan Partners Art Gallery is open to the public Tue-Sat, 10:00-6:00.

We Shall Overcome, A Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sun, Jan 20, 3:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: \$44, \$37, \$26.

Enchantment Theatre Company: *The Phantom Tollbooth*

Sat, Jan 26, 2:00 and 4:00
 Merchant Hall
 Admission: Adults, \$15; children, \$10.

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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 Jan 12	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
Mon Jan 14	10:00am	OLLI Players-TA-3
Wed Jan 16	10:00am	Bridge Club-TA-3
	10:00am	Mah Jongg Club-TA-2
	10:30am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum-TA-1
	1:00pm	Audio Visual Committee-TA-1
Fri Jan 18	9:15am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Crafts and Conversation-Annex
	10:00am	Board of Directors Meeting-TA-1
	11:00am	Homer, etc.-Annex
Sat Jan 19	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3
	1:00pm	Personal Computer User Group-TA-1
Wed Jan 23	11:50am	Tom Crooker Investment Forum-TA-1
	1:45pm	Bridge Club-TA-3
	9:40am	Spanish Club-TA-2
Thu Jan 24	2:15pm	Reston Book Club-UCP Room 117
Fri Jan 25	9:15am	Recorder Consort-TA-3
	9:30am	Crafts and Conversation-TA-2
	10:00am	Grab 'n' Gab Coffee Klatch-Annex
	10:00am	Theatre Lovers Group-Fairfax-TA-1
	11:00am	Homer, etc.-Annex
	11:00am	Classic Literature Club-TA-2
Sat Jan 26	12:00noon	Photography Club-TA-3
	10:30am	Tai Chi Club-TA-3

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About OLLI E-News

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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:oll.gmu.edu/" without the quotes.

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