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FLASH

> **TODAY: NEW MEMBER COFFEE**, 10:30, Tallwood Annex, for new and current members.

REMINDER

> **CLOSED SPRING COURSES**. See [latest list](#). You may still [sign up](#) for other courses.

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TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE

The next mini town meeting



By Debbie Halverson, President

THERE'S NO PRICE; the headline is just an attention grabber. Everyone loves a bargain.

On Fri, Apr 13, from noon to 1:30 at Tallwood, we will have our final mini town meeting of the spring season. The bonus is that if you come early, from 10:00 to noon, you can enjoy a presentation of the photography and poetry that our talented member Jack Underhill will be offering; there'll be entertainment as well. *[details below --Ed.]*

When that concludes, our town meeting will begin in TA-1 to discuss what I believe is of interest to everyone, the social aspect of OLLI.

Whenever we have a luncheon, such as the recent one at Baimian's that drew over 50 people, we knew that you were drawn as much by the idea of getting together with friends as the enjoyment of Afghani food. We know that our members love social gatherings, large or small.

Because we have become a larger organization than in the past, sometimes we fear that we've lost our sense of togetherness and while understandable, it is still regrettable. This town meeting will focus on ways we can put together some programs that will gather us up, possibly into small groups, but in an organized way. Perhaps some of you have ideas already about how we can do this.

Do come, see some really beautiful pictures and then, let's sit down and socialize about socializing. You can bring along your ham and cheese sandwich, or whatever.

OPENING RECEPTION FOR SOCIAL ROOM ANNEX EXHIBIT



On Fri, Apr 13, from 10:00 to 12:00 noon, Jack Underhill will host an opening reception for his exhibit: "I Saw the Face of God in the Waters: God, Man and Nature in Photographs, Poetry, Art, and Bas Reliefs."

The reception will be in the social room annex. The theme is that spirit is found through the natural world. He will read a few of his poems on this theme, and two of the poems that have been put to music will be sung by Margaret Vaughn, soprano.

All are invited.

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THE GREATEST GENERATION

Sixth in our WW II veterans series



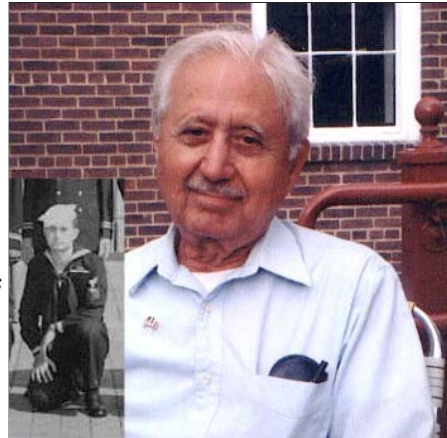
By Barbara Kyriakakis, OLLI E-News assistant editor

In 1941 JOE FULTON ENLISTED IN THE NAVY, taking basic training at the Norfolk Virginia Naval Air Station and rising to Aerographer's

Mate First Class during his four-year tour of duty. For those who don't know, aerography is Navy jargon for meteorology. He and his squadron were shipped to Pearl Harbor in Jan 1942, one month after its bombing.

Joe saw action on the USS *Bismarck Sea* (CVE-95), a light aircraft carrier patrolling in the Pacific. His main jobs were to advise the ship's aircraft pilots of weather conditions aloft and to make sure the ship did not sail into a typhoon. In Nov 1944 he was transferred from the ship to the Naval Air Station on Manus Island near New Guinea. Three months later in Feb 1945 during the American assault on Iwo Jima, the Japanese sank *Bismarck Sea*. Two kamikaze planes slammed into the ship killing all of the sailors at Joe's former battle station.

The sinking of *Bismarck Sea* is written up in the recent book, *Flags of Our Fathers*. Joe considers his transfer from that ship the luckiest break of his life, especially at family gatherings when he scans the room with his children and



grandchildren and realizes, but for that transfer, the room would be empty.

Finding his knowledge of physics and his spatial intelligence limited and not conducive to his enjoying a career in weather and atmospheric conditions, Joe decided not to specialize in meteorology after the war. He looked elsewhere to fulfill his professional ambitions deciding on a career in economics. He attended New York University Graduate School of Arts and Science and majored in Economics and International Relations. His life as an economist with the Federal Government spanned 31 years.

Joe has been a member of OLLI since 1998. He maintains that there is a similarity between economists and meteorologists: they are both "always wrong but never in doubt."

(Collage above shows Joe during World War II and now.)

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GIVE, AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE

The volunteer-appreciation luncheon



By Elizabeth Crawford, OLLI E-News staff writer

AT A MAR 23 LUNCHEON at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pat Cosslett suggested that the OLLI volunteers prove the truth of a statement by Winston Churchill: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." The attendees have long known that service is its own reward and the key to more friends and more fun at OLLI. However, a celebration in their honor was a welcome treat.

The Board of Directors prepared the lunch, and President Debbie Halverson commended the volunteers' generosity of spirit and pointed out how much higher the dues would be if OLLI had to pay staff to do all that the volunteers do. She gave each volunteer a personal note of thanks, a limited-edition bookmark designed by OLLI instructor Leonard Justinian, and a new nametag.

Valerie Braybrooke is the force behind the Nametag Beautification Project. A while back, she determined that her gardeners might have dirty knees, but they would have the best looking, individually designed, floral nametags. Jealousy abounded, and she was asked to design nametags for other volunteers. A small committee known as Manny and the Pasties assembled (pasted) the new nametags, which proclaim the volunteers' areas of service:

- **YELLOW -- Membership**

- **GREEN -- Special events**
- **ORANGE -- Liaisons**
- **RED -- Publications**
- **DARK BLUE -- Office helpers**
- **LIGHT BLUE -- Programs**
- **PINK -- Hospitality**
- **LAVENDER -- Miscellaneous**

During the luncheon, Jan Bohall and Michael Coyne were especially recognized -- Jan for her work on the catalog and Michael for his work on the Website and solving OLLI technical problems. Readers' Theater actors Charles Duggan, Eileen Duggan, Susanne Zumbro, and Gordon Canyock provided postprandial entertainment with two short comedies, "Fear of Flying" and "Welcome to Acceptance."

To anyone who would like a more distinctive nametag and, most important, greater involvement with a superb group of people: email Debbie and offer to volunteer.

FANCY BADGES ADORN OUR VOLUNTEERS

More about badges and bookmarks

By Debbie Halverson, President



AT LAST WEEK'S VOLUNTEER-APPRECIATION LUNCHEON,

volunteers were given a package that included two items of particular interest: a new flashy badge and a specially designed bookmark.

Packages for those volunteers who were unable to attend can be picked up at the office at Tallwood, and Reston members will receive theirs at Lake Anne. Be sure also to ask for an OLLI-Vol lanyard if you don't already have one.

The new badges were created in various colors, each color to designate what committee that member serves on. So you will see red, yellow, orange, blue, green and lavender badges with various decorations affixed.

The bookmark was especially designed for OLLI by Leonard Justinian who taught the beginner watercolor class in the winter term. This is a limited-edition bookmark and is numbered on the back. The artwork shows hot air balloons rising above a rural scene and the wording reads, "Your Service Elevates

OLLI." This is a keepsake item that also has practical intent because OLLI members are a literate bunch and love their books.

Mark it well: we love our volunteers!

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FRIENDS OF OLLI HONOR ROLL

New poster honoring 2006 Friends of OLLI



THE NEXT TIME THAT YOU ARE IN THE SOCIAL ROOM at Tallwood or at

the coffee area in the Lake Anne church, take a look at the updated version of our Friends of OLLI poster that honors the 2006 contributors to Friends of OLLI.

The poster, originally designed by the late Tom Suzuki, an OLLI member and talented artist, was updated by Tom's friend and designer colleague, Stephanie Firestone. The names of all the OLLI members and friends who made donations during the calendar year are listed (unless they wished to remain anonymous) along with a collage of Tallwood and Reston scenes.

We are grateful to Stephanie for lending her talents to permit us to retain Tom's original design, and we thank all of our 2006 contributors for their generosity and support.

(Photo above by Gordon Canyock shows Development Committee chair Eileen Duggan with the new poster)

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EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS

Comments, questions or suggestions about OLLI? Here's how to express your views--

- **Privately--**
 - Contact any [Board member](#) or the [Executive Director](#);
 - Send an email to the entire Board (email the [editor](#) or the [office](#) to have your message forwarded to all members of the Board);
 - Submit a suggestion [online](#) or in the box in the Tallwood social room or on one of the "parking lots for ideas" in classrooms; or
 - Contact the office by [email](#) or phone (703-503-3384).
- **Publicly** (if you would like your comments to be seen by other members, including the Board, and the Executive Director): [Email](#) a "Letter to the Editor" or a "Letter to Ms. Ollie Ettakit" for publication in *OLLI E-News*.

TRIP TALES WANTED

Share your travel experience with other OLLI members



By Virinda Snyder, Trip Tales coordinator

OLLI MEMBERS ENJOY TRAVELING AROUND THE WORLD and coming

back to share these experiences with others.

Trip Tales have been successful events! Recently we traveled to Russia, Antarctica, China, Africa, South America and Ireland. We are now looking for recent travelers who would like to make trip-tales presentations in the fall term.

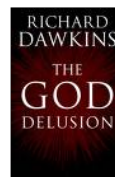
Please contact me at 703-339-5748 to volunteer. We look forward to hearing about your trips.

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HISTORY CLUB

Features Talk on The God Delusion at Tallwood

HISTORY CLUB MEETS WED AT 2:00



The next History Club meeting at OLLI will be on Wed, Apr 4, at 2:00. Adrian Pelzner will lead a discussion of Richard Dawkins' challenging and not always polite look at religion—fundamentalist monotheism—that he feels closes people's minds to scientific truth, oppresses women and psychologically abuses children with the notion of eternal damnation. In [The God Delusion](#), Dawkins argues that natural selection and similar scientific theories are the appropriate ways to explain the living world.

Also Bob Bohall will briefly review books by Karen Armstrong, Robin Lane Fox, Donna Rosenberg and Roy Willis on their treatment of mythology, history, cultural evolution and developments in religion.

All are welcome! For more information, see the [History Club newsletter](#) (pdf).

Contributed by History Club coordinator Bob Bohall

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COMING EVENTS AT THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Something for everyone at nearby Mason, Mar 30-Apr 7



By Jan Bohall, OLLI E-News staff writer

For tickets, call 888-945-2468 (phone orders are handled by tickets.com) or visit the [Center for the Arts](#) Box Office, Tue–Sat, 10:00–6:00.

GMU Dance Company Spring Concert

Fri, Mar 30–Sat, Mar 31, 8:00
 Admission: \$10 seniors/students, \$15 adults
 Harris Theater

Virginia Opera
[Cavalleria Rusticana/ I Pagliacci](#)



Virginia Opera's season concludes with Cav/Pag, the first by Pietro Mascagni, the second by Ruggerio Leoncavallo. Both are in the Italian verismo or naturalist style, exuberant and dramatic, poignant and lyrical. Sung in Italian with English supertitles.

Fri, Mar 30, 8:00
 Sun, Apr 1, 2:00
 Admission: Fri, \$86, \$72, \$44
 Sun, \$90, \$76, \$48 (**Note: this performance is an OLLI Special Event; see page 25, Spring Catalog**)
 Concert Hall
 Come 45 minutes early to each performance for an artistic discussion in the Grand Foyer Lobby.
 A wine and cheese tasting will be offered on Fri, Mar 30, at 6:30 in the lobby of the CFA building.

GMU Music April Fool's Day Concert

Sun, Apr 1, 7:00
 Admission: Free
 Harris Theater

Cherryholmes



She draws inspiration from the traditional founders of bluegrass, the Stanley Brothers, Bill Monroe and Hazel Dickens, but continues to thrill audiences coast to coast with a distinctive style. She was named International Bluegrass Music Association's Entertainer of the Year in 2005, and the tight-knit family band's new CD received a GRAMMY nomination for Best Bluegrass Album.

Sat, Apr 7, 8:00
 Admission: \$44, \$36, \$22
 Family Friendly: Children 12 and under half price, with an adult
 Concert Hall
 Come early at 7:15 for an artistic discussion in the Grand Tier Lobby.

GMU University Chorale
 Sat, Apr 7, 8:00
 Admission: Seniors/students \$7,

Adults \$10
 Harris Theater

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MASON HIGHLIGHTS

A brief listing of other events at nearby Mason



By Barbara Kyriakakis, OLLI E-News assistant editor

- [Astronomy Observing Session](#) on Thu, Apr 5, 8:30 pm, in the Mason Observatory, Research I. The 12-inch computer-controlled Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope provides good views of the sky. All are invited to hear Dr. Joe Weingartner give his presentation at 7:00 to the Physics and Astronomy Club in Room 163, Research I, before the observing session.
- [Mason's 11th Annual Victims' Rights 5K Run and Walk](#) - Coordinated by the University Police, Sexual Assault Services, Army ROTC, Intercollegiate Athletics and Patriot Club, the **11th Annual Victims' Rights 5K Run/Walk** will be held on Wed, Apr 25, starting at the Center for the Arts. Open to the public, the race begins at noon. Registration begins at 11:00.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Non-class events at OLLI for the next two weeks

The following list covering the next two weeks is extracted for your convenience from the more complete [OLLI Staff Forecast of Non-Class Events](#). *Board, committee, resource-group and 'membership-type' meetings/events are highlighted in bold. OLLI members are welcome at all Board, committee and resource-group meetings (except executive sessions).*

MAR				
30	Friday	9:30 AM	Drama Club	TA-3
		10:00 AM	112 Recorder Workshop	TA-2
		10:00 AM	Special Event A: Supreme Court Bus Trip	Fair Oaks Mall
			Park Lot 44	
		10:30 AM	New Member Coffee	Annex

- 1:00 PM Spec Event : Deaf Culture (Make-up from Winter Term) TA-1
 1:30 PM Homer Book Club Annex
- APR
- 1 Sunday 2:00 PM Spec Event B: Operas Cavalleria Rusticana + I Pagliacci GMU CFA
- 2 Monday 2:00 PM Lake Anne Bridge Club Lake Anne
- 3 Tuesday 8:15 AM Walking Club Lake Anne Church
- 4 **Wednesday 1:30 PM Spec Events Resource Group Mtg TA-2**
 1:30 PM Bridge Club TA-3
 2:00 PM History Club TA-1
- 6 Friday 9:30 AM Drama Club TA-3
 10:00 AM 112 Recorder Workshop TA-2
 11:00 AM Fiction Writers' Club Annex
 11:30 AM Recorder Group TA-2
 1:30 PM Homer Book Club Annex
- 11 Wednesday 1:30 PM Book Club of Tallwood TA-2
 1:30 PM Bridge Club TA-3
 2:00 PM Spec Event C: George Washington TA-1
 2:30 PM Sign Language Club Annex
- 13 Friday 9:30 AM Drama Club TA-3
 10:00 AM 112 Recorder Workshop TA-2
 10:00 AM Presentation of Photos and Poems by Jack Underhill Annex
 11:30 AM Recorder Group TA-2
12:00 Noon Mini Town Hall Meeting - Bring Your Lunch! TA-1
 1:30 PM Homer Book Club Annex

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