



# OLLI E-News

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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University



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## ALERTS

- > **SUMMER-TERM REGISTRATION STARTS MON, MAY 19:** 8:30 am at the online [Registration Portal](#) and from 10:00 am to 12 noon walk-in at Tallwood.
- > **LOUDOUN SUMMER CATALOG NOW ONLINE.** Click [here to see the pdf catalog](#).
- > **SUMMER LOUDOUN SPECIAL.** OLLI Loudoun participants will have the opportunity to also attend classes in Reston if they take advantage of a special summer package deal: \$175 for unlimited courses at Loudoun AND Reston this summer (as space is available). The \$175 would be applied to a full membership of \$350 for those joining OLLI in the fall 2008 term.
- > **SUMMER COURSE TIME CHANGE.** Course #61, Introduction to the Alexander Technique, on Thu, Jul 17, at Reston has been rescheduled from 1:00 to 10:00. See [Portal listing](#).

## REMINDER

**RESTON SILENT AUCTION AND PICNIC:** Wed, May 21, 4:00-7:00 at the home of Alice and Al Roe in Vienna. Register with Alice Roe via phone or email. All members welcome. [More](#).

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## TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN!

*From the executive director*



By [Thom Clement](#), Executive Director

**IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THE SPRING 2008 TERM** at Tallwood and Reston is coming to a close. With 63 courses and 15 special events, most of you found it challenging to make choices among the outstanding program offerings. Many, many thanks to the instructors, speakers, and committees who put together such a wonderful program. The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well in OLLI, but we know that we need to be vigilant to maintain our high quality and meet the challenges of changes in membership and multiple locations.

If you are a volunteer at OLLI, you know how your contribution enriches the experience not only for yourself but for everyone else. Consider the joy brought to people when we witness the burst of life in the "OLLIwood" gardens at Tallwood! How about the satisfaction of seeing the outstanding Web site and *OLLI E-News* that is brought to us by our member volunteers? And I hope you were able to enjoy the Silent Auction and cookout/picnic on May 2 brought to you as a result of many volunteer hours. I know that each of the people who contributed to OLLI in these ways felt energized by their involvement.

Time certainly does fly when you're having fun, and we are enjoying the ride!

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## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*Report on the 15th annual meeting*



By [Susanne Zumbro](#), Secretary

**THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING** of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University began at 10:00 at Tallwood on Fri, Jun 13, and was attended by more than 70 members.

President Pat Carroll welcomed members and thanked them for coming to the meeting. He further thanked the current Board members for their service and pointed out the four members who are currently leaving the Board: Abbie Edwards, Carol Henderson, Bruce Reinhart, and Susanne Zumbro. Pat also thanked Bob Bohall, Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Pat mentioned the following in discussing some of OLLI's major accomplishments this past year:

- New five-year affiliation agreement with Mason was signed.
- New five-year parking agreement for the pool parking lot was signed.
- Loudoun campus pilot program was started.
- Thom Clement was hired as our executive director.
- Thom and Pat represented OLLI-Mason at the National Osher Conference.

Thom Clement presented the Executive Director's report. OLLI currently has 763 members and offers 250 courses annually. We face many challenges including:

- Growing to 1000 members
- Multiple locations
- Facility needs
- Parking needs
- Technology for classrooms and administration

Nominating Committee Chair Bob Bohall thanked the committee members. Each of the Board candidates (Bob Persell, Ben Gold, Kathie West, Jack Underhill, Kathleen Meyer, David Mason, Manuel Pablo) provided brief remarks.

After questions and comments from the floor, the annual meeting was adjourned at 11:40, and the OLLI picnic began. The weather was perfect, and a good time was had by all!

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## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE VOTE?

*From ballots to board members*



By Bob Bohall, Nominating Committee Chair

**TODAY MARKS NOT ONLY THE END OF THE OLLI SPRING TERM** but also the close of the voting period for our new Board candidates. So what happens next?

When voting ends at noon, the election ballots will be secured at the Tallwood office. The Nominating Committee will meet and count the ballots on May 19. A check will be made as envelopes are opened to ensure all ballots were submitted properly and that no ballot contains more than six names. Ballots will then be counted based on the letter preceding the name voted for and entered onto tally sheets utilizing a caller, a recorder and a careful procedure to ensure accuracy. The winning nominees will then be confirmed and certified by a second count. This process takes time and will involve all the members of the committee.

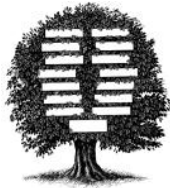
The nominees will be informed privately whether they have won or lost. The Nominating Committee chair will then contact the OLLI president and advise him of the winners' names listed in alphabetical order. The president, in turn, will release the list to the membership.

The new Board members-elect will commence their term when the Board meets on Fri, Jun 13. During the four-week interval between the close of the election and the first meeting of the new Board, the Nominating Committee will canvas Board members regarding their willingness to run for an officer position. Once this information is collected, the Committee will prepare separate ballots listing the names of the candidates for each officer position and will present them to the Board at the June 13 meeting. Following brief speeches by the candidates, the Board will vote by secret ballot for each officer separately, beginning with the president, followed by the vice president, treasurer and secretary in that order.

The June 13 meeting of the Board of Directors is a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board and is open to all OLLI members. We encourage you to attend.

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**SPECIAL GENEALOGY CLUB MEETING**



**THE GENEALOGY CLUB IS HAVING A SPECIAL MEETING** at 10:00 on Wed, May 21, at Tallwood. Three professional genealogists will discuss various problems (referred to as "Brick Walls" in the jargon) submitted by our members. This meeting might be of interest to other OLLI members who either do genealogy or are thinking of it. The panel members are outstanding teachers in their own right. All OLLI members are welcome.

*Submitted by club coordinator Nick Cirillo.*

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**DEPARTMENTS**

**OLLI'S SPECIAL FORCES**

*Profile of Kathryn Russell, Program Committee Chair*



By Elizabeth Crawford, *OLLI E-News Staff Writer*

**PREVIOUS ISSUES OF OLLI E-NEWS HAVE PRESENTED**

**PROFILES** of the Resource Group chairs who work to provide a fine selection of courses in their various areas such as art, science, or current events. If the Resource Group chairs may be considered the Colonels of Curriculum at OLLI, Kathryn is certainly the General.

After serving as Literature Resource Group chair for several years, in the fall of 2005 Kathryn was appointed to chair the Program Review Committee, which consists of three present or former Board members who set policy and oversee the academic program to ensure quality and balance. At that time the OLLI program was coordinated by a staff member, Carol Ferrara, with Board members in an advisory position. Under Kathryn's leadership, the Resource Group chairs,



many of whom are also present or former Board members as well, began to take a more active role, bringing our program to its current size of 250 courses/year at three locations.

Even though Kathryn's two terms (six years) on the Board ended last year, she now serves as a member of the Program Review Committee mentioned above and also as Chair of the Program Committee, which includes Executive Director Thom Clement, all of the Resource Group Chairs and Co-Chairs, and Program Assistant Rae Schafer. At their meetings, they discuss and decide upon current and future courses in the various disciplines and related issues such as recruitment of instructors, use of surveys, and development of the Loudoun program.

After teaching literature in Fairfax County high schools for 21 years, Kathryn joined OLLI in the fall of 1997. She was asked to teach a course on *Hamlet* in the spring of 1998 and has been teaching Shakespeare and other literature courses ever since. Responding to members' requests for more small classes, last fall Kathryn introduced the concept of study groups and, with Brenda Cheadle, led one on complex reading skills during the winter session. This term Kathryn and Jane Tombes are leading a study group on American poetry, and other instructors are currently using the study group model in courses they offer in Reston and Loudoun.

Of the many positions Kathryn has filled at OLLI, one she especially enjoys is leading, with Ceda McGrew, the OLLI Book Club. Outside of OLLI, Kathryn is happily involved with her two children and four grandchildren, who live in the area.

*Photo of Kathryn by Michael Coyne.*

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 **EYE ON RESTON**

*Future plans for Reston*



By Sharon Gilman, *OLLI E-News Staff Writer*



OLLI member and Reston founder Bob Simon with his statue at Lake Anne Plaza.

*Photo by Stan Schretter.*

**TWO OF OLLI'S GOALS IN RESTON** are to have OLLI become better known within the Reston community and for OLLI members to become aware of what the Reston community offers to our membership.

We have been in conversation with the Reston Museum and plan to have the museum participate this fall in one of our programs at Lake Anne. We are also involved with the Reston/Oakton Libraries to determine how they can support our Literature, Language and Theater Resource Group. In addition we will be working with the Greater Reston Art Center to learn how the center can participate in our Lake Anne programs.

As OLLI becomes more integrated into the Reston community, more diverse and interesting programs will become available. This will also lead to obtaining more of our neighbors as OLLI members, a win-win situation.

## CENTER FOR THE ARTS

*Arts and music events at Mason,  
May 16-25*



By Jan Bohall, *OLLI E-News* Staff Writer

**FOR TICKETS**, call 1-888-945-2468 (phone orders are handled by [tickets.com](http://tickets.com)) or visit the Center for the Arts Box Office, Tue-Sat, 10:00-6:00. More info on tickets at the [CFA tickets page](#).



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### *An Evening with Gerald Albright*

A versatile jazz artist, Mr. Albright is considered one of the best saxophone players performing today. His repertoire includes contemporary and straight-out jazz, funk and Christian music. He is known for his swiftness on stage, and his unique round sound, percussive yet soulful. He has sold more than one million albums in the U.S. alone, has been part of television jazz segments on BET and has made albums with Olivia Newton-John and the Temptations. He was one of ten featured saxophonists who performed at President Clinton's inauguration.

Sat, May 24, at 8:00

Admission: \$66

Concert Hall

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## MASON HIGHLIGHTS

*Other Mason events*



By Barbara Kyriakakis, *OLLI E-News* Staff Writer

• **Lecture** - "An Inside Look at the New USDOT: Transportation Policymaking in the 21st Century," sponsored by Transportation Policy, Operations & Logistics Program, and Young Professionals in Transportation. Mon, May 19, 6:00 to 7:30, 251 Original Building, Arlington. Free.

- [Mercatus Center Brown Bag Lecture](#) - "Freedom from Want: American Liberalism and the Global Economy" by Ed Gresser, Director of the Trade and Global Markets Project at the Progressive Policy Institute. Wed, May 21, 12:30-2:00, in the Mercatus Center Board Room, George Mason University, 3301 North Fairfax Drive, 4th Floor, Arlington, VA. Open to the public.

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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 master calendar maintained by the office (see the [Forecast of Non-Class Events](#) to view the actual OLLI online calendar used by the office). *Note: Board, committee, resource-group and 'membership-type' meetings/events below are **highlighted in bold**. OLLI members are welcome at all Board, committee and resource-group meetings (except during executive sessions).*

Friday May 16 SPRING TERM Ends  
 9:30am Drama Club - TA-3  
 9:30am 965-Spec Event-Chancellorsville-Part II - Bus Trip-Fair Oaks  
 10am Italian Club - TA-Annex  
 10am Recorder Group - TA-2  
 12noon Ballots due at Lake Anne or Tallwood office for Board of Directors election  
 1:30pm Homer, Etc. Book Club - TA-Annex  
**Monday May 19 SUMMER TERM Registration Begins**  
 Tuesday May 20 9:30 Class 401 Makeup Class  
 Wednesday May 21 10am Genealogy Club - Tallwood  
 10am Investment Forum - TA-1  
 10am Bridge Club - TA-3  
**4pm Reston Silent Auction and Picnic**  
 Friday May 23 9:30am Drama Club - TA-3  
 9:30am Photography Club - TA-1  
 10am Recorder Group - TA-2  
 10am Homer, Etc. Book Club - TA-Annex  
**Wednesday May 28 SUMMER TERM Registration Ends**  
 10am Investment Forum - TA-1  
 10am Bridge Club - TA-3  
 Friday May 30 9:30am Drama Club - TA-3  
 10am Recorder Group - TA-2

10am Homer, Etc. Book Club - TA-Annex

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Editor



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**About OLLI E-News.** *OLLI E-News*, OLLI's weekly newsletter, is emailed to OLLI members with email addresses on Fridays. When classes are in session, printed copies of this newsletter are distributed in classrooms, primarily for members without email. Comments, suggestions or complaints? Please contact Editor [Rod Zumbro](#) or Communications Committee Chair [Gordon Canyock](#).

**Submissions.** We encourage members to submit news items, articles and photos for this newsletter; deadline to the editor is 7:00 PM Wed (Mon for letters to the editor for which an OLLI response is appropriate) for that week's issue. Please limit articles to about 250 words. Submit material to Editor Rod Zumbro (email [rzumbro@gmu.edu](mailto:rzumbro@gmu.edu), phone 703-569-2750); email strongly preferred.

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