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- > **OLLI HISTORY CLUB.** The club's latest [newsletter \(pdf\)](#) is available online.
- > **OLLI COMPUTER CLUB.** Meets Sat, Jan 17, 12:30-3:30, TA-1. All invited. [More info.](#)

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A REPORT TO BE PROUD OF, PART 1

From the executive director



By [Thom Clement](#), Executive Director

THIS WEEK I SUBMITTED OUR 2008 ANNUAL ENDOWMENT REPORT to the Bernard Osher Foundation. One of the benefits of producing reports is that the process forces you to pause, reflect, and appreciate what has been accomplished. Beginning this week, I will provide segments of the report so that you can share in my pride of our accomplishments. Following is the first installment.

2008 COURSES, LECTURES AND OTHER PROGRAM OFFERINGS

OLLI-Mason annually offers 26 weeks of courses spread over four terms: winter (four weeks); spring (eight weeks), summer (six weeks), and fall (eight weeks). Courses are offered in three permanent locations in Northern Virginia: Fairfax (the Tallwood campus proximate to George Mason University's main campus), Reston (Lake Anne Plaza); and the Mason campus in Loudoun County. Additionally, large enrollment classes are held at two off-site local church facilities on a rental basis. During 2008, we entered into a partnership with a local retirement community to utilize their facilities for two classes.

The enclosed catalogs contain a complete listing of 228 course offerings, 93 special events, 12 continuously-active clubs and other activities for the 2008 terms.

Fifty-seven George Mason University faculty, including the University Provost, served as instructors or speakers at one or more of our courses during 2008. A complete listing is below. No honoraria are paid for these services. In fact, once faculty has served as instructors/speakers, they are eager to return, given the quality of the OLLI-Mason student.

<p><i>Center for Applied Proteomics and Molecular Medicine</i> Dr. Lance Liotta Dr. Emanuel Petricoin</p> <p><i>Center for Climate Change Communication</i> Dr. Ed Maibach</p> <p><i>Center for Global Education</i> Mr. Kevin Stoy</p> <p><i>College of Health and</i></p>	<p><i>Department of Environmental Science and Policy</i> Dr. Susan Crate Prof. Jim Lawrey Dr. Carol Litchfield Prof. Larry Rockwood</p> <p><i>Department of Geography and Geoinformation Sciences</i> Dr. Burl Self</p> <p><i>Department of History & Art</i></p>	<p><i>Department of Physics and Astronomy</i> Prof. Harold Geller Dr. Robert Oerter</p> <p><i>Department of Public and International Affairs</i> Dr. Hazel McFerson Ms. Lenna Storm</p> <p><i>Institute for Conflict Analysis</i></p>
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2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Seeking nominations



By Bob Lawshe, Nominating Committee Chair

I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS have volunteered to join me on the 2009 OLLI Nominating Committee – Susanne Zumbro, John West, Ted Parker, Rosemary McDonald, and Gordon Canyock. The committee is tasked to develop a slate of 9–12 candidates to fill six vacancies on the OLLI Board of Directors and to manage the 2009 election of candidates to the Board. These vacancies are caused by the expiration of the terms of the following Board members – Valerie Braybrooke, Gordon Canyock, Pat Carroll, RoseMary Gustin, David Mason, and Rod Zumbro.

NOMINATE NOW!

We invite each of you to submit to the committee the name(s) of any OLLI member(s) who you believe would be an outstanding candidate to serve on the OLLI Board of Directors. Any member can be recommended as a potential candidate. The main criterion is that persons recommended should have demonstrated an active commitment to OLLI. It is not, of course, impolite to recommend yourself.

The Nominating Committee will review all recommendations and attempt to develop the best possible slate of candidates. Therefore, you are encouraged to submit more, rather than fewer, names for consideration.

As you know, Board members can make a positive and lasting impact on the operation and future direction of the Institute. We urge you to give this important task serious consideration, and we look forward to receiving your recommendations for candidates for the 2009 OLLI Elections.

You can submit your recommendation to any member of the committee. Email is preferred. Please try to submit them by Fri, Jan 30.

Thank you for your cooperation.

BOARD QUALIFICATIONS/STANDARDS

When considering possible candidates please keep in mind that candidates should have demonstrated or expressed the following qualifications and standards:

1. An active interest in the Institute in one or more of the following areas: (a) Teacher, moderator or coordinator of a course or event; (b) Committee member; or (c) Other volunteer work;
2. The ability to communicate and express ideas verbally and in writing, and the ability to access and use email, email attachments and Web sites on a regular basis;
3. Willingness to contribute energy, ideas and time in support of the Institute;
4. Willingness to assume an active role in the governance of the Institute, over and above policy making on the Board, in areas such as Institute officer or committee chair or active committee member; and
5. Willingness to assume the responsibilities expected of any nonprofit board: (a) Determine mission and purposes; (b) Select, support and evaluate performance of executive director; (c) Ensure effective organizational planning; (d) Ensure adequate resources and financial responsibility; (e) Determine, monitor and strengthen programs; (f) Enhance organization's public standing; (g) Ensure legal and ethical integrity and maintain accountability; and (h) Recruit and orient new board members and assess board performance.

Editor's Note. Here's a link to some light reading, possibly for Board candidates and other OLLI members with too much time on their hands: the Board's Procedures and Guidelines for the Nominating Committee, a modest 15-page [pdf document](#).

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OH, COME ON! LET ME CALL YOU SWEETHEART!

OLLI Valentine's Day Party



By Debbie Halverson, Membership Committee Chair



YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE! We're celebrating a day when folks remember those we love and care about, and that certainly includes our OLLI friends.

On Fri, Feb 13, at 1:00 you are welcome to a Valentine's Day party at Tallwood. There you will be creating your own ice cream sundaes with three kinds of ice cream and all sorts of toppings. The entertainment will come from your own member OLLI-ites who will perform for you.

Now I can't guarantee the quality of those performances because we are opening up the program for all sorts of skills: maybe we'll have some jugglers, or puppet handlers; maybe someone will do a stand-up comedy act or a yo-yo act (yo-yo "walk the dog" is the only animal act

allowed). Of course, we expect to have warblers and instrumentalists and short drama skits, and I'm counting on our recorder people to offer an act. A poetic recitation would be nice and even an easy soft shoe. We don't call it a talent show because talent is in the eye and ear of the beholder, and we promise not to pull off any acts with the hook or sound of a gong. This Variety Show is going to be great!

You will need to respond to this invitation very soon, especially the invitation to perform. We ask that the presentation, whatever it is, be kept to no longer than five minutes (it can be shorter), and we will want to know by Fri, Jan 30. Contact either me or Kathie West.

If you plan to attend, please don't leave your RSVP to the last minute. Contact the office now or no later than Fri, Feb 6, so we can be prepared with the right amount of ice cream and beverages.

Doesn't matter how cold it gets outside; we'll warm it up with fun and friendship. Hugs all around!

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CLOSED WINTER COURSES

Most courses are still open



By [Maria Buczek](#), OLLI Registrar

YOU SHOULD SOON RECEIVE YOUR CONFIRMATION LETTER showing the courses in which you have been enrolled. Most courses are not full, and it's not too late to sign up ... preferably online (see note below) or otherwise by filling in a Change of Schedule Request form in the office or by [emailing](#) the office with your request.

Here is the list of closed courses and events for the winter term. All other courses are still available for you to sign up.

CLOSED WINTER COURSES AND EVENTS

Fairfax Courses

F101 – Beginning Ballroom Dance
 F202 – International Trade and National Security
 F302 – American Social and Cultural History to 1865

F704 – Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Oil and Islam
 F705 – Walls in the Age of Globalization

Loudoun Courses

L905 – Learn to Play Mah Jongg

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| F303 – Royalist Virginia Becomes Revolutionary Virginia | L907 – Introduction to the Alexander Technique |
| F304 – National Park Ranger Potpourri | F901 – Contemporary Bridge Bidding |
| F305 – Famous Trials | Reston Courses |
| F401 – A Close Reading of <i>The Oresteia</i> by Aeschylus | R307 – "I Was There" |
| F407 – Japanese Poetry for a Little Sartori | R308 – Nomads in History |
| F701 – What's in the Daily News | R410 – Literary Roundtable |
| F702 – American Imperialism: Past, Present and Future | R706 – All the News |
| F703 – Why Intelligence Failures Occur | Special Events |
| | 952 – Holocaust Museum Tour |
| | 954 – Pompeii Bus Trip |
| | 955 – Rabbi Bruce Aft: From <i>The Bucket List</i> to <i>The Last Lecture</i> |

Note: You are encouraged to add or withdraw from courses using the online registration system at the [OLLI Registration Portal](#); after logging in, click the Courses menu and select Withdraw. You may also update your personal data, address, phone number or email through the system.

You must first create a user account before attempting changes. Please contact the staff by [email](#) or phone (703-503-3384) for assistance in setting up your user account ... or go to the [Registration Portal](#) and click the Tutorial (see cursor arrow in the below image) to view a step-by-step, easy-to-understand explanation.



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PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Selected by the OLLI Photography Club



"A Capital Christmas" by Don Allen

THE ORIGINAL PHOTO MAY BE VIEWED on [this page](#) of the Photography Club's [Web site](#).

PLEASE WELCOME NEWEST OLLI STAFF MEMBER

Loudoun Site Assistant Kathy Breen



Kathy Breen; photo by Gordon Canyock.

KATHY BREEN IS JOINING OLLI AS THE SITE ASSISTANT for our Loudoun location. Her job responsibilities will include setup for classes each day, responding to requests from members and instructors, and coordinating communication for OLLI/Loudoun.

Kathy grew up in Connecticut and attended Burdett College in Boston. Her family moved to Northern Virginia in the late 1960's. After family moves to Tehran, California, and Paris, she moved back to Sterling in 1982, and then to Ashburn Village in 2005. Kathy has three sons and one grandson, Gunnar, age five, who lives with her son and his wife in Ashburn; she refers to Gunnar as "my sunshine."

Kathy worked for the CIA from 1983 until she retired as a Human Resources Officer in 2004. She is an active member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Herndon. Since she retired, she continues to enjoy traveling, reading and gardening and trying to improve her bridge game.

Contributed by Executive Director [Thom Clement](#).

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KEY CONTACT INFORMATION

How to contact OLLI

HERE IS A READY REFERENCE on how to contact OLLI. For email addresses and phone numbers not listed below, please consult the online Membership Directory (log in to [Registration Portal](#)).

- President: Pat Carroll ([email](#))
- Executive Director: [Thom Clement](#), phone 703-503-7866
- [OLLI Office](#), phone 703-503-3384
- Tallwood Administrator/OLLI Registrar: [Maria Buczek](#), phone 703-503-3384
- Board members: See [Organization page](#) (to send an email to the entire Board, send it to the [office](#) or the *OLLI E-News* [editor](#), and your message will be forwarded to all members of the Board)
- Committee chairs, resource-group chairs: See [Organization page](#)
- Suggestions: [Online suggestion box](#)
- Letters to the editor or letters to Ms. Ollie Ettakit (etiquette matters): *OLLI E-News* Editor [Rod Zumbro](#), phone 703-569-2750

MASON ARTS AND MUSIC

Upcoming Mason performances, Jan 16-25



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



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

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra



Daniel Meyer, conductor
Featuring Jennifer Frautschi, violin

Sat, Jan 17, 8:00

This performance brings the fourth of six guest conductors, finalists for music director to succeed William Hudson. Daniel Meyer has recently been appointed music director of the Asheville Symphony in North Carolina. He previously was music director of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. The program will include Three Dance Episodes from Bernstein's *On the Town*, Bruch's Violin Concerto and Brahms' Symphony No. 1 in C Minor.

Admission: \$55, \$45, \$35
Concert Hall

32nd Annual International Saxophone Symposium



32nd Annual International Saxophone Symposium



Commodores Jazz Ensemble
Sat, Jan 24, 8:00
Admission: Free
Concert Hall

United States Navy Band
Fri, Jan 23, 8:00
Admission: Free
Concert Hall

Keyboard Conversations® with Jeffrey Siegel



The Longevity of the Short Piece!
Sun, Jan 25, 7:00

In this third of four performances at George Mason this season, Mr. Siegel

will again weave commentary about the composers and their music around his virtuosity at the piano. The program will include Mendelssohn's *Songs Without Words*, Grieg's *Lyric Pieces*, Stravinsky's *Circus Polka*, Brahms' *Rhapsody in E-flat*, Sibelius' *Evergreen*, Granado's Spanish Dance and Ginastera's *Sonata*.

Admission: \$38, \$30, \$19
Family Friendly: Children 12 and under, half price with an adult
Concert Hall

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MASON HIGHLIGHTS

Other Mason events



By Barbara Kyriakakis, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

Reminder from last week's issue:

- **Inauguration Day at Mason** – Jan 20: See the inauguration *live* on the giant screen in the JC Atrium at 11:00. Then at 5:00, hear a panel discussion in the Johnson Center, "Talking Heads Live: Mason experts discuss the presidency, Inauguration Day and the Obama phenomenon," with Web simulcast to all Mason campuses. At 6:30, there will be a facilitated dialogue to share observations, feelings, hopes, and concerns about the election and inauguration.

New:

- **Hot Topics in Technology Management Speaker Series** – "The Art and Science of Negotiation," presented by Professor Kevin Rockmann, George Mason School of Management. Reception 6:30; presentation 7:00; Meese Board Room, Mason Hall, Wed, Jan 21.
- **Black History Month:**
 - **Martin Luther King Read-In** – Wed, Jan 28, 11:00 to 1:00, Paul Robeson Research Room, Johnson Center.
 - **Capoeira: The Slave's Dance-Fight Game** – Thu, Feb 5, 7:00 to 8:30, Johnson Center Atrium.
 - **The Comedy of Kyle Grooms** – Thu, Feb 12, 9:00, Johnson Center Bistro.



• [Johnson & Strachan Distinguished Speaker Series](#) – Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich. Thu, Feb 5, 7:00 to 8:30, Concert Hall. Free. [Tickets](#) required.

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 [Upcoming Non-Class Events](#) to view the real-time 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 Jan 16 10am Recorder Club - TA-2
10am Board of Directors Meeting - TA-1
 11am Homer Group - Social Room Annex
 Saturday Jan 17 12:30pm OLLI Personal Computer User Group - Tallwood
Monday Jan 19 Office Closed
Tuesday Jan 20 Office Closed
 11am Fiction Writers Club - Kings Park Library
 Wednesday Jan 21 10am Genealogy Club - TA-2
 10am Investment Forum - TA-1
 10am Bridge Club - TA-3
 10am Board Game Group - Social Room Annex
 Friday Jan 23 9:30am Photography Club - TA-1
 10am Recorder Club - TA-2
 10am Drama Club - TA-3
 10:30am Classic Fiction Book Club - Cascades Library
 11am Homer Group - Social Room Annex
Monday Jan 26 Winter Term Begins
 Wednesday Jan 28 1:30pm Bridge Club - TA-3

2pm Special Event - 951 Aging in Place - TA-1
 Friday Jan 30 Loudoun Let's Eat Out - Time, location TBA
 10am Recorder Club - TA-2
 10am Drama Club - TA-3
10:30am New Member Coffee - TA-1
 11am Homer Group - Social Room Annex



Rod Zumbro
Editor



Karen Hamilton
Deputy Editor

About this newsletter. OLLI's weekly newsletter, *OLLI E-News*, 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. **The deadline to the editor is 7:00 pm Wed** (7:00 pm Mon for letters to the editor for which an OLLI response is appropriate) for that week's issue; earlier submissions are greatly appreciated. Please limit articles to about 250 words. Submit material via email to Editor Rod Zumbro (email rzumbro@gmu.edu).

• **Read the Latest Issue Early.** The new weekly issue of *OLLI E-News* is posted to the OLLI Web site Thursday evening. Read it by visiting <http://www.lli.gmu.edu/pubs.htm#enews>, where you will find a list of the last 12 issues, and clicking the latest issue listed.

• **Viewing or searching past issues.** Your options for finding items in past issues of *OLLI E-News* include viewing the [last 12 issues](#); [searching](#) the content of ALL issues for any word or words; and [searching our archive](#) of all past issues by date or issue number.

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