



# OLLI E-News

The electronic newsletter for members of the  
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University



## Newly Elected Directors



Valerie  
BRAYBROOKE



Paul  
HOWARD



David  
MASON



Carole  
RICHARD



Dick  
YOUNG



Rod  
ZUMBRO

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> **REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER TERM**: continues through Wed, Jun 3. [Register online](#).

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## 2009 OLLI ELECTION RESULTS

*Official announcement*



By [Bob Lawshe](#), Nominating Committee Chair

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE** the results of the 2009 OLLI Board of Directors Election.

The candidates elected to the Board are:

- Rod Zumbro,
- Dick Young,
- C. Carole Richard,
- David P. Mason,
- Paul L. Howard, and
- Valerie V. Braybrooke.

We are very grateful that all the candidates were willing to take on a leadership role to ensure the continuing vitality of OLLI.

**Editor's note.** See the recently revised [Organization page](#) of the OLLI Web for information about all members of the Board of Directors.

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## OLLI MEMBERS AT LOCAL FESTIVALS

*From the executive director*



By [Thom Clement](#), Executive Director



Top: Loudoun Site Assistant Kathy Breen and member Bill Aird (at left) speak with prospects at the May 7 Loudoun Senior Expo. Bottom: Barbershop quartet entertains in front of the OLLI display.

**M**ANY OLLI MEMBERS MAY NOT BE AWARE that our Institute participates in a number of community festivals or expos throughout the year. Membership Committee Chair Debbie Halverson oversees the process of enlisting volunteers and delegating responsibilities. This year Carole Richard has taken on the responsibility for several of the large events. This weekend Carole will be hosting the OLLI booth at the [Viva! Vienna! Festival](#) on Sun, May 24, and Mon, May 25 (Memorial Day).

This is one way to spread the word about the wonderful opportunities OLLI/Mason affords for learning and socialization. We make sure to hand out copies of our spring 2009 catalog to show visitors the richness of our program. At each festival our volunteers take names of people who are interested in receiving more information about how to register.

Here is a list of 2009 festivals and expos at which OLLI has exhibited or will exhibit.

- March: "50 & Fabulous" (Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce & Fairfax Agency on Aging)
- May: Loudoun Senior Expo (Loudoun Senior Interest Network)
- May: Viva! Vienna! Festival
- July: Reston Festival

- August: Dulles Family Fest (Dulles Towne Center w/GMU Loudoun)
- September: Burke Fall Fair w/GMU Center for the Arts
- October: Fairfax Fall Festival, City of Fairfax
- November: NOVA Regional Triad Conference (Virginia Attorney General and local police)

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## "WE'RE TOO BIG! WHY RECRUIT?"

*My answer*



By Debbie Halverson, Membership Committee Chair



*Annual membership meeting on May 8; photo from Dan Feighery's [collage](#).*

**I**T WARMS MY HEART TO SEE A ROOM packed with members who have come to hear our annual reports and get a look at the candidates for the next year's Board of Directors, those who will be making the decisions that will affect all of us. Questions that came up in the several sections of the meeting reveal to me what is on your minds.

Top of the list, of course, is satisfaction with the program. Mention the Music Sampler and the National Park Service classes, and everyone affably agrees. But, please remember, a volunteer had to put those programs together, make the phone calls and pursue the speakers or entertainers; this is true of all of the classes that you enjoy.

As an example, Art and Music Resource Group Chair Rosemary McDonald began over a year ago to persuade "Illuminare," a women's choral group, to sing for us. I attended their concert in the Old Town Hall in Fairfax a few weeks ago. What a privilege for OLLI members there and how sorry we would have been if Rosemary had not persisted in capturing their talents for our pleasure.

This leads to the next question, "*Why recruit when we seem to have more members than we can handle?*"

Our program requires a lot of work by many, and it's fair to assume that those who do these things get tired and choose to step back. Hopefully it's our enthusiastic new or "newest" members who see themselves in a programming role.

We *must* have new members if only to replace the ones who leave for whatever reasons. We need new workers and fresh ideas; maybe a new member will have a creative idea about how to solve the parking problem. Eighteen one-time new members are now sitting on the Board that makes decisions for OLLI. We need positive involvement in the entire running of OLLI, from the office volunteers through the various committee activities to the president of the Institute.

During the annual meeting there were legitimate questions raised about class size, the right to get into as many classes as were signed up for, and the scheduling of new-instructor classes against popular ongoing classes. We continue to review these issues but we do believe that our priority-choice system works and is fair to all.

We need more people to step up and help maintain the quality of our volunteer organization. Those who have done so realize that without these volunteers, quality would fall short, services would decline and membership would fall off, and for a "no-good" reason, classroom and parking spaces would no longer be a concern.

We are OLLI/Mason ... unique in quality, quantity, spirit and privilege. We will continue to maintain our level of excellence with the help of all of our members, old and new. And we will continue to expect your faithful contribution of ideas and involvement ... for which we will heartily thank you.

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## PHOTO OF THE MONTH

*Selected by the OLLI Photography Club*



*"Lily Blossom," by Rita Leake.*

**To view other photos by members of the Photography Club,** please visit the Photography Club's [Web site](#).

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## OLLI MILITARY OUTREACH

*An update*



By Helen Goff, OLLI Liaison to Mason Military Outreach

**T**HANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT of Mason Military Outreach. Many of you have asked me what happened to the collection boxes in the social room for donation of items for the troops and money to support mailing the donations. The OLLI military outreach collections were a part of the George Mason University collection effort, with collections sent to former students, faculty, and family members associated with Mason.

I removed the collection boxes because the focus of Mason Military Outreach has changed. Currently there are no plans to continue the collections; the emphasis now is on incorporating veterans into the University. I attend Mason Military Outreach meetings for OLLI and will let you know if a role arises where OLLI can assist our veterans.

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## FAIRFAX HISTORY POTPOURRI

*Suffragist visits class*



*Suffragist portrayed by Lorton resident Lynne Garvey-Hodge; photo by Bill Walsh.*

**"HOW LONG MUST WOMEN WAIT FOR LIBERTY?"** With these words the suffragists of the early 20th century campaigned for women's voting rights.

One of them was Mrs. Robert Walker, portrayed by Lorton resident Lynne Garvey-Hodge for the final Fairfax History Potpourri class on May 11. Mrs. Walker was arrested in Washington on July 14, 1917, and was among the earliest of the suffragists imprisoned at the Occoquan Workhouse.

**Note.** The correct term is *suffragist*; American women did not want to be associated with the British suffragettes, who were more extreme and violent.

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## OLLI PLAYERS ON TV

*Sherlock Holmes and The Adventures of the Tolling Bell*  
**THE OLLI PLAYERS' PRODUCTION OF** *Sherlock Holmes and The Adventures of the Tolling Bell* is being shown on Fairfax Public Access TV (channel 10, available to Cox digital subscribers on channel 810) this month. Read all about the production and see the cast photo in [this article](#).

Here are the showtimes for your viewing or recording pleasure.

- Sat, May 23, at 5:00pm
- Sun, May 24, at 3:30pm
- Fri, May 29, at 12:30pm
- Sat, May 30, at 7:30pm
- Sun, May 31, at 3:30pm

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## DEPARTMENTS

### 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 [Member 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

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## EYE ON RESTON

*An update on Reston matters*



By Sharon Gilman, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

**OLLI'S RESTON-AREA SUMMER PICNIC** will be held on Fri, Jun 5, from 4:00 to 7:00 at the Roes' home--10404 Hunt Country Lane, Vienna. Although the picnic is in the Reston area it is open to all OLLI members, their guests, and potential members.

The entrée, along with beer and wine, will be provided. As this is a participative picnic we are asking for sides, salads, and desserts to be furnished by attendees. If your last name falls between A-H bring a dessert, I-P folks bring a side dish, and Q-Z attendees bring a salad. Entertainment is being planned.

A \$5.00 contribution per person is required to offset the expenses. If you plan to attend please sign up *by Mon, Jun 1*, at the Lake Anne church or contact Marie Ordeman (phone 703-938-1581, email [rmordeman@aol.com](mailto:rmordeman@aol.com)) or Alice Roe (phone 703-938-6245, email [alroe@juno.com](mailto:alroe@juno.com)). If possible, please bring a chair or two. Thanks.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up. If you can help, please contact Janet Cochran (phone 703-391-1604, email [cochngj@comcast.net](mailto:cochngj@comcast.net)).

**FALL CLASS REQUEST.** Mary Kornreich is organizing a fall course for OLLI Reston on "Interesting People in Science." She is looking for volunteers who will give a lecture on a scientist with an interesting story. If you have an interest in presenting as one of the storytellers, please contact Mary (email [mkornrei@gmu.edu](mailto:mkornrei@gmu.edu)).

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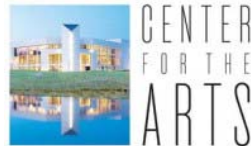
## MASON ARTS AND MUSIC

*Upcoming Mason performances, May 22-31*



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](#).

### Acting for Young People Stages: **Sally Surfer and the Wild Wild Web** Sun, May 31, 1:00

Sally learns that things online are not always as they appear; she learns rules of Internet safety from friends and family. This audience-interactive show, for ages 8 and older, includes puppetry and music.

Admission: Free, no tickets required  
TheaterSpace

*(Lower level of Performing Arts Bldg, adjacent to Concert Hall. From Level 2 of Parking Deck take the bridge. Enter first door on the left and follow hallway; go through the gray doors and downstairs.)*

### American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra **Symphony Spectacular** American Youth Philharmonic— Luis Haza, conductor American Youth Symphony—Carl J. Bianchi, conductor Thomas Cupples, trumpet Sun, May 31, 3:00

The 2009 Mason Summer Music Festival kicks off with a stunning showcase of the American Youth Philharmonic. The National Symphony Orchestra trumpeter, Thomas Cupples, joins this always-impressive group for another display of youthful energy and brilliance.

Admission: \$10, senior/student, \$14  
other adults

Family Friendly: Children 12 and under, half price with an adult  
Concert Hall

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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 [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).*

Fri May 22	9:30am	Photography Club - TA-1
	10am	Recorder Consort - TA-2
	10:30am	Classic Fiction Book Club - Cascades Library
	11am	Homer Group - Social Room Annex

Mon May 25 **Memorial Day** - OLLI Office Closed  
 Tue May 26 11am Knitting and Needlework Club - Lake Anne  
 Wed May 27 10am Bridge Club - TA-3  
 10am Online Registration Help Session - Loudoun  
 Fri May 29 10am Recorder Consort - TA-2  
 10am Drama Club - TA-3  
 10am Online Registration Help Session - Annex  
 11am Homer Group - Social Room Annex  
 Mon Jun 1 10am OLLI Players - TA-1  
 10am Bridge Club - TA-3  
 Tue Jun 2 Knitting and Needlework Club  
 10am OLLI Players - TA-1  
 11am Fiction Writers Club - Kings Park Library  
 Wed Jun 3 **Summer Registration Ends**  
 10am Investment Forum - TA-2  
 10am OLLI Players - TA-1  
 10am **Special Events Resource Group Meeting** - Annex  
 Thu Jun 4 10am OLLI Players - TA-1  
 Fri Jun 5 10am Recorder Consort - TA-2  
 10am Drama Club - TA-3  
 11am Homer Group - Social Room Annex  
 4pm OLLI/Reston Picnic - Lake Anne

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- **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; submissions earlier in the week are strongly encouraged and greatly appreciated.** Please limit articles to about 250 words. Submit material via email to Editor Rod Zumbro (email [rzumbro@gmu.edu](mailto:rzumbro@gmu.edu)).
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