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> **BOARD MEETING TO ELECT NEW OLLI OFFICERS.** The Board will meet at 10:00 on Fri, Jun 13, in TA-1 to elect new officers for the Jun 2008-Jun 2009 term. All members are invited.
 > **FALL 2000 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY MISSING.** If you have a copy of this directory from 2000, please bring it to the office and alert either Palmer McGrew or Pat Cosslett. Once it is scanned, it will be returned to you.

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WHAT'S A TUTORIAL?

From the executive director



By [Thom Clement](#), Executive Director



At the Portal, put your mouse cursor on Tutorial and click to view the Tutorial.

THE THOUGHT CAME TO ME RECENTLY that many of our OLLI members may not have used the Tutorial that is available on our Registration Portal. A tutorial is simply a set of step-by-step instructions for using the various features of a computer program. Even if you haven't yet obtained a "user ID" for the registration system, you can go the Registration Portal (www.olliatgmu.org) and click on "Tutorial" at the top of the screen to start. The Tutorial is 33 pages of instructions with pictures of the screen.

You can click on "My Account" to see the "Get User Account" option if you have not already obtained your user ID.

Approximately 42 percent of OLLI members used the online registration system successfully for the spring term and 44 percent used it for the summer term registration. I hope we'll see an increase as more of you take the time to learn the system.

There's another reason to use the Registration Portal: the OLLI Membership Directory is now available there.



Display of the online Membership Directory after you log onto the Portal.
 Note: The "Find" field (rectangle above) appears **only** in Microsoft Internet Explorer.

You can click on "Members" and then "Membership Directory" and see an alphabetical listing of all OLLI members. The directory also gives home address, phone number, and email address. If you want to print out your own copy of the directory, you can do so using either an Excel spreadsheet format or the Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF).

The Tutorial includes information about using the Membership Directory on pages 26-31.

Now that you know what a tutorial is, you can have fun using the OLLI Registration Portal for registering and for the online Membership Directory!

CLOSED SUMMER COURSES

Only nine courses are closed



By [Ann Hartmann](#), Tallwood Site Administrator/OLLI Registrar

YOU SHOULD RECEIVE YOUR CONFIRMATION LETTER SOON, 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 available in the Tallwood social room or by [emailing](#) or calling the office (703-503-3384) with your request.

Here is the list of closed courses and events for the summer term (*this list is also available on our Web site under the "Our Program" drop-down menu as the "Oversubscribed Courses" selection*). All other courses are still available for you to sign up.

CLOSED SUMMER COURSES AND EVENTS

COURSES

- 11: Estate Planning--Vital Documents
- 14: Globalization and the Flow of Capital
- 16: Hitler's Ambivalent Attaché
- 17: Brain function--New Insights
- 30: Literary Roundtable
- 36: Marketplace of Faith
- 39: The Healthiest Foods for Healthier Aging
- 40: Religious Values and Our National Election
- 48: Edith Wharton, *The House of Mirth*

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 28: Afghanistan--Sharing Ancient Artistic Treasure
- 56: A Visit to the Newseum

CANCELED COURSE

- 5: Topical Mini-Class, American Language

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 account.

RECEPTION FOR RAE SCHAFER

Say goodbye to Rae Friday morning, Jun 13



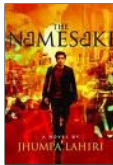
Rae Schafer; photo by Gordon Canyock.

RAE SCHAFER, OLLI PROGRAM ASSOCIATE since Jan 2006, will be leaving OLLI on Fri, Jun 13. Rae and her family will be moving to Germany due to the military reassignment of her husband.

Rae has done an outstanding job of coordinating the development of our schedule of courses and activities and putting together the catalogs for each term. All OLLI members are invited to a reception at Tallwood in Rae's honor on Fri, Jun 13, immediately following the 10:00 meeting of the Board of Directors--which is expected to be relatively short.

OLLI BOOK CLUB

Meets Wed to discuss *The Namesake*



THE OLLI BOOK CLUB will be meeting at 10:00 on Wed, Jun 11, in TA-2. The book for discussion is *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri. It is the fictional account of the experience of an Indian immigrant couple and their American-born children living in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

All OLLI members are welcome.

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HELP TROOPS AT WALTER REED

Donations of colored shorts and T-shirts needed



THERE IS A NEED AT WALTER REED FOR "ADAPTIVE" CLOTHING for our injured servicemen/women. Most especially needed are either boxer shorts or gym shorts and T-shirts that can be modified with Velcro (instead of a seam) sewed along the outside. The soldiers who have had severe injuries to their limbs find that this clothing is much more comfortable with the adaptive sides.

Only colored shorts or T-shirts are wanted, with sizes large, extra large and XX large mostly needed. Please leave any donations by the white plastic container that is used for Mason Military Outreach in the Tallwood social room, and OLLI will transport them to the Veteran's Office on campus, where the clothing will be modified with Velcro.

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SINGLES GROUP EVENT



SINGLES GROUP MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED to join in a theater happening at Mason on Sun, Jun 15, at 5:00. As part of the [Mason Festival of the Arts](#), Mason's Theater of the First Amendment is sponsoring *The Generations Playwriting Project* in which a group of OLLI thespians and playwrights are teaming with a group of young people to present ten-minute plays about each others' generation. This will take place in TheaterSpace on campus and is free.

In addition, there is a professional play at 2:00 that day by the Theater of the First Amendment in the Harris Theater. *Mariela in the Desert* is a mystery about an artistic family with problems that is set in the Northern Mexico desert. The cost is \$25.

Please contact Harriet Kaplan if you are interested in attending one or both performances as a group or in dinner after the performances.

HOW TO EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS ABOUT OLLI

PUBLICLY:

Email your "Letter to the Editor" (see [recent sample](#)) or "Letter to Ms. Ollie Ettakit" (see [recent sample](#)) to the [editor](#). **Anonymous submissions are acceptable if you provide**

PRIVATELY:

- Contact any [Board member](#), [committee or resource group chair](#), or the [executive director](#);
- Send an email to the entire Board (email the [editor](#) or the [office](#))

contact information so we can verify that you are an OLLI member. Whenever an official response to a letter to the editor is clearly appropriate, the editor will obtain and publish the OLLI response in the same issue so members will have more complete information and a balanced picture of the matter.

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
- Contact the office by [email](#) or phone (703-503-3384).

DEPARTMENTS

EYE ON RESTON

News for Restonites



By Sharon Gilman, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

WE ARE VERY PLEASED that so many of our members have been helping to enhance OLLI in Reston. As mentioned in an earlier article, our goal is to recruit 60 new members by the end of the winter term 2009. Sheila Gold will continue to coordinate our efforts in that regard, with assistance from Debbie Halverson.



By far the most effective tool we have is word of mouth. We all have new and old friends who are not OLLI members, and every one of them is a potential new member. The Reston summer program has a wide range of interesting courses; why not invite a friend to join you in attending a class?

Last week Executive Director Thom Clement and Board member Al Roe from Reston met with OLLI-Loudoun Program Coordinator Ray Beery to discuss ways in which Loudoun and Reston can complement one another as we move forward with our programs, social activities, and special events. After all, we are one organization with a common goal of enriching the OLLI experience.

Several people have expressed an interest in joining the knitting club that Sheila Gold is organizing, but more members are desired. If you are thinking about joining, please contact Sheila.

Photo by Stan Schretter

MASON HIGHLIGHTS

Events at nearby Mason



By Barbara Kyriakakis, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

• **Mason 101** - Learn about the history, organizational structure, and who does what at Mason. Free but registration required. Call University Information 703-993-1005. Wed, Jun 11, 9:00 to 12:00 noon, Johnson Center, Room C.

• **Summer Social** - Free food and beverages, live music, and good company. Wed, Jun 11, 3:30 to 5:00, Sub I Quad. Rain site: SUB I, Patriot's Lounge. Free.

• **Mason Film** - *Familiar Strangers* from Cavalier Films is a funny and heartfelt story of an American family going through the natural process of negotiating the changing relationships between parents and children, especially as those children grow into adulthood. Part of the [Mason Festival of the Arts](#). Sat, Jun 14, 4:30, JC Cinema. Free popcorn.

• **The Potomac Music Academy** – *The Potomac String Connections Orchestra Concert*, Sat, Jun 21, 2:00, Harris Theater. The final presentation of young musicians from the Potomac Music Academy Strings Camp perform. Part of the [Mason Festival of the Arts](#). Free and open to all audiences.

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 Jun 6 9:30am Audiovisual Support Committee Meeting - TA-3
 10:30am Homer, Etc. Book Club - TA-Annex
Monday Jun 9 Summer Term Confirmation Letters Mailed
 10am Bridge Club - TA-3

Wednesday Jun 11 10am Book Club at Tallwood - TA-2
Friday Jun 13 10am Board of Directors Meeting - TA-1
 10am Homer, Etc. Book Club - TA-Annex
Monday Jun 16 SUMMER TERM Begins
 10am Genealogy Club - TA-1
 10am Bridge Club - TA-3
 Friday Jun 20 10am Loudoun walk-in registration
 10:30am Homer, Etc. Book Club - TA-Annex
 1pm Loudoun Open House
 2pm Loudoun walk-in registration



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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, phone 703-569-2750); email strongly preferred.

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