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ALERTS

> **DIRECTOR RESIGNS.** Charles Duggan ([profile](#)), board member since Mar 2004, president Jun 2004–Jun 2006 and treasurer Jan–Jun 2007, resigned from the board effective Jun 15, 2007. The vacancy will be filled by an OLLI member appointed by the president and approved by the Board to fill the unexpired term (ref: [OLLI Bylaws](#)).

> **NEW DIRECTOR APPOINTED.** President Debbie Halverson has appointed OLLI member Paul Howard to fill the remainder of Charles Duggan's term (ending May 2009), subject to Board approval at the next Board meeting.

REMINDER

> **CLOSED SUMMER COURSES.** See [article](#). It's not too late to sign up for other courses.

ARTICLES AND NOTICES

> **HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD MEETING.** Last Friday's meeting. *By Carol Henderson*

> **QUESTION IN COURSE #3: IRA'S.** Asked, answered.

> **DON'T MISS OUT.** Read *OLLI E-News* between terms. *By Rod Zumbro*

> **THE WAR.** About a new Ken Burns film and a fall OLLI course.

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> **COMING ATTRACTIONS.** Upcoming OLLI non-class events for the next two weeks.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Last week's Board of Directors meeting



By Carol Henderson, outgoing Secretary

AS YOU HAVE ALREADY HEARD, the Board elected officers at its meeting on Jun 15:

- > Debbie Halverson, president;
- > Ben Gold, vice president;
- > Pat Carroll, treasurer; and
- > Susanne Zumbro, secretary.

The Board also provided guidance to executive director Dick Chobot on the extension of OLLI's Affiliation Agreement with George Mason University and on the OLLI contribution to the paving of the parking lot used by OLLI at the Fairfax Swimming Pool.

The Board received reports from the treasurer and the executive director. As chair of an ad hoc committee, I provided to directors copies of a major revision of the Board Handbook, also available on the OLLI Website.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Fri, Jul 20, at 10:00 at Tallwood. OLLI members are welcome to attend.

QUESTION IN COURSE #3: IRA'S

Asked, answered

A QUESTION AROSE this week in course #3, IRA Distributions and Beneficiary Designations. Instructor Mike May researched the question after class and has provided the answer at this [Website page](http://www.olligmu.org/~finforum/courseqna.html) (<http://www.olligmu.org/~finforum/courseqna.html>) for class attendees and any other interested OLLI member.

DON'T MISS OUT

Read OLLI E-News between terms



By [Rod Zumbro](#), OLLI E-News editor

HAVE YOU BEEN READING OLLI E-NEWS in its print edition during class terms because you don't have email or computer access ... but not reading the newsletter between terms? If so, you're missing out on everything that's happening at OLLI during half of the year -- the entire 26 weeks per year that OLLI is not in session. If you don't read *OLLI E-News* every week, you'll miss important news such as these items that were reported between the spring and summer terms: announcements about the summer catalog; reminders about registration; updates on upcoming summer courses; and operating procedures for the newly installed defibrillators.

This newsletter is OLLI's primary means of communicating with its members, and it is also a vehicle for members to communicate with OLLI leadership via letters to the editor. The great majority of OLLI members have email so most of your colleagues do read *OLLI E-News* each week. If you're not one of these members, what should you do?

> The obvious solution is to **get a computer, Internet access and an email account**. If that is "too hard" for you, then there are other solutions.

> **Use an Internet computer at the library or a family member's home to read the online version of the newsletter once a week** (a new issue is published each Friday). Just open the Web browser, type www.ollie.gmu.edu in the address field and press Enter. That takes you to the OLLI Website. Then move the mouse over "News" and select "What's New" or "OLLI E-News" from the drop-down menu.

> At the library or a family member's computer, **establish a free Web-based email account** (Yahoo, Hotmail and Google are popular). Send an email to the office (ollie@gmu.edu) and soon you'll start receiving *OLLI E-News* in your inbox. Make sure you check your email regularly as a courtesy to senders and to prevent your account from being canceled due to inactivity.

> A final alternative is to drive to Tallwood and read the print copy of the latest newsletter that is posted in the social room. (When classes are not in session, Tallwood hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM-12 noon.)

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS ABOUT OLLI?	BRAIN GAMES FOR OLDER ADULTS
<p>HERE'S HOW to express your views--</p> <p>> Publicly (if you would like your comments published in this newsletter): Email your "Letter to the Editor" or "Letter to Ms. Ollie Ettakit" to the editor.</p> <p>> Privately--</p> <p>> Contact any Board member or the Executive Director;</p> <p>> Send an email to the entire Board (email the editor or the office to have your message forwarded to all members of the Board);</p> <p>> 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</p> <p>> Contact the office by email or phone (703-503-3384).</p>	<p>THE MASON GAZETTE reports that Mason professor Andrew Carle has released a list of the best "brain games" available for those seeking to maximize cognitive function.</p> <p>According to the article, Prof. Carle, assistant professor and director of the Program in Assisted Living/Senior Housing Administration at Mason, developed a list of computer-based brain games that he feels are among the best current technologies for addressing cognitive declines inherent in the aging process. The list reflects his opinions and is not based on formal criteria.</p> <p>See this article for full details.</p>

THE WAR

About a new Ken Burns film and a fall OLLI course

WETA'S "THE WAR"

DO YOU HAVE A MEMORY OR STORY OF WORLD WAR II, either personal or of family or friends, that you'd like to share? If so, public television station WETA has created a Website on [The War](http://www.weta.org/war), <http://www.weta.org/war>, where you can join others in sharing memories of that now-distant time.

How does this relate to OLLI members? Because in cooperation with WETA, we will run a four-week course this fall featuring excerpts from the latest documentary by prizewinning film maker Ken Burns entitled simply "The War." OLLI is listed under "Courses" on WETA's ["Screening and Special Events"](#) Website page.

The documentary comes to Public Broadcasting System television stations in September and concentrates on interviews of citizens, both military and civilian, from four U.S. cities and their reactions to the savage battles and homefront activities during the 44 months of WW II. (For more information on the film, see the [PBS Website on The War](#). PBS airs a half-hour preview of the film on Sun, Jul 1, at 10:30pm.)

Our fall course will be moderated by World War II veteran Phil True.

Note. If you missed the exceptional *OLLI E-News* series written by Barbara Kyriakakis about OLLI World War II veterans or would like to re-visit the articles, you may still read the stories online about [Bill Helmantoler](#), [Vince Boylan](#), [Phil True](#), [Chester Myslicki](#), [David Watson](#), [Joe Fulton](#), [Al Smith](#) and [Gerry Holmes](#).



COMING EVENTS AT THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Upcoming arts and music events at Mason



By Jan Bohall, *OLLI E-News* staff writer

> Fri, Jun 22 – **Summer Jazz Workshop Concert**, Concert Hall, 1:30. This free concert marks the culmination of a three-week workshop and features students from 13 to 70 years young showing their skills. Call 703-993-1377 for further information.

MASON HIGHLIGHTS

A brief listing of other Mason events



By Barbara Kyriakakis, *OLLI E-News* assistant editor

> **George Mason Summer Camps** – Do you have a grandchild visiting this summer? Check out [Mason's Summer Camp Schedule](#). Not only are sports and recreational camps offered, but enrichment and academic assistance programs are also available throughout the summer for children between the ages of 2 and 18.

> **Summer Socials** – And don't forget ... if you happen to be on campus any Wednesday during June or July between 3:30 and 5:00 (except Jul 5), stop by the South Plaza of the Johnson Center and relax with free food, beverages, live music, and good company. Rain site: Johnson Center Bistro.

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 [OLLI Staff Forecast of Non-Class Events](#) for more details and to view the actual OLLI online calendar). *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 executive sessions).*

Friday	Jun 22	10am	Genealogy - TA-3
		10am	Classic Fiction Book Club - Reston Regional Library
		10am	Recorder Group - TA-2
		10:30am	New Members' Coffee - Annex
		10:30am	Homer Book Club - TA-1
		12:30pm	New BOD Orientation
Monday	Jun 25	10am	Bridge Club - TA-3
		10am	Program Comm Mtg - TA-2
Tuesday	Jun 26		Bus Trip-Marine Museum - Fair Oaks Mall Lot 44
		8:15am	Reston Walking Group - Lake Anne Plaza
Friday	Jun 29	10am	Recorder Group - TA-2
		10:30am	Homer Book Club - Annex
Monday	Jul 2	10am	Bridge Club - TA-3
Tuesday	Jul 3	8:15am	Reston Walking Group - Lake Anne Plaza
Wednesday	Jul 4		OLLI CLOSED
Friday	Jul 6	10am	Recorder Group - TA-2
		10:30am	Homer Book Club - Annex



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