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PLEASE WELCOME BETH DAVIS

Introducing the new Program Associate



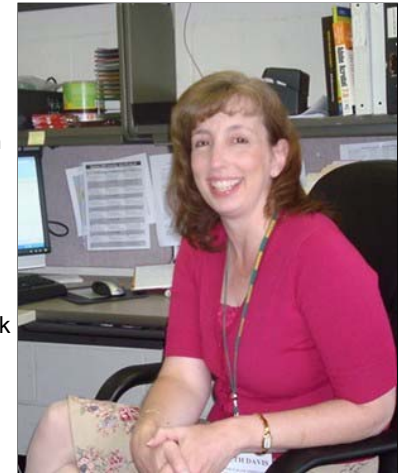
By [Thom Clement](#), Executive Director

WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO INTRODUCE our newest OLLI staff member, Mrs. Beth Davis. Beth officially started as our new Program Associate on Mon, Jun 30. In this position, she coordinates the work of OLLI volunteers as they plan for courses and special events. She will also organize the course descriptions and registration information for publication in our OLLI catalogs.

Beth comes to us with a variety of work and volunteer experiences. Her educational background is in Industrial Engineering, and she is also an Air Force wife. She and her husband have two wonderful children. Beth's most recent work has been as an administrative coordinator with Chase Home Loans (2006 to present) and CondoSource Mortgage (2005-2006). She has worked with committees for Officers' Spouses Clubs, PTAs, and church-related events.

Beth Davis brings a blend of strong computer and interpersonal skills to the job of OLLI Program Associate. She enjoys working with people and is looking forward to adding her abilities to the OLLI team.

Photo by Bill Walsh



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR FRIENDS OF OLLI CONTRIBUTORS

Information needed from contributors



By John Woods, Development Committee Chair



MEMBERS WHO MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO FRIENDS OF OLLI during the first half of this calendar year are receiving emails this week about their names being listed in OLLI publications. In case you missed the email message, here is what we need.

1. Please let [me](#) (or the [office](#)) know if you prefer NOT to have your name published as a Friends of OLLI contributor in any OLLI publication (including our printed and online catalogs and Web site) as well as on a plaque to be displayed in the social room.
2. If you and your spouse both made contributions to the Friends of OLLI during this period we will combine the names (e.g., contributions from John Doe and Mary Doe would be listed as from "Mary and John Doe") unless we hear from you that you want to be listed separately.
3. If you contributed in your name only but want the contribution to be listed as being from you and your spouse please let us know how you want the listing made, including your spouse's name.

Note that you do not have to respond if it's OK to publish your name and you are satisfied with item 2 above. Otherwise, please advise your preferences BEFORE FRI, JUL 11, as we need to finalize the list early the following week. You can reach me by responding to the email message or by contacting me directly via [email](#) or phone. Also, if you did not receive the email please contact me. Thanks for your help with this and for your contribution to Friends of OLLI.

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MASON MILITARY OUTREACH

An update



By Helen Goff, OLLI Liaison to the Mason Military Outreach Committee

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT of Mason Military Outreach. OLLI has donated a total of \$210 towards mailing boxes of donated items to our troops and two boxes and two shopping bags full of items to fill the boxes. The dollar contributions that go into the can in the OLLI office help to ensure that there is funding to mail the boxes and make a huge difference in what can be done to support the soldiers.

Some news: Mason is establishing a veterans transition center. The goal is to have the first phase of the transition center operational by the start of the new

school year in September. Those interested in reviewing information about the transition center can obtain it in the OLLI office.

Editor's reminder. Donations of colored shorts and T-shirts are needed to make "adaptive" clothing for injured servicemen/women. See [this article](#).
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WINNING BIDDERS ENJOY A DELIGHTFUL EVENING

French Mediterranean dinner for six



THE ABOVE PHOTOS SHOW THE WONDERFUL HOSPITALITY of Cecile and George Heatley who prepared a sumptuous French Mediterranean dinner for three other OLLI couples.

During the Silent Auction in May, the bidding for the dinners was fierce. The winners of the dinner for six were Jean and Dan Feighery, Julie and Mike McNamara, and Beverley and Bob Persell. It was a grand three-hour-plus evening of exquisite company, conversation, food, and wine.

Photos, collage and article by Dan Feighery.

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THREE NOTICES

IMPROMPTU CONCERT	HELP WANTED	RESTON KNITTERS
<p>DANA HOFFORD, guitarist and singer from Sweden, will perform an impromptu concert at OLLI on Fri, Jul 18, at 9:30 in TA-3. Dana has lived in Sweden for over 25 years and is active in the music scene there. He composes, conducts three choirs, and gives private lessons. Come hear some old favorites (e.g., Simon and Garfunkel) and new ones too!</p>	<p>WANTED: Someone who enjoys working on wooden structural projects. We need your help in developing a display unit for use in our booth at festivals and other such events. Please contact Debbie Halverson if you think this is up your alley.</p>	<p>SHEILA GOLD ADVISES that due to the crash of her computer, she lost the names of people interested in joining an OLLI knitting group. So if you were one of those who were interested – or you hadn't told Sheila but you are still interested – please come to a meeting on Wed, Jul 9, at 11:00 at the Lake Anne Coffee House. See you there!</p>

THE YA YA'S

A touching story by a new member



By Nancy Diesel, OLLI member

Ya Ya's: *A group of three or more women whose hearts and souls are joined together by laughter and tears shared through the glorious journey of life.*

AFTER YEARS OF WANTING TO JOIN OLLI, I finally registered this past spring. It was difficult to decide which courses to select as I am still working. However, I was drawn to "Life Writing Your Monologue," and the timing was perfect. I had not been in a classroom for some time, so thought I would just sit and observe.

Expecting a large class, I instead found myself in TA-2, the smallest classroom, set up with one long table and 11 chairs around it. Our leader greeted each of us as we came in. There was something about her presence

and smile that relieved my apprehension.

Soon there were eight women and two men around the table, and we introduced ourselves. After the second class, both men and one woman left because of overlapping classes. Most of us remaining women were strangers and a bit skeptical about how this thing was going to work. The plan was explained, and the only class in OLLI to receive homework was given its assignments. I soon found myself involved and forgot that I was only there to observe.

Our leader took us back to our beginnings and asked us to write about various stages of our journey. Each week we handed in two pages, and then we were deftly encouraged to read those memories in front of each other. It was amazing; one of us would be reading a snippet of our life, and someone in the room would connect to it and comment. Eight ladies, from 50 to 90, initially strangers, bonded as though we had known each other all our lives.

You all know our leader as Kathie West, but to us she is "Mother Ya Ya," the woman who joined our hearts and souls together by laughter and tears, and enabled us to share with each other this 'glorious journey of life.'

We are a very diverse group but have decided to meet for lunch every month.

BOOK CLUB

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time



THE OLLI BOOK CLUB will be meeting on Mon, Jul 14, at 10:00 at Tallwood. The book for discussion is *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time* by Greg Mortenson, an American mountain climber, who in 1993 became lost and ill after a failed attempt to climb K 2, the world's second tallest mountain. After his rescue he was sheltered in a small Pakistani village to which he later returned to build the community's first school.

All OLLI members are welcome.

Contributed by OLLI Book Club Co-Coordinator Ceda McGrew.

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- Send an email to the entire Board (email the [editor](#) or the [office](#) 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

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).*

- Monday Jul 7 10am Bridge Club - TA-3
- Friday Jul 11 10am Recorder Group - TA-2
10:30am Homer, Etc. Book Club - TA-Annex
- Monday Jul 14 10am Bridge Club - TA-3
10am Book Club at Tallwood - TA-2
- Wednesday Jul 16 12 noon Finance Committee Meeting - TA-Annex**
- Thursday Jul 17 11am Fiction Writers Club - OL-TBA
- Friday Jul 18 9:30am Impromptu Concert by guitarist/singer Dana Hafford - TA-3
10am Recorder Group - TA-2
10am Board of Directors Meeting - TA-1
10:30am Homer, Etc. Book Club - TA-Annex

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OBITUARY: MARY KENNEY

OLLI member for the past eight years

We regret to report the death of Mary Kenney, an OLLI member since June 2000. Following is the obituary from *The Washington Post*.

Mary C. Kenney, 72, an agricultural economist, died of pneumonia Jun 21 at Virginia Hospital Center. She lived in Fairfax.
 Ms. Kenney worked as a research and staff economist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture starting in 1978. She joined the General Accounting Office in 1985 as chief agricultural economist and retired in 2000.
 She was born in Milwaukee and graduated from Marquette University there. She also received a bachelor's degree from St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia almost 20 years later and went on to receive a doctoral degree in agricultural economics at the University of Kentucky in 1978. She moved to Northern Virginia that year.
 Ms. Kenney was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Washington and enjoyed classical music, the arts and current events. She was a member of several book clubs and engaged in rigorous piano studies.
 Her husband, Cornelius Francis Xavier Kenney IV, died in 1994.
 Survivors include four children, Cornelius Francis Xavier Kenney V of Alexandria, Genevieve M. Kenney and Laura M. Kenney of Arlington County, and Sarah M. Kenney of Washington; and six grandchildren.
 Interment was Jun 24 at Columbia Gardens Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

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