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FLASH

> **FALL-TERM CATALOG:** Should be available online next weekend.

ALERT

> **REGISTRATION FOR FALL TERM:** Starts 8:00 Wed, Aug 22. Members may attend briefings on the new registration system at noon in TA-1 Tue, Wed & Thu of next week.

REMINDERS

- > **NEXT WEEK IS THE LAST WEEK OF THE SUMMER TERM.** Fall term starts Mon, Sep 17.
- > **DON'T HAVE EMAIL?** If you are NOT receiving *OLLI E-News* via email, see [this article](#) for tips on keeping informed about OLLI between terms.

ARTICLES AND NOTICES

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NEW REGISTRATION SYSTEM: WHAT CAN I DO?

Part 2 about the new registration system



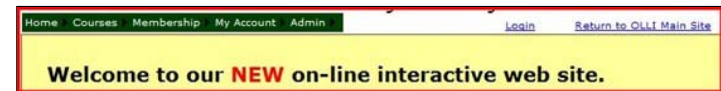
By Dick Chobot, Executive Director

WHAT WILL I BE ABLE TO DO WITH THE NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM? Nothing...unless you get a User Account! How do I do that? First, wait until Tuesday; **you will be able to get your User Account starting Tue, Jul 24.** Then, follow these steps.

1. Go to www.lli.gmu.org
2. Click the link "Get a new User Account if you are an OLLI member"
3. Complete the sign-up form (the username might typically be your first initial and last name, as in jsmith, and is not case sensitive; the password must be at least six characters, all alpha or alpha numeric, and the password is case sensitive; you make up a security question and its answer, such as "cat's name?" and "tabby"--used to verify your identity if you lose or forget your password.)

An on-screen message will inform you that the account has been created. There are "Forgot User Name?" and "Forgot Your Password?" links on the log-in page. If you forget your username, you can retrieve it via email on the log-in page by providing your first and last name and email address. If you forget your password, you can retrieve it via email on the log-in page by providing your username and answering the security question (note: the password itself is encrypted, and OLLI does not have access to it).

NOW YOU ARE LOGGED IN TO THE REGISTRATION SYSTEM. Let's examine some other features of the system. Note that at the top left of the screen is a green horizontal menu bar that looks like this:



COURSE SCHEDULE

1. On the **Home** page, click the link "View the latest course information," or
2. Hover your mouse over the "Courses" top-level menu (green horizontal menu near top left of page) and select "Schedule" on the drop-down menu.



Right now the schedule contains summer course information. I suggest that you "play around" with the course schedule to familiarize yourself with the format. This online course schedule is a tool you can use—in addition to the printed catalog or the catalog on the OLLI Website—to plan your courses for the term. Note that by clicking on the heading of a column you can sort the column. Fall-term course information will be posted to the registration system Website shortly after the OLLI fall catalog goes to press.

REGISTER, CHANGE PRIORITIES, WITHDRAW FROM A CLASS

Hover your mouse over the "Courses" top-level menu (green horizontal menu near top left of page) and select the desired item ("Register," "Change Priorities," "Withdraw") on the drop-down menu.



Your membership must be current to register; this means, for example, that if your membership expires on Sep 1, 2007, you cannot register for fall 2007 classes until you renew your membership. You can join or renew a lapsed membership and register for classes in the same transaction.

Obviously, this is where the action is. However, these features will NOT be active until online registration opens at **8:00 am on Wed, Aug 22**. There will be another *OLLI E-News* article or a 'blast' sent to all members with email within five days of registration start to review registration procedures. For now, remember the following: When you register online you must select courses/events in priority order; we will explain this in detail in the article next week.

Note: You cannot register using the online registration system unless you

are willing to pay all applicable charges online using a credit card. If there are no charges for courses/events for which you are registering, you may register using the online system.

MEMBERSHIP (JOIN OLLI)

1. On the Home page, click the link "Join OLLI if you are not already a member," or
2. Hover your mouse over the "Membership" top-level menu (green horizontal menu near top left of page) and select "Join" on the drop-down menu.



This will take you to a Profile Form to complete. Once you have completed this form, click "Submit." This will take you to the PayPal/VeriSign site where you input your credit-card information. More on credit-card payments in a coming article.

Note that:

- > When you authorize your credit card payment at PayPal/VeriSign, click the "Return to OLLI button" and you will be transferred back to the registration system Website. You can then establish a user account as described above. In the meantime, you will receive an email confirmation of your payment.
- > If you do not complete the credit-card transaction, the profile information that you just filled out will not be retained.
- > You will receive an immediate email confirming your payment and welcoming you to OLLI.

RENEW MEMBERSHIP



1. Hover your mouse over the "Membership" top-level menu (green horizontal menu near top left of page) and select "Renew" on the drop-down menu. You will be taken to a registration screen (the idea being that memberships are renewed coincident with the start of term registration).
2. At the top of the page you are given your expiration date so you know when you have to renew.
3. You also can use this page to make a donation to OLLI.
4. Again, clicking submit takes you to the PayPal/VeriSign site for payment.

Note that:

- > When you register, in addition to any renewal fee if you have renewed your membership, any charges for course or special-event fees will be added to the summary amount that will be paid by credit card.
- > If you later withdraw from a fee-based special event or course, you will receive a refund by OLLI check, not a credit back to your card. This allows us to avoid additional credit-card fees.

VOLUNTEER/EDIT PERSONAL INFORMATION



1. Hover your mouse over the "Membership" top-level menu (green horizontal menu near top left of page) and select "Volunteer" or "Edit Personal Info" on the drop-down menu. The function of these screens is self evident. Check them out!
2. Staff hopes that you will use the "Update" capability on the "Edit Personal Info" screen whenever you have a change, especially an email address. This will help us to keep our lists and email groups current and ensure you receive all OLLI communications.

MY ACCOUNT



Hover your mouse over the "My Account" top-level menu (green horizontal menu near top left of page) and select "Get User Account," "Change Password" or "Forgot Password" on the drop-down menu. The function of these screens is self evident.

ADMINISTRATION

The "Admin" top-level menu is reserved for staff (creation of a membership directory, control of the membership database, setting class-size parameters, creating class lists and generating confirmation letters) and for Board members (certain management screens).

Do I have to use the online registration system to register? No. You can still register by walk-in or by mail, and you can still pay by check. Next week's article will describe how the registration process will change slightly as we introduce the new system.

RELATED LINKS

- > [Overview of new registration system](#) (Jul 13, 2007)

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OLLI PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB?



DURING SOME OF OUR RECENT PHOTOGRAPHY COURSES, attendees have asked about the possibility of starting an OLLI Photography Club. The purpose of this notice is to find out if there is sufficient interest to establish one.

It is envisioned that the group will have monthly meetings featuring how-to presentations from current members as well as guest speakers. There will also be field trips similar to those featured in the OLLI Photography Course at Reston this summer, providing for more social interaction. Club activities will be designed to accommodate a spectrum of

photographic interests from basic cameras to advanced techniques with Single Lens Reflex cameras (film and digital).

Dan Feighery has volunteered to see what the interest level is and help get it started if it is approved. If you are interested in joining an OLLI Photography Club, please [send Dan an email](mailto:dfeigher@gmu.edu) (dfeigher@gmu.edu) with "OLLI Photo Club" in the subject line. Let Dan know whether you would like to join the club and provide any thoughts/desires you may have on club activities.

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PANDORA RADIO

An Internet tip



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

OLLI MEMBERS ARE USERS OF THE INTERNET and many like music, so I offer a tip about something I discovered that is "really neat" and a big hit with the college crowd -- Pandora Radio. It's a free Internet radio station that plays commercial-free music of the specific genre you like, but it personalizes its selections for you in a unique way -- by drawing on human analysis of the musical components of tens of thousands of songs. Here's how Pandora describes its Music Genome Project.

We set out to capture the essence of music at the most fundamental level. We ended up assembling literally hundreds of musical attributes or "genes" into a very large Music Genome. Taken together these genes capture the unique and magical musical identity of a song - everything from melody, harmony and rhythm, to instrumentation, orchestration, arrangement, lyrics, and of course the rich world of singing and vocal harmony. It's not about what a band looks like, or what genre they supposedly belong to, or about who buys their records - it's about what each individual song sounds like.

At the Pandora Website, you create a new station by entering the name of an artist or a song. E.g., if you enter "Neil Diamond," Pandora searches the Music Genome Project and plays "a song that exemplifies the musical style of Neil Diamond which features pop rock qualities, mild rhythmic syncopation,

mixed acoustic and electric instrumentation, a vocal-centric aesthetic and a dynamic male vocalist." Pandora then constantly streams a playlist/station of similar-sounding artists or songs. You don't have to do anything more, but if you want, you can guide it by telling it that you really like -- or really don't like -- a song that is playing. You can create other stations based on other artists or songs, and you can do a quick mix to shuffle-play songs from two or more of your stations.

Pandora is an easy way to enjoy commercial-free music while working on your computer. Try it out at [Pandora Radio](#). (For a fascinating, detailed look at "How Pandora Radio Works," see [this article](#) on the Howstuffworks Website.)

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COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS ABOUT OLLI?

HERE'S HOW to express your views--

> **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](#). Whenever an official response 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.

> **Privately--**

- > Contact any [Board member](#) or the [Executive Director](#);
- > 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 on one of the "parking lots for ideas" in classrooms; or
- > Contact the office by [email](#) or phone (703-503-3384).

PROFILE

Illinois Farm Boy: Newly Elected Board Member John Woods



By Carolyn Sanders, OLLI E-News staff writer

A CALL TO THE ALEXANDRIA HOME OF JOHN WOODS

is answered by a very pleasant sounding lady, a.k.a. Peggy, his wife. A former member of OLLI herself, Peggy is taking some time off with other pursuits—imagine that! She must have some idea of how time-consuming a Board Member's job really is and doesn't want to be OLLI-ed out. We'll look for her back someday.

Peggy and John each have a son and a daughter and share three grandchildren, his is way out west and her two live nearby in Leesburg. (I was able to assure them that this is really close enough.)

John owns 100 acres adjacent to the family farm, all of which are managed by his brother. If that weren't enough to qualify John as the resident farm expert for the OLLI Investment Forum, one of his three degrees from the University of Illinois is in agriculture; the others are in communications and veterinary medicine.

That extensive education has been put to good use as John alternated between academia—teaching five separate times at his alma mater—interspersed with working overseas in development assistance programs. He has made the world his home and office by visiting 88 countries and working in 54. One 11-year period was spent living in Bangkok, Thailand. Catch him in the Social Room and get him talking—he drops country names and job acronyms like some folks mention celebrities.

Welcome to the OLLI Board, John. We appreciate your expertise and experience and are grateful that you are sharing them with us. Now, if we can just get Peggy to come back...



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A forum for members to voice their views on OLLI matters
WE WILL PUBLISH your brief letters about OLLI and, if a response seems appropriate, we will include an OLLI response from the executive director or the applicable officer or committee chair in the same issue. Submit your letter via [email to the editor](#) or submit it as a "letter to the editor" via the [online suggestion box](#) or the suggestion box in the Tallwood Social Room. To be published in a given Friday's issue, the editor must receive the letter no later than 7:00 pm on Monday so that any applicable OLLI response can also be published. Letters can be published anonymously but you must include your name and email address or phone number so we can verify that you are an OLLI member.

The OLLI Library ... and the Huddleson Library



Old Town Hall, Fairfax City

I wanted to comment positively about the expanded "library" book shelves in the social room. I was able to find a book that I would like to try to read. I say 'try' because I am a slow reader and generally avoid the regular county library because I don't have enough time to get the book(s) read before they are due (even with renewals). So the informality of the OLLI library is great for me.

However, for other slow OLLI readers (read procrastinators also) I would like to share information about another nearby informal library--the Huddleson Library on the second floor of the Old Town Hall, the white-columned building at the corner of Main Street and University Drive in Fairfax City. You do have to check out the book on an old-fashioned library book card but they don't hound you for it to be returned. The second floor also houses the Fairfax Art League's monthly art show so you can enjoy the work of local artists while you are browsing books in the library. The building is normally open from 10:00 until 2:00 Monday through Thursday. There are no late fees or computer check-outs. It is quite informal and friendly. Enjoy.

-- Jim Caputo, OLLI member

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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 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 Jul 20 10am Board of Directors meeting - TA-1
10am Recorder Group - TA-2
Tuesday Jul 24 8:15am Reston Walking Group - Lake Anne Plaza
Friday Jul 27 Summer Semester Ends
10am Classic Fiction Book Club - Reston Regional Library
10am Recorder Group - TA-2
10:30am Homer Book Club - Annex
Monday Jul 30 OLLI Closed through Friday, Aug 10
Tuesday Jul 31 8:15am Reston Walking Group - Lake Anne Plaza

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