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 > **LOUDOUN COURSE CHANGE.** [The New Yorker: A Round Table Discussion](#) (L708) will be held on Monday (not Thursday) mornings at 10:30; new coordinator is Nancy Robinson.  
 > **FLU SHOT CLINIC.** Scheduled for Fri, Oct 16, 1:00-3:00, Tallwood. More info to follow.

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**OLLI IS VERY RESOURCE-FUL!**

*From the executive director*



By [Thom Clement](#), Executive Director

**THIS WEEK I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE** of sitting in on meetings with some very RESOURCE-ful OLLI members as they discussed ideas for future courses. As you may know, our program is developed totally by our members via resource groups. Each resource group has a chairperson. You can always identify resource group chairs because they are confused about what month (or season) we're in! For example, the Philosophy, Religion and Ethics Resource Group that I met with this week is working on courses for the 2010 winter and spring terms -- and it's still August 2009!

In addition to the curriculum resource groups, OLLI also has program-planning groups in Loudoun and in Reston. As is the case with our Program Committee, these planning groups oversee the process of providing a balanced program of course offerings and special events at each OLLI site. I met with the Loudoun group this week, and they are truly excited about their expanding program, which of course is available to all full OLLI members. To encourage sharing of ideas and resources, the Loudoun and Reston program groups have scheduled a joint meeting for Mon, Aug 31.

**It's not too late to join in on the fun. Each OLLI member is welcome to attend and participate in one or more of the upcoming resource group meetings. Each of them meets at 10:00 at Tallwood unless otherwise noted.**

- Mon, Aug 24: Science, Technology and Health
- Tue, Aug 25: History and Current Events
- Wed, Aug 26: Economics and Finance (11:30)
- Thu, Aug 27: Language, Literature and Theater
- Fri, Aug 28: Art and Music
- Mon, Aug 31: Joint Reston/Loudoun program planning (1:30 at Loudoun Mason building -- a change of venue for the previously scheduled Reston program planning meeting)
- Wed, Sep 2: Special Events

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## FRIENDS OF OLLI: IMPROVING OUR CLASSROOMS

*How your donations are being spent*



By [Paul Howard](#), Audiovisual Support Committee Co-chair

### FRIENDS OF OLLI FUNDING IS ABSOLUTELY VITAL

to our ability to enhance the audio/visual resources of the OLLI program. For example, we recently used \$3,000 in Friends of OLLI funds to acquire an eight-channel mixer, two wireless microphone systems, and a powered speaker system for use in locations away from our regular classrooms. This "road show" public-address sound kit (*shown in photo at right by Bill Walsh*) not only is ideal for classes at remote locations, such as Christ Lutheran Church in Fairfax, but also allows us to have panel discussions, drama presentations, and Webinars (interactive video and audio links between OLLI campuses). Obtaining these items also freed up other sound equipment for use in our Loudoun classrooms, which had no provision for an instructor's voice to be amplified; as a result, members are better able to hear presentations.



One of the major 2009 outlays from Friends of OLLI funds now underway will bring Reston classroom audiovisual capability up to Tallwood standards. A major improvement will be the permanent mounting of music-quality speakers on the front walls of the classrooms for music/video presentations and the installation of public-address speakers in the ceiling of the classrooms for the amplification of instructor and introducer voices. New display screens will allow larger, brighter images to be projected in both classrooms.

You can see where your contributions to the Friends of OLLI are being used in every one of our classrooms. **We hope that you will continue to make generous contributions to the Friends of OLLI (a current opportunity is to donate when you register for fall classes).**

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## VISIT TO SKY MEADOWS

*The Walking Group strays from home base: a slideshow*



*Slideshow: The Walking Group at Sky Meadows on Jul 26, 2009; framed photos by Don Allen.*

Related Web link: [Sky Meadows State Park](#).

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## PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETING

*Presentation: "The Focal Point ... or Why I Took This Picture"*

**THE OLLI PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB WILL MEET** on Fri, Aug 28, at 9:30 in TA-1. This month's presentation is "The Focal Point ... or Why I Took This Picture" by Charles Neenan, a photographer and digital imaging artist who lives in northern Virginia; he is one of the two experts who provide online critiques for the OLLI Photo Club.

Charles says that oftentimes we photographers forget that cameras are essentially dumb, inanimate tools. We humans see a beautiful flower, a pretty face, a stunning slide into home plate; the camera "sees" everything in the viewfinder, good, bad, ugly, and superfluous. There is no one focal point in the camera's imaging process (other than the focusing/metering point). So, what do we do? We crop – either in camera or in postproduction. This talk will be on

how and why we crop ... and when to best do it.

All interested OLLI members are invited to attend meetings of the Photography Club.

This notice was contributed by club coordinator Dan Feighery.

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## BRUNCH WITH THE BIRDS

*An auction event at the Sanders' home*



*Slideshow: Six photos by Dan and Jean Feighery.*

**I T WAS MIDMORNING ON TUE, AUG 3**, when Carolyn and Al Sanders welcomed to their home the winners of the silent auction item "Brunch with the Birds: Brunch while sitting on the old church pew at the antique table overlooking bird feeders and Al's garden." While Carolyn (with daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter) completed preparations, guests gathered in the screened porch for wine, juice and appetizers. Al then showed the guests around the lovely terraced yard and brightly colored flower beds. Afterwards the fortunate auction winners gathered in the living room, where they admired artifacts and heirlooms from a by-gone era while savoring the aroma wafting from the kitchen.

When everyone was seated and had joined hands, Al led the blessing. Then the scrumptious meal started to arrive. There were homemade breads, jellies, salads, gazpacho, egg dishes, quiche, and much more ... followed by thin pancakes (two kinds) with fresh berries, fruit and whipped cream as well as tea




and coffee brewed to order. Conversation, during which we learned more about each other, and watching the birds (from woodpeckers to a hummingbird) just outside the dining room window -- all combined for an unforgettable experience. By mid-afternoon it was time to return to our own separate worlds, thankful for the wonderful day provided by Carolyn and Al.

-- Dan and Jean Feighery, OLLI members

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## THREE NOTICES

*New Maps page; archive of catalogs complete; Senior Olympics*

NEW MAPS PAGE	ARCHIVE OF CATALOGS	SENIOR OLYMPICS
 <p>Our Web site features a NEW maps and directions page, with some new maps, to help you locate and drive to all our sites as well as to our occasional classroom locations. The revision was in response to a request from an OLLI member for better guidance to sites.</p> <p><b>Check it out by <a href="#">clicking here.</a></b></p>	 <p>With assistance from OLLI Historian Palmer McGrew and the office staff, Webmaster John West has now archived pdf catalogs for all known LRI/OLLI terms since 1991.</p> <p><b>Visit "DocStore" (click Document Storage/OLLI Catalogs) to look into the past and see the wonderful offerings available years ago!</b></p>	 <p>OLLI members regularly compete and win at the <a href="#">Northern Virginia Senior Olympics</a>. In 2009 these Olympics are being held during a two-week period from Sep 12-23. Your registration must be postmarked <b>by Fri, Aug 28</b> (on-site registration is not available for many events).</p> <p><b>A request: If you participate this year, let the editor know and send photos for a future article in this newsletter!</b></p>

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## DEPARTMENTS

## PROFILE OF BOARD MEMBER

Meet newly appointed director *Suzy Jampoler*



**Suzy Jampoler**

By Elizabeth Crawford, *OLLI E-News* Staff Writer

### IN JUST ONE YEAR AS A MEMBER OF

OLLI in Loudoun, Suzy Jampoler has taken on an impressive number of jobs. She is a member of the Loudoun Program Committee, which coordinates the work that individuals do to bring courses from idea to execution. This spring she took on the role of Loudoun Coordinator and is organizing groups to work on communications, volunteer coordination, technical support, membership, community outreach, and OLLI development. Suzy is offering her home on October 1 for a potluck lunch for members to learn about "Let's Eat Out" and the Classic Fiction Book Club and to launch additional clubs. She has been pleased at the members' enthusiastic response to the 40 Loudoun summer courses and expects that additional clubs will give members increased social opportunities.

Recently, President Emmett Fenlon appointed Suzy to fill a vacancy on the Board specifically because he saw the importance of a Loudoun voice to complete the full integration of our three sites. With all that Suzy does, including teaching or coordinating a course each term, and the cooperation she has received from the Loudoun membership, our newest site is prospering.

In the past, Suzy served as executive director for the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science and the Global Spatial Data Infrastructure Association, non-profits that provide members with opportunities to cooperate on research and other common intellectual interests. She also founded and operated GeoKnowledge, Inc., a geographic technical education business, in which she developed course materials for companies and government agencies. Finally, at the university level, she designed and implemented courses in geographic information systems technology -- including, for example, the GIS Certificate Program through Mason's Office of Continuing Education.

Suzy is president of the Loudoun Beekeepers Association, and in the fall she will be offering the course "Beekeeping for the Non-Beekeeper" in Loudoun. Five years ago, using Suzy's honey, her granddaughters (then 9 and 11) founded a non-profit corporation, Hives For Lives. They, and a growing number of teenagers mentored by Suzy, are beekeepers and run the business that sells honey and beeswax candles at farmers' markets, in stores (including

Whole Foods), and on the Internet. So far they have donated \$160,000 for basic cancer research at a number of hospitals and universities.

So often we hear, "What interesting people you meet at OLLI!" Certainly that can be said of Suzy.

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## 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: Emmett Fenlon ([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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## MASON HIGHLIGHTS

*Mason events*



By Helen Ackerman, *OLLI E-News* Staff Writer

- [Organic Gardening Workshop](#). If you're interested in growing plants, fruits, and vegetables in an environmentally sustainable way, this workshop is for you. Instructor is Tanya Amrhein Paull of the Belle Meade School and Farm, an operation that uses only sustainable and chemical-free garden practices. Sat, Aug 29, 9:00 to 12:00, Smithsonian's Conservation and Research Center, Front Royal. Offered as part of the Smithsonian-Mason Global Conservation Studies

Programs. Register online by Aug 26. \$70 (\$55 for Friends of the National Zoo).

- **Cinema Series:** [Boondock Saints](#). Two Irish brothers believe they have a calling to eliminate members of the mafia in this 1999 action crime drama. Fri, Sep 4, 6:00 and 9:00, Sat, Sep 5, 6:00 and 9:00, Sun, Sep 6, 3:00 and 6:00. Johnson Center, Cinema. Mason students w/ID, free; Mason faculty and staff w/ID, \$1; general public, \$3.

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

*Non-class events at OLLI for the next two weeks*

**T**HE 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 Aug 21 10am Recorder Consort - TA-2
- 11am Homer Group - Social Room Annex
- Mon Aug 24 10am **Science, Technology and Health Resource Group** - TA-2
- 10am Online Registration Help Session - Tallwood
- 10am Bridge Club - TA-3
- Tue Aug 25 Knitting and Needlework Club - Lake Anne Coffee Shop
- 10am **History and Current Events Resource Group** - TA-1
- Wed Aug 26 10am Online Registration Help Session - Loudoun
- 10am Investment Forum - TA-3
- 11:30am **Economics and Finance Resource Group** - TA-3
- Thu Aug 27 10am **Literature, Language and Theater Resource Group** - TA-2
- Fri Aug 28 9:30am Photography Club - TA-1
- 10am **Art and Music Resource Group** - TA-3
- 10am Recorder Consort - TA-2
- 10:30am Classic Fiction Book Club - Cascades Library
- 11am Homer Group - Social Room Annex
- Mon Aug 31 10am Bridge Club - TA-3
- 1:30pm **Joint Reston/Loudoun Program Planning Meeting** - Loudoun GMU campus

- Tue Sep 1 Knitting and Needlework Club - Lake Anne Coffee Shop
- Wed Sep 2 **Fall Registration Ends**
- 10am **Special Events Resource Group** - Annex
- 10am Investment Forum - TA-3
- Fri Sep 4 10am Recorder Consort - TA-2
- 11am Homer Group - Social Room Annex
- Mon Sep 7 OLLI Office Closed - Labor Day

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## OBITUARY

*Former OLLI member Al Smith*

**FORMER OLLI MEMBER AL SMITH** (*photo at right*) died on Aug 6. Al's wife Annette Smith is a member of OLLI. Al was profiled in *OLLI E-News* in Apr 2007 as a member of "The Greatest Generation" ([click here](#) to view the article) and he contributed an article in Oct 2007 entitled "An Unforgettable Experience" ([click here](#) to read his article).



The following death notice appeared in the Aug 8 issue of *The Washington Post*.

**Alfred E. Smith:** On Thu, Aug 6, 2009 at his residence in Fairfax, VA. Beloved husband of 50 years to Annette; loving father of Ronald J. (Susan), Thomas J. and Dr. Alfred W. Smith. Alfred is also survived by two grandchildren, Therese and James Smith. Visitation will be held on Sun, Aug 9, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 pm at FAIRFAX MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, 9902 Braddock Rd., Fairfax, VA. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Mon, Aug 10, at St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, 5222 Sideburn Rd., Fairfax, VA at 1 pm. Interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Fairfax Station, VA. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Capital Hospice, 6565 Arlington Blvd., Suite 500, Falls Church, VA 22042 or Fairfax City Fire and Rescue Department, 4081 University Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030.

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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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