



OLLI E-News

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OBITUARY	<p>> ELEANOR WHITE'S SON KEVIN passed away Mon, Aug 20. Burial will be in the chapel at Truro Church on Sat, Sep 1, at 2:00.</p>

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Last Friday's Board of Directors meeting



By [Susanne Zumbro](#), Secretary

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE OLLI BOARD OF DIRECTORS was held at Tallwood on Fri, Aug 17, 2007.

Debbie Halverson spoke about the possibility of OLLI having a yard sale, details to be worked out later.

Treasurer Pat Carroll led a discussion on budget assumptions for the 2008 OLLI budget. Along with several other possible assumptions, maintaining a balanced budget and not touching the rainy day fund were two of the issues mentioned. At present our working cash is down to \$12,000. The end-of-year projection is for a budget deficit of \$35,000. Information about fall registration totals should be available by Aug 31, the last day of registration. The fee for the use of the pool parking lot has been negotiated to \$14,000/year.

The Board passed a resolution that the Affiliation Agreement/Lease with GMU shall be accepted as written.

Loudoun will be holding an open house on Mon, Sep 10. Advertisements have been placed in local Loudoun newspapers. An assistant will be hired to staff the Loudoun office. Our goal in Loudoun remains to be revenue neutral.

Board members were reminded that the New Member Coffee is scheduled for Fri, Sep 21, at 10:00. The next OLLI Town Meeting is scheduled for Fri, Nov 2, at 10:00.

Debbie Halverson announced her resignation as president as of noon, Mon, Aug 20, 2007. At that time, Vice President Ben Gold will take over as president until a new president is elected.

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UPDATE

From the executive director



By [Dick Chobot](#), Executive Director



MASON MILITARY OUTREACH. For interested OLLI members, see the [Mason Military Outreach flyer \(pdf\)](#) describing the care package drive on Thu, Sep 6, at Mason Hall. If OLLI members want to drop items off at OLLI, I will see that they get to the Mason event. A drop-off box will be placed in the social room beginning on Monday.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION. In addition to all the other benefits George Mason affords OLLI, we have been visited with another one. This past Tuesday, a new Kawai upright piano was delivered to TA-1. This is a result of Mason becoming an "All Steinway" school, thereby having an extra non-Steinway piano that could be given to OLLI, and once again shows the tangible support that George Mason and its colleges, schools and departments continue to provide to OLLI.

HOLD THE DATE. A Flu Shot Clinic at Tallwood is planned for Fri, Oct 19, from 1:00-5:00. More information to follow as we get closer to the event. An attempt is being made to schedule a second clinic in Reston, in collaboration with the Lake Anne Community Center, if at all possible.

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FRIENDS OF OLLI

Your donations are important

THIS IS A REMINDER TO MEMBERS that fall is the term when OLLI has more renewals than in any other term. **As you are renewing your membership (or just registering as a current member), please consider donating to the Friends of OLLI.** You can easily add a donation of any amount when you complete your online registration or fill out your registration form.

Friends of OLLI was established in 1998 to create another source of revenue to support OLLI's operations. Over the years, if we hadn't received donations from generous OLLI members, we would have had to charge more dues to make up the shortfall.

Friends of OLLI funds are being used to support charitable and extraordinary expenses like scholarships to Mason students, chair upgrades, audio/visual equipment upgrade and/or replacement, and the current online

database/registration system upgrade.

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RESOURCE GROUP MEETING NEXT WEEK

History, International Studies & Current Events Resource Group

THE HISTORY, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES & CURRENT EVENTS

Resource Group will meet 10:00, Wed., Aug 29, in TA-3. **All OLLI members are welcome, and their suggestions are needed.**

These meetings are held twice a year to brainstorm ideas and suggestions on future courses, lectures and potential instructors and coordinators for the 300 and 700 series offerings. It is an opportunity for you to take a direct part in planning interesting and useful courses for the winter and spring 2008 terms and beyond.

If you cannot attend or would like to send in ideas in advance, please provide your thoughts on priorities, topics and potential speakers/instructors. You can provide your input to any one of the three co-chairs: [Bob Bohall](#), [Emmett Fenlon](#), or [Phil True](#).

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SUPPORT THEATER OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT

A unique way to support Mason's TFA



By [Kevin Murray](#), Theater of the First Amendment managing

director

YOU CAN SUPPORT THEATER OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT and its latest project, the Arts at Mason Festival, and enjoy fine Italian dining at the same time. Extra Virgin Restaurant in Shirlington has generously offered to host a TFA benefit this weekend on Sun, Aug 26 between 5-10 pm. Make a reservation, mention this TFA benefit, and enjoy. Extra Virgin will donate 50 percent of the proceeds to TFA to support the Arts at Mason Festival to be held in June 2008.

Simply open and print [this certificate \(Microsoft Word document\)](#), then call the restaurant at 703-998-8474 to make your reservation. Please bring one certificate for each separate check if dining with a group.

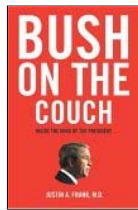
You can take a look at the [menus](#) ahead of time. Extra Virgin is in the heart of Shirlington, at 4053 Campbell Avenue (that's also 28th Street S.), Arlington, Virginia 22206. Note: the street name change is very recent; if you want an online map or directions, use *4053 28th St. S, Arlington, VA* for the best directions.

For more information, please contact me by phone (703-993-2195) or [email](#). I hope to see you there!

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UPDATE TO SPEAKER LIST

Authors of two books to speak in course 702



UPDATE--COURSE 702, POLITICS & FOREIGN POLICY

TWO SPEAKERS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED for two sessions of course 702, Politics & Foreign Policy, that were listed as "TBD" in the fall catalog.

> **Oct 8:** *The Myth of the Rational Voter: Why Democracies Choose Bad Policies.* Bryan Caplan, associate professor of economics at Mason's Center for Study of Public Choice, will discuss his Apr 2007 book.

> **Oct 22:** *Bush on the Couch: Inside the Mind of the President.* In his book published in 2004, Justin A. Frank, MD, clinical professor in the Department of Psychiatry at George Washington University Medical Center, questions whether the president is fit for the office he holds.

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OLLI WANTS YOU

Help by attending upcoming Resource Group meetings



By Elizabeth Crawford, OLLI E-News staff writer

AFTER ATTENDING A FEW YEARS OF CLASSES at

OLLI, members may almost become spoiled. Ambassadors, bishops, Mason professors, politicians, media stars, representatives of some of the best known think tanks in the country--sharing their insights and expertise, they stand there before us.

Do we wonder often enough, what work has been involved to get them there? For this we must thank the Resource Groups, volunteers who meet to plan and execute the courses we enjoy. As the fall round of Resource Group meetings is about to begin, a brief look at what they do may be useful.

Members interested in certain areas such as Science/Health or History/Current Events meet to plan courses a term, or sometimes a year, in advance. All are welcome. Expertise in the area is helpful to recommend topics and speakers, but fresh ideas from members who want to learn about something new can generate some of our most interesting courses. Attendees may offer to teach a course, suggest a vague idea that may turn into a course, or just sit there and listen. Eventually, someone in the group will take on the responsibility to write a tentative syllabus, contact instructors, or meet speakers at the metro, but new members are not pressured to offer more than they wish to contribute.

So, as the meetings that will determine future course choices are about to begin, please consider attending one or more of them. A great idea is probably simmering in your head right now, just waiting to be awakened by something you hear at one of these meetings (at Tallwood unless otherwise indicated):

- > Wed, Aug 29, 10:00 - History, International Studies & Current Events
- > Tue, Sep 4, 10:00 - Literature, Language & Theater
- > Wed, Sep 5, 10:00 - Science, Health &



- Technology
- > Wed, Sep 5, 10:00 - Special Events
- > Thu, Sep 6, 11:00 (Lake Anne Coffee House) - Reston Program
- > Mon, Sep 10, 10:00 - Religion, Philosophy & Ethics
- > Wed, Sep 12, 11:30 - Economics & Finance

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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 OF PAUL ANDINO

About the volunteer who designs our catalog covers



By Julie Fintel, OLLI E-News staff writer

OLLI MEMBER PAUL ANDINO DESIGNS THE COVERS of the OLLI catalogs with the seasons in mind. Summer is a welcoming porch scene, fall shows a bridge crossing a stream, winter displays trees covered with fluffy snow, and spring has blossoming trees and a pond.



"Unfortunately we can't do full color," says Paul, but each cover has its own color background. He enjoys explaining how he creates the covers. He starts with a color photo and converts it to a black-and-white transparency, with another transparency of the OLLI and Mason logos and term dates placed over the first transparency. He then prints it on seasonally thematic colored paper. Paul is not a professional artist – "Not enough money there," he says.

Paul was born in Brooklyn and his wife Margaret in Manhattan. They have two adult children. Paul worked for defense industry contractor General Dynamics in Connecticut for 20 years, then joined Booz Allen Hamilton, a leading global strategy and technology consulting firm.

Paul likes to write; some of his stories appear in OLLI's literary magazine, *Fairfax Ink*. Both he and Margaret enjoy OLLI's music classes (Margaret was a longtime coordinator of the Music Sampler class). Several years ago, Paul went into business for himself designing books and brochures for the Air Force and Navy. Since 1988, he has represented the Braddock District as a member of the Board of Directors of the Fairfax County Water Authority (now known as Fairfax Water).

MASON HIGHLIGHTS

Events at nearby Mason



By Nancy Ragsdale, OLLI E-News staff writer

> **Center for the Arts.** Now is a good time to plan what you want to enjoy during the upcoming season. Beginning Sep 1, you can buy individual tickets for several upcoming performances of music, dance, and the theater or purchase a subscription for several performances in a particular genre, for example "All Music." Click on www.gmu.edu/cfa/calendar to see what's available and how to purchase tickets.

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 used by the office). *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).*

- Fri Aug 24 10am Classic Fiction Book Club - Reston Regional Library
- 10am Photography Club - TA-1
- 10am Recorder Ensemble - TA-2
- 10:30am Homer Book Club - Annex
- Tue Aug 28 8:15am Reston Walking Group - Lake Anne Plaza
- Wed Aug 29 10am Bridge Club - TA-1
- 10am History, International Studies, Current Events Resource Group meeting - TA-3**
- 10am Investment Forum - TA-2
- Fri Aug 31 Fall Registration Closes
- 10am OLLI Board of Directors meeting - TA-1**
- 10am Recorder Ensemble - TA-2
- 10:30am Homer Book Club - Annex
- Mon Sep 3 OLLI Closed- Labor Day
- Tue Sep 4 8:15am Reston Walking Group - Lake Anne Plaza
- 10am Literature, Language & Theater Resource Group meeting - Tallwood**
- Wed Sep 5 **10am Science, Health & Technology Resource Group meeting - Annex**
- 10am Bridge Club - TA-1
- 10am Special Events Resource Group meeting - TA-2**
- Fri Sep 7 10am Recorder Ensemble - TA-2
- 10:30am Homer Book Club - Annex

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Submissions. We encourage members to submit articles and photos for this newsletter. 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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