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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University



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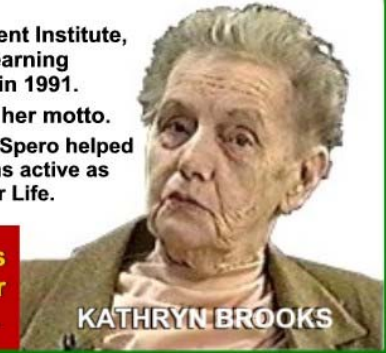
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| ALERT | > PUBLISHED IN THE POST. OLLI member Mike McNamara's article about OLLI is in yesterday's <i>Washington Post</i> on this page . |
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LOOKING BACK AT OUR HISTORY

OLLI's founding ladies

16 years ago, LRI began as a vision

- > Our founder, Kathryn Brooks, worked tirelessly for years to get support and resources to establish a lifelong-learning institute in Fairfax.
- > The Learning in Retirement Institute, now the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, was established in 1991.
- > "Dues, not tuition," was her motto.
- > Founding member Lilyan Spero helped us get Tallwood and remains active as Honorary Board Member for Life.



Kathryn's dream lives on in the 750-member strong OLLI of today.

KATHRYN BROOKS

- > [Watch short videos](#) of our first three presidents -- Kathryn Brooks, Shirley Fox and Lilyan Spero
- > Read our Website [page about Kathryn Brooks](#)
- > Read the *OLLI E-News* [profile of Lilyan Spero](#)
- > Read an [informal history of LRI's first five years \(pdf\)](#)

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HAVING TROUBLE KEEPING UP WITH YOUR INTERNET PASSWORDS?

A solution to help OLLI members



By Paul Howard, Board member

DURING THIS YEAR'S WINTER AND SUMMER TERMS,

I taught the Home Computer Security module of OLLI's Identity Theft course (an expanded version of the course is being offered this fall as course 203, "Avoid Being Targeted for Identity Theft"). A major concern that OLLI students expressed was creating secure passwords for use with their financial Websites and keeping track of all the user IDs and passwords that electronic commerce requires. To help address these concerns, I've arranged a 20 percent discount for OLLI members interested in buying RoboForm, a password manager and form-filler program that vastly simplifies the Internet life of computer users.



A product of Fairfax County firm Siber Systems, RoboForm keeps your personal data encrypted on your computer. **It makes signing on to most Websites or filling out an electronic commerce order form a matter of a single mouse click.** Internet Explorer and Firefox browsers are supported; a RoboForm toolbar is added to your browser. Sorry, RoboForm doesn't work on Macs or with the Opera browser for Windows.

A free version is available and will work indefinitely but users should note that after 30 days, automatic log ons are restricted to a maximum of 10 Websites (the paid version has no restrictions). Learn more about RoboForm from [its Website](#). I demonstrated RoboForm at a recent meeting of the OLLI Investment Forum, where it received considerable interest, and I discovered at least one other Forum member using the program with great success.

To order and receive the 20 percent discount for OLLI members, click [this link](#).

Editor's note. I've tried RoboForm, and I am impressed ... especially with how it automatically logs me onto almost all of my financial sites, even when previously I had to not only enter a user ID and password but also select, e.g., "banking," from a menu (see image above). I also like the fact that you can print a plain-text list of all your login information as a hard-copy backup.

-- Rod Zumbro, *OLLI E-News* editor

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PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

A new club holds its first meeting



Photo of red panda taken by a club member

THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED OLLI PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB had an initial meeting at Tallwood last Friday with 16 people attending. The group laid out a general approach on how the club would function. Monthly club meetings will be at Tallwood on the last Friday of the month at 9:30 (thus, the next meetings will be on Sep 28, Oct 26, and Nov 30).

There will also be monthly field trips with the date and location decided by the group each month. The first of these will be Fri, Sep 7, to take pictures of the OLLIwood gardens and anything else that looks interesting at Tallwood.

There were three elements to the presentation part of the meeting--

> The instructor from the summer photography course showed a book of photographs taken by those participating in that course. He also briefly discussed some online sources for developing such books.

> There was a digital projection of images from several members who had responded to a challenge to take some pictures focusing on lines.

> There was a 35mm slide show depicting ordinary things taken from unordinary perspectives.

After the meeting, some folks had time to chat awhile and share things they

were doing. All in all, the meeting was a great start for this new OLLI initiative. If you are interested in joining the group, send an [email to dfeigher@gmu.edu](mailto:dfeigher@gmu.edu) with OLLI Photography Club in the subject line, and you will be put on the distribution list for club activities.

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COME SEE THE LOUDOUN CAMPUS

An invitation to all members



EARLIER EDITIONS OF OLLI E-NEWS

HAVE NOTED that an Open House will be held for prospective members and guests at the OLLI campus in Loudoun on Mon, Sep 10, at 10:30. Loudoun newspapers have advertised the event, and flyers are being distributed in libraries and other public buildings.

We invite all OLLI members to join us at the Open House to view the Mason facility, enjoy coffee and sweets, and to help us spread the good word about all OLLI has to offer. A short program is being planned to describe OLLI's programs, including the courses being offered in the Loudoun pilot program this fall.

A map and directions to the Mason Loudoun campus can be accessed at this [Google maps page](#).

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THE CONVERSATION PROGRAM

You can help international students with their English



By [Joan Crawford](#), George Mason University



THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE AT GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

will again sponsor "The Conversation Program," an extracurricular program for international students who would like to improve their oral English skills by

participating in small-group discussions. **This is an excellent volunteer opportunity for retired teachers and other OLLI members who enjoy meeting internationals.**

This semester the conversation program will begin Tue, Sep 18, and run for eight weeks, until Nov 6. There will be an orientation meeting Tue, Sep 11, for those who are interested in volunteering to lead a small group of international students which will meet one hour a week to practice their English and learn about American culture.

If you are interested in volunteering or in learning more about the program, please [email me](#) (or phone 703-993-3660) and provide your phone number and the best time to reach you. Thanks much.

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TFA PLAY READING

A free reading at the Kennedy Center



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


director

ON LABOR DAY, THE THEATER OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT will offer a staged reading of *Kindred Spirits*, by Mason student Lara Marie Harmon, in the Theater Lab at the Kennedy Center as part of the Center's annual Page-to-Stage Festival. That's Mon, Sep 3, at 2:00. This is a free event (although parking is not). The play runs approximately one hour -- directed by Kimberley Cetron, featuring Mary Lechter and Frank Robinson, Jr.

Synopsis: In an urban fantasy set on a crowded Metro platform, the Green Woman, now human, meets the Gray Man, who has never been human. Simply by meeting, they change each other, they bring one another awareness.

More information on the Page-to-Stage Festival is on this [Website page](#).

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| NORTHERN VIRGINIA SENIOR OLYMPICS | COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS ABOUT OLLI? |
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|  <p>THE NEXT Northern Virginia Senior Olympics will be held Sat, Sep 15, through Thu, Sep 27, 2007 at local venues. Last year several OLLI members participated in a variety of events and won many medals.</p> <p>If you plan to participate this year, please send an email to the editor and indicate the events (e.g., track & field, swimming, table tennis, etc.) you plan to participate in.</p> <p>Before the start of the Senior Olympics, we will plan to publish an <i>OLLI E-News</i> notice to let the membership know about members' plans so that friends and colleagues can attend and cheer OLLI members on.</p> <p>RELATED LINK > OLLI E-News article (Jul 13, 2007)</p> | <p>HERE'S HOW to express your views--</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 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-- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 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). |

MASON HIGHLIGHTS

Events at nearby Mason



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

> **Physics Seminars** – Two fascinating seminars will be presented by two top Mason professors on Thu, Sep 6, in Room 301, Research I. The first, [Quantum Paradoxes](#), by Jeff Tollaksen, Dept. of Computational and Data Science, will take place at 10:00; the second, [Three Inconvenient Truths about Global Warming](#), will be presented by Robert Ehrlich, Dept. of Physics and Astronomy, at 11:00.

> **Cinema Series** - Let's go to the movies. Thu, Sep 6 - [Angel](#). Fri and Sat, Sep 7 and 8 – [Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End](#) – both movies at 6:00 and 9:00 in the JC Cinema. \$1 with Mason ID.



> **Krasnow Monday Seminar – Constructive Memory From Dewey through Bartlett to Situated Computation** by John Gero, Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study, on Mon, Sep 10, at 4:00, Room 229, Krasnow Institute.

> **Astronomy Observing Session** – Come see the night sky at its best with a knowledgeable Mason Professor of Astronomy on hand to answer your questions and comment on your observations. Mon, Sep 10, 8:30–10:00 pm in Research I Observatory. Meet in the lobby by the main elevators. Check the [Website](#) for cancellation due to weather conditions. To add to the enjoyment of the evening, join Joe Weingartner prior to the observing session (7:00 to 8:30) in Room 163 for his presentation to the Mason Physics and Astronomy Club.

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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 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 31 Fall Registration Closes
- 10am 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**
- Thu Sep 6 **11am Reston Program Resource Group meeting - Lake Anne Coffee House**
- Fri Sep 7 10am Recorder Ensemble - TA-2
- 10:30am Homer Book Club - Annex
- Mon Sep 10 **10am Religion, Philosophy & Ethics Resource Group meeting - Tallwood**
- Tue Sep 11 8:15am Reston Walking Group - Lake Anne Plaza
- 10am Board of Directors meeting - TA-1**
- Wed Sep 12 10am Investment Forum - TA-1
- 10am Tallwood Book Club - TA-2
- 10am Bridge - TA-3
- 11:30am **Economics & Finance Resource Group meeting - TA-1**
- Fri Sep 14 Confirmation letters received in members' homes
- 10am Recorder Group - TA-2
- 10:30am Homer Book Club - Annex

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members and staff employees to submit news items and write articles; deadline to the editor is 7:00 PM Wed (Mon for letters to the editor for which an OLLI response is appropriate) for that week's issue. Comments, suggestions or complaints? Please contact the [OLLI E-News editor](#) or the Publications Committee chair, [Gordon Canyock](#).

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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