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## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

*Last Friday's Board of Directors meeting*



By [Susanne Zumbro](#), Secretary



*OLLI officers after elections on Fri, Aug 31, 2007:  
President Pat Carroll, Vice President Ben Gold,  
Secretary Susanne Zumbro and Treasurer Gordon Canyock*

**A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OLLI BOARD OF DIRECTORS** was held at Tallwood on Fri, Aug 31.

The meeting was called to order by Ben Gold, who was serving as interim president pending election of a president to replace Debbie Halverson who resigned on Aug 20. Ben welcomed OLLI members in attendance.

**Pat Carroll resigned as treasurer and was elected to the office of president.** Ben handed the gavel and the chair over to Pat, who then took charge of the meeting.

**Gordon Canyock was elected to the office of treasurer.** Per the guidelines in our Board Handbook, as treasurer Gordon also serves as chair of the Finance Committee.

The president announced that we would adjourn into executive session. He explained to non-Board members present that we would be discussing personnel issues, and that such discussions are always held in executive session.

**The next meeting of the Board will be held on Tue, Sep 11, at 10:00 at Tallwood. Immediately below is the agenda for Tuesday's meeting.**

**AGENDA  
Board of Directors Meeting, Sep 11, 2007**

1. Welcome and introduction of guests
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Approval of the minutes of the Aug 17 and Aug 31, 2007 Board meetings
4. Consent Calendar (acceptance of committee reports) (Note: When the Consent Calendar is accepted, the content of all committee Reports is deemed to be accepted in its entirety.)
  1. Executive Committee
  2. Finance Committee
  3. Hospitality Committee
  4. Membership Committee\*
  5. Planning Committee
  6. Program Committee
  7. Program Review Committee
  8. Publications Committee
  9. Reston Support Committee
  10. University Relations Committee
  11. Loudoun Committee
5. Committee Action/Information Items
  1. OLLI Yard Sale Status Report
6. Treasurer's Report (review of August 2007 financials)

7. Executive Director's report
  1. Final status on Pool and Affiliation Agreements
  2. Report on the registration numbers
8. Unfinished Business: Executive Session
  1. Approval of minutes of the August 31 Executive Session meeting
  2. Renewal of Executive Director's contract
9. New Business:
  1. Resolution to reallocate Friends of OLLI funds from speaker system to new microphones for classrooms.
  2. Status of the revision of the executive director's position description.
10. Public Comments
11. Adjourn

\* Action Item

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## OLLI YARD SALE

*Oct 27 at Tallwood*



By Debbie Halverson, Membership Committee chair, and Bob Lawshe, Board member

**IT'S TIME TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for a very special event. The first-ever OLLI Yard Sale is coming on Sat, Oct 27!

**Why?** To benefit Friends of OLLI.

**What is Friends of OLLI?** A fund, established in 1998, to create another source of revenue to support OLLI's operations. Disbursements are primarily limited to capital expenditures and George Mason scholarships.

**What's for Sale?** Treasures you have lying around the house, including household items, tools, books, prints, games, sports stuff, posters, small (i.e., easily carried by one person) items of, say, outdoor furniture, cookware, cat collars, etc. You get the idea. Our thinking is that if you



bring it, you must be prepared to carry it away if it doesn't sell and we can't give it away. Sorry, no computer equipment, sofas, beds, armchairs, etc., and nothing that's broken.

**What's needed?** You are! Lots of volunteers are needed to make it happen. We need people to carry things and set up the tables, sales people, cashiers, pricers, general helpers, publicity people, a poet or two, and, oh yes, we almost forgot – Some folks who have experience actually doing a yard sale or two would be very nice. (Your treasures are also needed but more on that later.)

**How do I volunteer?** Just [email Bob Lawshe](#) and we'll all get together in early September to get this thing going.

This Yard Sale sounds like fun and should be a great way to help out OLLI and meet new people. We know you'll want to get involved! Especially if you know anything about actually doing a Yard Sale!

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## CLOSED FALL COURSES

*You may still sign up for most courses and events*



By [Ann Hartmann](#), Tallwood Site Administrator/OLLI Registrar

**YOU SHOULD RECEIVE** your confirmation letter by Fri, Sep 14, showing the courses and events in which you have been enrolled. Most courses and events are not full, and it's not too late to sign up. You may register for any of the still-available courses and events by completing a Change of Schedule Request form available in the Tallwood social room. If you are unable to come by Tallwood to fill out this form, you may [email](#) or call the office (703-503-3384) with your request.

Here is the list of closed courses and events for the fall term (*note: this list of [oversubscribed courses](#) is also always available on our Website under the "Our Program" drop-down menu*). **All courses not listed below are still available for you to sign up.**

### CLOSED COURSES & EVENTS

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|------------------------------------|--|
| 102: Sketching with Pencil and Ink | 601: Two Thousand Years of Jewish & Christian Philosophy |
| 105: Opera Spotlight               | 704: Middle East--Behind the Headlines                   |
| 107: Music Sampler                 |  |
| 201: An Economics Potpourri        |  |

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| 301: The War--Ken Burns' Documentary on World War II | 706: Spies, Traitors and Defectors              |
| 303: Late Antiquity to Early Middle Ages             | 803: Physical Fitness for Seniors               |
| 305: We are the pioneers of the world...             | 903: Beginning Bridge                           |
| 406: Old Time Radio                                  | 958: Let's Do Lunch at Jaipur                   |
| 407: Readers' Theater--Tallwood                      | 961: Wineries and More in Virginia Hunt Country |
| 501: Basic Survival Spanish                          | 965: Where A Hundred Thousand Fell              |
|  | 968: The Supreme Court                          |

**Note:** If your plans have changed such that you will no longer be able to attend one of the courses in which you are enrolled, **PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE** by [email](#) or phone (703-503-3384) as soon as possible so that if that course is full, members on the waiting list can be given an opportunity to enroll.

**NEW:** You may also do this online by visiting the [OLLI registration portal](#); after logging in, click the Courses menu and select Withdraw.  
Thank you!

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## MOVING IT ALONG

*Membership items*



By Debbie Halverson, Membership Committee chair

**THERE'S A BUZZ IN THE AIR** at OLLI-Tallwood these days, and I don't think it's just in my brain. This Wednesday I was standing on the veranda greeting old friends who were there for a resource group meeting and who also seemed delighted to be starting classes anew in a few weeks; I felt like a little girl waiting for school to begin. The classes this fall are dazzling and I'm planning on looking into some subject areas where my human form has never stepped. But enough about me.

I promised that I would get organized on developing some new goals for the membership committee and to that end I'm scheduling a meeting on Fri, Sep 14, at 11:00 at Tallwood. Rather than limit those who are specifically invited to this meeting to the named persons on my membership committee, I'll once

again open it up to all of you who have an interest in membership issues, including enlarging the social opportunities at OLLI.

Last time we talked about facilitating organizing special interest groups, like gourmet, travel, singles, and movie groups. We also talked about ballroom and folk dancing classes and Friday afternoon programming. Other ideas emerged and some of you may have had new inspiration to add to the list.

Of course, we still have our old standby, the new member coffee on Fri, Sep 21, at 10:30 (that I really would like to think of as the "member coffee" with new members especially honored), and now on our horizon is the first OLLI yard sale the last weekend in October. That should be a lot of fun and provide plenty of one-on-one chat about your attic stuff, like the origin of that bowl you are selling for \$1.00 that belonged to the sultan of some exotic country before it came into your possession.

Pass the word about this meeting to your colleagues who are interested in all of this. The more the merrier. It's time we implemented our plans. See you then.

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## INTRODUCING MASON ALERT

*A new emergency-alert system*

**G**EOURGE MASON UNIVERSITY IS INTRODUCING a new information system designed to give students, faculty and staff immediate access (via cell phone, email, pager or BlackBerry/Treo) to emergency

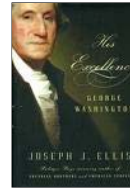
announcements, notifications and updates during times of a major campus or area crisis. Called Mason Alert, this initiative enhances the university's ability to communicate more effectively and efficiently with employees and students during any emergency or crisis situation. Mason Alert is also available to members of the community, including OLLI members.

More information, including how to register for it, may be obtained at <http://alert.gmu.edu> or by texting the keyword Mason to 411911 on your cell phone. Those registering will automatically receive all university-wide emergency notifications, but will be able to choose which other alerts they want to receive.

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## TALLWOOD BOOK CLUB

*Explore George Washington's life and world*



**COME JOIN US** at the Tallwood Book Club to explore George Washington's life and his world. The Wed, Sep 12, meeting will be held at Tallwood at 10:00. We welcome all OLLI members.

This month's selection, *His Excellency: George Washington*, is by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Joseph J. Ellis. This book has been selected for the community-wide reading program, "All Fairfax Reads," and is part of Virginia's celebration of the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown.

Readers will be interested to know that the [author](#) will speak at 7:30, Thu, Sep 27, at the GMU Concert Hall as part of this year's [Fall for the Book Festival](#).

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## COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS ABOUT OLLI?

### HERE'S HOW to express your views--

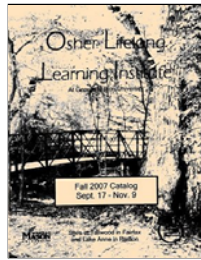
> **Publicly** (if you would like your comments published in this newsletter): Email your "Letter to the Editor" or "Letter to Ms. Ollie Ettakit" to the [editor](#). Anonymous submissions are acceptable if you provide contact information so we can verify that you are an OLLI member. Whenever an official 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).

## CALLING ALL CATALOGS

*Returns wanted*



**ARE YOU THROUGH USING YOUR FALL CATALOG?** Already registered for all those great courses you found?

**Please consider returning your *clean, complete, unmarked* copy to the office so that we can recycle it.** Our Membership Committee and the office staff extensively use the catalog as a recruiting tool, since our program is our best advertisement, and the catalogs cost about \$2.00 a copy.

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### RESOURCE GROUP MEETING Philosophy, Ethics & Religion

**WE HAVE BEEN STIMULATED** by courses on religious culture, navigating the intersection between religion and national elections, Descartes vs. Aristotle, capitalist ethics, Israel's cities, Greek philosophy, the debate between C. S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud, and a lot more. But, where would you like the courses in philosophy, ethics and religion to go next?

All OLLI members are urged to express their opinions on Mon, Sep 10, at Tallwood when the Resource Group on Philosophy, Ethics and Religion meets at 10:00. We have options and we can make them happen! Come and give us your opinions.

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## READERS' THEATER

*An alternative to Tallwood*

**THE READERS' THEATER CLASS** at Tallwood is filled and there is a waiting list to get into the class. So, once you get your confirmation letter and if you are one of those who is wait-listed, you should know that there are still seats

available for Readers' Theater in Reston at Lake Anne - Class 408 at 11:30-1:00 on Tuesdays.

This is the same class, just at a different time, day and location. So if you love the theater and enjoy interacting with other "hams," and if you are wait-listed at Tallwood or are just interested in a fun class, consider signing up for the Reston class. Fewer people means more parts.

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### "GRAND" PIANO CELEBRATION



**MUSIC LOVERS:** support Mason's Music Department and be part of the "Grand" Piano Celebration to rejoice that Mason is now an all-Steinway school.

The event will be held at Center for the Arts Concert Hall on Sun, Sep 16, at 4:00. The annual Jean Carrington Cook Memorial Piano Recital will be incorporated into this concert.

Tickets are \$10.00 for senior citizens, \$15.00 for younger adults, and students through college age are free.

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### BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

*Director Rosemary McDonald*



By Carolyn Sanders, OLLI E-News staff writer

**ROSEMARY "I don't like to talk about myself..." McDONALD**, native of South Dakota; resident of Reston since 1972; mother of four, all of whom live in Virginia; grandmother of five; member of OLLI for seven years; former Fairfax County Public Schools curriculum specialist in elementary language arts; and administrator at Forest



Edge Elementary School, from which she retired, takes a piano lesson each week and practices every day! Is that all she does? No ... she plays golf regularly and enjoys a Vienna-based duplicate bridge group.

The big question is: How does she have time and energy to serve on the OLLI board, help plan programs for OLLI, take lots of classes both at Tallwood and Lake Anne, and provide assistance to members who need transportation or other help? From what I can tell in a very short phone conversation, she thrives on it!

You'll have to wait to ask this lady about any of the above because, by the time this article is published in our beloved *OLLI E-News*, Rosemary will be on her way to China, a trip that has been in the planning for about two years. You didn't hear it from me, but she's going to miss part of our fall term—now that's a brave Board member. I salute her and we all thank her for her commitment to OLLI.

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## COMING EVENTS AT THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

*Upcoming arts and music events at Mason*



By Jan Bohall, *OLLI E-News* staff writer



> Fri, Sep 7 – **Faculty Artist Series** - Faculty Showcase Recital. 8:00, Harris Theater. This performance features a dozen Mason faculty performers, including OLLI instructors Dr. Linda Monson on piano and Dr. James Gardner on violin, and Prof. Larry Snitzler, a former student of Andrés Segovia, on guitar.

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## MASON HIGHLIGHTS

*Other events at Mason*



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

**Art Exhibit** – *Editorial Illustration*, curated by Jandos Rothstein. Mon-Fri, Sep 10-14. Johnson Center, Gallery 123.

**Workshop in Philosophy, Politics and Economics** – 1:00-2:30, Tue, Sep 11, "**Competition and Corruption**" presented by Werner Troesken, F.A. Harper Prof. of Economics and Prof. of History, George Mason University. 318 Enterprise Hall.

**Documentary** – *Lost and Found in Mexico*, presented by the Center for Social Sciences, Mon, Sep 24, 7:30, JC Cinema.

**2007-2008 Vision Series** – *Racial Equality in America: Will the Struggle Ever End?* presented by Roger Wilkins, Robinson Professor of History and American Culture, George Mason University, Mon, Sep 24, at 8:00 in the Concert Hall. [Tickets](#) required.

**Recreational Sports Office Day Trip to Atlantic City** – Sat, Sep 29; cost \$40 with Mason ID. Payment must be made at the Rec Sports Office located in the Aquatic and Fitness Center (the facility is closed, but the Rec Sports Office is open and accessible). Call 703-993-3290 to check ticket availability, departure and return times, and for other information.

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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).*

Friday Sep 7 10am Recorder Group - TA-2  
10:30am Homer Book Club - Annex

Monday Sep 10 10am **Philosophy, Ethics & Religion Resource Group meeting - Tallwood**  
 Tuesday Sep 11 8:15am Reston Walking Group - Lake Anne Plaza  
**10am Board of Directors meeting - TA-1**  
 Wednesday 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**  
 Friday Sep 14 Confirmation letters received in members' homes  
 10am Recorder Group - TA-2  
 10:30am Homer Book Club - Annex  
**11am Membership Committee meeting - TA-1**  
 Monday Sep 17 Fall Term Begins  
 1pm Lake Anne Bridge Club - Lake Anne Church  
 Tuesday Sep 18 8:15am Reston Walking Group - Lake Anne Plaza  
 Wednesday Sep 19 1:30pm Bridge - TA-3  
 2pm Genealogy Club - TA-2  
 2pm Special Event 956 - "The War" - TA-1  
 Friday Sep 21 9:30am Drama Club  
 10am Classic Fiction Book Club - Reston Regional Library  
 10am Recorder Group - TA-2  
**10:30am New Member Coffee - Annex**  
 1:30pm Homer Book Club - Annex

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**OBITUARY -- KNOX SINGLETON**



**FORMER OLLI MEMBER KNOX SINGLETON** died on Sep 3 (read death notice in [The Washington Post](#)).

In 1984 Knox, as chairman of the Fairfax County Commission on Aging, asked his Education Committee chair, Kathryn Brooks, to research education programs ... which eventually led to the founding of the Learning in Retirement Institute in 1991.

In Nov 1990 the LRI Steering Committee had established a Bylaws Committee (Knox, Kathryn and Ken Plum) that proposed the membership of LRI's first Board of Directors. The 18-member board included Kathryn (president), Shirley Fox (vice president), Lilyan Spero and Audrey Markham Sullivan.

Knox later became a member of LRI. After the board had announced its

decision to cap membership at 400, Knox and Audrey met in Sep 1995 with the president of Northern Virginia Community College and helped found the Lifelong Learning Institute of Northern Virginia in 1996 to extend learning opportunities in Northern Virginia.

A memorial service and reception will be held on Mon, Sep 10, at 3:00 at [Vinson Hall](#), 6251 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, Virginia.

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