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- > **"AMERICA AND THE WORLD" IS CLOSED.** If you did not register, please do NOT attend. We are already at maximum capacity (seats available) despite the large off-site venue.
- > **CLASS MATERIALS ONLINE.** [DocStore](#) already has documents available for three fall courses: Confederate Invasions; Nicomachean Ethics; Foreign Policy Round Table. [Article](#).
- > **NEW MEMBER COFFEE.** Fri, Sep 25, 10:00, Tallwood social room annex. ALL members, current and new, are invited. Meet other members, including Board directors. Refreshments.
- > **SPAIN TRIP.** OLLI members, accompanied by historian Dr. Douglas Foard, will visit Spain **Mar 2-16, 2010**. Contact Caroline Hartzler ([email](#)) if interested; space is limited. [More info](#).

APPRECIATION. Many thanks to Deputy Editor John West for doing the last two issues of *OLLI E-News* so superbly while Susanne and I were out of the country. -- Rod Zumbro, Editor

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CORRECTION: L973/Tour of Library of Congress mentioned in last week's Program Corner is not a bus trip; attendees will meet in the lobby of the Madison Building at 10:30. [More info](#).

WELCOME TO THE FALL TERM

From the president



By Emmett Fenlon, President

THE LIFELONG LEARNING ADVENTURE CONTINUES. Our outstanding program starts on Monday, September 21, with the 2009 fall term. It will be wonderful to greet old friends and to make new ones. At all three of OLLI's campuses--Fairfax, Reston and Loudoun--the enthusiasm is contagious.

OLLI courses, special events and activities provide both intellectual stimulation and social interaction for the members of OLLI. This has resulted in our growth since 1991 from about 100 members to the present 880 members and from one classroom at Mason's Commerce II building in Fairfax to our many classrooms located at the Fairfax, Reston and Loudoun campuses.

Almost every lifelong-learning institute has a unique pricing structure for membership and courses. Our Institute's pricing structure allows members to take an unlimited number of courses and events during four terms totaling 26 weeks per year for one annual membership fee. This year OLLI is offering over 370 courses and events. This compares favorably with other institutes, many of which offer fewer courses and limit the number of courses their members can take. A number of institutes even charge an extra fee for each course taken.

Let us continue the journey of lifelong learning.

NEW MIDDAY TIME SLOT IN FAIRFAX AND RESTON

From the executive director



By [Thom Clement](#), Executive Director

OLLI MEMBERS ATTENDING CLASSES IN FAIRFAX AND RESTON should note the new time slot at midday -- 11:45 until 1:15. To allow more time for transition between the first class of the day and the midday class, we have given ourselves 15 extra minutes. For some time now, we have heard that the 30-minute interval in the previous schedule just didn't allow enough time for those who "linger" from the 9:30 class and those who come a little early for the midday class. This has also aggravated the parking problem at Tallwood.

The third time slot of the day remains at 2:00 to 3:30. Club activities on Wednesday afternoon have been adjusted to allow for a full 30-minute lunch break.

We'll be monitoring the situation to determine if the extra 15 minutes helps with the transition both in the classrooms and in the parking lots.

Welcome back!

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A TIME TO BELONG

Welcoming our new members



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

IN RECENT MONTHS, news reports have focused on senior citizens, and the pictures they present have often been gloomy. Many seniors worry about investment losses, a decline in property values and the future of health care. While OLLI membership does not include a magic wand to solve these problems, it offers the next best thing: courses to enlighten us on these topics (and many others), and lots of interesting people ready to engage in civil discussion. We are fortunate to be members of OLLI and eager to share its riches with those who have chosen to join us.



Wear your new OLLI nametag.
 Members: *pastel green*; Board directors: *white*.

Please look for red dots on nametags and welcome these new members...

Debra Adler, Reston	Maureen Graviss, Fairfax	Chuck Marginot, Vienna	Suzanne Preberowsky, Centreville
Dorothy Aeschliman, Reston	Ruth Hageman, Gainesville	Sally Marshall, Burke	Josephine Rahme, Reston
Tanya Bodzin, Alexandria	Helen Harvey, Alexandria	Gail McDonald, Reston	Robert Reitwiesner, Fairfax
Tom Branagan, Burke	Naomi Hauptman, Fairfax	*Barbara McKee, Leesburg	Jeff Rosendhal, Reston
Fred Burrell, Haymarket	Veronica Herczogh, Burke	Janice Meadows, Annandale	Mary Jane Ross, Fairfax
Marian Busby, Fairfax	Carolyn Holt, Fairfax	Pamela Michaels, Vienna	Terri Rubin, Springfield
Wendy Campbell, Lorton	Janet Horwitz, Fairfax	Mel Mikosinski, Annandale	Hinda & Stephen Sacks, Clifton
George Carlson, Arlington	Sylvia Houston, Herndon	Kathleen Miller, Springfield	Joyce Senger, Ashburn
Josette Conell, Alexandria	Jack Humphries, Annandale	Fred & Isabel Moore, Clifton	Maryann Sheehan, Fairfax
Christine & Maury Cralle, Burke	*Christine Jacobson, Leesburg	Karen Murphy, Springfield	*Gertrude Simons, Ashburn
Ruth Davis, Annandale	Bo-Kyung Kim, Fairfax	Bob Nelson, Fairfax Station	Jacqueline Smith, Gainesville
Judy Dellinger, Burke	Marsha Klontz, Reston	Michaelanne Northrop, Fairfax	Joan Smith, Alexandria
Nadine Doyle, Leesburg	Yvonne Law, Ashburn	Lynn Nutwell, Fairfax	Phyllis & Raymond Smith, Arlington
Clegg Eagleson, Reston	Harlan Lenius, Clifton	Margaret & Richard Osberg, Annandale	Panorea Stalter, Springfield
Carol Egan, Oakton	Elaine Leonard, Springfield	Robert Pace, Vienna	Patricia Trisdorfer, Fairfax
Michael Flicker, Ashburn	Kathy Lundgren, Fairfax Station	*Nancy Phillips, Purcellville	*Carol Vanesko, Ashburn
Willard Fraize, Reston	Hal & Roz Lurie, Ashburn	Rolfe Pitts, Herndon	John Westcott, Oakton
Phyllis Furdell, Falls Church	Donna Macurdy, Reston	*Lynn Pocquette, Broadlands	Michael Whitehouse, Ashburn
Anita & Jim Gardner, Annandale	Bob Mahlke, Vienna		*Maria Woods, Ashburn

Listed alphabetically by last name. An asterisk denotes Loudoun-only members; all others are full members.

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PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Selected by the OLLI Photography Club



"Risky Position" -- King Vulture photographed by Dan Feighery at the National Zoo.

To view the photo in other sizes, [click this link](#). To view other photos by members of the OLLI Photography Club, visit the club's [Web site](#). [Back to top](#)

LOUDOUN OPEN HOUSE

Enthusiastic response at last week's event



Slideshow of three photos taken by Suzy Jampoler.

THE LOUDOUN OPEN HOUSE ON SEPTEMBER 9 brought many new prospective members to tour the Loudoun campus and talk to instructors,

current members and OLLI Board members. Instructors gave informal descriptions of the upcoming fall classes, members answered lots of questions about Loudoun over coffee and goodies, and Board members highlighted the benefits of OLLI membership.

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PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETING

Topic next Friday: travel photography

THE SEPTEMBER PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETING AT 9:30 ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, in TA-1 will feature OLLI member Lorrin Garson with a presentation on travel photography entitled "Scenes From Around the World." He and his wife Ann have visited more than 100 countries over the years, and Lorrin will display some of the best pictures they've taken. He will talk about how he and Ann take photos and the cameras they use ... remembering, Lorrin says, that they are not professional photographers, just travelers. For comic relief he might also show a handful of their really bad shots.

All OLLI members are welcome.

Submitted by Dan Feighery, Photography Club Coordinator.

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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

MASON ARTS AND MUSIC

Upcoming Mason performances, Sep 18-27



By Jan Bohall, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

FOR TICKETS, call 1-888-945-2468 (phone orders are handled by tickets.com) or visit the Center for the Arts Box Office, Tue-Sat, 10:00-6:00. More info on tickets at the [CFA tickets page](#).



A "Grand" Piano Celebration Jean Carrington Cook Memorial Scholarship Concert featuring Mason's Piano Faculty and Scholarship Students



Sun, Sep 20, 3:00

This celebration features familiar outstanding George Mason faculty performers and their students. Faculty performers will include Dr. Linda Apple Monson, Dr. Anna Balakerskaia, Dr. Richard Novak (tenor) and Prof. Zino Bogachek. **Eight scholarship student performers will include Min Son, a piano student of Dr. Monson who was the recipient of a 2009 OLLI**

Keyboard Conversations® with Jeffrey Siegel Chopin for Lovers!



Sun, Sep 20, 7:00

Pianist Jeffrey Siegel continues his "concerts with commentary" series, this season to honor the 200th anniversary of the birth of Chopin. In this first of four concerts, he explores the romantic side of Chopin, performing the E-Flat Waltz, the touching *Farewell Waltz*, the dreamy *Larghetto*, Op. 21, some Preludes from Op. 28, and the *Fantasy Impromptu*.
Admission: \$38, \$30, \$19
Concert Hall

scholarship.

Admission: \$10 seniors, \$15 other adults, free for students
Concert Hall
A reception immediately follows on Grand Tier III.

Family Friendly: Youth grade 12 and under, half-price with an adult (Note change from "age 12 and under" last season).

ARTS by George! Brian Stokes Mitchell and the American Festival Pops Orchestra



Sat, Sep 26, Gala 5:00, Concert 8:00

This event supports student scholarships at the College of Visual and Performing Arts and also Great Performances at the Center for the Arts. The gala includes a silent auction of art-related items, music by George Mason students and faculty, a sumptuous buffet, the concert by Mr. Mitchell, and a champagne reception afterward with the artist. Baritone Brian Stokes Mitchell has won a Tony for his work in *Kiss Me Kate* and has starred in other Broadway hits. He promises show tunes, ballads and love songs. Prof. Anthony Maiello will direct the American Festival Pops Orchestra.
Admission: Gala, \$200
Concert only, \$60, \$52, \$30

Mason Wind Symphony Young People's Concert

Wed, Sep 23, 10:00
Admission: Free, no tickets required
Concert Hall

Korean Studies Center Performance

Sun, Sep 27, 6:00
Admission: Free, no tickets required
Harris Theater

Concert Hall
Come at 7:15 for a free artistic discussion on Grand Tier III.

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MASON HIGHLIGHTS

Other Mason events



By Barbara Kyriakakis, OLLI E-News Associate Editor

- [Fall for the Book](#) - Sep 21-26. Sponsors include OLLI and Mason.
- **Fall for the Book Film Screening: *Immortal Cupboard*** - A film offering an artistic interpretation of the life and writings of Lorine Niedecker, followed by a Q&A period with director Cathy Cook. Mon, Sep 21, 4:30, JC Cinema. Free.
- [Vision Speaker Series: Prof. Jagadish Shukla](#) - "Global Warming: Science, Adaptation and Mitigation." Mon, Sep 21, 7:00, Concert Hall. Free. [Reserve tickets.](#)
- **Fall for the Book: Understanding Obama--Three Views** - A trio of distinguished writers offer diverse perspectives on the life and career of President Barack Obama. Tue, Sep 22, at 1:30, Research I, Room 163. ([OLLI Special Event F974](#))
- **Fall for the Book: The Life and Work of Vassily Aksyonov** - A panel of writers and scholars reflect on the accomplishments of one of the greatest Russian novelists of the 20th century: a former Robinson professor at Mason and a legend in his own time. Tue, Sep 22, 6:00, Harris Theater. Free.
- **Fall for the Book: Freedom Without Walls--The Presidents** - Panelists discuss the anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Tue, Sep 22, at 1:30, JC Cinema. ([OLLI Special Event F975](#))
- [Happy Heart Walk](#) - Simultaneous walks on each campus. Fairfax begins in the JC North Plaza at the George Mason statue with Sally Merten. Arlington begins in the Original Building lobby with Lori Cohen. Prince William begins at the tent in the Bull Run Hall parking lot with Ron Carmichael. All are welcome. Sep 23, 12:00 to 1:00. Free.

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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, with direct Web links added when available. 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 Sep 18 10am Recorder Consort - TA-2
10am Board of Directors Meeting - TA-1
 11am Homer Group - Social Room Annex
 1pm [OLLI Volunteer Reception](#) - Church of Good Shepherd
- Sat Sep 19 12:30pm [OLLI Personal Computer User Group](#)
- Mon Sep 21 Fall Term Begins**
- Tue Sep 22 11am Knitting and Needlework Club - Lake Anne Coffee Shop
 12:45pm (bus from Tallwood) Special Event - F974, [Understanding Obama \(Fall for the Book\)](#) - GMU
- Wed Sep 23 1:45pm Bridge Club - TA-3
 2pm Special Event - F952, [George Washington's Last Lecture](#) - TA-1
- Thu Sep 24 12:45pm (bus from Tallwood) Special Event - F975 [Freedom Without Walls \(FFTB\)](#) - GMU
- Fri Sep 25 Loudoun Let's Eat Out - Clyde's Willow Creek Farm - Time TBD
 9am Bus Trip - F953, [Let's Spend a Day at the Zoo!](#) - National Zoo
 9am Recorder Lessons - TA-3
 9:30am [Photography Club](#) - TA-1
 10am Drama Club - TA-3
10am New Member Coffee - Annex
 10am Recorder Consort - TA-2
 10:30am Classic Fiction Book Club - Cascades Library
 11am Homer Group - Social Room Annex
 1pm Special Event - F976, [Civil War Wives \(FFTB\)](#) - Tallwood
- Tue Sep 29 11am Knitting and Needlework Club
 1pm Special Event - L969, [A Life of My Own](#) - Loudoun
- Wed Sep 30 1:45pm Bridge Club - TA-3
 2pm Special Event - F954, [Greetings from the Chairman](#) - TA-1
- Fri Oct 2 9am Recorder Lessons - TA-3
 10am Drama Club - TA-3
 10am Recorder Consort - TA-2
 11am Homer Group - Social Room Annex
 1pm Special Event - F955, [Native Plants](#) - Tallwood

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