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- > **OLLI FLU CLINIC.** Seasonal flu (not H1N1) shots will be provided at Tallwood on Fri, Oct 16, 1:00-3:00. Beginning on Mon, Sep 28, you can sign up in the office.
- > **OLLI SPIRITWEAR ITEMS.** Coming soon: info about how you can order long-sleeved shirts, sweatshirts, caps, and travel mugs with our "OLLI@George Mason University" logo.
- > **MORE NEW MEMBERS.** Please welcome these new full members: Linda Hemm, Clifton; John Henkel, Falls Church; Norm Nelson, Springfield; and Nancy Summers, Alexandria.

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SOUNDS LIKE OLLI TO ME...

From the executive director



By [Thom Clement](#), Executive Director

MARCUS TULLIUS CICERO LIVED IN ROME from 106 to 43 BCE. He is widely considered one of Rome's greatest orators and prose stylists. Based on many of his writings, you might say that he was one of the original lifelong learning institute members. Here is a quote shared with me this week by OLLI member John Coffey:

From Cicero's essay, "On Old Age"--
"So old age, you see, far from being sluggish and feeble, is really very lively, and perpetually active, and still busy with the pursuits of earlier years. Some people never stop learning, however old they are."

According to Wikipedia, "Cicero is generally perceived to be one of the most versatile minds of ancient Rome. He introduced the Romans to the chief schools of Greek philosophy and created a Latin philosophical vocabulary, distinguishing himself as a linguist, translator, and philosopher ... Today, he is appreciated primarily for his humanism and philosophical and political writings."

To the more than 880 members of OLLI-Mason, Cicero's description of "Old Age" rings a very familiar note. I think this wise Roman philosopher would have fit right in to any of our OLLI classrooms, don't you?

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Last Friday's Board meeting



By [Rod Zumbro](#), OLLI E-News Editor, Board member

THE OLLI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MET FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18. Executive Director Thom Clement and Treasurer David Mason presented and discussed the draft budget for calendar year 2010, which includes a recommended increase in full-membership dues from \$350 to \$365. **The Board voted to increase dues to \$365 starting with the winter term** (begins January 25, 2010). This vote represents guidance for the final 2010 budget, which will be presented to the membership at the November 6 town meeting and to the Board, for official approval, at its November 20 meeting.

Planning Committee Chair Valerie Braybrooke made a presentation on *Pathways to the Future*, a report to the Board that summarizes OLLI's current situation and recommends short-term and strategic actions in five areas (membership, program, facilities, finances and organization). *Pathways* will be the basis for an off-site Board retreat on October 23. OLLI members are welcome to read *Pathways* ([click to view pdf document](#)) and, if desired, [contact OLLI](#) with their views.

After considerable discussion concerning Loudoun, **the Board approved a resolution to formally accept the Loudoun program as an "integral and permanent part" of OLLI.**

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA SENIOR OLYMPIANS

OLLI members win medals this month



Palmer McGrew and Ave Tombes with their medals; photos by Ceda McGrew and Jane Tombes.

TRACK

- Rich Deringer won two golds, in the 800-meter walk and the 1600-meter walk, and silver in the three-mile walk.
- Ave Tombes won gold in the 200-meter run and silver in the 60-meter dash.

SWIMMING

- George Ewing won two silvers, in the backstroke and free-style.
- Palmer McGrew won silver in free-style swim and two bronzes, in backstroke and half-mile.
- Chester Myslicki (age group 90-94) won three golds, in breaststroke, backstroke and free-style.

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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION

Celebrating our wonderful volunteers



Left photo by Eleanor White; right photo by Bill Walsh, office staff.

[Click here to view slideshow](#) of five photos taken by Tallwood Administrative Assistant Bill Walsh.

OLLI VOLUNTEERS WERE HONORED by the Board of Directors at a volunteer appreciation reception last Friday afternoon at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Some 200 volunteers were invited, and a large number of much-appreciated volunteers showed up for tasty snacks and drinks, casual conversation, brief remarks by President Emmett Fenlon, Executive Director Thom Clement and the event organizer, Membership Committee Chair Debbie Halverson, entertainment by the Drama Club (three Board members and one Board wife), and door prizes. An excellent time was had by all.

For those invited who were unable to attend, favor packets will be available for you to pick up at the office where you most frequently attend classes-- Tallwood, Lake Anne or Loudoun; please do so before October 8.

Note about slideshows. We have decided to change how we do photo slideshows in this newsletter. Rather than having the slideshow download and start playing *automatically*, we are letting *you* decide whether or not you wish to view the slideshow. If you want to see it, just click the image or the provided Web link. We hope you like this new option for our occasional slideshows.
 -- [Rod Zumbro](#), OLLI E-News Editor

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OLLI BOOTH AT FESTIVALS

Volunteers needed for Fairfax City Fall Festival



By Carole Richard, Booth Coordinator

THE NEXT (AND LAST) OLLI "BOOTH" EVENT OF THIS YEAR will be in Fairfax City on Saturday, October 10 (rain day Sunday, October 11), from 10:00 until 5:00. This is the [Fairfax City Fall Festival](#)-- which, as many of you know, is a great place to start early holiday shopping and pick up some interesting freebies.

We need two volunteers for each of the four shifts (9:30-11:30; 11:30-1:30; 1:30-3:30; 3:30-5:00). Please [send me an email](#) if you can help us by staffing this booth and getting the message out to those who do not know about OLLI.

The previous OLLI booth. Better late than never, our appreciation goes to Mel Goldfarb, Florence Adler, Louise Richardson, Susan Miller and Manny Pablo for helping staff the OLLI booth at the Burke Festival on Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13 (OLLI shared the booth with Friends of Music and Friends of the Center for the Arts).

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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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EYE ON RESTON

An update of interest to all OLLI members



By Sharon Gilman, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

ENROLLMENT FOR THE FALL TERM IS EXCELLENT. Thanks go to all the resource groups that develop and schedule OLLI programs. OLLI offers a total of 84 courses this term at the three locations. Reston accounts for 31% of these and Loudoun for 18%, so together Reston and Loudoun account for approximately half of the courses being offered.

A combined Reston and Loudoun resource meeting was held last month to discuss ways in which the two locations can coordinate their efforts to schedule programs of high interest to members. In addition, many resource-group meetings were held with representation from all three campuses. As the members from the three campuses share their experiences and talents, OLLI will become a stronger and more viable Institute.

OLLI at Reston will host an October Festival on Friday, October 2, from 4:00 to 7:00 at the Lake Anne Community Center featuring German beverages, food and music. All OLLI members are welcome to attend. There is a small \$8.00 fee to cover most of the expenses. Sign-up sheets and envelopes for the fee (checks should be made payable to OLLI) are in the classrooms.

Sixteen people from the greater Reston area joined OLLI this fall. We

welcome all the new members and look forward to meeting and getting to know them. At the September 17 Reston membership meeting, **we introduced a new-member recruitment drive called GRAM (Greater Reston Area Membership)**. We have set a goal of 40 new members to be recruited between September 1, 2009 and August 31, 2010. **We are forming a Reston Membership Committee to help us with this initiative.** If you'd like to join this committee, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Janet Cochran.

OLLI at Reston has a group of dedicated members who put forth much time and effort that contribute to its success. To avoid some of our volunteers doing more than their fair share, more **volunteers are needed to share in the responsibility for OLLI's future.** Please contact Janet Cochran if you are willing to lend a helping hand.

See you at the Lake.

MASON ARTS AND MUSIC

Upcoming Mason performances, Sep 25-Oct 4



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](#).



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



Brian Stokes Mitchell

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

This event supports student scholarships at the College of Visual and Performing Arts and the Great Performances season 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
Concert Hall

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

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

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra Glenn Quadar, conductor Jon Manasse, clarinet



Jon Manasse

Sat, Oct 3, 8:00

The group, under the direction of the associate conductor, Glenn Quadar, will perform an all-classical concert that will include Mendelssohn's Overture to *The Fair Melusina*, Mozart's Clarinet Concerto in A Major, and Beethoven's Symphony No. 4.

Admission: \$55, \$45, \$35, \$25
Concert Hall

Come at 7:00 for a free pre-concert lecture on Grand Tier III.

MASON HIGHLIGHTS

Other events at Mason

- **Fall for the Book** - Last two days: Sep 25-26. Sponsors include OLLI and Mason.
- **Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics Speaker Series Event: National Health Reform** - Robinson Hall, Room B434. "Will We See National Health Reform in 2009?" presented by Len Nichols, PhD, Director, Health Policy Program, New America Foundation. 12:00-2:00 Mon, Sep 28. Contact: Amanda Baer, abaer4@gmu.edu.
- **Mason Honoring WWII veterans** - Mason will honor World War II veterans on Mon, Sep 28. The first two episodes of the 2001 television miniseries [Band of Brothers](#) will be shown at 1400 hours (2:00) in the Johnson Center Cinema. At 1900 (7:00) a panel discussion with World War II veterans will be conducted at the Harris Theater. Both events are free, open to the public. Details in [this University News article](#). Also see Barbara Kyriakakis' E-News series about "Greatest Generation" OLLI members: [Bill Helmantoler](#), [Vince Boylan](#), [Phil True](#), [Chester Myslicki](#), [David Watson](#), [Joe Fulton](#), [Al Smith](#) and [Gerry Holmes](#).
- **Creating Global Citizens** - Peggy Levitt, Wellesley College and Harvard University, will present "Creating Global Citizens: National Museums in Sweden and Denmark." The event will be held in the Johnson Center Cinema on Tue, Sep 29, at 4:30. View [pdf flyer](#).

-- Compiled by the editor.

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 25 12:30pm Loudoun Let's Eat Out - Clyde's Willow Creek Farm
 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
- 2:00 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
- Tue Oct 6 11am Knitting and Needlework Club
- Wed Oct 7 **10am Special Events Resource Group Mtg - TA-2**
- 1:45pm Bridge Club - TA-3
- 2pm History Club - TA-1
- Fri Oct 9 9am Recorder Lessons - TA-3
- 10am Drama Club - TA-3
- 10am Recorder Consort - TA-2
- 10am Travel Club - TA-1
- 11am Homer Group - Social Room Annex
- 1pm Special Event - F956, [Defeating Cancer](#) - Tallwood

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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).
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