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ALERTS

- > **SUBMISSIONS FOR OLLI E-NEWS.** Next week's issue (Mar 14) will be edited by Backup Editor John West. **Please email material for next week's issue to [John West](#).**
- > **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES SOUGHT.** If you have a Membership Directory from the '90's (except '92 and '98) or from 2000, 2001 or 2002, please contact [Pat Cosslett](#). Pat is working on an OLLI historical project and would like to borrow any such directories available.

REMINDER

SPRING REGISTRATION: Ends today, Fri, Mar 7. Register online at the OLLI [Registration Portal](#) or hand-deliver or mail your registration form to the office.

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PEOPLE WHO ARE CHANGING YOUR RETIREMENT

From the Executive Director



By [Thom Clement](#), Executive Director

RECENTLY I READ AN ARTICLE in the *Wall Street Journal* entitled "12 People Who Are Changing Your Retirement." Each of the individuals who are described in the article is making an important contribution to the rapidly changing field of active living during the retirement years.

Of course, my personal favorite is Bernard Osher, whose foundation supports nearly 120 lifelong learning institutes across the country, including our own. As you would expect in our capitalist environment, some of them have a product or service that they are marketing. Others are motivated by inspiring people they have met. What each of these people has in common is a realization that our society must invest in the quality of life for older adults.

The myths and stereotypes about "old age" are crumbling all around us. OLLI members are in the forefront of a tremendous movement that is exciting to behold. We are inventing "lifelong learning" as we go along. Hold on and enjoy the ride!

You can read the Wall Street Journal article at [this Web page](#).
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OLLI'S RESOURCE GROUPS: LOOKING FORWARD

How you can impact the OLLI program



By Kathryn Russell, Program Committee Chair

BY NOW YOU'VE HAD A CHANCE TO BROWSE through the beautiful OLLI spring catalog and have finished making your selections. Deciding among 63 courses, 15 special events, and 12 on-going activities was difficult, no doubt. You'll be interested to know that most of our program is the result of the collective thinking of OLLI's resource groups.

While you were making your choices for the spring session, program planners were already thinking ahead to summer and fall sessions. The volunteers in each subject area meet two or three times a year to share and implement ideas for upcoming sessions. Participation in the resource groups is the best way to influence program content.

Below you'll find a list of resource groups as well as people to contact. Notice that most of these groups have announced their upcoming meeting dates and times. Others will announce later. Those that have already met will welcome ideas and will make certain to add your name to the list for next time. Resource group leaders welcome your ideas at the meetings or by email should you be unable to attend.

We invite all OLLI members to join one of these groups and work toward the common goal of maintaining OLLI's superior program. At these gatherings you can look forward to lively conversation, sharing of ideas, and the camaraderie of creative people who are excited about developing plans for future courses.

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| <p>LITERATURE, LANGUAGE, AND THEATER Contacts: Doris Bloch, Jane Tombes, Kathie West Location and time: Tallwood, Wed, Mar 26, at 1:00</p> | <p>SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, HEALTH Contact: Rae Schafer This group has already met for summer and fall planning and will meet again in summer. We welcome course ideas at any time.</p> | <p>HISTORY AND CURRENT EVENTS Contacts: Bob Bohall, Emmett Fenlon, Phil True Location and time: Tallwood, Tue, Mar 18, at 10:00</p> |
| <p>ART AND MUSIC Contact: Rosemary McDonald Location and time: Tallwood, Tue, Mar 11, at 10:00</p> | <p>ECONOMICS AND FINANCE Contact: Leo Brennan Location and time: Tallwood, Wed, Mar 12, at 11:30.</p> | <p>RELIGION, ETHICS, AND PHILOSOPHY Contacts: Bruce Reinhart, Bob Lawshe, Abbie Edwards Location and time: Tallwood, Thu, Mar 13, 10:00</p> |
| <p>Note. The meeting is THIS COMING TUESDAY. New chair Rosemary McDonald says, "<i>I need your help. Please join us!</i>"</p> | <p>Note. The meeting is THIS COMING WEDNESDAY.</p> | <p>Note. The meeting is THIS COMING THURSDAY.</p> |
| <p>RESTON GROUP Contact: Al Roe Location and time will be announced later.</p> | <p>SPECIAL EVENTS Contact: Florence Adler Location and time: This group meets at Tallwood the first Wednesday of each month, 1:30 when classes are in session, 10:00 between sessions.</p> | <p>LOUDOUN GROUP Contact: Ray Beery This group met earlier this week for summer planning. Location and time of next meeting will be announced later.</p> |

OLLI IN RESTON SEEKS VOLUNTEERS



APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT OF OLLI'S MEMBERS live in proximity to the Reston area of Fairfax County. Considering the area's population of over 60,000 and its booming business environment, there is a great opportunity for OLLI to experience significant growth in its membership and program offerings.

In order to support the OLLI courses and activities in Reston, we need additional volunteers to serve as part of a resource group. Our goal is to have at least one or two people from the Reston area actively involved in each resource group listed above.

For more information, please contact Al Roe by phone or email.

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HOW TO EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS ABOUT OLLI Questions/Comments/Suggestions

PUBLICLY:

Email your "Letter to the Editor" (see [recent sample](#)) or "Letter to Ms. Ollie Ettakit" (see [recent sample](#)) to the [editor](#).

Anonymous submissions are acceptable if you provide

PRIVATELY:

- Contact any [Board member](#), [committee or resource group chair](#), or the [executive director](#);

- Send an email to the entire Board (email the [editor](#) or the

contact information so we can verify that you are an OLLI member. Whenever an official response to a letter to the editor 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.

[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
- Contact the office by [email](#) or phone (703-503-3384).

OLLI BOOK CLUB

Meets at Tallwood at 2:00 Wed

A THOUSAND SPLENDID SUNS



THE OLLI BOOK CLUB will meet at Tallwood on Wed, Mar 13, at 10:00. The book for discussion is *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, another story of Afghanistan by Khaled Hosseini (photo at right), author of the best-selling novel *The Kite Runner*.



All OLLI members are welcome.

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OLLI SINGLES GROUP

THE FIRST MEETING of the OLLI Singles Group will be held in TA-1 on Thu, Mar 13, at 10:00. About 30 of you signed up for this, so please come and bring your ideas with you so that we can get organized and plan some fun activities.

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EIGHTEENTH CENTURY FRENCH PAINTING SPECIAL SESSION

ON TUE, MAR 18, FROM 10:00 TO NOON at Tallwood, participants in the upcoming 18th Century French Painting Study Group (course #102), and any other interested OLLI folks, will have the opportunity to view and, as time permits, discuss several short DVDs on 18th Century French Painting.

These DVDs each take a slightly different approach to the subject and should prove an invaluable introduction to our study of these artists. It will also give participants an opportunity to select which artist they would like to take the lead in exploring during the class.

Participation is optional and is open to anyone interested in this period. Hope to see you there.

-- *Bob Lawshe, Course Facilitator*

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HAWKES FUND--GMU FOUNDATION

Honoring Dr. Robert Hawkes



Dr. Robert Hawkes

THE GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY Department of History and Art History indicates that Dr. Robert Hawkes--who retired two years ago after over 30 years at Mason and who was probably their most beloved and popular teacher--has cancer. President Merten has endorsed the creation of an endowed professorship in Dr. Hawkes' name, a position intended to reward and promote excellent undergraduate teaching.

If you would like to help recognize Bob's 37 years of outstanding service to Mason as an expert in southern and Virginia history, you can contribute to the endowment by mail or online. The mail address is GMU Foundation, 4400 University Drive, MS1A3, Fairfax, VA 22030. Please make your check out to the GMU Foundation and indicate on the check that it is for the Hawkes Fund and you are an OLLI donor. For online donations you can go to give.gmu.edu and fill out the online form after clicking "Make a Gift." Again, be sure to indicate the Hawkes fund and that you are an OLLI donor in the comments section.

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CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Arts and music events at Mason, Mar 7-16



By Nancy Ragsdale, 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](#).

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Doc Watson <i>Hills of Home</i> with Richard Watson and David Holt</p> <p><i>Doc Watson has won six GRAMMY awards, a National Medal of the Arts, a National Heritage Fellowship and a Lifetime Achievement award from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. He will perform with his grandson Richard and GRAMMY-winning banjoist David Holt. They will play ballads, fiddle tunes, blues, gospel, country and contemporary music.</i></p> <p>Sat, Mar 8, at 8:00 (Rescheduled from Nov 3, 2007) Admission: \$40, \$32, \$20 Family friendly: Children 12 and under, half price with an adult. Concert Hall Come early at 7:15 for an artistic discussion in the Grand Foyer Lobby.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Monterey Jazz Festival</p> <p><i>For lovers of great jazz, the Monterey Jazz Festival has always been the ultimate jazz experience. On its 50th anniversary national tour, it brings together performers Terence Blanchard on trumpet, James Moody, saxophone; Benny Green, piano; Nnenna Freelon, vocals; Derrick Hodges, bass; and Kendrick Scott, drums.</i></p> <p>Sun, Mar 9, at 7:00 Admission: \$42, \$34, \$21 Family friendly: Children 12 and under, half price with an adult. Concert Hall</p> |
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United States Marine Band National Trumpet Competition

David Krauss, principal trumpet of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, will perform Bohme's Trumpet Concerto in F minor. Vincent DiMartino, professor of music at Centre College, Danville, Kentucky, will play Chance's Trumpet Concerto. The program will also include Aaron Copland's An Outdoor Overture and Nicholas Maw's American Games.

Fri, Mar 14, at 7:00
Admission: Free, non-ticketed
Concert Hall

[Leahy](#)

This Canadian octet of brothers and sisters is capturing fans with compelling fiddle-driven music, precision step dancing and delightful vocals. Building on their Irish and Scottish roots, the group will explore a broad range of genres and cultures.

Sat, Mar 15, at 8:00
Admission: \$44, \$36, \$22
Family friendly: Children 12 and under, half price with an adult
Concert Hall
Come early at 7:15 for a free artistic discussion on the Center's Grand Tier III.

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MASON HIGHLIGHTS

Other Mason events



By Barbara Kyriakakis, OLLI E-News Staff Writer

- **Ecology and Management of the Tidal Potomac** – Walter Boynton, Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, University of Maryland, presents "Nutrient Loading and River Responses in the Tidal Potomac," Tue, Mar 18, 7:45, 163 Research 1.
- **Geography Seminar** - Ramesh P. Singh, Professor, Mason's College of Science, presents "[Growing Population and Its Impact on Environment and Natural Resources](#)," Wed, Mar 19, 2:00, Room 3, Student Union II.
- **Art and Visual Technology: Master of Fine Arts Exhibition** – Mon-Fri, Mar 24-28, Fine Arts Gallery, Fine Arts Bldg.

Reception: Mon, Mar 24, 6:00 to 8:00.



Mark Levine, Visiting Writer

- **Visiting Writer** - Mark Levine, author of *F5: Devastation, Survival, and the Most Violent Tornado Outbreak of the Twentieth Century*; also an award-winning magazine writer and the author of three books of poetry, lectures on Wed, Mar 26, 7:30, 163 Research I. Reception at 6:30, same venue.
- **AVT Lecture Series Visual Voices** - Ellen Lupton, "Details, Details: Ellen Lupton's Design Tantrum," Thu, Mar 27, 7:30 to 9:00, Harris Theater.
- **Swim Lessons** – Never learned to swim? It's not too late! Take this opportunity to learn freestyle, backstroke and how to float at the Aquatic Center. Eight 30-minute lessons \$70. Advanced beginner lessons also available.
- **Concert** – National Trumpet Competition Army Blues Jazz Ensemble. Sat, Mar 15, 3:00, Harris Theater. 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 (see the [Forecast of Non-Class Events](#) for more details, including active links to more information on certain events, and to view the actual 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).

Friday Mar 7 **SPRING TERM Registration Ends**
 10am Italian Club - Annex
 10am Recorder Group - TA-2
 Monday Mar 10 Mason Spring Break through Mar 14
Tuesday Mar 11 10am Art & Music Resource Group Mtg - TA-1
 Wednesday Mar 12 10am Book Club at Tallwood - TA-2
 10am Investment Forum - TA1
 10am Bridge Club - TA-3
11:30am Economics & Finance Resource Group Mtg - Tallwood
Thursday Mar 13 10am Religion, Philosophy, Ethics Resource Group - Tallwood
 10am Singles Group Mtg - TA-1
 Friday Mar 14 10am Recorder Group - TA-2
 10am Italian Club - Annex
 Monday Mar 17 Confirmation Letters Mailed
 Wednesday Mar 19 10am Investment Forum - TA 2
 10am Genealogy Club - TA-1
 10am Bridge Club - TA-3
12:30pm Planning Comm Mtg - TA-Annex
 Thursday Mar 20 11am Fiction Writers Club - Kings Park Lib
 Friday Mar 21 10am Italian Club - Annex
 10am Recorder Group - TA-2
 Monday Mar 24 **SPRING TERM Begins**

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Rod Zumbro
Editor

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- **Mozilla Thunderbird.** Click Tools; select Options and click the Privacy icon; click the General tab. Uncheck "Block loading of remote images" and uncheck "Block Javascript." Click OK. Now click View; select "Message Body As ... Original HTML" (not Plain Text). Also in View, select "Display Attachments Inline" so that selection is checked.

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- **Yahoo Mail.** Click Mail Options/General Preferences; under Security, uncheck "Block HTML graphics in email messages from being downloaded."
- **AOL.** Upgrade, if possible, to an AOL version above 5.0.

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- You could forward the newsletter to your alternate Web-based email account such as Yahoo Mail or Hotmail and read it there ... or read it online at the [OLLI Website](#)

each Friday.

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