



The Tides...

Breaking News from Lifelong Learning



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Lewes

Formerly Southern Delaware
Academy of Lifelong Learning

Winter 2010

December 13, 2010

Osher Lifelong Learning in Lewes Day



L—R: Lewes Council woman, Barbara Vaughan, Council Chair, Bob Comeau & Lewes Mayor James Ford III

The Mayor and Council of the city of Lewes proclaimed December 13, 2010 as Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Lewes Day and presented a proclamation to that effect to Council Chair, Bob Comeau. The Mayor recognized our program for its 20 years of growth in membership and volunteerism and the significant contribution to the quality of life in the greater Lewes community.

The Elder Moments sang two numbers, "Savannah Blues" and "Winter Wonderland".

Also attending the ceremony were: Dr. James Broomall from the University of Delaware and Anna Moshier, Program Coordinator.



The Elder Moments



Pictures by Bernie Fiegel



From the Chair

We've just ended another record-breaking semester, with 446 of us—including 61 new members—enjoying 54 courses led by 77 instructors and able assistants. This last number is important, because it points to the cooperative and supportive way we learn. If you're thinking about teaching a course but are hesitating to go it alone, ask a friend to help. Conversely, if you have some background in a subject being taught, offer to help the instructor.

Monday, December 13, was "our day" in the City of Lewes, where the Mayor and City Council issued a proclamation—soon to be displayed in the office—recognizing our program's contribution to the greater Lewes community. Following the formalities, our very own Elder Moments brought holiday cheer to a packed house at the Council meeting.

The spring catalog, announcing 49 courses, will arrive in your mailboxes between Christmas and New Years Day, with a priority registration deadline of January 13, but its contents are already on our website [www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes], along with lots more information. Check it out and tell your friends and neighbors about us. Most of our new members said that they learned about us from a friend, so please help us continue to grow by being that friend!

Bob Comeau

Calendar of Events

- Dec 20-24— Spring Catalogs mailed
- Jan. 13, 2011—Priority registration closed
- Jan 21 —Class assignments mailed
- Jan 27—New member/instructor orientation
- Jan 31— Spring classes begin
- Feb. 21— Presidents Day—no classes
- Mar. 1 — Second 5 week session begins
- Apr. 11 — Last day of classes
- May 3-6 — New York City trip

Special Thanks

Special thanks to all of our volunteers! Since July you have volunteered over 2800 hours to Osher [Lifelong Learning](#) in Lewes. We had a [great fall semester](#) because of your service!!!

Anna Moshier
Program Coordinator



Check Bulletin Boards for "Happenings"

Don't forget to check our Bulletin Boards in the hallway for information and many "happenings" in and around the Lewes/ Rehoboth area.



If you wish to have a flyer posted on our bulletin board, kindly give it to our office staff so our bulletin board committee will be able to exercise some semblance of order with posting the information submitted.

New Classes For Spring

Not surprisingly, the volume of registrations for the Fall term's 54 Lifelong Learning courses was very high and, as is characteristic of our membership, class involvement was enthusiastic. A rousing "thank you" to all of our instructors, as well as to the members whose perceptions and participation deserve so much credit for the continued success of the program.

We anticipate a similarly heavy response for the Spring 2011 term, which will include 49 classes, again spanning a truly broad array of interests: Shakespeare, Mark Twain, Eckhart Tolle, opera, classical composers, Italian cinema, good medicine. Hobbies and skills? -- How about birding, stargazing, bicycling, filming and editing, singing with Roo Brown's Chorus, cooking with the Fiegels and friends, English country dancing, learning to play a recorder, using your computer, enhancing your communicating skills, or -- are you ready? -- acquiring or perfecting your plumbing, heating and cooling basics!

Stay fit with Tai Chi, JoAnn Vickers' new "Keep on Truckin'" class, featuring weight training, stretching and balancing routines and just plain walkin' and talkin' with George Palmer and Joan Ridolfi.

For artists, in addition to offering numerous classes, we are initiating a water color workshop and an open studio for any medium. And, speaking of art, Phil Fretz will lead us through a series on the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The very popular Great Decisions class will be available again, as well as new historical themes, including Haiti, American militarism, world future society, and Constitutional law, plus classes on ethics, life changes, images of ideas, energy, the environment and the power of non-violent change.

On the lighter side, we can't wait for Bill Sharkey and Lee Mussoff's new class on Irish and Jewish humor!

Look for your catalogs in late December.

New Web address:

www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes/

Members Honored



L—R: Kathy Davison, Pat Woodring, David Cristy, President Coastal Concerts; Edna Ellett, Exec. Dir. Coastal Concerts; Dolores Fiegel, Bernie Fiegel, Gov. Markell, Lou Braithwaite, Gavin Braithwaite, Betty Grunder, Gary Grunder, Ruth Mankin, Denise Emery

Several Lifelong Learning in Lewes members were honored at the 2010 Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Awards ceremony held on October 28th. Helen Murphy was honored in the Public Safety Category. Two years ago, Helen Murphy decided to dedicate herself to the Thresholds Decision Making Program, which helps those under the supervision of the Delaware Department of Correction take control of their lives and decisions. Helen also developed a "Writing for Self Understanding" class for the inmate graduates of the Thresholds Program.



L-R: Helen Murphy and Gov. Markell.

Coastal Concerts was honored in the Arts and Culture Category. Since 1999, Coastal Concerts has promoted classical music appreciation in Southern Delaware through live concerts, outreach, and educational activities.

YMCA Volunteer of the Year

Barbara Crowl was named "Volunteer of the Year" by the Sussex County YMCA for her work with the "Strong Kids Campaign". Barbara was also elected to the Board of Governors of the Sussex County YMCA.

Winter Wonderland Luncheon Celebrates Record-Breaking Semester

Salty Brine from the deck of the Lifelong Learning Queen - Lewes.

Dateline: December 8, 2010.



Ahoy, lifelong learning shipmates. It was a sunny, breezing, and a cold and frosty December morning at the **Atlantic Sands Hotel** in Rehoboth Beach as the **Lifelong Learning Queen** (alas without Katherine Hepburn on board) dropped anchor to the delight of 207 members, instructors, and guests who went ashore to enjoy the fall 2010 Lifelong Learning - Lewes "Winter Wonderland Luncheon." The Swan ballroom was decked out in wonderful holiday splendor and the table center pieces were either clear glass bowls filled with blue and silver balls or silk poinsettias. The Sandpiper room was overflowing with member's arts and crafts exhibits (did you ever see soo many baskets). The multitude of exhibits by talented lifelong learning members improves with each luncheon, as does the singing of the Elder Moments, led by chorus director Roo Brown...The Elder Moments concluded the program with 3 numbers a capella...In the Bleak, Winter, Wonderland and Lo, How a Rose. They were given a long and enthusiastic round of applausewell deserved.



This 2010 Winter Wonderland Luncheon the shrimp/scallop kabob (136) easily outdistanced the chicken forestiere (46) and a distant third was the veggie lasagna (22, which was a high water mark for this dish). The Sands kitchen also prepared three chicken forestiere plates gluten free and fresh fruit in place of the crème brulee cheesecake...a tip of the toque to chef Michael and his kitchen staff.

It's time to weigh anchor and set sail for the **January 27, 2011** New Member New Instructor Orientation. See you in the hallways!

Salty and Cera Belum

Pictures by Jay Wheeler



Members Visit Cleopatra Exhibit

Our visit to the world premier exhibition of CLEOPATRA on November 19th at The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia was a unique opportunity for us to see artifacts of the period which were



recently discovered by Archeologists. Many of these artifacts have never been seen, since they were buried under the Mediterranean Sea or the sands of Egypt. Some of the group also viewed a film in the Tuttleman IMAX Theater or the Franklin Theater. Since the Franklin Institute also contains exhibits on electricity, space travel, earth science, a flight simulator, a planetarium, and even a 2 minute "train ride", everyone found plenty of interesting activities.

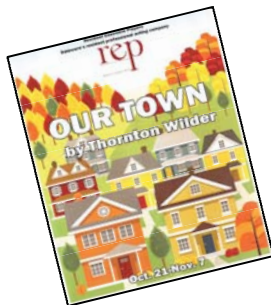
Our best wishes to all for a healthy & happy New Year.

Travel Committee

Pictures by Jay Wheeler

Class Attends Play on UD Campus

On October 30th members of Gary and Margo Ramage's class Our Thornton Wilder: Novels, Plays, and Writings, traveled to the Roselle Center for the Arts at the Newark campus of the University of Delaware to see the Resident Ensemble Players present **Our Town** by Thornton Wilder. An informative prolog was presented by Richard Davison, dramaturge of the company. Class members were especially impressed by the performance of Jewel Walker who played the Stage Manager and also directed the play. Professor Walker was a guest lecturer at the class on October 12th.



Lifelong Learning Sponsors Opera Delaware



Pictured left to right are Robert Comeau, chair of Lifelong Learning in Lewes, tenor Alok Kumar, Patricia Mossel, former executive director of the Washington Opera Company and now opera instructor at Lifelong Learning, Dolores Fiegel, who arranged the event, Colleen Daly, soprano, Brian Carter, baritone, and Jeffrey Miller, associate music director of Opera Delaware.

Sponsored by Osher Lifelong Learning in Lewes, stars of Opera Delaware performed on October 26 at Cadbury Lewes Retirement Community.

The young singers presented an exciting program, previewing their coming starring roles in "La Traviata," to be presented at the Grand Opera House in Wilmington beginning November 7. This is the third year that Osher Lifelong Learning in Lewes has presented the opera company's lead singers at Cadbury.

A crowd of over ninety attended, ringing the hall with applause and praise.

Picture & story by Ruth Mankin

Got a Bright Idea?

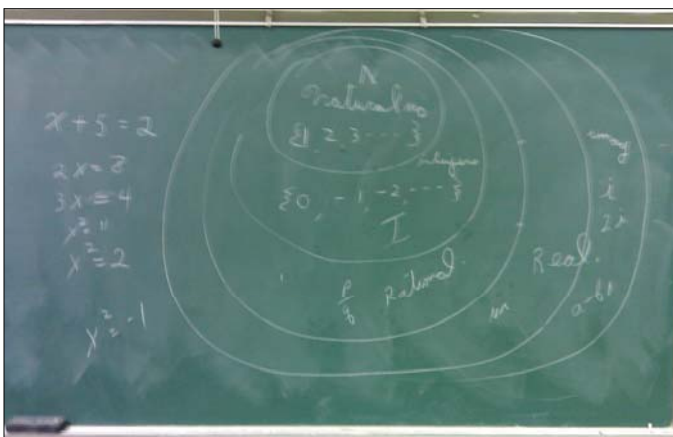
If you have an idea for a course or are willing to serve as an instructor or instructor's helper, write and submit a proposal. If you have questions, contact Diana Beebe or John Coleman of the Academic Affairs committee.



Walk & Talk Through Governor's Mansion



Instructors George Palmer and Joan Ridolfi brief "Walk and Talk" students on the history of the Gov. Ross mansion in Seaford, DE. The class toured the Italian Renaissance style mansion and grounds during their visit.



What is This??

Ask Dean Hoover, instructor of "Number Patterns and Algebra". Students also computed how many gifts you would receive if your true love gave you everything in the song "Twelve Days of Christmas".

BADGES

Everyone is required to wear a badge at all times when in the building, no exceptions. See Renee if you forget yours or you bring a guest.

Library News

The next time you are in the office, visit our library located near our luncheon area. You will be amazed at the wonderful collection of books, DVD's and videos we have there!

We are in the process of preparing a catalog of all of our materials, but as you look at the materials on the shelves you will see that each spine label indicates the subject of each item. That will make it easy for you to browse the shelves.

Come and help yourself in our self-serve library. Just sign the 3 x 5 card paper clipped on the front page of the book, or inside the box of the DVD or video, place the card in the small box, and then return your materials to the larger box.

Have fun browsing our shelves and checking out materials for your entertainment.

By Louise Archdeacon, Librarian

"Great Courses" Good Resource for Class Development

We want to note that, over the years, a number of our members have developed very successful classes by using DVD and lecture materials available in the catalogue, "Great Courses," which is available in our office. We encourage everyone to look through the resources offered through that periodical and consider developing courses in any area that may interest you.

John Coleman, Academic Affairs Committee



Happy Holidays



Turn Off Those Cell Phones, PLEASE

PLEASE turn off your cell phones while in classes as a courtesy to your fellow students and the instructor.

