



November 2014

Council Chair Pam Meitner Encourages Community Spirit

Dear Members,

I see it every day — people being kind to one another, sharing a friendly smile or a cheery hello, showing consideration for one another like holding the door or moving to the side of a hallway to speak to a friend. How we treat one another makes a difference.

That’s why I need your help and understanding.

One volunteer job that is particularly challenging at the opening of school is monitoring the classes that are oversubscribed. Individuals have been known to drag chairs into a crowded room (against fire marshal rules), take advantage of a friendship with the instructor (not fair to other students who have registered), go to a class without registering (disrupting scheduling procedures and a carefully constructed parking plan) or are rude to the monitors (punishing the messenger). I understand the disappointment when we do not get our class of choice, but hope every member will respect the rules and each other for the good of the whole.

There is much we can and do to help. Welcome new members. Help traffic move along in the parking lot. Remind people to slow down. Help fellow members find handicapped parking spots. Volunteer for one of the jobs that make OLLI operate smoothly. Be kind to one another.

We are lucky to have volunteers and staff who make OLLI run smoothly. Take a moment TODAY to thank your teacher or another doer for his or her service, and come on board yourself. Together we can ensure that OLLI remains a welcoming place.



Pam Meitner

Noteworthy

- ◆ Annual Book Sale
November 10 to 14
- ◆ Art and Craft Sale in the Lobby
November 17 to 20
- ◆ Thanksgiving: Help Renew the Dream
- ◆ Anticipate summer: sign up for OLLI at the Ocean
- ◆ Music at OLLI
Lobby concerts (See This Week)
Wednesday Special Events (See p.4)
- ◆ Each Friday take a *Look Back at WWI* with Professor Ray Callahan — bring a friend!

For news on weather closings —

WDEL (1150 AM)
KYW (1060 AM),
call the office at 302-573-4417 or visit the website:
www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/wilm

Spring semester at OLLI

Visit
www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/wilm

Spring catalogues will be mailed in mid-December

WELCOME NEW OFFICE STAFF

Jenna Ford and Dorothy Hofer are working part-time in the office while Joan McMahon is on disability leave.



Jenna Ford



Dorothy Hofer

You can extend the OLLI experience after the spring semester by signing up for OLLI at the Ocean —

Tuesday, May 26 to Friday, May 29

OLLI at the Ocean By Nan and Parry Norling

Are you greatly enjoying your days at OLLI this fall? Can't get enough of your classes and your visits with friends? Well, keep in mind that you can extend the OLLI experience at the end of the spring semester by signing up for *OLLI at the Ocean*, a four-day, three-night excursion to Rehoboth Beach. This mini-vacation includes a hotel room (a suite), meals, and eight stimulating and entertaining lectures, with plenty of time for socializing with other OLLI friends, visiting the beach, the shops, and seeing the nearby resort attractions. It all happens from Tuesday, May 26 to Friday, May 29, the second week after our spring semester ends.

Our Rehoboth hotel, the Brighton Suites, can accommodate about 100 people, many of whom return year after year. There is always room for newcomers, so pick up a registration form in late November. The cost is reasonable for a relaxing beach vacation with interesting friends and some enjoyable and thought-provoking programs. Sign up early to avoid being disappointed.

Meaningful Volunteering By Mary Ann Dowd

The broadest and maybe the most meaningful definition of volunteering comes from Ivan Scheier, "Doing more than you have to because you want to, in a cause you consider good."

This description proved so true just before the fall semester began. Arlene Bowman, a well known local drama teacher, and I had decided to co-teach the theater class "Caught in the Act." By the middle of August I had the misfortune to develop a horrendous

case of vertigo and knew I would be unable to teach.

For a few days we were wondering how to support Arlene, as this class would be her first at Osher.

I looked at our class roster and saw the names of two people who worked with me at the Reception Desk and would be perfect to assist Arlene. I contacted them and explained the situation. Just as I expected, each one was flattered and pleased to take on the role of teaching assistant.

Arlene was more than happy to hear about this support. The day after classes began, Arlene called me to tell me how well they "clicked" and how much more confident she had become.

Those two "angels" are **Joanne Petruccelli** and **Nancy Marra**. I thank them from the bottom of my heart for stepping up to the plate. They are perfect examples of Scheier's description of a volunteer.

"Doing more than you have to because you want to, in a cause you consider good."

New Council Member, Jag Deshpande

Jag Deshpande has joined Council to fill the remainder of the term through April 2015 vacated by Norwood Coleman.

Jag has a B.A. in architecture from the University of Bombay. He worked 40 years as an architect on projects that include the Chase Manhattan Bank Building (now Capital One) in Wilmington, Embassy Suites Hotel in Newark, Hindu Temple of Delaware in Yorklyn and the Jewish Community Center's outdoor facility,

His interests include painting, golf, travel and tennis. He has taught acrylic painting at OLLI since 2009. Jag will serve on an ad hoc Engineering Committee that will have input on the building upgrades.



Jag Deshpande

Thanks for Giving this Thanksgiving by Ruth Flexman, Fund Raising Committee



In this Thanksgiving Season, offer THANKS for OLLI by GIVING to the \$1.5 million campaign, "Renewing the Dream."

You have so many ways to give to

the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute —

- ◆ You can send your contribution now.
- ◆ You can make a pledge and extend your gifts until this campaign ends in June of 2017.
- ◆ Your contribution could come from appreciated stocks/mutual fund shares. Gifts to OLLI are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

How do I make a gift to the campaign?

By Check: Make payable to the University of Delaware and note on the memo line — OLLI Wilmington/Future

Fund for the Arshat Hall projects OR OLLI Wilmington/ Gift Fund for program support

Send to: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute/ Wilmington, c/o University of Delaware, 83 E. Main Street, 3rd Floor, Newark, DE 19716

Online: www.udel.edu/makeagift-renewthedream

Phone: Call (302) 831-2104 weekdays 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Other gifts to the campaign: To make a multi-year pledge, give appreciated stock, or learn about other giving options, contact **Dana Raftas, Director of Development for Strategic Initiatives at draftas@udel.edu, (302) 831-7435.**

To include OLLI in your estate plans through bequests, charitable annuities or trusts, contact **Martha Mitchell at martham@udel.edu, (302) 831-8633.**

Wisdom from Basil's Aunt

Basil Maas who left as Osher manager on September 30 passed along his aunt's words of wisdom:

You know I am growing older. Keep me from becoming talkative and possessed with the idea that I must express myself on every subject.

Release me from the craving to straighten out everyone's affairs. Keep me from the recital of endless detail. Give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips when I am inclined to tell of my aches and pains. They are increasing with the years and my love to speak of them grows sweeter as time passes.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong. Make me thoughtful and not nosy; helpful but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom and experience, it does seem a pity not to use it all.



Sat., Dec. 6 Donny and Marie Christmas Show
Washington, DC

Tues., Dec. 9 to Fri., Dec 12 Greenbrier Hotel
Christmas Extravaganza

Thurs., Jan. 8, 2015 to Fri., Jan. 16 Tropical
Costa Rica

Sat., April 25 On the Twentieth Century Broadway

Sat., May 2 Funny Girl Dutch Apple Theatre,
Lancaster, PA

Wed., June 10 to Sat., June 20, 2015 British
Landscapes – England, Scotland, Wales

Sat., June 20 Oklahoma Dutch Apple Theatre,
Lancaster, PA

Summer Course Proposals

The 2015 Summer Session is a terrific venue to hone your teaching skills, dust off an old course or test out a new one.

We are accepting course proposals for the 2015 Summer Session beginning November 3. Need more time? Summer Session course proposals will also be solicited February 9 through 19, 2015. Summer Session is July 7-30 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Direct your questions and comments to either of the co-chairs and we'll be happy to assist you — Rosanne Cholewinski (Wmaven28@gmail.com) or Karen Foster (kfoster61@comcast.net)



**Special Events Wednesdays
12:45 to 1:45 p.m. in Room 1005
Announcements at 12:40 p.m.**

Join us each Wednesday for Special Events that are open to all members. Feel free to attend each week or select the programs that most interest you. You can buy your lunch, bring your lunch or just come and enjoy.

November 12 – UD Lifelong Learning Orchestra
Allen Tweddle, conductor

November 19 – UD Lifelong Learning Concert Band
Paul Hess, conductor

November 26 – Thanksgiving, No Program

December 3 – UD Lifelong Learning Chorus Janet Miller, director

Friday Lectures

**Beginning at 12:30 P.M. Room 108/109
Free and open to the public — bring a friend**

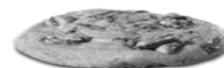
Professor Ray Callahan

Looking Back at World War I.

These lectures continue to explore what happened and why, both on the battlefield and the home front. We will consider the long-term consequences of those four years of war that shaped the remainder of the 20th century.

Social on Tuesday, November 25

Meet fellow members and friends at the final social of the semester with coffee, tea and conversation. The cookies are yummy with or without fat, gluten and sugar. Gather in the Lobby at 1:30. Thanks to all those who baked cookies for the socials this semester. And thanks to the committee members who decorated the tables and kept filling them with cookies during the event.



Art and Craft Sale — November 17 to 20

This is an opportunity to obtain special holiday gifts. The sale is in the Lobby. Note that payment is by cash and check only.

Lifetime Achievement Award

On November 20, Common Cause Delaware will present the John Gardner Lifetime Achievement Award to **Carl Schnee** for his commitment to public service.

Lifelong Learning News

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Calendar

2014 — 2015

Thurs. and Fri., Nov. 27-28 Thanksgiving Break
No classes and Office closed
Fri., Dec. 5 End of fall semester

2015

Mon., Feb. 9..... Spring semester starts
Mon, March 30 to Fri., April 3 Spring break
Fri., May 15.....End of spring semester
Tues., May 26 to Fri., May 29 OLLI at the Ocean
Mon., June 8 to Thurs., June 11 June Lecture Series
Tues., July 7 to Thurs., July 30 Summer Session