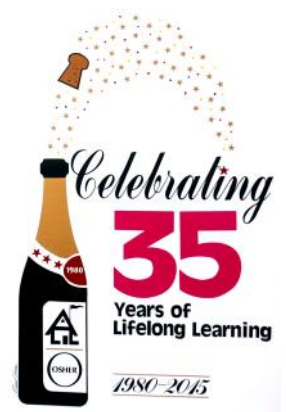


October 2015

Celebration of 35 Years of Lifelong Learning in Wilmington

On September 25, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute celebrated its 35th anniversary at a luncheon. Master of ceremonies, Pam Meitner, put together the program with invaluable assistance from Carol Bernard and the Osher staff. Mary Ball Morton and Steve DeMond headed the planning for this and other anniversary activities.

Highlights included the keynote address on Roxana and Sam Arsht by their nephew, Eric Cannon, greetings from Acting UD President Nancy Targett, poems by Osher poets and acknowledgment of contributors to the genesis of the program and long-term current members. See page 4 for summaries of the major presentations.



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Wilcastle—First home of the Academy of Lifelong Learning



Arsht Hall under construction
 Scanned by Lee Kaser from a slide by Glen Barbaras

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www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/wilmington/

All About Time and Space

At the OLLI Forum on Wednesday, September 16, Pam Meitner led us through time to witness the genesis of the Academy of Lifelong Learning from the ideas of then University President E.A. Trabant and Assistant Provost of Continuing Education Jack Murray. We followed the growth from the opening day in February 1980 through the construction of Arsht Hall to accommodate the popularity of lifelong learning in our area. We went through the name change to Osher Lifelong Learning to join the nationwide movement in the education of seasoned adults. We explored the space in Arsht Hall, including our design firm's presentation on the HVAC changes coming in 2017. See and read more about these changes on page 3.



Photo by Ron Yabroff

Book Sale

Collection for the 2015 book sale will be from Monday, October 19 through Thursday, October 29. Bring sale items to the white building across the drive from Arsht Hall.

The following items will not be accepted:

- Text books
- Magazines
- Dictionaries
- Catalogs
- AAA travel books
- Cassette tapes
- 8 Track or VHS tapes
- Copies of music on CDs or DVDs
- TV shows on DVDs
- Records



The book sale will be from Monday, November 2 to Friday, November 6.



Duplicating committee co-chairs Lloyd Falk and Rudy Frazier with the machine that generates all those handouts.

Duplicating Committee

The members of the Duplicating Committee, who diligently work behind the scenes, with little recognition, are indispensable to the efforts of the instructors and the lifelong learning of all OLLI members. Last semester they copied about a half million single pages (most are the preferred double sided copies).



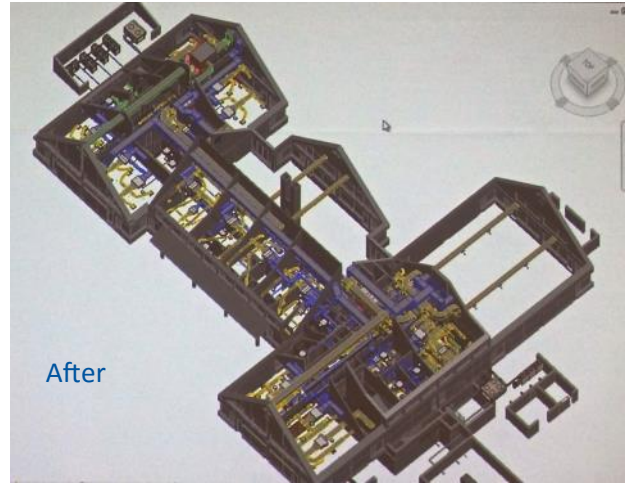
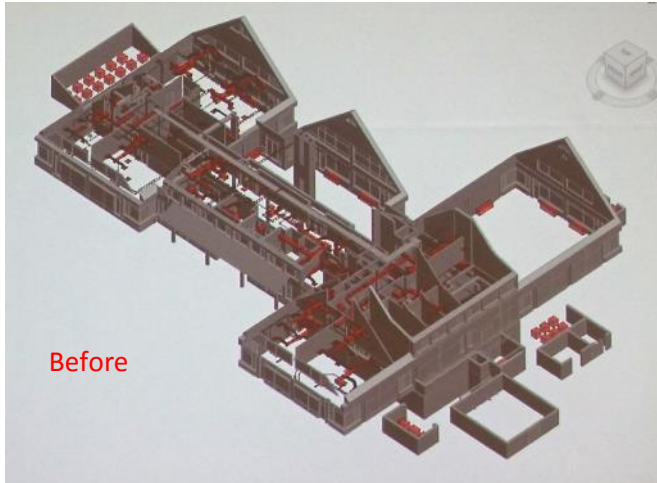
Duplicating Committee members: Rudy Frazier, Dot Archer, Pat Haac, Elizabeth Gumprecht, H. Thomas Francis, Garrett Walker, Lloyd Falk, Kathleen Porter, Jean Faddis. Members not pictured are: Madeline Abath, Barbara Jacobs, Rick Reed, Alan Tweddle.

They go above and beyond the routine to make copies available. Instructor Ron Robertson only realized a couple of days prior to his scheduled lecture that he had forgotten to submit his copy order. He recognized that the Committee has a longstanding, and reasonable rule requiring one week for completion of any job. With some hesitation he did make the request, with the appropriate apologies for his mistake. Just as he arrived for class, the copies were ready. Instructors: Please follow the rules and don't count on this extra service.

When asked why they volunteer, many of those present said that they wanted to help and thought this is something they could do. One member had work experience dealing with the things that can go wrong with the complex copiers. Co-chair Lloyd Falk has been on the committee since Arsht Hall opened 25 years ago!

All About Space

Part of the September 16 Forum was devoted to a presentation by StudioJAED, the engineering design firm, on the proposed building updates. Before and after pictures show the configuration of the HVAC system today and how it will look after the 2017 renewal. The red color in the before view shows existing units, those noisy ones that line the walls of each room. The after view shows the new units, mostly mounted above the ceiling.



The biggest benefit of the HVAC will be comfort because of the more uniform distribution of temperature among the rooms. The new units will use the refrigerant R-410A, which is more efficient than previous ones and does not contribute to ozone depletion but does have a high global warming potential.

Another benefit will include better ventilation and hence reduced indoor air pollution. Members should also notice that the classrooms will be quieter after relocation of the units.

Sam and Roxana Arsht in High School

We look back on the contributions of the Arshts. Their fellow students chose quotes for their yearbooks that foresaw their merit.

S. Samuel Arsht

“Noble he was condemning all things mean.”

Wilmington High School *The Blue Chick*, 1927
(from “The Character of Isaac Ashford’ by George Crabbe)

Roxana Cannon [Arsht]

“Graced as thou art with all the power of words;

So known, so honour’d”

Wilmington High School *The Highlight*, 1931
(from Alexander Pope)

Wired humor from the hands of the late OLLI instructor , Dave Trimble



Honorees at the Luncheon

At the 35th anniversary luncheon, Pam Meitner recognized members who joined in the first year: Glen Barbaras and Agnes Dignam. Vivian Young, our most seasoned member (100 on December 18) attended with her husband Joe and family. In addition, the following were recognized for their notable contributions to the planning that led to the Academy of Lifelong Learning: Glen Barbaras, Bob Stark for the UD faculty, and Rich Fischer for Continuing Education administration.

Remembering Sam and Roxana Arsht

Eric Cannon, nephew of Sam and Roxana Arsht, ably filled in for Adrienne Arsht as keynote speaker at the 35th anniversary luncheon after learning the night before that Adrienne could not make it due to illness. He recounted the life stories of the Arshts.

Sam joined a major law firm on the strength of promising school records. He is recognized as one of the architects of modern Delaware General Corporation law. He revised the Delaware Code in 1953 and the overhaul of the Delaware Corporation Law in 1967

Roxana, the fifth woman to pass the Delaware bar, was unable to find a law position and after raising her family served as voluntary master in Family Court. Governor Russell Peterson then appointed her to a 12-year term on Family Court. She didn't go far from her origins as she had helped in

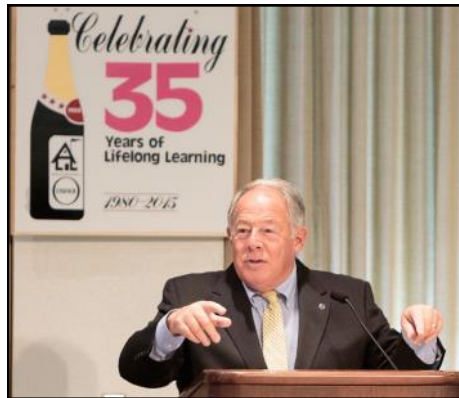


Photo by Ron Yabroff

her mother's corset shop on the same block as later occupied by Family Court. Roxana, a small woman, was concerned however about judicial robes: "What will I wear?" Eric solved the problem by contacting a friend in the clergy and ordering three children's choir robes. A side note: The Arshts' daughter Adrienne, a generation later, was the 11th woman to pass the Delaware bar.

With retirement the Arshts joined the Academy. Sam signed up for yoga thinking it would be history of yoga and dropped the class when handed a yoga mat. In pursuit of a hobby, he bought Roxana a Harley Davidson (golf cart) to landscape their eight-acre property. Roxana was also in the habit of walking the local roads. Eric conjectured that the change she picked up on these walks might have paid for the building.

UD President Nancy Targett on the Contributions of Lifelong Learning

Dr. Targett began her address to the 35th anniversary celebrants by noting that she came to UD in 1989 and did not witness the early years of the Academy. She then spoke about the role of lifelong learning and the concept that academic



Photo by Ron Yabroff

pursuits don't end when a degree is earned. While lack of time when working prevents learning what we want to learn, OLLI offers that opportunity in retirement. She referred to the pioneering work of Eduard Lindeman on adult education. She finished her address by thanking OLLI instructors and volunteers "for what you do,"

Lindeman on Adult Education

Eduard Lindeman in his 1926 book *The Meaning of Adult Education* delineated four aspects of adult education.

- I. *Education is life* – not merely preparation for an unknown kind of future living... The whole of life is learning, therefore education can have no ending.
- II. Education conceived as a lifelong process revolves around *non-vocational* ideals.
- III. In conventional education the student is required to adjust himself to an established curriculum; in adult education the curriculum is built around the student's needs and interests.
- IV. The resource of highest value in adult education is the *learner's experience*.

Connections to Bright Spot Ventures

by Susan Arruda

The students in Osher's Connections Class got more than a lecture and question and answer session on September 23. They got a chance to taste, as well. Mike McCafferty, project manager from Bright Spot Ventures at West End Neighborhood House, spoke to the class about his program, a social enterprise model managed by youth who have aged out of the foster care system. These young people participate in a curriculum-based landscape certification program, are given the opportunity to sell the produce and starter plants they have grown, and learn real-world entrepreneurial skills. In addition to horticultural skills, students can earn a food handlers' certificate and work in a sign creation and installation business. Also emphasized are "soft skills" necessary in the world of work: punctuality, conflict resolution, a strong work ethic, public speaking and financial skills such as using a cash register and maintaining inventory.

Bright Spot Ventures runs the Cool Spring Farmer's Market and an urban farm and greenhouses. Their Mobile Market, a produce stand on wheels, stops at many locations in the area, including businesses, urban neighborhoods and senior centers. Osher members got a chance to support this venture as the Mobile Market offered fresh produce on our campus. In addition to getting fresh produce, members met Natasha, one of the youth in the program, who impressed everyone with her enthusiasm for this program and her professionalism and knowledge about the produce.

Right: Natasha of Bright Spot Ventures sells produce to an OLLI member.

Lobby Slide Show

Many members stopped to watch the Osher history slide show in the Lobby. This included historical photos and ones of recent vintage. Thanks are due to Lee Kaser who put together this show from many scans of old photos and contributions from numerous OLLI photographers.

\$800,000 and Counting

By Ruth Flexman

Now that the fall 2015 semester is underway and we are taking classes and talking with our friends, let's recall Elizabeth Barrett Browning's famous query: "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways."

How do we love OLLI? Let us count the ways.

During "Renewing the Dream" Week II, which begins on October 19, classes will include expressions of affection and encouraging words to inspire new or additional gifts to the Campaign. We are already over halfway toward our \$1.5 million goal, leaving \$700,000 to be raised for the heating and cooling system, plus elevator and bathrooms upgrades. Strong participation by members and gifts of every size matter.

Count the ways OLLI adds to your quality of life and then count what you can give to enhance Arsht Hall and our OLLI experience.



Photo by Susan Arruda

Recycling — Paper

We recycle paper at home. We can do it at OLLI too!
At OLLI, we can recycle paper in many forms:

- Clean paper (no food contact)
- Newsprint
- Cardboard
- Clean cartons

Put these in the blue bins.

But we can't recycle:

- Plates and cups from the café
- Your lunch sack if dirty
- Your used napkins and tissues

Put these in the regular trash bins.

Recycle and we all win.

Recycling paper to make paper results in:

- Fewer trees used
- Less wastewater produced (45% less)
- Less energy used (45% less)
- Less greenhouse gas emitted (36% less)
- Less solid waste produced (50% less)



Bernard Osher and Lifelong Learning

Members frequently ask, "Who is Bernard Osher?"

Bernard Osher, like Roxana and Samuel Arsht, is the child of Russian-Jewish immigrants. He started working in his family's hardware store in Maine. He went on to work at Oppenheimer Company and then moved to San Francisco to become a founding director of World Savings Bank subsequently part of Wachovia and now Wells-Fargo.

He was inspired by the Fromm Institute for Lifelong Learning, which was organized at the University of San Francisco in 1976, as well as by the Senior College at the University of Southern Maine. After selling his banking interest he gave a substantial amount to the foundation which has supported Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes, provided scholarships for students, aged 25-50, reentering school after a break, and supported research in medicine. The Osher Foundation has established OLLIs in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

His retirement is not just devoted to philanthropy. He has long been interested in the arts and fly fishing. His own lifelong learning includes taking piano lessons starting at age 81. He has also pursued more active hobbies like surfing.



From a video posted on YouTube by Hans Hedemann Surf School in 2012 of Osher (age 84) at Waikiki.

Become a Safer Defensive Driver

How? Take the defensive driving course at OLLI. It is fun, interactive and up-to-date, uses a variety of teaching tools and could save your life.

Where: Room 225

When: Friday, October 23 and Friday, October 30.

The first session is both a refresher for those who already have certification and the first half of the basic course for those seeking certification. If you have not taken a certified defensive driving course within the last five years, you must attend both sessions. Delaware residents who complete the course may qualify for an insurance discount and a three-point DMV credit.

There is a \$25 cash fee for materials and certificate, to be paid to the instructor.

Students must be on time and stay for the entire three/six hours to receive their certificates for insurance discount.

For more information, email the instructor at dde8188@yahoo.com or phone 302-898-8880.

Scams

By Kenneth Mulholland , Curriculum Committee

Computers, Computers Windows 10 Support Scam

A new and dangerous scam regarding Windows 10 has recently been found in many computers. An email containing an attachment purports to download Windows 10 faster than if you went to the Microsoft web site. Once a user downloads and opens the attached executable file, the malware payload opens, encrypting data on the affected computer, and locking the owner out. Often, the user is forced to pay in bitcoin (Internet currency), which is far more difficult to trace than using a traditional bank account.

There is no clear way to get the decryption key until the ransom is paid. Ransomware attacks have been on the increase since the start of 2015 as a quick, easy, and often near-untraceable way to generate vast sums of money in a short time.

Do not respond to this email solicitation. If you are uncertain of the authenticity of this or any other offer go to the source by another means: via a telephone call or via direct access to the actual web site.

The Grandchild or Loved One In Danger Scam

Several people I know have recently experienced the following telephone scam. You receive a frantic phone call that goes like this.

- On the other end an anguished and nearly hysterical voice identifies itself as a grandchild.
- He/she is in serious trouble (arrested for some reason or is stuck somewhere).
- Help is asked for by sending money (usually a modest sum of \$2,000 to \$5,000).
- He/she pleads to please not call mom or dad.
- This is a scam. The caller uses all of the emotive words to make you lose all reason.

What you do is:

- First take a deep breath and calm down.
- Next call your grandchild where he/she should be located. If you can't reach the grandchild, call their parents and/or the police station or hospital where the child is supposedly located.
- Call the authorities in this place.
- Do not send money.



Tues., Dec. 8 to Fri., Dec. 11 A Magical Christmas in Newport, RI

Sun., June 5 to Sun., June 12 Bermuda Cruise, Celebrity from Port Liberty, NJ

Sat., June 25 to Thursday, July 7 French River Cruise

Mon., August 1 to Thursday, August 11 America's Southwest, National Park Adventure

Metropolitan Opera Trips

The UD Department of Music runs bus trips to select performances of the Metropolitan Opera. Buses leave from Clayton Hall in Newark at 7 a.m. and from Arshat Hall at 7:30 a.m. The next trip is:

November 21 *Lulu*

Further information : www.udel.edu/002636.

REP Theatre

The Resident Ensemble Players next production of their 2015-16 schedule of six plays at the Roselle Arts Center in Newark is:

Nov. 11 to Dec. 6 George Bernard Shaw, *Heartbreak House*

Heartbreak House is set at an eccentric Captain's ship-shaped country manor on the eve of World War I.

The guests' proper, upper-crust conventions are challenged during hilarious and bittersweet squabbles about unrequited love, indispensable hope, ill-fated capitalism, and the hopeless but endearing lunacy of the human race.

Productions in 2016 are Frederick Knott, *Wait Until Dark*; *To Kill a Mockingbird* (adapted by Christopher Sergel); John Logan, *Red*; and Alan Ayckbourn, *Things We Do for Love*.

Osher members receive a discount from the regular price for subscriptions. More information and purchases are available at: www.rep.udel.edu or call 302-831-2204.



Special Events Wednesdays
12:45 to 1:45 p.m. in Room 105
Announcements at 12:40 p.m.

These programs are open to all members.

- October 14—UD Physical Therapy Clinic**
Grace Ademski, assistant professor, UD
- October 21—Jamie Wyeth: “Farm to Factory”**
Amanda Burdan, associate curator, Brandywine River Museum
- October 28—A Broad’s Way: Hurray for Hollywood, A Musical Revue**
Debra Arnold, director
- November 4—Brandywine Zoo**
Melody Whitaker, assistant curator of education
- November 11—The Christmas Truce of WWI**
Stanley Weintraub, professor emeritus, Penn State University

1940 Revisited

Ray Callahan, UD professor emeritus of history
Fridays, 12:30 p.m., Room 108/109
Free and Open to the Public

- Continue the celebration of “Churchill Year,” the 50th anniversary of his death and the 75th of Britain’s “Finest Hour.” Professor Callahan is an expert on military history, and author of *Churchill and His Generals*.
- 16 Oct. Why France fell. May–June 1940.
- 23 Oct. How Britain survived: Dunkirk, May–June 1940.
- 30 Oct. How Britain survived: Spitfire summer, July–September 1940.
- 6 Nov. How Britain survived: The Home Front, September–December 1940.
- 13 Nov. The Secret War: Summer 1940.

Special Veterans’ Day Presentation
“Odyssey of a Bombardier”

Wednesday, November 11, 2 p.m., Room 117

John Hurt and Steven Sidebotham discuss the World War II POW log/diary of Richard Mason, a local man who was a German POW after his plane crashed in France.

Summer 2016 Courses

Summer Session is a terrific venue to try teaching skills, dust off an old course or test out a new one. We are accepting course proposals for the 2016 Summer Session beginning November 2. Need more time? Summer Session course proposals will also be solicited the first week in spring semester. Summer Session is July 5 to July 29 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Social on Tuesday, October 20

Meet fellow members and friends at the second 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 p.m.



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Calendar 2015

- Fri., Oct 9** Spring course proposals due
 - Thurs., Nov. 26 to Fri., Nov. 27** .. Thanksgiving break
 - Fri., Dec. 11** End of fall semester
- 2016**
- Mon., Feb. 8** Spring semester starts
 - Week of March 28** Spring break
 - Fri., May 13** End of spring semester