



LIFELONG LEARNING NEWS in Wilmington

April 2016

Message from Outgoing Council Chair, Ben Raphael

It is with mixed feelings that I have assumed the position of emeritus status. On the one hand, one of my Osher friends will no longer be addressing me as Your Lordship. That, and all the unfinished business left behind, takes a burden off my back and will allow a certain amount of normalcy to return to my life. On the other hand, it has indeed been an honor to serve as your Council Chair.



I am happy to say that we are continuing to enjoy a prosperous and healthy Institute. We have a great Council and a hard-working and very congenial staff, and the coordination between the two is better than ever. UD Associate Provost, Jim Broomall, has also been very supportive behind the scene. Keeping track of our 30-plus committees is one job I never did master. It is like trying to herd an equal number of cats, but our committees, supported by hundreds of conscientious volunteers, are keeping our OLLI purring. I would like to thank each and every one of you.

Take a look in our Reading Room at our newly updated by-laws, thanks to the hard work of Council members, Martha Hays, Susan Arruda and Lucie Shader, along with our wonderful mentor, retired Program Coordina-

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Noteworthy

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- ◆ Harry Themal receives Governor’s Heritage Award. (page 3)
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Volunteer Appreciation Week – April 25-29, 2016

by Susan Arruda and Bill Rowe, Volunteer Development Chairs

Osher Lifelong Learning Wilmington is a volunteer-driven organization. As you know, OLLI members do such things as teach courses; register members; plan the curriculum; raise funds; direct traffic the first weeks of school; copy materials for instructors; make sure the building and surrounding areas are safe and proper equipment is in working condition; register your car; staff the Reception Desk; plan the bulletin board displays; orient new members; coordinate computers and AV devices; register members’ wireless devices; bake cookies for Socials and New Member events; sign up people for exciting trips; reach out to the community; serve on art, music and multicultural committees; plan events such as June à la Carte, OLLI at the Ocean, Summer Session and Special Events Wednesdays; write and edit the monthly Newsletter and



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tor Ruth Flexman. I'd like to mention at this point that I have been impressed with the number of paid employees who have retired, such as Ruth and a few of their spouses, who have become members and volunteers. That alone says a lot for our OLLI.

Our Piano Most of us know little about our piano and how it was acquired and why certain conditions were established for its use. Glen Barbaras has recently written a memo that brings out this history.

In 1994, Glen's late wife, Gerry, made a deal with the regional manager of Taylor Music to pay \$25,000 for a less than one-year-old Baldwin SD-10 concert grand. The new price, at the time, was \$48,620. Two SD-10s were evaluated at concerts given in Room 105. Both were praised and the newer one was selected. After the concert, one of our members, Sarah Gillette, told Glen that she wanted to contribute \$10,000 toward the purchase, and the rest of the money was taken from our gift fund. To honor Sarah, Glen had a blue removable Velcro plaque made and inscribed with her name. It was hung on the piano during Academy programs. Unfortunately, it has gone missing (as they say today) and we would appreciate any help in finding it.

I have turned the reins over to our bicycle-riding, tuba-playing fun guy and friend, Thom Remington, who will lead us through the next school year. I have happily returned to my old job, Special Events Wednesdays. See you there!

Leonard Joseph "Joe" Young (1920-2016)

With great sadness we report the passing of Joe Young 40 days after the loss of his wife, Vivian. Joe was a life-long educator and student. He returned to his hometown, Wilmington, after a career that took him around the world with the International Labor Organization. At OLLI he taught courses about the UN and Switzerland. He paid tribute to one of his favorite classes, *Yesterday for Tomorrow*, in his March 2010 newsletter article, "Thirty Cheers for the Academy. A Place to Be Somebody." <http://www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/wilmington/newsletter/>

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Weekly Activities notices; plan and coordinate the Fall Book Sale; hang student-created art work; coordinate the volunteers and serve on Council. Members don't get paid for performing these duties, but do so in order that things get done!

Over 450 volunteers will be honored by OLLI the week of April 25. If you have volunteered please stop by the table in the Lobby of Arsh Hall to pick up your 2015-16 volunteer pin and a certificate for a free ice cream cone/cup when the Moo-Mobile visits during that week. You may use your certificate when the Moo-Mobile returns on May 4 and 12. It may also be used at the UD Creamery, 535 S. College Avenue, Newark.



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Wilmington certainly wouldn't be "the best" without the dedication, service and effort of our volunteers! Thank you.

Summer Session 2016

by Karen Foster, Summer Session Co-chair

Remember July? Hot, humid, uncomfortable...

Unless you have a house in Maine, you might want to think about the OLLI summer session here in Arsh Hall. From July 5 through 28, there are classes every Tuesday through Thursday morning—four weeks to enjoy the stimulation of Osher courses and interaction with other members in air-conditioned comfort.

What can you learn in four weeks? How about canning farm-fresh foods, writing memoirs, the history of quilting, stretching your way to better balance, or selling your house in 30 days. These are just a few of the topics to be covered in over 40 classes.

The summer membership fee is only \$90, and this entitles you to take up to *six* classes.

Catalogs will be available in mid-April—they are not mailed; so pick one up in the lobby.

In-person registration will be in the lobby the week of April 18–22. Anyone who registers during that week will be eligible for a prize drawing, but registrations will continue to be taken in the Office through June.

Distance Viewing at Osher

by Ken Mulholland

Distance Viewing, where you can view classes you missed or a course that is interesting, is in full swing at Lifelong Learning. At present four courses are being videotaped and made available on the web. Any member of Osher can access the courses by obtaining the web address from Jenna Ford or by asking the volunteer videotaping a class.

Since the goal is to videotape four to eight courses per semester, volunteers are needed. They will be trained on how to videotape a class and to put the video on the web.

If you are interested, contact Kenneth Mulholland at kmulholland37@comcast.net



Thurs., June 2 9/11 Memorial, New York

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

Sat., June 18 Baltimore Inner Harbor

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

Tues., July 19 *Yesterday Once More* Matinee, Cabaret by the Sea, Point Pleasant, NJ

Tues., July 19 to Tues., July 26 Niagara Falls, Toronto, Shaw Festival

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

Tues, Dec. 13 to Fri., Dec. 16 Christmas Extravaganza, Greenbrier Hotel and Casino

Visit the Travel Desk in the Lobby, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Osher Member Honored

On February 25, Governor Jack A. Markell honored Harry F. Thernal, *News-Journal* columnist and Osher member, as one of the recipients of the Governor's Heritage Award in a ceremony held at the Buena Vista Conference Center. The award, established in 2003 by the Office of the Secretary of State, is given to an individual who has made a distinguished contribution to the recognition, preservation, and celebration of Delaware's heritage.

In his column the following week, Harry wrote that Governor Markell said "his work reflects his love of Delaware journalism but also a focus on the state's current issues." Harry added, "That's certainly what I try to do in this column."



(From left) Rick Geisenberger, Chief Deputy Secretary of State, **Harry F. Thernal**, robin brown, **Governor Jack A. Markell**, Richard B. Carter, and Stephen M. Marz CA, Director, Delaware Public Archives and State Archivist
Photo from <http://archives.blogs.delaware.gov/>

Earth Day

How lucky can you get? In honor of Earth Day eleven people will win a 17-inch monitor and help the earth be greener at the same time.



Photo by Karl Leck

These items are no longer needed here at OLLI. All work perfectly and come with the necessary wiring to hook up to your own computer. Check them out in the lobby during the week of April 18 in the corner space. Get a raffle ticket and qualify for one of these monitors.

Your friendly ECO TEAM at work.

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

These programs are a benefit for members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Wilmington. Feel free to attend each week or select the programs that most interest you.

April 20—Jazz Nonet The Usual Suspects

April 27—UD Lifelong Learning Orchestra
Allen Tweddle, conductor

May 4—UD Lifelong Learning Concert Band
Paul Hess, conductor

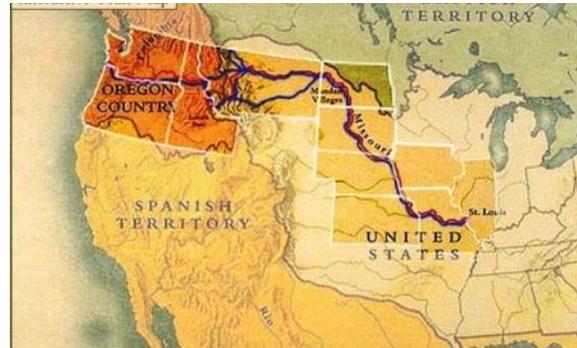
May 11—UD Lifelong Learning Chorus
Janet Taylor Miller, director



**Friday Lecture Series, April 8 to May 6
12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., Room 108/109
Lewis and Clark, The Voyage Of Discovery
by William Jones**

The series is free and open to the public. Bring your friends and introduce them to OLLI.

In this five-week lecture series, we will investigate the reasons for the Louisiana Purchase and the epochal exploration conducted by Meriwether Lewis, William Clark and the Corps of Discovery. Using lecture, the Ken Burns' film *Lewis and Clark, the Voyage of Discovery* and other resources, we will look at the preparation for the exploration, the adventures and trials the exploration faced, and what happened upon their return to civilization. We will explore the myths and controversy around the untimely death of Meriwether Lewis. We will also look closely at the role of Sacajawea in the exploration and at her life through the eyes of Native American women.



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Calendar 2016

Fri., May 13 End of spring semester
Tues, May 31 to Fri., June 3 OLLI at the Ocean
Mon., June 6 to Thurs., June 9 June à la Carte
Tues., July 5 to Thurs., July 28 Summer Session
Tues, Sept. 6 Fall semester starts
Tues, Nov. 8 Election Day, OLLI closed
Thurs.–Fri., Nov. 24–25 ... Thanksgiving, OLLI closed
Fri., Dec. 9 End of fall semester