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News

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at University of Delaware in Lewes

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Meet the Council for 2010-2011



Front row seated, left to right: Ron Reese, Vice Chairman; Robert Comeau, Chairman; Donna Beecher, Council Secretary; Anne Carol Finley, Scholarship.

Back row standing, left to right: Bruce Collins, Finance; Diana Beebe, Academic Affairs; Lynn Kroesen, Communications; John Coleman, Academic Affairs, Mary Folan, Travel; Richard Sciorra, Ex-Officio; Anna Moshier, Program Coordinator.

Standing behind: Renee Moy, Senior Secretary; Bernie Fiegel, Social.

Not present for the picture: Frank Meredith, Community Relations and Louise Archdeacon, Librarian

Dear Friends,

With the change to the Osher name and logo, I need your help to rename our quarterly newsletter. Please send your suggestions for a new name for our newsletter to me at LKroesen@yahoo.com or to Renee at Rmoy@udel.edu or drop off your suggestions at the office.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Lynn Kroesen

Communications Chair and Newsletter Editor





From the Chair

This summer, we're moving into a new phase of our organization's life. With some endowment funding support from the Bernard Osher Foundation, we have joined a network of 118 similar organizations in every state. By fall, we'll shed the name SDALL and become the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at University of Delaware in Lewes. You'll see new logos on our signs, catalogs, and other materials, find our website at www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes, and hear the words "UD Lifelong Learning" when you call the office. Beyond that, we're the same folks, doing the same things, in pretty much the same way – as will our colleagues in learning in Wilmington and, beginning this fall, in Dover.

One program enhancement we've made – in part from the Osher grant and in part from a \$5000 grant from the Freeman Foundation – is the purchase of new laptop computers. Coupled with new high-speed Internet access, this allows us to expand our computer classes and will enable our instructors in all subjects to access more on-line resources.

Newly elected council members Diana Beebe, John Coleman, and Lynn Kroesen have been joined by Donna Beecher, who was appointed to fill a vacancy. Ron Reese has been elected Vice Chair and Donna as Secretary. Diana and John co-chair the Academic Committee. Lou Archdeacon is our new Librarian, replacing Martha Savage, who has moved closer to family.

We look forward to an exciting fall semester, with 57 classes being offered in the catalog that will be coming to your mailboxes later this month. Be sure to register by the August 26 deadline!

Bob Comeau

Calendar of Events

- July 26-31 - Fall Catalogs mailed
- Aug 26 - Priority Registration closes
- Sept 3 - Mail members course list
- Sept 9 - New member & Faculty orientation
- Sept 13 - First day of classes
- Oct 11 - Back to school picnic
- Oct 19 - 2nd 5-week session begins
- Nov 19 - Last day of classes

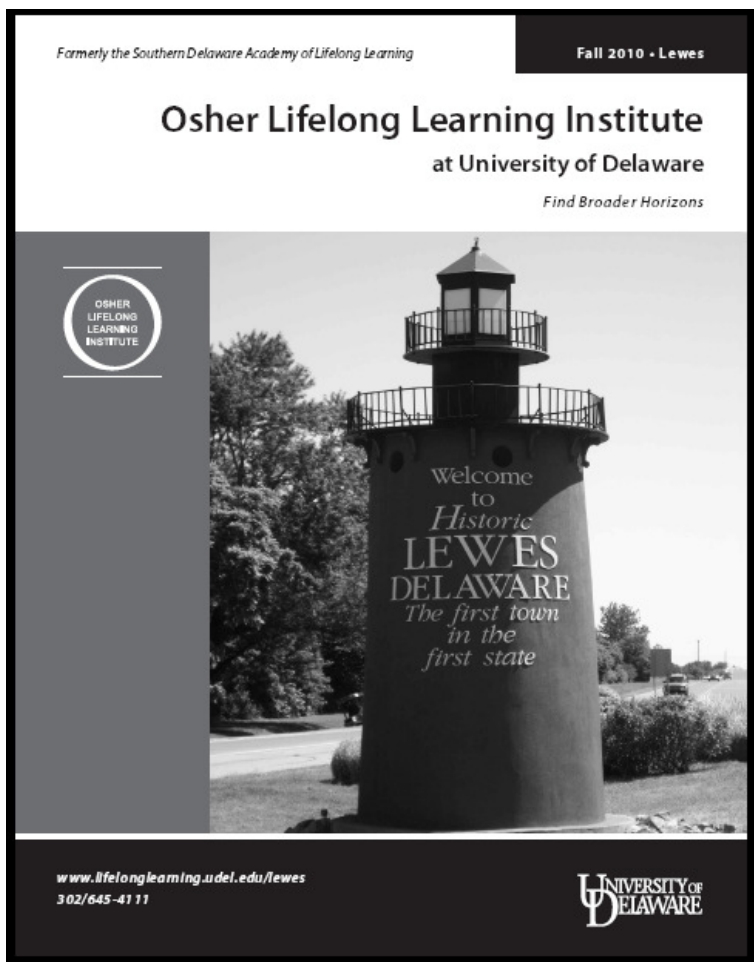
Check Bulletin Boards for "Happenings"

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.



Watch your Mailbox for New Fall Catalog



A new era for lifelong learning in Lewes will begin with the Fall 2010 catalog coming soon to your mailbox. The new name and new logos necessitated a redesign of the cover of our catalog. **Watch for it — Coming soon.**

HANDICAP PARKING

Vehicles parked in Lifelong Learning marked spaces must have a valid visible handicap card or a handicap license plate. Temporary cards are available from Renee.



Exciting Classes Offered for Fall Term

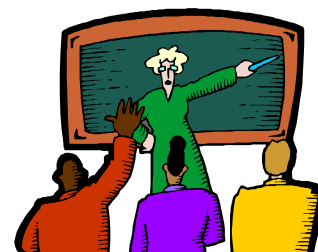
We are truly excited about the 57 classes we will be offering for the Fall 2010 season. To mention just a few, if international studies is your thing; consider “The View from Kashmir,” or “Aspects of Espionage.” For history buffs there will be classes on the long road to Civil War, the Irish potato famine, the maritime history in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, or, on the lighter side, the history of musical instruments and model trains.

You can explore philosophical topics in “Ethics: What’s the Right Thing To Do?” or “Applied Ethics.”

Science? How about “A Short History of the Planet Earth,” “Number Patterns and Algebra,” or a class on expanding your computer skills. We are excited to announce that we have purchased a new set of computers for the fall.

The musical and performing arts array ranges from a new class on Stravinsky to the musicals of Leslie Caron. Enjoy the poetry of Robert Frost or the novels, plays and writings of Thornton Wilder, or delve into Eckhart Tolle’s “A New Earth.” And for artists, there are classes on basketry, pottery, water color, acrylic, etc.

This is just a sample of what’s available for the Fall 2010 season, so use your priorities carefully, but by all means join in and enjoy.



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.



Donna Beecher Accepts Council Position



Donna Beecher has accepted the position of Council Secretary. Donna is a native of Annapolis, MD and holds a B.A. from Drew University and a M.S. from Syracuse University. In May 2002, Donna retired from the Federal Government. She and her husband "Beech" turned

their second home in Lewes into a year-round permanent residence. She took on various volunteer activities: teaching decision-making skills to inmates at Sussex Correctional Institution, leading discussion groups for Bible Study Fellowship International, singing/serving St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and leading "Bridge to a New Position" workshops for Delawareans looking for work. She joined the Lifelong Learning Institute in Lewes, enjoys watercolor classes and singing with the Elder Moments. She taught her first class in 2010—Raising Your SCRABBLE Score and is active in the local SCRABBLE club. In 2007, the Beecher's renovated a classic Lewes home for which they received a 2010 Historic Preservation Award from the Lewes Historical Society.

2010 Rehoboth Art League Cottage Tour

Many thanks to Lifelong Learning's volunteer docents for the RAL cottage tour, July 6 and 7. The house we sponsored this year truly was a cottage, a home on Lake Drive facing Silver Lake. It featured an abundance of art by local artists as well as fascinating "tramp art" the owners have collected over the years. As has been our consistent experience in the past, our members were again enthusiastic in their willingness to help, and we had numerous compliments on the knowledge and courteous sharing of interesting information they provided for the more than 1,200 visitors. Thank you, one and all!

John Coleman

\$5000 FACES Grant Helps Purchase New Computers



Photo - Patti A. Grimes, Vice President of Community Outreach and Programming, Carl M. Freeman Foundation, Bob Comeau, Anna Moshier, Michelle Freeman, President and Chairwoman, Joshua M. Freeman Foundation.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at University of Delaware in Lewes (formerly Southern Delaware Academy of Lifelong Learning, SDALL) was awarded a \$5000 grant to fund computer upgrades from the Carl M. Freeman Foundation's FACES (Freeman Foundation Assists Communities with Extra Support) grant program. Founded in 2000, the FACES program is designed to find and fund the smaller, overlooked projects in our neighborhoods – grants are limited to nonprofit organizations with operating budgets of \$750,000 or less. The Volunteer FACES advisory board also provides a unique insight into community needs and priorities, and allows the Freeman Foundation to support projects that are most important to the local communities. This gift will enable Lifelong Learning in Lewes to purchase large screen computers for their senior members. The award was received during the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra performance at The Freeman Stage at Bayside in Selbyville, DE. For more information: www.freemanfoundation.org

New Web address:

www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes/

Members Enjoy Springtime in New York

By Joan Sciorra , Travel Coordinator

Our April, 2010 trip to New York was another successful one for all who attended. The weather even cooperated. Sunshine and mild temperatures had us up early and on the go.

People enjoyed a variety of activities such as visits to many of the fine museums New York has to offer, theatre, opera, and ballet performances, back stage visit to the Metropolitan, tour of Brooklyn, visit to Chelsea, Soho, NY Culinary Institute, shopping for fabric and yarn, and of course department store shopping to name a few. An abundance of good food in many, different ethnic restaurants was consumed. Many of us were able to meet up with family members and friends and catch up on current happenings with them.

Just walking around New York and observing the SIGHTS is sheer entertainment! It has been said that New York has something for everyone and we can attest to that.

We hope you will be able to join us in 2011 (the first week of May). As soon as arrangements are finalized, we will email everyone with necessary information.

Mark your calendar **NOW**

October 15, 2010 – Trip to
the Library of Congress,
Washington, DC



64 Year Old Rain Checks Redeemed

In the summer of 1946 my mother and I, living in southern New Jersey, took a vacation to New York City. In addition to attending live radio show broadcasts of "It Pays to be Ignorant" and "The Evening in Paris Show" we went to the top of the Rockefeller Center Building. The weather was so overcast and cloudy that there was literally no view of the city. Because of this my mother and I were given small pieces of paper as Rain Checks. In the intervening sixty-four years the rain checks accompanied me residing in about six states from Texas to Missouri to Delaware.

On the SDALL trip to New York I took the rain checks with me as Ann and I spent the day with our daughter Leslie who works at the Free Press in the city. When we went to the admission desk of the Top of the Rock Observation

Deck I presented the two rain checks to the staff. They reacted with surprise and partial disbelief. They consulted among themselves and then called someone in authority who approved the redemption of the checks for two admissions. Thanks to the considerate staff of the 30 Rock we all had a splendid time viewing the great city.

Submitted by Frank Meredith



Late Renoir Exhibit Makes Impression on Members

Our trip on June 25th to the Philadelphia Museum of Art was attended by 34 members. It was a terrific opportunity to view the late works of Auguste Renoir, a master of the Impressionism in the late 1870s. Many of the paintings were on loan from the Musee d'Orsay, the Barnes Museum, private collectors and paintings in the collection of the Philadelphia Museum. This was the first museum exhibition devoted to Renoir's late work. We want to thank Sandy Moore for making the arrangements at the museum.

Travel Committee

Names in the News

Don Stein was featured in the May 7th issue of the Coastal Point in an article on ways seniors can "Age Strong". Don was recognized for his volunteer work with several local organizations as one of the ways retirees can use their experiences to enrich their communities and remain active and independent.

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.



SMOKE FREE

Cape Henlopen schools are smoke free environments – this includes the grounds outside the building.



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.



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