

# The Tides...

Breaking News from  
Lifelong Learning



Fall 2017

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Lewes/Ocean View

## From the Chair



Can you believe that we are already more than halfway through the semester? The weather has been delightful- at least around here. So much suffering caused in all sorts of ways this fall- hurricanes shootings, wildfires. I'm sure we all keep those affected in our thoughts.

Our unseasonable weather gifted us with a beautiful day for the picnic. Salty Brine will provide you with a full report later in this issue. Lynn and Jay took lots of pictures that will bring back happy memories. Thanks to Connie Benko who organized it and to her many helpers.

We have an enrolment of 563 this semester, slightly below last fall's 570. That is still a lot of people. Last fall in this space, I urged you to wear your name tags, it's really important to be able to call a person by name, even if we don't know him or her. I have noticed a distinct improvement, but I have also noticed that about half the name tags attached to lanyards are blank side out. I have fussed with mine for years-sometimes getting it right and often not. I have taken to wearing shirts with pockets, V neck sweaters, etc. so that I can simply clip it on. I have had an epiphany about dealing with this! Let's print our names on both sides of the card.

Anna has been promoted. "YAY, Anna!" She is now responsible for the Dover program as well as Lewes/Ocean View. This stretches her pretty thin, but we have hired additional part-time staff here and in Dover. Combining responsibility in this way has enabled Anna to find ways to create efficiencies by standardizing semester dates, fees and registration procedures. The goal is to save money on the very expensive catalog publication process -more than \$2.00 a copy- by combining the Dover and Lewes programs in a single catalog. Another benefit of this is to allow us all to see what courses are being offered. Did you know that, when the priority registration process is complete, any of us can take any course still available at any of the Delaware OLLI locations?

To have achieved this much commonality, Dover has adjusted its fees and semester structure. The one area of difference that remains is in class length. Dover and Wilmington have 75 minute classes. Ours are 90 minutes. Anna proposed, I think

### From the Chair Continued

at the August Council meeting, that we adopt the 75 minutes. I thought this was a great idea. The school day would end earlier and the class length was more in keeping with my own attention span. Some of the council members, who are instructors, expressed various misgivings about it so we agreed to mention it at the upcoming faculty orientations. Anna was taking her daughter to Boston to begin her college career. It fell to me to pitch it. Did I get an earful?! I told them to email Anna. And hear from them she did. Well, we don't pay the instructors or even buy them lunch. Without the faculty we would have no program. So we decided to listen to them. **Class lengths will not change.**

See you at Happy Hour at Irish Eyes, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 and at the luncheon, November 16<sup>th</sup> at Atlantic Sands on the Boardwalk in Rehoboth. Enjoy the rest of the semester.

## Bill

### Think Spring

The catalog committee is looking for cover art for the Spring 2018 catalog. If you have a painting or photograph or drawing in the portrait (vertical) format that you would like to submit, please contact Renee in the OLLI Lewes office. **Your work can be on the cover of the catalog!**

#### Calendar of Events

- Nov 8 — Happy Hour at Irish Eyes Pub
- Nov 10 — Veterans Day—no classes
- Nov 14 — Last day of classes
- Nov 16 — Fall Luncheon at Atlantic Sands
- Nov 22-24 — Thanksgiving holiday - office closed
- Dec 25—Jan 1 — Winter Break— Office closed

#### YOUR NEWSLETTER

**The Tides** is published quarterly, with special editions as appropriate. If anyone has information, news, pictures or items of interest to share, the Council wants to hear from you. Please contact Lynn Kroesen at [Lkroesen2@gmail.com](mailto:Lkroesen2@gmail.com) or the Lifelong Learning office in Lewes.



### We Need Your Feedback

Please assist us in offering the highest quality programs by providing feedback. You will be sent an online feedback form. Please complete this form for each course you attended this Fall session including courses you may have stopped attending. If you prefer a paper copy please stop by the office.

**Please complete only one evaluation per course (either paper or online).**

Hi Friends,

It is so nice to see all of your smiling faces this semester. Thank you so much for your congratulations and encouragement as I engage in my new position as Manager, Osher Learning Centers for Kent and Sussex Counties. An even bigger thank you and job well done goes to our own Renee Moy, Bill Ashmore and John Lafferty who have kept business running as usual during this transition. We have hired two new staff who will be supporting instructors in the classroom. Please be sure to welcome Scott Schenck and Chet Poslusny.



During the spring and summer, I attended two lifelong learning conferences. The first was in Irving, Texas and was hosted by the National Resource Center for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes (<http://nrc.northwestern.edu/>). This conference included only OLLI branded lifelong learning institutes and gave us an opportunity to learn and collaborate. I attended sessions on volunteer engagement in a multicultural world, innovative curriculum planning processes and building successful member-oriented fundraising programs. I also presented during a session called “experiments in distance learning”.

The second conference was hosted by OLLI at Eckerd College and OLLI at the University of South Florida and was held at Eckerd College in beautiful St. Petersburg, FL. All lifelong learning institutes from across the country were invited to attend. To supplement my learning at the OLLI national conference I attended sessions with topics that include volunteer recognition and retention, collaboration between lifelong learning institutes and connecting with your community. I gained a ton of great information at these two conferences and look forward to working with our stellar bank of volunteers and staff to implement some new strategies for engagement and growth.

My biggest takeaway is that we are all in this together. All lifelong learning institutes share the same challenges, including lack of parking! It is nice to know that there are other institutes to lean on and learn from.

Finally, as we wind down from this awesome fall semester, I would like to thank all of our volunteers and instructors who make our program possible. You are truly appreciated!

See you in the hallway,

**Anna**

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## OLLI Welcomes New Instructor Support Staff

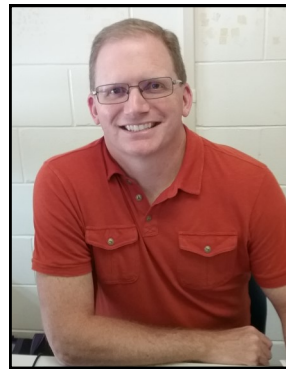


**Chet Poslusny**

Chet has lived in Lewes since he retired from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in 2004. Chet served in the U S Air Force Security Service as a linguist, intelligence analyst, and trainer. After his military service, he completed college degrees in mathematics and

economics. Post graduation, he began a 30 year career with the NRC where he continued training in nuclear technology, completed a masters degree in management and administration, and served in numerous project management positions. After retirement he worked as a part time mathematics instructor and technical writer for Delaware Technical and Community College and as a licensing consultant for several years.

Chet enjoys biking, travel, gardening, musical activities, home improvement projects, and serving as a volunteer in several different organizations in the area: Lewes Farmers Market, Canal Front Park, Back Bay Strummers, Board of the International Student Outreach Program, ESL Program at his Lutheran Church and the Beebe Foundation.



**Scott Schenck**

Scott originally hails from central Pennsylvania with the majority of his career dedicated to Health Information Management in Philadelphia. He and his wife moved to Lewes in 2010 which brought about a change of lifestyle and vocation. He is a recent graduate from the IT program at DTCC and has pursued educational opportunities throughout his adult life. In his spare time, he enjoys the beach, reading and writing genre fiction, and playing any game he encounters.



## Volunteers Do OLLI Garden Cleanup

Many thanks to the volunteers that came to help weed and clean the front garden at the Fred Thomas Building on Thursday, September 28. Volunteers included: Bill Fintel, Craig Haggerty, Maureen Sherlock, George Dellinger, Susan Simon, Lisa Vass, Lillian Gillespie, Richard Reeves, Marylou Reeves, and Eddie Filemyr.

Submitted by Eddie Filemyr

Photos by John Lafferty



*Above: Instructor  
Eddie Filemyr,  
Landscape Design*

## Thank you Coast Day volunteers



Gerri Stephenson, right, at Coast Day

Coast Day was a great success for OLLI. Thirty-one visitors signed the contact list, all 150 of the 4 page course listing brochures were distributed plus a good number of trifold brochures and the smart phone lanyard was a popular gift. It would not have happened without our volunteers who engaged with the visitors: Bernie Fiegel, Sandi Brandt, Craig Haggerty, Gerri Stephenson, Tom Lord, Catherine Shifflett, Bud Zimmerman, Lee Mussoff, Bill Sharkey. Many thanks for a job well done.

... and thanks to John and Scott who assisted with the set-up and breakdown of the display. Could not have done it without you.

I would like to hear from you about your experience and recommendations for future similar events.

*Submitted by Dolores Fiegel*

*Photo by Lynn Kroesen*

## OLLI OLLI IN FREE

Do you remember saying that? I do. It was the Hide & Seek call to end the game. Everyone could come out of their hiding places and not get tagged.

We had so much fun playing games as kids, didn't we? Rover Red Rover, Red Light Green Light, Button Button Who's Got The Button?, Stickball, Kick the Can, 7-up, Mother May I?, Simon Says, Frozen Tag, Dodge Ball, Double Dutch Jump Rope, and Hopscotch, just to name a few. We were so much more active than the kids today.

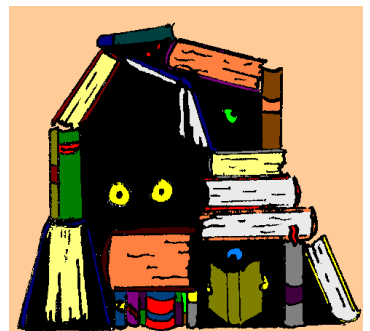
Diana, from my Osher Craft Circle class, remembers playing Hide & Seek in her back yard. When the OLLI OLLI IN FREE was called, one little boy did not show up. Somewhat frantic because she was the oldest and by default responsible for every one else, Diana eventually found him fast asleep in the toy box.

I remember once when my younger daughter, Anna, was three years old, she hid on me so well and for so long I contemplated calling 9-1-1 to help me find her. But betrayed by a bodily function – a sneeze – I found her sitting as quiet as a mouse in her sister's closet in her laundry basket.

OLLI OLLI IN FREE. You can keep on hiding, or you can reveal yourself to me with your favorite childhood memory and I just might have to write it up in the next issue of *The Tides* Newsletter.

One more thing: the wisdom of my four-year-old grandson, Obie. "Daddy cooks; Mommy microwaves."

Submitted by Patty Perreault Bennett



*Editors Note: According to Wikipedia the catchphrase "Olli Olli in free" has many variants: Olly olly oxen free, outtie outtie let's be free, all-y all-y in come free, All-Ye All-Ye in come free and is used to indicate that players who are hiding can come out into the open without penalty.*

## Library Notes



I am pleased to welcome Marie Isola as my volunteer assistant, and she is doing a great job. The new sign on the library door is a much appreciated improvement that Marie did for us.

We have also added some interesting donations to the collection this year. Thank you to Loch Macadam for a DVD film about the Japanese game of GO, called "The Surrounding Game" which is currently on the Instructor's Resource shelf. John Newsom has contributed a Blue Ray special edition of 2 films: The Emigrants and The New Land. I saw the 1972 film starring Max von Sydow and Liv Uhlman, and it is outstanding. Joyce Pepper has added two books on aging gracefully and with humor. And our resident author, Philip Fretz, has donated a second volume of a trilogy about a young man growing up in Philadelphia. Although our non-fiction collection usually places new fiction in the hallway Swap Shelf, I have included our local authors a place in the American Literature section of the 800's, and the films are located on the 790's shelf. Other donations are listed on the bulletin board.

As always I remind you that we are casual about lending materials to Osher students, but would like to have them returned during the semester in which they were borrowed

*Submitted by Ruth Barnett, Librarian*

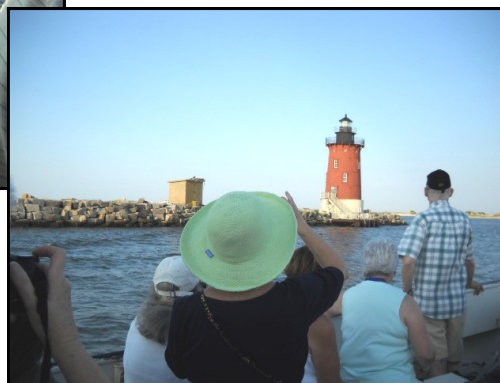
## Members Cruise to See Lighthouses



If you missed the OLLI sponsored Lighthouse Sunset Cruise on August 1, you missed a most beautiful evening on our most beautiful coast. Fifty OLLI members and guests set out from Angles Marina in Lewes at 6 p.m. to cruise out to both the Breakwater Light and the Harbour of Refuge Light.



The weather was perfect for the evening cruise and the sea was calm allowing participants to share snacks and beverages. We were fortunate to have Red and Barb Moulinier from the Delaware River and Bay Lighthouse Foundation to entertain us with many stories and facts about the lights. The trip back to port, just as the sun was setting



provided the perfect end to a perfect evening on the water.

*Photos by Lynn Kroesen*

## A Busy Social Calendar for Fall Semester

The Social Committee has been busy this fall. There have been two Happy Hours at Irish Eyes that were enjoyed by all. Please join us for the third one of the semester on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 7:00 pm at Irish Eyes.



*Above: Happy Hour at Irish Eyes Pub*

*Right & below: 19th Annual Osher picnic*

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic at Cape Henlopen State Park was October 10<sup>th</sup> with about 140 in attendance. Many of our members are wonderful cooks, judging by the many dishes that were brought to share. We were entertained by the Elder Moments chorus and the English Country Dancing class. Some of us even had a chance to participate in the dancing! A special thank



you to all the members who helped to arrange and cover the tables, set-up the buffet, prepare vegetables, and grill. You made the picnic a success!

The last event of the semester will be the Fall Luncheon on November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Atlantic Sands in Rehoboth Beach. The arts and craft groups will be showing their creations, and the Elder Moments will be entertaining. Watch for more information in your email and posted in the hall. The Social Committee is looking forward to seeing you at the luncheon.

*Submitted by Connie Benko, Social Chair*

*Photos by Connie Benko, Bill Hicks, Jay Wheeler*



## Sun Shines on the 19th Annual Homecoming Picnic

### Salty Brine's Seaside Chat

AHOY, Osher shipmates! After the June, 2017, summer session the OLLI Queen went into to dry dock for some spiffing up including bright work polishing, especially the ship's bell, new sails, and new paint in the UDel color scheme of blue and gold; bottom line it was ship shape and ready to weigh anchor and set sail for Cape Henlopen State Park to attend the Osher 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Homecoming Picnic on Tuesday, October 10, 2017...we lowered the gangway at 0800 and about 140

OLLI members and guests boarded the OLLI Queen; weighed anchor at 1000, right on schedule, the weather God smiled down on us giving an azure sky overhead, plenty of sun, a light breeze out of the northeast, fairly calm seas, and the temp about 71 degrees; dropped anchor at 1030, lowered the gangway and disembarked the members and guests for their trek to the pavilion, and once there, all the workers bees scattered to their assigned stations...

Before we go any further let's give a tip of Salty's cap to UDel maintenance personnel who moved the very heavy tables into place, using their unique table moving contraption; on to those manning the registration table; to the new Picnic Coordinator Connie [Benko], the crew who covered tables plus directing members and guests where to place their food, on to the prep crew who cut red/yellow peppers into four-sides square, sliced onions, zucchini, tomatoes, and those who painstakingly removed the gills from the Portobello mushrooms, plus those setting up the condiments; on to the grill where our grill masters, Bill and Tom at grill #1 and off the bench Bill and Jack at grill #2 were putting up with smoke, the heat, the blazing sun, the rush of members barking out what they wanted, "one not too done burger, " one well-done burger," "two zucchini," "one red, one orange, no make that two yellow peppers," "three cheese burgers" "two dogs, no buns," "are the Portobello's ready" and so on and so on, and never once complaining; the clean-up crew, collecting a left behind tote bag on a back table, a Wine Spectator wine magazine, a knife here, a bowl there, a spoon over there, etc., a job well done by all, because we couldn't put on an OLLI fun-loving, member and guest friendly, organized, and sometimes dis-organized picnic without all your help...**thank you, thank you, thank you!**



The groaning boards were loaded with soo many delicious goodies too numerous to name, but deviled eggs are gaining momentum, and OLLI members, all but guaranteed, that two tables of desserts would satisfy the "sweet tooth" of everyone in attendance; any leftover desserts go back to school for the next morning "sugar fix," the other leftovers go to needy causes...some said it was the best picnic ever. Why? Maybe because of the beautiful day, or the fun and animated conversations going on everywhere, members catching up with each other, all enjoying the many delicious foods including desserts, having a fun time, and kibitzing with fellow members throughout the picnic festivities...sounds like all good reasons for having a "good" time to Salty!!...



The picnic started to wind down with none other than the Elder Moments led by the incomparable Roo Brown singing a rendition of the *Bible Baseball Game* song passed down from Roo's grandfather, father, and onto third generation Roo. Lyrics began with "Eve stole first, Adam second, St. Peter umpired the game" and ends with "Brother Noah gave out checks for rain." The members and guests were invited to join in with the second song "*I Found Love*" - what can be said about them that hasn't already been said...they were followed by the English Country dance class dancing two dances led by our callers Carol [West] and Ted [Mason], and then Ted suggested we do a mixer and asked the class dancers to pick a partner from those still in attendance and repeat "*Alice*" the previous dance; had a packed floor and the newbies seemed to really enjoy it, maybe the dance class will get some new members for the spring 2018, semester, maybe? ...a great way to end the 19<sup>th</sup>, see y'all for the 20<sup>th</sup> ...



**Picnic continued from page 8**



*Photos by Connie Benko, Bill Hicks, Lynn Kroesen & Jay Wheeler*

>>>Salty says...shipmates mark your calendar for the OLLI Fall/Holiday Luncheon, Instructors' Recognition, on Thursday, November 16, 2017, at the Atlantic Sands in Rehoboth Beach at the boardwalk and Atlantic ocean...and arts and crafts members start thinking about what you're going to display? Anchors Aweigh...

Contributing writers – Cera Belum and Clams Casino

## Fall Semester Off to a Great Start



*New wall art at the Fred Thomas Building*



*L-R: Diana Beebe & Karen McKinnon instructors  
**Osher Craft Circle***



*Left: Joseph DeFeo, **Basic Woodworking-Using Hand Tools***

*Below: Monica Fleischmann & Angela Honan,  
**A Matter of Balance***

Monica reminds us, " Older adults falls are increasing and can mean the end of independence."

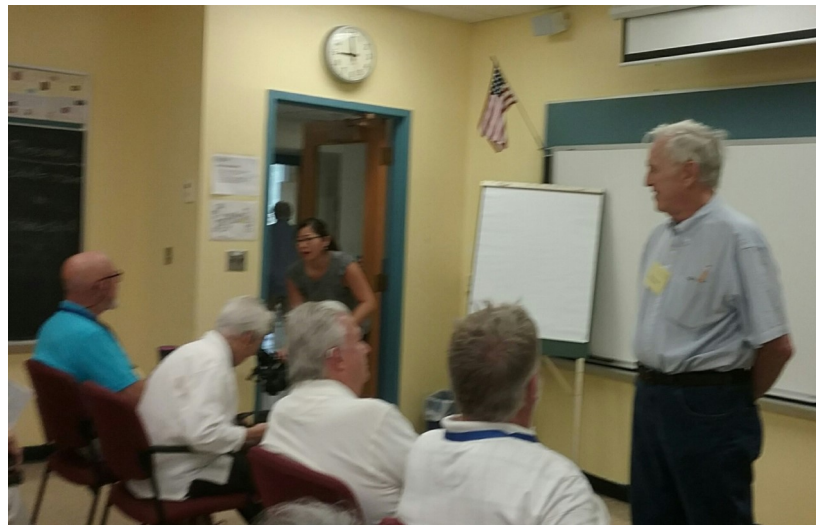


Photos by: John Lafferty & Lynn Kroesen

## Fall Semester Off to a Great Start



L-R: Phil Wescott - Drawing instructor, Anne Barker - Bridge instructor, Peter Strub - Golf instructor



On September 7 OLLI instructor, Dean Hoover and OLLI member Paul Collins were featured on a segment called *Growing Older: Adults go back to school in Sussex County* on WRDE Coast TV. Multimedia Journalist, Abbey Smith (in doorway) interviewed Paul at his home and followed him to his first class of the fall semester, **Probability** with Dean.

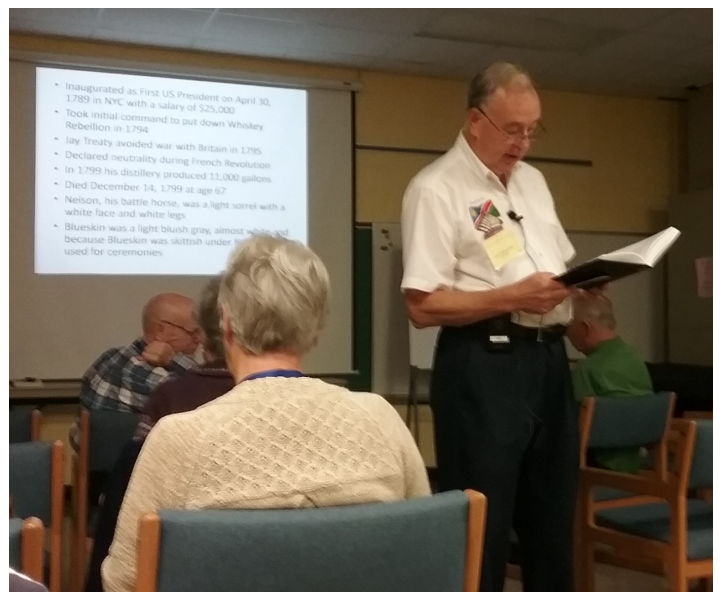
Photos by: Lynn Kroesen, Carol West, Phil Wescott



L-R: Instructor Carol West, & Sallie Ridgway in dancing costumes

The English Country dance class is having a very successful semester. New class members are doing well and getting comfortable with the dance steps. Recently, some members of the class have attended dances at Gadsbys Tavern in Alexandria, VA, in Dover and in Princess Anne.

We are all having fun and getting good mental and physical exercise in the bargain.



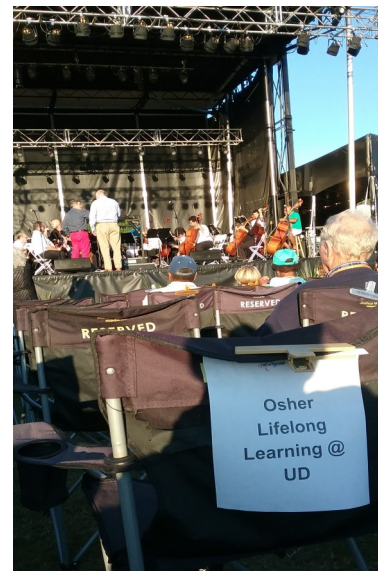
John Ebenreiter instructor **Personalities of the American Revolution**

## OLLI Members Attend Performances at Freeman Stage

OLLI members were able to take advantage of an invitation for VIP seating from the Freeman Foundation at the Freeman Stage at two events this summer. Members and guests attended a performance of the First State Ballet Theatre on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. The troupe included both professional dancers and students of the School of the First State Ballet Theatre. Joan Sciorra exclaimed, "The costumes were absolutely gorgeous!"

The annual Labor Day Celebration with the Mid-Atlantic Symphony had to be postponed because of bad weather but was rescheduled for the next weekend, September 9<sup>th</sup>. The orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Julien Benichou did not disappoint.

*Submitted by Joan Sciorra  
Photo by Lynn Kroesen*



## In Remembrance of .....



**Nancy Newlands Shobe**, 83, passed away Wednesday morning, Sept. 27, 2017, at her home in Lewes, with her husband David at her side. Nancy was born in San Francisco, California.

Nancy spent the war years at several Catholic girls' schools in the Washington area, returning with her mother to New York to complete her secondary education. Nancy began

her college career as music major at Wells College, but her father's early death at age 52 caused her to change colleges to Adelphi and her major to early childhood education. That would lead her to a teaching position at Barney Neighborhood House in Southwest Washington, D.C. She met her husband, David, a young Foreign Service officer, in D.C. and traveled with him and their firstborn son to the Philippines, where their second son was born. The couple then went to Rome and Baghdad, after which they returned to the U.S. There, her third child arrived to complete their family.

Moving to Annapolis, Md., to follow her

husband's work in Washington, she turned their Victorian home into a bed and breakfast; an entrepreneurial test which she passed with flying colors. She also continued to give piano recitals at her home, which she had begun doing in New York. She was trained as a classical pianist at the Mannes School of Music in New York.

After moving to Baltimore, Md., she served as a member of the marketing team at Center Stage and the Baltimore Symphony. She also managed a retail store on North Charles Street, People United, an experience which she would put to work at Puzzles and Lewes Gourmet when the Shobes retired to Delaware in 1999.

Nancy was very active as a volunteer and student at the Southern Delaware Academy for Lifelong Learning in Lewes, (now Osher Lifelong Learning, OLLI) in theater, the arts, the film festival, house tours, and Coastal Concerts.

Nancy leaves behind her loving husband, David, three children and one granddaughter.

A Memorial Service was held Sunday, Oct. 8, at Parsell Funeral Homes in Lewes.

The family suggests contributions in Nancy's memory to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware: 520 Dupont Ave.; Lewes, DE 19958.