



The Tides...

Breaking News from Lifelong Learning



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Lewes

Spring 2013



Instructors' Recognition Luncheon Mix and Mingle

Salty Brine's Seaside Chat

AHOY, Osher shipmates! Wednesday, April 17, 2013 the OLLI Queen set sail down a sparkling, sun-lit canal and weighed anchor at the Lewes Irish Eyes ... and why you ask are we dropping anchor there ... well mates we were there to lower the gangway and disembark 165 plus OLLI members on their way to attend the Instructors' Recognition Luncheon, aka Mix & Mingle a Noon Time Party!

The festivities began about noon, for some a little earlier, with plenty of finger foods, beautifully displayed arts and crafts by OLLI members, and the party ending with singing by the *Elder Moments* led by our very own choral director Roo Brown; the audience was given a special treat with a Song of the Sea-gull by Homer H. Harbor arranged by Roo for the Elder Moments and Nikki Roberson playing the solo recorder – beautifully done! Sidebar: if you took Chris Bennett's bird watching program, the first thing he told you was "there's no such bird as a 'sea' gull." The OLLI members came hungry and the Irish Eyes staff continually replenished the finger foods and the hot entrees ... everyone did a good job of mixing and mingling – our theme – and after the Elder Moments singing concluded there was no rush to leave as many stayed chatting and not wanting the party to end ... with a sunny, bright day the deck was a popular destination, not only for enjoying the arts and crafts, but enjoying the Lightship Overfalls, Canal Front Park, several artist on the dock painting, the canal itself, the many boats bobbing gently; congregating on the deck in comfortable couches and chairs to enjoy the company of their fellow OLLI members ... many positive comments on the change of format, venue, eating whenever, not when told, mixing and mingling with different groups for interesting and animated conversations ... but this one sums it up best - *"This luncheon was the best ever! The chorus music was an inspiration, and the friendship and camaraderie was second to none. That room in Irish Eyes probably had the greatest concentration of fine people on all Delmarva. Things like this are what make life worthwhile. You get the idea that I liked the party? :) Thanks for all your hard work in making this luncheon go! And they make me very tempted to come back and teach more with such grand people as the Osher students"* – Doug Hemmick, *SS73 The Last Physics Course: An Oasis of Understanding within the Boundless Mystery* ... from Salty a "salute" and a "job well done" to all those who were involved in organizing and running the spring 2013 Mix and Mingle – a Noon Time Party!; plus a special "thanks" to all those OLLI members and their guests who attended.

The June session is busting out all over with some very exciting and challenging classes – over 30 plus. Look for us on our web site www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes and join Salty and the gang for a fun-filled June session ... anchors aweigh!

Contributing writer - Cera Belum.



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From the Chair and the Council

Our Health: We continue to grow. We had more members enrolled in one or more of our 146 courses during the June 2012, Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 sessions. That's an increase from 599 for the previous year, but I'm not sure how much; I keep getting reports of different numbers. Some day we'll get that sorted out, but trust me, we're bigger! For the second year, we're meeting for two days each week in Bethany Beach. Between now and May 16, you'll be able to register for the 36 courses being offered in the June session at the Lewes School, and Cadbury.

Our Council: Diana Beebe and John Coleman are retiring after a successful term as our Academic Affairs co-chairs. You re-elected Communications chair and *The Tides* editor Lynn Kroesen for another term and elected new Council members Rob Morgan and Carol West. They join members Donna Beecher, Jack Boettger, Bob Comeau, Mary Folan, Bo French and Frank Meredith – all ably assisted by Librarian/Archivist Ruth Barnett, Social Chair Bernie Fiegel and Travel Coordinator Joan Sciorra.

Our Communications: We hope that by now you have our website – www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes – bookmarked on your computer, because it contains lots of information, including our catalog and, *now for the first time*, an online registration system that will accept credit card payment. Also, we hope that you are keeping us current on your email address so we can reach you with occasional alerts. Still anxious about using the computer? Check our catalog for a wide and growing array of courses for *all levels* of ability!

Calendar of Events

Apr 23 - 26 — 10th Annual NYC trip
 May 16 — Priority Registration for summer session closes
 May 1 — Trip to Hagley Museum in Wilmington
 May 14 — Trip to National gallery of Art in Washington, DC
 May 23 — Class schedules mailed
 May 27 — Office closed—Memorial Day
 June 3 — First day of summer classes
 June 28 — Last day of summer classes
 July 22 — Fall catalogs mailed this week
 Aug 22 — Priority registration for fall classes closes
 Sept 9 — Fall classes begin

Our Home: At this writing, our new lease is still in negotiation with the Cape Henlopen School District. It appears, though, that we will be moving **after the June session** to the Fred Thomas Building, at 520 Dupont Avenue in Lewes. This building is now occupied by the Sussex Consortium, which will be consolidating more of its programs into the Lewes School. The plan is for us to share the building with the District's facilities, transportation, and nutrition offices. We have offered a rent increase in exchange for a little more space and, most important, a five-year commitment as opposed to our current and past three-year leases. We're confident that things will work out, but if they don't, our current lease has an automatic one-year extension in our current space. We'll keep you posted, and will provide more details in the next *Tides*.

Bob Comeau

36 Courses Offered for Summer Session

Spring semester registrations reflected robust enthusiasm for the sixty - - count 'em, sixty - - classes held at the Lewes and Bethany sites and various off-site locations. In addition, each of the four Guest Lecture dates, held at the Rehoboth Convention Center, was sold out and received rave reviews.

Our special thanks to all of the volunteer instructors, whose dedication is the heart and soul of our lifelong learning experience. You are our greatest asset. Certainly there are many others among our membership whose background would similarly provide fascinating subject matter for future classes. We strongly encourage all of you to give it a go. Don't be bashful.

We now look forward to a full roster of thirty-six courses during the four-week summer session, beginning June 3. Subjects will cover the full panoply of disciplines from art to science. For example, this would be a great opportunity to get started on learning Italian in a fun course with Annie Gilmour, or to expand your computer skills, with five different members having stepped up to offer a variety of computer classes.

Twenty of the thirty-six summer classes will be brand new. Among them will be several histories, including Delaware and Sussex County; the lives of Charlemagne and Montaigne; "Ancient Greek Tragic Drama: Antigone" with Bill Zak; and two sessions on the question, "America in Cultural Decline?" with Mary Boyd.

These are but a few of the subjects available in the June term. Any members whose summer vacation plans may preclude their attending a full four-week curriculum should especially consider any of a number of classes that are scheduled for either a single session or two sessions. For example, Michelle and Wes Rumble will share with us the unique story of "A Delaware Woman's Experiences of World War II" in a one-morning time slot; and James Morrison will lead us through both an "Observation of the 1769 Transit of Venus in Lewes" and "The Astrolabe" in separate one-day classes.

Hope to see many, many of you in these classes. And potential new instructors, please give a call to anyone on the Council or the OSHER office with any questions you may have about getting started. Anyone who has taught a lifelong learning class will tell you it is a marvelously rewarding experience.

Submitted by John Coleman, Academic Affairs Committee



Library News

Over the past several months the library has been enriched by donations received from Toni Worsham and Anita Stockton, John Nammack, Bo French, Bob Duncan and Jim Bazzoli. Students and instructors will be interested in the lecture series from The Great Courses which have been added to the shelves. These DVD's cover a wide range of subjects in the area of history and science. Those who took the course on The Arab Spring may want to look at the lectures on the history of the Mideast. And students who were in the class on The Last Physics may be interested in Particle Physics, or the Dark Matter and Dark Energy series. Nine items on drawing, painting, and watercolor techniques have been added to the section on art. Two excellent field guides to the birds of North America will be useful to birdwatchers.

The library will be relocating during the summer to the Fred Thomas building. Please assist us in making the move by returning materials that have been checked out, and if you are attending summer classes--bring in a couple of cartons!

Submitted by Ruth Barnett, Librarian



Instructor In the Spotlight

Each newsletter we are going to spotlight one or more of our talented instructors. Learn more about the men and women who prepare and bring us interesting, stimulating and challenging classes.

Robert (Bob) Duncan knew in high school that he wanted to work in the Foreign Service. He spent 33 years with the State Department with assignments in North Africa (Algeria, Ethiopia, Morocco) and Paris, France. He had come to Rehoboth on family vacations since he was a boy and later he and his wife Faith brought their family to Rehoboth for vacations. They had for years rented the same house in Dewey Beach for their vacations so when his mother wanted to move to Rehoboth in 1968 upon her retirement, they were able to buy the home they previously rented. Bob and Faith moved into that same home when he retired in 1993. Shortly after their retirement, Bob saw an advertisement for the Great Decisions seminar led by Skip Purnell during a winter interim session of Lifelong Learning. Bob continued to attend the seminar for the next two years. In 1995 Skip asked Bob if he would take over the leadership of the seminar which he has been doing for more than 20 semesters. Bob served 2 terms on the Council as Finance Chair and continues to enjoy teaching and taking classes here at OLLI.



PhD Student Studies Increasing Nutrition Education



Lori Irelan and Dorothy Greet

The Plant-Based Dining Class congratulates classmate Lori Irelan as she nears completion of her doctoral dissertation. Lori is a local family Nurse Practitioner who teaches nurse practitioner students at Wilmington University. She is also a doctoral student who was looking to shadow a nutrition expert when she joined our class as a full participant in February. We are delighted that our mutual learning experience is reflected in her dissertation which is about increasing nutrition education in a Nurse Practitioner curriculum designed to better treat and educate patients.

Submitted by Dorothy P. Greet, Instructor

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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 or the Lifelong Learning in Lewes office.

Instructor Recognition Luncheon — Mix and Mingle Wednesday, April 17, 2013



*Photos by: Bernie Fiegel
and Jay Wheeler*

English Country Dance Class Goes to Ball



Back row—left to right: Bob Duncan, Bruce Kempton, Sue Studz, Bernie Fiegel, Carol West (instructor) Front row—left to right: Johanna Barbati, Faith Duncan, Carol Shifflett, Dolores Fiegel, Pat Summers

Osher English Country Dance class members danced the night away at the annual Dover Spring Assembly Ball Saturday, April 13, 2013. An Osher English Country summer class is scheduled in June and will be held in Lewes Thursdays from 10:00 am to 11:30 a.m. with instructor Carol West. Come join the fun. "A cheerful dance awakens love and feeds hope with lively joy" 1790.

Submitted by Dolores Fiegel

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.



Fine Plant-Based Dining a Reality in Lewes

Thanks to the Blue Sea Cafe and the Rose & Crown, Plant-Based NO OIL dining is now a reality on 2nd St. in Lewes. Both restaurants prepared luscious menus for a total of 80 Osher members and their guests during March. To enjoy a Plant-Based meal at these restaurants, just give them some advanced notice that you'd like to come in for a Vegan lunch or dinner prepared without added oil. That means you'll enjoy a variety of flavorful and satisfying dishes prepared with a creative combination of green, colorful, and starchy vegetables, whole grains, beans, mushrooms and fruit. Other restaurants are eager to join the Plant-Based movement by offering this fine dining opportunity. So, let the restaurants know what you want, enjoy their Plant-Based creations, then give them your honest feedback. Together we'll add a new dimension to fine dining in Lewes.

Submitted by:
Dorothy Greet



Rehoboth Art League Cottage Tour

The Rehoboth Art League's 2013 Cottage Tour is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, July 9 and 10. Osher Lifelong Learning will provide the docents for the home of Tommy Llewellyn and Ken Sugarman at 2 Wades Court, Canal Corkran.

In the past, our members have consistently distinguished themselves for their courteous and helpful performance as docents for the Cottage Tour, and we are enthusiastically looking forward to this year's event. It is always a rewarding, fun experience.

John and Carmela Coleman will coordinate the docent assignments among a total of four shifts, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. each day. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be posted on our bulletin board. Please indicate which shift you would be willing to work

Discovering Delaware's Inland Bays at James Farm Ecological Preserve



On March 13th members of the 'Discovering Delaware's Inland Bays' class took a field trip to the James Farm Ecological Preserve in Ocean View. The trip was led by Dr. Dennis Bartow, from the Center for the Inland Bays. While the group walked through the preserve Dr. Bartow pointed out the things the Center for the Inland Bays is doing to protect and restore this natural habitat. When the group reached the Indian River Bay, we were treated to a lesson on the anatomy of a live horseshoe crab found on the beach.



Dr. Dennis Bartow with live horseshoe crab

Photos by Lynn Kroesen

Citizens Forum Class Has Informed Conversations



Our Osher Spring 2013 course, **Citizen's Forum**, was dedicated to having informed conversations on topics selected by the students. The instructor, serving to facilitate discussion, acted to provide relevant background information. Topics covered during the course included guns and firearms, poverty in Delaware and Sussex County, the U.S. role in the world, environmental issues, and the different world faced by young adults in the 21st century. On line materials and videos helped provide content and new perspectives.

Submitted by William O'Connor

Seated in the first row are Dick Kauffman and Bill O'Connor. Second row: Eleanor Knapp, John Flournoy, Jim "Mac" McMahon, Jane West and Jane Lord. Florence Devlin (not pictured) was also a member of the class

Watch for This Advertisement at the Lewes Library

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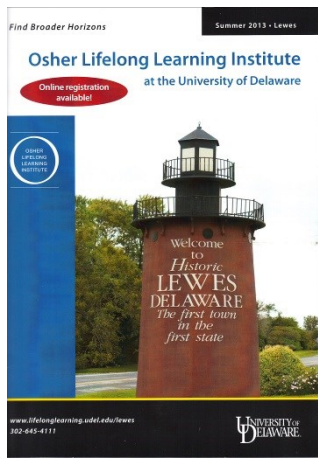
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As the OSHER Lifelong Learning in Lewes Summer Term approaches its June 3, 2013 opening day, OSHER participants should keep their eyes peeled for the June Session catalog in the mail and on the website shortly after mid-April. Catalogs will also be available in Sussex County libraries east of Route 113 for those not on the mailing lists. As always additional registration information and assistance is available by phoning the OSHER office at (302) 645-4111 and on the website www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes. Early peeks at the schedule of classes to be offered show another interesting and fun OSHER Summer is in store - one that no one will want to miss.

Submitted by Frank Meredith, Community Relations Chair



Pictures From Spring Semester

Dr. Douglas Hemmick presents "The Last Physics Course: an Oasis of Understanding within the Boundless Mystery".



Gary Lippe instructs members on the use of MS PowerPoint to develop a presentation.



Members displayed their handiwork at the Instructors' Recognition Luncheon.

Turn Off Those Cell Phones

PLEASE turn **off** your cell phones while in classes as a courtesy to your fellow students and the instructor.



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.

