



The Tides...

Breaking News from Lifelong Learning



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Lewes

Spring 2014

25 Years of Finding Broader Horizons

It all began in 1988, when Dr. Richard Fischer of the University of Delaware invited a group of people to talk about starting an academy of lifelong learning similar to the one in Wilmington. Consequently, the Southern Delaware Academy of Lifelong Learning (SDALL) was formed and on March 1989 offered nine courses to 54 members. Classes were held at the University's Continuing Education Center in Milford located on the old Draper Cannery property. By the time the University of Delaware moved its Continuing Education program to Georgetown in 1993, membership in SDALL, fondly called "the Academy," was not quite the hundred students needed to sustain operation, and since much of the growth and support came from the Lewes area, the decision was made to build a new wing for the Academy at the University's conference center in Lewes. While waiting for the new addition, some classes were held in the Lewes Library, St. Peter's church, the Milford Museum, and the Rehoboth Art League.

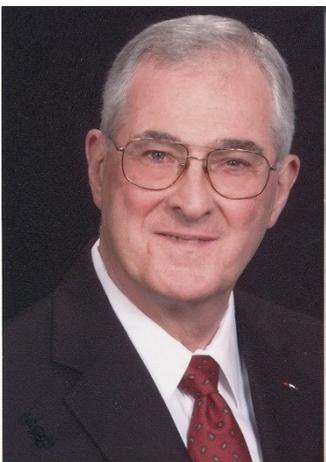
The Virden Center addition was completed in the fall of 1994 with space for all classes; however, in 1999, the University determined that the Virden Center was to be used exclusively for conferences so the Academy moved to the Biden Center in Cape Henlopen State Park in 2001. In 2003, the Academy happily moved to the Lewes School Ninth Grade Campus on Savannah Road.

In the summer of 2010 with some endowment funding support from the Bernard Osher Foundation, the Academy joined a network of 118 lifelong organizations in every state. By fall, we shed the name SDALL and became the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Lewes.

Our continued growth coincided with the Cape Henlopen School District's desire to consolidate its autism program, so in May 2013 we moved to the Fred Thomas Building on Dupont Avenue. The expanded facility provided five classrooms and greater administrative space, allowing us to offer even more courses.

See Story and Pictures of Anniversary Celebration on Pages 6 ,7 & 9





From the Chair and the Council

Our Health

As we pass the 25 year mark, we continue to grow in membership. During the June 2013, Fall 2013, and Spring 2014 sessions, 686 members enrolled in one or more courses. Of course, most of us take many courses, so the number of “seats filled” is much larger. For the upcoming June session, we have 40 offerings from which to choose—more than ever before! Since our last dues increase in 2011 [the first and only one since 2002], our finances have remained sound, even as we have increased our lease and equipment costs and added staff, to include Ed Chamberlain in Lewes and Bill Ashmore in Bethany Beach.

Our Home

We have completed our first year in the Fred Thomas Building, under a lease that runs at least until 2018—at a 20% rent increase, but with an additional classroom and more administrative space. We’re also finalizing a lease with the town of Ocean View for better space “south of the bridge.”

Our Council

Frank Meredith and Bob Comeau are retiring after two full terms. This spring you elected Mary Folan [who had been appointed in 2012 to fill a vacancy], Sabatino Maglione, and Bill Sharkey. They will serve with current members Donna Beecher, Jack Boettger, Bo French, Lynn Kroesen, Rob Morgan and Carol West, who are ably assisted by Ruth Barnett, Bernie Fiegel, Joan Sciorra and Don Stein.

Our Communications

Our stellar quarterly newsletter, *The Tides*, continues to reach you by email and on paper for those few of you not yet in the modern era. While our hallway bulletin boards feature class schedules and room locations and many ongoing community events, the most comprehensive information about us is on our website, www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes – catalogs, videos, council minutes, prior newsletters and, most important, the ability to register online for courses, trips, and other special events.

Our Special Events

We endured a rainy picnic in the Park, a delightful fall luncheon back at the Sands, and a very special 25th anniversary spring luncheon. We enjoyed trips to the Brandywine River Museum and the National Museum of Women in the Arts and our ever-popular and ever-enlarging trip to New York City. Other special—though not sought-after—events were the many snow days during the “spring” semester, which had the staff scrambling to reschedule classes.

Calendar of Events

Apr 21-25 — Spring Break - Office closed
 Apr 29 - May 2 — NYC Trip
 May 15 — Priority registration for June closed
 May 22 — June class schedules mailed
 May 26 — Memorial Day - office closed
 May 29 — Instructor Orientation
 June 2 — June classes begin
 June 27 — Last day of classes
 July 14 — Fall catalogs mailed
 Aug 14 — Priority registration for Fall closed

Our Thanks

It’s my turn to say Aloha after an exciting six years on Council and four years as your Chair. I’ve enjoyed seeing our program grow through the hard and dedicated work of our staff and the amazing folks who keep coming to us with proposals for new and interesting courses. It’s been a great ride. See you in class!

Bob Comeau



Renee — 25 Years of Exemplary Service

Renee Moy, started working part-time in Lewes for Greg Lynch in 1986 in the office of Continuing Studies of the University of Delaware. In 1989 she began working for University Relations in their Dover office. Greg Lynch organized a steering committee for the start of Lifelong Learning. Renee worked on the catalog and all types of correspondence for the committee. After 6 months in Dover, a job opened at the Milford Center for a secretary for the Southern Delaware Academy of Lifelong Learning (SDALL).

After 4 1/2 years, SDALL moved to the Virden Center in 1994 and Renee was again commuting to Lewes. In 2001 when SDALL moved to the Biden Center, Renee's office was moved to the Air & Sea Interaction Lab at the fishing pier at Cape Henlopen. Renee drove to and from her office to the classes being held at the Biden Center many times per day and often worked from a table in the lobby of the Biden Center. She also often had to call the public safety patrol to remove the snakes and birds that found their way into her office space at the Lab. Renee remembers having to announce to the classes the events of 9-11 on the first day of fall classes at the Biden Center. (Classes were canceled for that day.)

Renee also remembers the good wishes and support the members gave her when she had Rebecca in 1996. "Rebecca has been raised by the love of many of the members of this organization." said Renee.

During our most recent move to the Fred Thomas Building (FTB), Renee had to sit outside the Lewes school on the lawn with the furniture and boxes of stuff from our classrooms while the teachers from the autism program took over our old space and had not yet vacated the space at the FTB.

Renee wants all to know that this job had been great for both her and her family. She sees the organization as a big family that truly cares for one another and she had been the lucky recipient of much of that love and support.

Register Now for June Classes!!

Classes for our four-week June session will begin June 2 and end June 26. We will offer a total of 40 classes, ranging from 4-week sessions to a single session.

Arts will include basketry and an exciting new offering on painting houses in water color and acrylic. In History and Humanities there is a class on women spies of World War II, among others.

In the world of food, Kitchen Kapers XII will be Salad Galore Meets Captain Protein, as well as a crash class on plant based eating. In Technology you can learn iPad trouble shooting, Power Point Basics or Navigation Windows 7. There will be new classes in psychology and social studies, as well as finance.

Finally in our quest to stay fit, there will be English Country Dancing, Tai Chi and Out and About in summer.

The registration fee for June classes is \$50 and priority registrations are due by May 15. Catalogs and registration forms are available by calling the office or on-line at www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes.

Submitted by Carol West, Academic Affairs Committee



Meet Ed Chamberlain — Our Technical Support Guru



Ed Chamberlain was born and raised in Waterbury, Connecticut. After completing high school he joined the U. S. Army and was trained at the Army Signal Center and School at Ft. Monmouth N. J. After discharge he attended Southern Connecticut State College for two years where he met his wife of forty years. After leaving school he worked for local radio stations for several years. In 1975 he joined Medical Electronics Corp of Boston as a field service representative dealing with intensive care monitoring equipment and infusion devices in an area covering Connecticut, New York, and Northern New Jersey.

After leaving the medical field he worked for an electrical contractor for three years before buying a stage lighting company headquartered in Waterbury and building it into one of the most respected technical production companies in Connecticut. The company, Tech Services of Connecticut, Inc., provided lighting, sound, staging, audio visual and technical support for clients ranging from kindergarten plays to the White House Communications Agency.

In 2004 he sold the business to one of his production managers and returned to Southern Connecticut State University to complete his BS in History intending to teach. After graduation in 2006, he was asked by the City of Waterbury if he would teach Electronics and Technology of Computers. He taught those subjects along with Principles of Engineering for six years until he retired in June 2013 and moved with his wife of forty years to Delaware. They now live in The Villages at Herring Creek with their dog Dennis.

Ed is enjoying work at the Lifelong Learning Center and having the chance to meet so many nice people.

Library News

It has been a busy winter session, with increased circulation, and the donation of 36 books and audio-visual materials to the library.

For the students in Dorothy Greet's class on Plant Based Eating, five new titles were added with appropriate recipes included in each book. For students taking the basketry class with Elaine Stanhope there are five beautiful books on design and techniques for baskets from around the world. Fans of Tolstoy's "War and Peace" can find "Tolstoy on War" and two sets of DVDs that are screen adaptations of the novel. These were donated by John Newsom.

Books on more recent historical events include the history of the Civil Rights movement, and the story of Mission Control from Mercury to Apollo 13. We also have a book written by Chris Matthews--"Tip and the Gipper"--written about O'Neill and Reagan back in the days when politicians worked together!

The library is one of your benefits of membership. We are pretty relaxed about limits on time to return materials, and we don't charge overdue fees. But if you have signed out items in the last few months, they should be returned to the box in the library between 10 and 2 from Monday through Thursday. Stop by during the summer session!



Submitted by Ruth Barnett

OLLI Members Visit Women In The Arts Museum



On March 14, OLLI members traveled to visit the Women in the Arts Museum in Washington, DC. The museum was founded by Wilhelmina & Walter Holladay, residents of Rehoboth Beach, and opened in 1987 in a 78,810 foot building which was formerly the Masonic Temple built in 1907. Upon

entering, one walks into this gorgeous Renaissance Revival building and enters the elegant Great Hall with luxurious white marble staircases and three beautiful chandeliers.

Even though the Judy Chicago exhibit was very limited, the docents, Ashley & Kimberly, led us on a very informational tour of the "**Work By Hand**" historical quilts on display (crazy quilts, star quilts, medallion, reverse applique, Amish & album quilts) from the 18th to the 20th centuries.

We had an opportunity to view the Museum's permanent collection (Cassatt, Peale, Morisot, Kahlo, Nevelson) to name a few. To our surprise there was a marble sculpture, Drama Queen, executed by Sara Bernhardt - WHAT A SURPRISE to most of us!

Those of us who ate at the Museum's cafe enjoyed a delicious lunch in very pleasant surroundings. Some went to nearby eateries and found some interesting ethnic restaurants right in the area. This venue is certainly worth another visit.

Submitted by Joan Sciorra

Photos by Sandy Moore and Maureen Sherlock

Members Visit The Barnes Museum

OLLI members boarded a bus on April 13 for the Barnes Museum in Philadelphia. Marina Borovok, Art Instructor at our Bethany Beach facility, gave us a very informative talk on Mr. Barnes before we viewed his extensive collection. It is difficult to take in all there is to view on one visit so we must consider another trip in the future.

Submitted by Joan Sciorra

2014 COTTAGE TOUR

Osher Lifelong Learning has been selected to provide docents for the home of Mike and Pinky King, at 47 Eleanor Lee Lane, Canal Corkran, for this year's Rehoboth Art League Cottage Tour. It will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 8 and 9. Osher docents have unfailingly earned high praise from the Art League and from tour participants for their courtesy and helpfulness in past years. This year's tour promises again to be an exciting event and we encourage members to volunteer as docents. It is always an enjoyable experience. A number of members already signed up at the Silver Anniversary Instructors Recognition luncheon, but we will need additional help. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact John or Carmela Coleman or Renee.

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25th Anniversary Luncheon — Grrreeeaatt

Salty Brine's Seaside Chat



AHOY, Osher shipmates! As Snoopy would say “it was a dark and stormy night” and it was on the eve of the 25th Anniversary of the Instructors’ Recognition Luncheon. The OLLI Queen had battened down the hatches and secured the weather decks to wait out the rainy, windy, cold night. Wednesday morning arrived with bright sun, breezy, and temp around 38 degrees ... prior to the OLLI Queen getting underway the deck officer began greeting members as they came across the gangway; approximately 225 members came aboard for the short sail down to Rehoboth Beach. Four former Lewes residents came aboard – Beverly and Jim Gayhardt long-standing instructors in the humanities now residing in Lutherville, Maryland and Lee and Norm Weston, Norm served as council chair and taught the ever popular operetta classes and Lee taught stained glass; they now reside in DELAWARE, Ohio. The OLLI Queen took in the gangway at 10:30 a.m. and set sail with a strong aft wind, lots of sun, cold temps, and choppy seas before it dropped anchor at the Sands Hotel at the Boardwalk and Baltimore Avenue in Rehoboth Beach to drop off the 225 queasy Osher members and their guests for the 25th Anniversary Instructors’ Recognition Luncheon held on Wednesday, April 16, 2014.

Upon arriving at the Swan Ballroom the members and guests were treated to a display of tables dressed in white cloths, alternating blue and gold napkins, and primrose plants set in baskets – the basket centerpiece on each of 23 tables was hand woven by a lifelong learning member, and signed, under the direction of Elaine Stanhope, Basketry Instructor - nine terra cotta pots planted with flowers surrounded the basket center piece; quite a beautiful spring-like setting. Under a saucer on each table was a Delaware quarter; and whomever sat at that place won the centerpiece (plus the quarter) and the other nine each received a terra cotta potted plant – something for everyone; also there were two baskets on the registration table, those went to two worker bees! As usual the crowd flowed into the Sandpiper Room to view beautiful arts and crafts created by talented members ... one member was heard to say “it’s just over whelming and awesome.” And so one positive comment after another for the arts and crafts...a job well done for all those who exhibited their favorite piece, or pieces of art...!

The festivities began about 11 a.m. as the Elder Moments, under the direction of Roo Brown, went through some vocal gymnastics getting in tune for their performance later in the day; about 11:15 they started to belly up (no pun intended) to the bar to begin the making of a festive and fun-filled day; the crab cake was the clear winner; the roast pork with rosemary second; and the spring mixed veggies with curry third; no matter the selection, members were pleased with their lunch and many smiles at the wedge of chocolate raspberry cake and the bright fruit cup; as we were getting seated for lunch the Elder Moments under the direction of Roo Brown gave us a preview what was to come! During the announcements and on Anna’s queue of mentioning the weather Roo and the Elder Moments “popped up” from their seats and sang their version of “Windy” – appropriate because it was very windy! The effort can be described with one word – Grrreeeaatt.

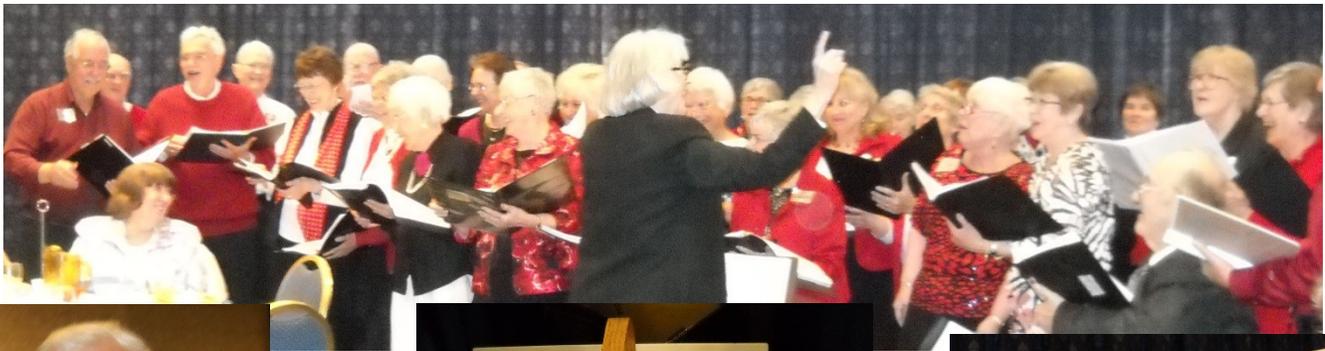
Alex Apostolina and Amie Sloan were recognized as 25-year instructors/members and Renee was honored for her 25 years of service with lifelong learning (1989 – 2014). Renee received a gift certificate from the Osher council and a large basket woven by Elaine Stanhope filled with congratulation notes and goodies from members; Elder Moments sang a special number introduced as “an ode to a lady,” and titled “Here’s to Renee” with lyrics written by Roo to the tune of “You Made Me Love You.” It left Renee touched, and did we detect a tear or two, and the applause could be heard all the way to the ocean ... the Elder Moments ended the program with “You’ve Got a Friend” that left you leaving the luncheon with a smile on your face...!

By time you read this you should have your June 2014 catalog with its beautiful cover by member and artist Carol Halloran and a selection of some great courses. Don’t forget, look for us on our web site at www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes and join Salty and the gang for a fun-filled June session ... anchors aweigh!

Contributing writer - Cera Belum.

See photos pages 7 & 9

Photos From Anniversary Luncheon



Alex Apostolina



Photos by Ed Chamberlain & Lynn Kroesen

Above: The tables were set & the spring flower center pieces were ready for the festivities.

The Elders Moments sang a special song for Renee.

Center: The basket of "goodies" presented to Renee. Right: Renee with her gift painting

Below: Jim & Beverly Gayhardt, Bernie Fiegel, Norm & Lee Weston



Rewards of Lifelong Learning

By Ruth Mankin

My long and satisfying relationship with Lifelong Learning began in 1998 when I moved here from Washington, D.C. I chose Lewes for its Norman Rockwell-like attributes, but little did I know it would bring me such great rewards through the then Southern Delaware Academy of Lifelong Learning (SDALL) - affectionately referred to by the membership as "The Academy."



When I first joined, classes were held at the University of Delaware's Virden Center. I knew not one soul there, but the curriculum drew me to this new adventure in my life. What glorious benefits came to me! Knowledge, friendships, and opportunities to use my experience and skills through SDALL and the wider community.

In my very first class where we read aloud poetry and drama led to a long relationship with the Ad Hoc Reader Theater. Then, Margo Vaughn's Literary Roundtable with Beverly Gayhardt and Anne Miller. My new "home" became SDALL. Dear and lasting friendships from Shakespeare to Hemingway brought satisfaction to an aging brain. As Lee Mussoff taught us, exercising the grey matter and developing new neurons, along with laughter, keep us young. Gary and Margo Ramage brought an exciting and entertaining new aspect to American literature. Loved music beyond the familiar with Jon Newsom and a new pal, Lynne Cardwell. Cathy McNeill and others formed our own movie group, based on SDALL friendships. My long and fruitful association with the Lewes Historical Society came about with Betty and Gary Grunder.

About eight years ago I was asked to take on the post of external publicity chair for the Academy. My professional background is in editing, writing, public relations, and media work... so I was pleased to have an opportunity to put my skills to work. Although SDALL was well established in the community, it was not well known across Sussex County. My goal was to broaden that knowledge and subsequently attract a larger enrollment. I prepared and released Academy news to all media in the area about our courses and activities and a feature story in Beach Life. I believe that my efforts were helpful to our growth and geographic diversity. There were special events too that brought out photo coverage that had its benefits, particularly our 20th anniversary, so capably handled by Bernie and Dolores Fiegel. Publicizing Opera Delaware appearances at the Academy were part of our publicity campaign too.

Then Osher came to us, and expansion boomed. New location, new technology, and expansion across the state all followed. I like to think that a great team working together made all these developments possible. Although I am housebound now with ALS/Lou Gehrig's disease, I am still cheering for the Academy, and send thanks to all my classmates who stay in touch with visits, cards, and emails.

Here is a toast to 25 more years of learning, friendships, and the challenges of Lifelong Learning.

Elder Moments Chorus Surprises Ruth Mankin



Roo Brown and more than 30 Elder Moments took the show on the road April 10th and surprised Ruth Mankin with a preview of the 25th anniversary musical program arranged by Roo Brown. Ruth's response: *"I am never at a loss for words, but I am today. The surprise visit from the Elder Moments so surprised and delighted me. You really put one over on me, and what a great way to do it. The singing was beautiful, the effort to put it together amazing, and the love behind it best of all. A hundred thanks and hugs. I am so blessed and you are all angels."*

Submitted by Dolores Fiegel

Music vs. Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's can be the worst thing that can happen to a loved one or friend. When Doortje Shover's mother had Alzheimer's, she found that her mother could still remember how to sing. Doortje Shover is a member of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Wilmington and a recorder player. Later when her dear friend, Buna Fletcher who also played a recorder, developed Alzheimer's, Doortje decided to start playing duets with her. An article was written about this and can be seen by visiting: <http://www.udel.edu/udaily/2014/mar/film-playing-on-032414.html>. In addition, Doortje had a DVD "Playing On" made to make people aware of this amazing phenomenon. WHYY - Channel 12 of Philadelphia later learned of Doortje and Buna's unusual partnership through music and made a short documentary about it on their show "FIRST" which aired on March 28th. You may see the segment by visiting their archives: <http://whyy.org/cms/first/2014>.

I always say that I play the recorder to keep my mind active and my fingers nimble. Happy Tooting!

Submitted by Nikki Roberson, Instructor "Tweaking Your Recorder Skills"



Civil War Artifacts Displayed



Amy Hiller instructor History of Delaware poses with Jeff Plummer Commander Sons of Confederate Veterans. Commander Plummer displayed part of his collection of Civil War artifacts and presented information about Delaware's role in the Civil War.

Photo by Ed Chamberlain

Check the Bulletin Boards for "Happenings"

More Photos From Anniversary Luncheon:



Arts & Crafts displayed



Above: The Elder Moments 'sing for their supper/ luncheon.'

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Spring OLLI Classes Provide Many Activities



Top left: Everyone is satisfied in Creative Cooking with a Twist taught by Robin Kost.

Paul Collins instructor of The Private Detective in American Fiction dresses for his presentation on the 'Thin Man'.

Bottom left: Paul Puch (seated) instructor Stained Glass demonstrates for a student.

Photos by Ed Chamberlain & Lynn Kroesen

Top right: Class members step lively in English County Dance.

Center right: Class members join in the fun during the presentation of "Rosedale- Where the Stars Came to Play" in Smorgasbord: The Show Must Go on.

Above: Susan Garefino is happy with her 'finds'.

Right: Beachcombing 101 lead by Tom Lord got everyone looking for 'treasures'.