



# The Tides...

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

## From the Chair



Let me update you on what we are doing as we try to figure out the best ways to plan, design and finance our upcoming move.

First, we continue close consultations with the Cape Henlopen School District. There is an important referendum to be held on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The referendum would authorize the district to expand the high school and build a new middle school. The continued rapid growth to the student body, a phenomenon we have discussed in this space before, demands this expansion.

The good news is that money already approved for the construction now underway will finance these new projects. The only new (i.e. not previously approved) costs are for operating the new middle school. It is important that we, as citizens and OLLI members, support the referendum. First, the kids deserve it. And, by the way, its approval will likely allow us to remain in the Fred Thomas building for a year or two beyond our current lease termination of June, 2019. We truly need as much time as we can to make good plans and wise decisions.

Paul Collins, and the very talented and experienced team he has assembled, have been busy defining space requirements for lecture rooms, seminar-sized rooms, as well as arts, crafts, music and dance areas. Also, we need more office, library, common, i.e. lunch and social, spaces. Restrooms, of course, must be provided. And we can't forget about parking. This semester we have an enrollment of about 630, an all-time high-- in spring semester! Because of our ample snowbird population, this is usually the smaller semester. Clearly, our size is trending up. To build, or renovate, space for this large and growing organization is expensive. Paul's initial estimate is that we need 10,000 to 12,000 square feet and at least 250 parking spaces. This will cost, he estimates, \$ 2.5--3.0 million.

This kind of money will require major fundraising efforts. Strategies to do this are being developed, and will include seeking donations from foundations and other sources we may identify. Needless to say, a major share of this will fall on all our

## From the Chair Continued

shoulders. Let me ask you to get started by contributing to the University's annual fund drive in April. You will get, as you have the past couple of years, a letter signed by Anna and me asking for donations. When you contribute, earmark your donation to be deposited in the OLLI Lewes/Ocean View Future Fund. The money will be deposited in that account and will be fully available to us. This is not THE building fund drive. That will come later, but let's make a good start on this important project now.

I'll continue to keep you posted.

## Bill

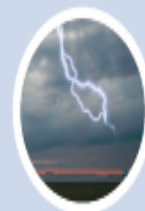
### Calendar of Events

- Feb 27 — Second session begins
- Feb 28 — Happy Hour at Irish Eyes Pub,  
Lewes, 3 - 7 p.m.
- Mar 15 — Happy Hour, Big Fish Grill,  
Ocean View, 4 - 6 p.m.
- Mar 28 — Happy Hour at Irish Eyes Pub,  
Lewes, 3 - 7 p.m.
- Mar 29 — Last day of classes
- Apr 2-6 -- Spring Break- Office closed
- Apr 11 -- Instructor Appreciation Breakfast
- Apr 16 — Spring Luncheon, Atlantic Sands,  
Rehoboth
- Apr 17-20 -- NYC trip



### Inclement Weather Policy

When Cape Henlopen School District classes are canceled because of inclement weather or an area-wide emergency, Lewes classes are canceled. When the school district has a delayed opening, our activities will begin on time.



Ocean View programs follow Indian River School District's announcements, closing when those schools are closed and opening on time when those schools have a delayed opening.

For all other locations, contact the instructor.

Check for information: Phone: 302-645-4111 (recorded message)

Web: [www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes](http://www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes)

TV: WBOC or [www.wboc.com](http://www.wboc.com), weather closings

### 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.



## Nominating Committee Announces Candidates for Council

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Lewes/Ocean View Council has nine members. The terms of three members will end in May, 2018. The Nominating Committee announces the following proposed slate of candidates for a three-year term beginning in May, 2018:

**Peter Feeney**

**Robert Fitzgerald**

**Karen Schaub**

The Council shall provide every Member a written or electronic ballot no later than February 28. Ballots may be cast electronically during the month of March. A ballot box shall be available on the administration desk. Ballots must be received electronically or in the Osher office by U.S. mail or personal delivery no later than March 31. An election committee consisting of the program manager, the Council Chair and the nominating committee chair shall count the properly cast ballots after the close of the election and announce the results. Ties shall be broken by lottery administered by the election committee.

### NOTICE OF NOMINATION 2018

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#### Pete Feeney



**Peter Feeney** has a degree in chemistry from the University of Delaware with over 40 years in R & D, manufacturing, industrial and governmental consulting and instructing at several colleges. Pete is a licensed pilot and his hobbies include fishing, golf, painting, and attending classes at OLLI. Pete currently serves on the OLLI council.

#### Robert Fitzgerald



Bob Fitzgerald has been a member of the OLLI Community since 2002, following his retirement and permanent relocation from Bowie, Maryland to Dewey Beach. He looks forward to the opportunity to serve on the board and give back to our community in appreciation of all that he has already received.

#### Karen Schaub



Before her 2008 retirement, Karen was a communications project manager, helping companies nationwide produce personalized employee benefits/financial planning booklets and personalized Open Enrollment material. In 2010 Karen and her husband moved from Maryland to Lewes and shortly thereafter, she became a member of OLLI. In addition to OLLI classes Karen enjoys crafting, reading, hiking, and traveling.

## Special Speaker Wednesdays



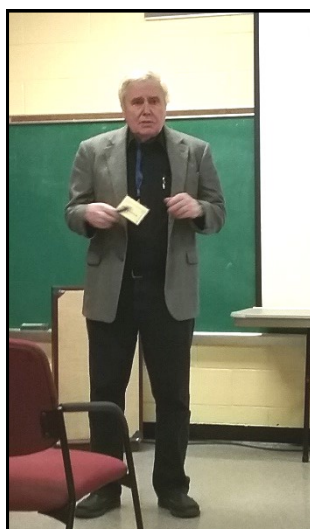
L-R: Sheila Cousins, Suzanne Hain, Jackie Sullivan

For the past 4 Wednesdays OLLI members have been presented with luncheon speakers who discuss a wide array of interesting topics:

**On January 31**, Jackie Sullivan, Executive Director, Greater Lewes Community Village, introduced the Village’s Services in Sussex County. Answering questions were Sheila Cousins, a member of the Village and a recipient of the services and Suzanne Hain, a volunteer and member of the Village.



**On February 7**, Sal Seeley, pictured right, from Camp Rehoboth, talked about the founding of Camp Rehoboth and it’s Outreach to the Diverse Communities of Southern Delaware.



**On February 14**, OLLI instructor, Phil Wescott, (pictured left) gave a talk about American Health Policy.

**On February 15**, Brian Bassett, Director of Capital Projects for Cape Henlopen School District, pictured right with OLLI member Louise Archdeacon, spoke to OLLI members on the March 20<sup>th</sup> Referendum.



**On February 21**, Dr. Martin Drew, pictured left, presented a program on the history of African-Americans in Delaware. Dr. Drew also spoke about the ongoing effort to rehabilitate the “black” school in Clarksville that he attended as a boy.

There are four more Special Speaker Wednesdays scheduled for this semester. Join us to listen to and interact. These programs are free for members. You are welcome to attend every program or select the ones that most interest you. Bring a lunch and enjoy! **See the Schedule on page 5.**

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12:30–1:15 p.m.

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(Schedule is subject to change.)

#### February 28

Osher Writers Group

Panel discussion about the Osher writing organization. Panel members include Phil Fretz, Bill and Jill Hicks, John McClenahen and Elisabeth Stoner.

#### March 7

Jane Lord, Sussex County League of Women Voters

A Nonpartisan Approach to Political Issues.

Find out how the League of Women Voters of Sussex County facilitates active participation in government and increased understanding of public policy issues, including the basics of the local political structure.

#### March 14

John Austin Ellsworth, local master blacksmith

Forging a Living by Hammering

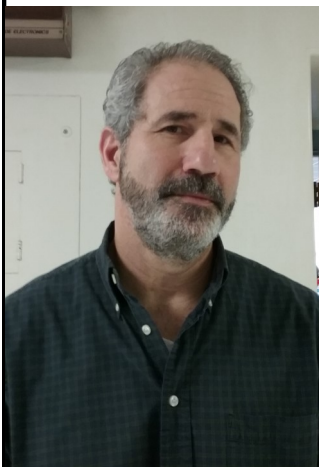
#### March 21

Barbara Vaughan

Memories



### Welcome Joe Zito New Instructional/Tech Support in Lewes



Joe Zito is originally from Connecticut where he taught high school English, worked in theater and played in rock bands among many other jobs and vocations. Later, he lived along the Delaware River in New Jersey where he worked in IT for Motorola in nearby Pennsylvania and also served as a trainer and volunteer advocate for CASA the national association aiding abused and neglected children. Joe semi-retired to Milton, DE in 2015 and had been working for OLLI in Dover prior to the Lewes location.

## HUZZAH FOR THE REVOLUTION MUSEUM



It was December 8<sup>th</sup> and a group of happy OLLI members boarded our bus in the Lowes parking lot and after a stop in Dover to pick-up additional OLLI members, we headed for the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Chestnut streets in the old city of Philadelphia, the site of the new Museum of the American Revolution. Our visit started in a large theater with a fifteen minute film overview of the Revolution covering our life under British rule to the signing of our Constitution. Yes, we knew how Lexington and Concord sparked our longing for freedom, but this museum's sole

concentration on this period of our history brought new dimensions to the familiar events.

We circled our way passed tableaux, paintings, artifacts, furniture, maps, period clothing, weapons, and dioramas, moving chronologically from the 1760's up to 1783. As senior learners we appreciated the strategically placed mini theaters where one could sit and rest along the way while watching an informative video. In the "Resistance Gallery" we could touch the replica of the Liberty Tree from Boston under whose branches the problems of taxation were discussed. A copy of Thomas Paine's "Common Sense" was on display. We could climb on the privateer ship, stand in the midst of battles, and engage interactive displays, and we also learned about the role of slaves, Native Americans, and women in our quest of liberty, topics that might not have been so "front and center" during our school days.

The greatest prize of all was Washington's Field War Tent. The tent was made in Reading, PA during the winter of Valley Forge and used throughout the war from that period. It had been preserved and inherited by generations in the Washington family, ending up in the custody of the family of Robert E. Lee during the Civil War. Union soldiers captured it and brought it to the Capitol. Later it was returned to the family and now the restored war time headquarters has a place of honor in the museum providing a moving tribute to General Washington's leadership.

The museum's Cross Keys Café offered a variety of tasty lunch selections and a place for refreshment in the late afternoon before re-boarding our bus back to Dover and Lewes. Many members carried packages from the large and well-stocked gift shop. Some even stated they could have spent the entire time perusing the book section of the shop...a book lover's dream. Huzzah for the museum and for the Travel Committee for organizing such a wonderful OLLI adventure!

Submitted by Katherine Henn

## Join Us For Happy Hour!

The Happy Hours have been very popular this winter. If you have not come to one, please join us. The Happy Hour in Lewes will be at Irish Eyes Pub & Restaurant on the Lewes Canal, 213 Anglers Rd, on Wednesday, February 28, and Wednesday, March 28, at 3 to 7 p.m. Or meet us in Ocean View at Big Fish Grill, 30415 Cedar Neck Road on March 14<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6 pm.

You will have an opportunity to catch up with friends from OLLI and meet new people. You may even hear about some classes that you will wish that you had registered to take.

More information about some plans for the summer in the next issue of *The Tides*.

*Submitted by Connie Benko, Social Chair*



## OLLI OLLI IN FREE

### Is Restaurant Etiquette dead?

**M**y two daughters are ages 30 and 34, making them both millennials. The younger one just got engaged in August, but the older one has been married since 2007. She is the mother of my three grandchildren: Obie, 5, Whit, 3, and AJ, 1.

She is parenting those children very differently than the way I parented her. She is a grown woman, and she can make her own decisions regarding the rearing of those kids.

BUT when their behavior in a restaurant crosses a line, should I speak up and say something to the children? As a former teacher, it is extremely difficult to sit there and remain silent when the kids need to be corrected.

My daughters were never allowed to get out of their seats. They were not allowed to speak in their outside voices, they were not allowed to scream or throw things. I used to bring crayons and paper or coloring books to keep them quietly amused. When they got older, they would each bring a book to read. Or we would play a family game while we were waiting for our food. Something like "I Spy" or "Close Your Eyes And Draw..."

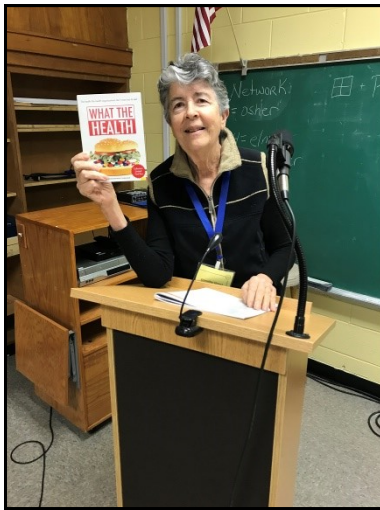
We spent Christmas in Williamsburg this year. We ate out almost every meal. My grandchildren were out of control! They got out of their seats. They threw silverware at their parents. And they spent a great deal of the meal screaming or talking in loud voices. During all of this bad behavior, my daughter and her husband said nothing.

What's wrong with these Millennials? I have heard stories like this from other retirees in my neighborhood. None of the Restaurant Etiquette that I taught my daughter is being passed on. Why? I have no idea.

One more thing: my sister's 4-year-old granddaughter said, "Meemaw, I want to eat at a 'resternaut.'"

*Submitted by Patty Perreault Bennett*

# Spring Semester Learning For Fun



Above: Instructor Dorothy Greet, **What The Health**



Above L-R: Dean Hoover, Denise Bridgens & Tom Lord, **Beekeeping 101.**



Above L-R: Instructors Ralph Proto, **The Great War (WWI)** and Michael Burkhart, **Hand Tool Basics.**

Left: Instructor Clive Getty, **Maya to Aztec Part 3**, displays an ax head from the Mound Builders of the Ohio River valley.





## Spring Semester Learning For Fun



Left: Instructor Maureen Sherlock (far left) with participants of **Ocean View Winter Walk**

Below: OLLI member Phil Mandel makes a point with instructor Sergei Boboshko, **Great Decisions**.



Right: Kathy Henn. Instructor **Mah Jongg for Beginners**



Photos by: Norine Bilharz, John Lafferty, Lynn Kroesen

Above: Michael Loftus, instructor **Investing 101**

Right: Instructor, Elaine Stanhope, **Intermediate Basketry**, helping Maurice McGrath.



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*When you give back to OLLI, you make members' dreams possible, the University of Delaware stronger and our community stronger. No matter how big or small, every gift truly matters.*

Have a great day,  
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## Thank you to our volunteer instructors!

Did you know all OLLI instructors are volunteers? If you would like to share an interest with other members by becoming an instructor, contact Anna Moshier at 302-645-4111 or [LLL-lewes@udel.edu](mailto:LLL-lewes@udel.edu).



## June 2018 Semester

June 4 - 28

June 2018 is shaping up to be an exciting and full semester. Many new courses will be offered in addition to courses continued or repeated from the Spring 2018 semester.