

# The Tides...

# Breaking News from Lifelong Learning



Summer 2016

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

# From the Chair



July 4th is a special and loved holiday because of the seminal event it celebrates and the patriotic feelings it generates in us. It is also a day famous for beaches, cook-outs and reunions. I remember the July 4ths when my children were young and we were living in Vienna, Va. The day began with relay races among teams representing swim clubs in the area. It was presided over by the Mayor and featured many friendly rivalries among the

participants. The celebration moved to the large field that stretched between the Town Hall and the Community Center where, on this day, the field had a dunking booth, food trucks and vendors of all sorts. Then home to our pool where lots of splashing around cooled everyone off and dinner from the grill. Later, we went back to the Town Hall, for a fireworks display that was 15 minutes of fun, without the need to go to Washington, D.C. or anywhere else. No wonder I adopted July 4th as my favorite holiday.

Things change. The kids are adults. (My oldest is now a grandfather.) An even bigger change was moving to coastal Sussex County which is the destination of increasingly large numbers of tourists, many of whom travel in herds.

So much for the days of yore when summer just flew by causing many to believe that after July 4th summer would soon be over.

Labor Day is now my favorite holiday!

It's exciting to be working on the July issue of the "The Tides" and discussing the fall semester. The first thing we need to talk about is money. You have, I'm sure, noticed that fees have increased. We ended the fiscal year on June 30, \$20,000 in the hole (break-even is the goal). We covered the deficit by transferring money from other accounts into the operating account, a practice we can't sustain. Our calculations tell us that the new fees should make us solvent for the next two years. Even with the new fees we are still the lowest cost comparable program in the area, 10% below the esteemed Temple University, Anna's alma mater, the next lowest cost program. This fee increase may cause difficulty for some. Please take advantage of our Scholarship program. Information about it is in the catalog.



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#### From the Chair Continued

Dick Kaufman, a long time instructor and a wonderful guy, is leaving the area to live near family. Good luck, Dick! We will miss you. And the legendary Win Mroz who has been involved with the program since its 1989 inception, has decided to slow down. He has faithfully commuted from the Dover area all these years but plans to do so less often now, though I doubt that his loyal band of German students will let him off the hook entirely. Thank you, Win, for the many classes you've taught and the smiles your puckish humor has brought. A seasonal aside, Win taught a class about Benjamin Franklin which was fascinating from a historical perspective and hilarious when he appeared, knickers and bald dome – really capturing the Franklin persona. An historian and a hoot! Thanks, Win.

I've been looking through the new catalog. It's very impressive – more course offerings than ever before. Many are new courses that are terrific and varied. For fun, try Pete Feeney's course on adult coloring

## Calendar of Events

Aug 13 — Coastal Concerts free Musical Perspectives

Aug 18—Priority registration for fall closes

Aug 29—Room set-up— 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Fred Thomas Bldg.

Aug 31 — Orientation/Photo ID Session -Ocean View Town Hall 10 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

Sept 1— Instructor/New Member Orientation Lewes - 10 - 10:30 a.m. Coffee Social 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Orientation Program

Photo ID -- 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

Sept 5— Labor Day-Office closed

Sept 6— Fall classes begin

Oct 11 — Second 5 weeks begin

Oct 12 — Homecoming picnic—no classes

Oct 13 — Flu shot clinic — 3—5 p.m.

Nov 8 — Election day—no classes

Nov 16 — Last day of classes

Nov 23-25 — Thanksgiving holiday - office closed

books or Paul Collins' Crime and Humor, the fiction of Donald Westlake. Thought provoking courses abound: Joan Paulson's classes on the federal budget and hard economic choices are among them. Health subjects of interest include Yuan Lin's examination of traditional Chinese medicine Vis-a-Vis modern science; and the many attractive literature offerings include Jan Feidel's course on the poetry of John Keats. Of course, most of the long established favorites are back. It's going to be a great semester!

The Ocean View program continues to grow. A class is offered every period on Monday and Wednesday. We can still add classes on those days and could add a day. The Indian River Bridge is scenic and safe. The inlet should not be a barrier for those of us focused on the Lewes program. Make a fun day of it. Take a class and have lunch – or vice versa.

As the new semester begins, we need to start thinking about the spring program. To distribute catalogs by mid-December, we must begin the process by soliciting course proposals in September. Please begin thinking what you might offer. And don't forget Ocean View.

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## Council and Staff for 2016-17



Seated L-R: Dolores Fiegel, Community Relations; Peter Feeney, Long Range Planning; Joan Sciorra, Travel; Lynn Kroesen, Communications.

Standing L-R: Bernie Fiegel, Social; Bud Zimmerman, Academic Affairs Co-Chair; Kathy Henn, Secretary; Bill Sharkey, Chair; Bob Comeau, Ex-Officio; Phil Fretz, Finance; Renee Moy, Administrative Assistant; Carol Bernard, Manager, Osher Learning Centers; John Lafferty, AV/IT Support Staff-Lewes.

Not pictured: Anna Moshier, Program Coordinator; Mary Folan, Vice Chair; Sabatino Maglione, Scholarship; Ruth Barnett, Librarian/Archivist; Jane McGann, Academic Affairs Co-Chair; Bill Ashmore, AV/IT Support Staff-Ocean View

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Finally I need to stress to you the need for parking courtesy. Please observe the law by not parking on yellow lines, near hydrants or in front of driveways. Because of complaints from the neighbors last year, we had a meeting followed up by correspondence with Mayor Becker. We promised to stress this matter with the membership. We also told the City to write tickets if they observed violations.

Looking forward to seeing you in September—when it finally gets here.

Bíll Sharkey

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## **Partial Scholarships Available for Fall**

The George Kirilla Jr. Scholarship fund together with voluntary contributions by members will continue to provide partial scholarships to students based on financial need for Fall 2016. This fall the partial scholarship is \$87.50, one half the total tuition of \$175.00. The application form for this scholarship is included in the Fall 2016 Course catalog.

Qualified applicants are encouraged to follow the guidelines of the scholarship process as cited on the application form.

Submitted by Sabatino Maglione, Scholarship Chair

# A Message from Anna

Dear Osher Family,

I cannot thank you enough for the outpouring of emails, cards, flowers, support and prayers during my recovery. For those who do not know I broke my neck and had to miss my long planned trip to Europe. Good thing I have a hard head or the situation could have been much worse. Please continue to pray for my healing. I am overall in good spirits and am improving a bit each day. The hardest part is staying still (as you can imagine). I hope to see you all back at Osher soon. I appreciate each of you and thanks for helping around the office when asked.

Thanks again, Anna

# **Long Range Plan Suggestions Welcome**

We had a great spring and summer with our student population still increasing both at Lewes and Ocean View. Hold on tight, Osher is still growing. The Osher Council has organized a committee to update our long range plan. All suggestions are welcome.

Our Art department will present fourteen courses this fall with three new art topics, and for the first time, there also will be a class on Friday.

Submitted by Peter Feeney, Long Range Planning Chair

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www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes

# **Osher Travel Highlights**



#### **NEW YORK!!NEW YORK!!**

Our thirteenth trip to Manhattan, April 26—29, was another successful one. Weather was ideal for those who took the architecture boat tour around Manhattan, walking tours of Broadway, or just people watching. A few were fortunate to get tickets for *Hamilton*. Some of our people even took advantage of the suspended rope walkway over the shark exhibit at Adventure Aquarium. It sure was a fun experience! We look forward to next year's trip back to the Big Apple. We'll keep you posted as to dates. Enjoy your summer.

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Photo by Jon Newsom

#### **OPERA DELAWARE**

Falstaff & Hamlet — May 15 and May 22

My Oh MY! What wonderful productions! The voices, costumes and acting were spectacular. The chorus in Hamlet directed by Jeffrey Miller was a joy to hear.

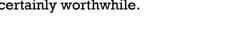




## CANAL TAXI TRIP — May 25

What a terrific boat ride led by Captain Steve, We traveled from the Lewes dock to Rehoboth Bay. Sally & Bill Fintel identified the many different birds and wild life we were fortunate to

observe on this ideal day for the trip. Each time you take the tours offered the experience is certainly worthwhile.



Photos by Sally Fintel

RENWICK GALLERY— Washington, D.C.— June 24 Thirty-nine art lovers boarded the bus to Washington, D.C. for our trip to the newly renovated Renwick Gallery of contemporary and decorative arts. This installation titled "Wonder" featured several large works using unexpected material such as thread or willow saplings. Travelers also had time to walk the Federal Mall and visit some of DC's famous sites.

Submitted by Joan Sciorra, Travel Chair



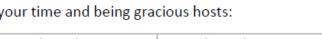
Photo by Lynn Kroesen

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# What fun! Osher Docents Rocked Cottage #2 for RAL's Cottage Tour

No doubt about it. Osher docents were the best hosts for the best cottage on this year's Rehoboth Art League (RAL) "Cottage Tour." On July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, we fielded four shifts of eight docents each to guide visitors through the Ferrell's colorful and beautiful summer cottage.

Here are the Osher Docents for 2016. We thank you for offering your time and being gracious hosts:



- Kathy Ackerman
- Bob Ackerman
- Sue Claire Harper
- Bill Hicks
- Jill Hicks
- Audrey McMeekin
- Camille Weyant

- John Coleman
- Carmella Coleman
- Dorothy Danegger
- Faith Duncan
- Maud Banks
- Jenny Waters

- Sandi Brandt
- Anita Burney
- Loretta Feeney
- Bill Sharkev
- Lee Mussoff
- Maureen Chu
- Robert Chu



George Dellinger and Anne Dumas guide the visitors up the stairs.

- Anne Dumas
- Bruce Chappelle
- Sherry Chappelle
- Delores Fiegel
- Bernie Fiegel
- Shirley Letcher
- Jane McGann



Visitors check out the wavy appearance of the granite countertop.

We're taking reservations now for 2017. Docenting is fun and supports a good cause. RAL offers their pottery studio free of charge to Osher for our classes and, in appreciation; we sponsor a "Cottage" during their tour. This collaboration has been going on for 18 years. So sign up now to make sure you have a slot for next year. Call Osher, 302-645-4111, and give Renee your name. It's fun and you get to support this worthy cause.

#### Osher Lifelong Learning in Lewes Hosts Free Coastal Concerts Musical Perspectives Program

As part of its free Musical Perspectives discussion series, Coastal Concerts will explore several of its upcoming 2016/2017 programs and musicians on August 13 at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Lewes. The program begins at 4 p.m. and will include presentations, audio and video clips, and time for questions. Admission is free and open to the public.

Coastal Concerts will bring critically acclaimed international and American artists to Lewes during this upcoming season featuring brass, guitar, woodwinds, solo piano and strings, as well as a unique Baroque ensemble. Coastal Concerts 2016/2017 season brochures are available at Osher. For more information on this program contact Edna Ellett: executivedirector@coastalconcerts.org or call 888-212-6458.

Submitted by Dolores Fiegel

# August 18, 2016 Deadline for Priority Registration for Fall Classes

The Academic Affairs Committee welcomes you to the myriad of courses for the Fall Semester 2016. There are over 100 courses of which 50 are new. There are eleven different categories of courses. These include Art, Economics/Finance, Health/Psychology, History, Humanities, Information Technology, International Studies, Life Skills, Performing Arts, Recreation, and Science/Math.

Why not try something new or learn more about an old subject?

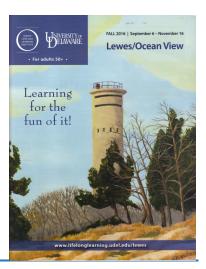
Most of the classes are held at the Lewes Campus at the Fred Thomas Bldg., 520 Dupont Ave. from Monday to Thursday or at the Ocean View Town Hall and Community Center, 32 West Ave., Ocean View, on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The catalog has been mailed so take some time to review the choices and register online at <a href="www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes">www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes</a> or by mail or in person at the Lewes office.

We welcome you to come learn, have fun, and make or renew friendships.

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!!!

Submitted by Bud Zimmerman,



## Win Mroz Retiring



The German class, **Hier Wird Deutsch Gesprochen**, met at Elaine Simmerman's house for an "end of the June semester" lunch. Instructor, Win Mroz announced to the group that he is retiring from teaching German at Osher in Lewes. "It's just too far to drive." Win, who lives in Dover, has been an instructor at Lifelong Learning since its 1989 inception.

Front row-Left to Right: Don Lewis, Joe Wolzansky, Win Mroz, Bob Duncan

Second row-L to R: Phil Fretz, George Bissey, Rob Morgan

Third Row- L to R: Edward Fleck, Jake Overbeck, Maureen Chu, Elaine Simmerman

Submitted by Phil Fretz

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## Osher Garden Ready for Fall Semester

A group of Osher members met last week and weeded and mulched the Osher garden. It looks great! A

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big Thank You to these garden elves. Special thanks to Pete Feeney and all other Osher members who have watered and weeded to keep our garden lovely!

We would like to start an Osher Garden Club to guide and maintain the garden. Please call Eddie Filemyr at 684-4045 if

you want to be part of the party! Submitted by Eddie Filemyr

# **Library Notes**

The classes that I took during the summer session were thought provoking and inspirational. Learning about the Electoral College has prepared me for the possible chaos of the 2016 elections. Jon Newsom's artistic presentation of composers and art was simply awesome. And John McClenehen's class "What is a poem anyway?" led our group through a fascinating discussion and revelation of the poets among us.

John has generously donated three of his books to our library, and I hope you will take some time to enjoy them. Also, Mr. McClenehen will be offering a class this fall on Walt Whitman. The library also added books on stained glass techniques, watercolor painting, a manual on the use of an iPhone, a biography of Pope John Paul, and several history books. Look for the list that is posted on the bulletin board outside the library for the latest acquisitions.

If you checked out books during the spring or summer semester, please return them before the fall semester so they will be available for other scholars at OSHER.

Submitted by Ruth Barnett, Librarian

#### Salty Brine's Seaside Chat

# Kitchen Kapers XXVIII Serves Luscious Summer Tastes



AHOY, Osher shipmates! Salty decided to take shore leave and proceed over land to drop in at the Edgewater Estates home of Bernie and Dolores Fiegel for their June, 2016, Kitchen Kapers XXVIII – "Summer Tastes From The Kitchen And The Grill." Boy did I pick the right day to show up, the menu for the day was grilled mahi-mahi marinated in a mixture of lemon juice, extra virgin olive oil, paprika, crushed garlic, salt and freshly ground black pepper; also on the menu was eastern shore peach, red pepper, scallion, arugula, lemon juice, fresh oregano, jalapeno, and garlic with salt to taste salsa; there was more on the menu - orzo with fresh thyme, chives, parsley, scallions, oregano, mint, extra

virgin olive oil, sea salt, and freshly ground black pepper to taste. The arugula, chives, parsley, mint, thyme, oregano were all from the Fiegels' herb garden. Wines were Gallo (CA) hearty burgundy – ah! memories as it was first introduced to all of us winos around 1964/65 - and Corbett Canyon (CA) pinot

grigio...but what was the-best-of-the-best for me was they asked me to join them, participate, and stay for lunch; well I radioed the OLLI Queen and informed the duty officer I would not be back for lunch, anyway the Queen was in good hands with those on duty; so with a big smile on my face I said "yes sir, yes ma'am, and joined in with the class to prepare what turned out to be a simply luscious lunch – the mess hall was the screened porch that overlooks a lush green yard that was dotted with many colorful flowers and the weather cooperated with temps in the mid-seventies, I was in seventh heaven, salivating, and couldn't wait to sit down to lunch...and as the Kitchen Kapers members say "look at it as eating your weekly exam."

Salty salutes the Fiegels and the class members for allowing me the opportunity to participate in a Kitchen Kapers class...plenty of conversation, camaraderie, much chopping, plenty of prep work, mixing, measuring, grilling, and all orchestrated by the twofigs; can't wait for them to give me another invite...

Anchors away, yours truly, Salty Brine, Captain, OLLI Queen!



Photos by: Bernie & Dolores Fiegel



### **Gifts**

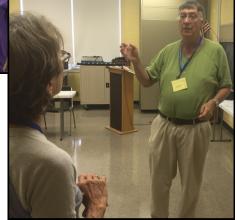
While we calculate membership fees to cover our operating costs, we always have a need for additional and upgraded audiovisual equipment, computers, classroom teaching aids and library materials. Many of those items are paid for from the Gift Fund. We are happy to receive your donations to the Gift Fund for a specific use or, preferable, unrestricted so your Council can focus them on our greatest needs. You can include a gift with your registration. For more information on how to make these tax-deductible gifts, contact the OLLI office, 302-645-4111.

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# **June Session Classes Fun and Inspirational**

Left: Barbara Mullin, instructor, **Looking Back on**9/11/01, with photo of twin towers

Right: James Gibson, instructor,
Introduction to the Study of World
Religions





Jo-Ann Vega & Bob Wimmer instructors **The Electoral College: Do We Still Need it?** with 3-D map of U.S.



Left: International Dancing for Fun & Fitness with Andy Montano

Below: **English Country Dance** with Carol

West

Rodney Lau, assisting in **Stained Glass Fundamentals**, created this flower arrangement from flowers in his yard.



Photos by John Lafferty & Lynn Kroesen

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## **June Session Classes Fun and Inspirational**



Left: Guest speakers Esthelda Parker Selby, Richard Selby Stell, Dee Lott and Charaine Thomas describe growing up in Sussex County with moderator Phil Fretz (center).

Below: Family Genealogy— Discover your Story taught by Virginia Catley and Carolyn Hedlund.



Left: Moderator Phil Fretz introduces Sterling Street from the Nanticoke Indian Museum and artifacts pictured below.



### 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



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## In Remembrance of .....



#### **Robert Carnahan**

Robert Lewis Carnahan, 89, passed away peacefully on April 29, 2016. He was born in Holton, Kansas. He graduated from UCLA and obtained has his M.S. from Johns Hopkins University. He began his career as an engineer with the DuPont Company. In 1955, he ob-

tained a position with the Travelers Research Center in Hartford, Connecticut, where he became Vice President. In 1970 he moved to the Washington, D.C. area to work with the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration.

On retiring to Lewes in 1991, he began the docent program at the UD College of Earth, Ocean and Environment, which he led for 12 years. He also served as a docent for the Lewes Historical Society and was an active participant in the Osher Lifelong Learning program.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Betty and two sons and one daughter. Celebration of life services were held on May, 28, 2016.



#### **Mack Emmert**

Mackey (Mack) Emmert, 90, passed away on June 3, 2016 at his home in Georgetown, DE. Born in Chambersburg, PA, he grew up in suburban Philadelphia. After service in the Navy during WWII, he attended Penn State University and the Harvard Business School.

He lived and worked for many years as a business consultant and entertainer in Fort Lauderdale, FL and Wilmington, DE.

He was active in many charitable activities. He was treasurer of OperaDelaware, a founder of AIDS Delaware and worked as an AIDS volunteer, and a member of Osher Lifelong Learning. His Mack's Marionettes have appeared in television commercials, shows and in movies as well as in theaters and night clubs. One of his hand puppets, Citronella, was a popular presence at many local functions and charitable activities.

He is survived by his husband, Evan Bush; his nieces, his stepson and several granddaughters.



#### Ruth D. Valva

Ruth D. Valva, 86, of Lewes, passed away Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at Beebe Healthcare, Lewes. Ruth was born in Scranton, Pa. She was married to Vincent T. Valva of Lewes for 63 years and raised four children.

Ruth worked as an executive assistant for the American Express company in New York City, was a consultant for Lehn & Fink Inc. in Montvale, N.J. She was a talented and prolific, self-trained artist and attained professional status later in life selling many works in the shops of Lewes. Ruth participated in numerous art exhibitions in Lewes and the surrounding and frequently participated in the Children's Beach House charity art shows. Her works were featured at the Buttery Restaurant in Lewes. She was a member of the Cape Artists, and shared her gift often by teaching painting classes at the Osher Lifelong Learning Center.

Memorial services were held June 16, 2016.



#### **Bruce Collins**

Bruce M. Collins, 80, of Lewes passed away at St. Barnabas Hospital, Livingston, N.J., Sunday, May 8, 2016, after a short illness. Bruce was born in Hackensack, N.J. He graduated with honors from Williams College and received a master's of science in organic chemistry from Cornell University

in 1959. While working as a chemist, Bruce pursued his J.D. from New York University and was admitted to the bar in 1965.

Mr. Collins practiced as a patent attorney for over 30 years, primarily with the law firm Matthews, Woodbridge and Collins of Morristown, N.J. Mr. Collins retired to Lewes in 2005. He served on the board of several organizations, including Coastal Concerts, and Osher Lifelong Learning and also taught classes in art and chemistry. A devoted and lifelong pet owner, he helped lead efforts to establish Lewes' new dog park.

A widower, Mr. Collins is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, his daughter and son-in-law, his brother and sister-in-law and 4 grandchildren.