



The Tides...

Breaking News from
Lifelong Learning



Summer 2017

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

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From the Chair



I hope everyone's summer is fun, or at least mellow. The June session at the Fred Thomas Building was, as far as I could tell, superb. I was initially tempted to pass it up because I had to miss most of the first two weeks, going to the Boston area for two graduations – high school and kindergarten. FYI, kindergarten graduations are way more fun. Then there is the allure of having a break from a class schedule. The course offerings, however, were irresistible. I signed up for six courses, but two of which were only one session. The variety of them was wide and even eclectic; Maritime Odds and Ends, Opera, Local Farms, US-China Relations, Women Spies in WWII and the Great American Eclipse. Other classes also appealed, but a fellow can only do so much. I was not alone. A record high 290 folks signed up for classes. Congratulations to all the instructors for a wonderful kick-off to summer.

Calendar of Events

- July 25 & 26 — Walk-in Registration, Lewes
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Aug 1 — Lighthouse Sunset Cruise
- Aug 17 — Priority registration closes
- Aug 28 — Room setup, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Aug 30 — Instructor/New member
Orientation, Ocean View,
10 - 11:30 a.m.
- Aug 31 — Instructor Orientation, Lewes,
10 - 11:30 a.m.
- Sept 4 — Labor Day - office closed
- Sept 5 — Classes begin
- Sept 13 — Happy Hour, Irish Eyes Pub, 3 p.m.
- Oct 10 — Homecoming Picnic - No classes
- Oct 11 — Happy Hour, Irish Eyes Pub, 3 p.m.
- Nov 8 — Happy Hour, Irish Eyes Pub, 3 p.m.

The Rehoboth Art League (RAL) held its annual Cottage Tour on July 11 and 12. As usual we sponsored one of the “cottages” to thank RAL for the use of the pottery studio for our classes. George Dellinger and Suzanne Hain managed our participation in this event – recruiting volunteers, coordinating with RAL and keeping an effective flow of information coming to us volunteers. Thank you, George and Suzanne, great job. And, thanks to our many volunteers. You presented a great “face” for us to the tourists.

Our house this year is owned by Eric and Kathleen Ellinghaus (nee Brennan) and thus a link with the past. Kathleen's late father, Joe, was one of our members. He was also one of an eight man luncheon group consisting of fellow SDALL members (as we were then known). We called ourselves the “Great Guys”. I'll tell you why in a bit. Having been born in 1940, I was the baby of the group. Four of the others were WWII veterans. Syd Caslake was in the British Navy. He met his wife, Betty, when his cruiser was undergoing battle damage repair at the Boston Naval Shipyard. Joe Marshall was a tail gunner on a bomber in Europe. He was shot down twice

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and was captured both times. He escaped the first time, was liberated at the end of the war the second time. After the war, he joined the Post Office, eventually becoming Lewes postmaster. His wife, Virginia, was the Lewes Librarian at the same time. Red McCormick was a Navy medic assigned to a Marine unit in China. Boy, did he have stories! Joe Brennan (Kathleen's father) was on Adm. Nimitz' staff in the Pacific.

Joe, a long time widower, began "seeing" a gal, Virginia Schnitzler, a neighbor of mine and widow of Fred, my predecessor as Program Coordinator. When Joe would mention any of the lunch bunch to Virginia, he would say: "He's a great guy." Virginia said; "Joe, you are all great guys. Why don't you just call yourselves that?" So we did.

Other members were John Namaack, a jet pilot in the Korean "Conflict" yet could not operate a piece of audio/visual equipment in his jazz or other classes he led. Go figure! The rest of us were non-combat veterans. Jack Stewart, a truly smart and funny guy, Richard Sciorra, a former Council Chair and me. Sadly I am the last of the "Great Guys". Thanks, guys, for the memories.

Speaking of memories, I know I am not the only one with great memories of our educational and social experiences as experienced adults. A course with Rae Tyson licensed me to share (inflict) this memoir with (on) you. Share your happy memories with our editor, Lynn Kroesen at Lkroesen2@gmail.com.

Our lease on the Thomas building expires next year and we are beginning negotiations on a new five year (or longer) lease. A few members expressed concern over future plans for the Thomas Building, based upon a news article a while back. I am not concerned. That article was looking a long way down the road. One of the most impressive management planning efforts I have ever seen is the continuous facilities planning process led by Superintendent Bob Fulton and Facilities Director Brian Bassett. It is a constant part of the District's operation, gathering data, getting community input and examining alternatives. We should be thankful for this meticulous approach. It has served us well in the past and, most certainly, will continue to do so.

You should have your fall catalog by the time you read this. Just under 100 courses! Make your selections and get your registration in by August 17th to be included in the lottery.

See you in class soon. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Bill

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OLLI Out and About

NEW YORK! NEW YORK!

Another good trip to the BIG APPLE. We received a very warm welcome upon arrival at the Hotel Edison. Our group visited museums, attended theatre performances, the ballet, the Philharmonic, strolled on Wall Street and crossed the Brooklyn bridge. Many met up with family and friends and many good meals were eaten. We look forward to our next annual visit in April 2018.

Submitted by Joan Sciorra

Left: Carol West on Wall Street with 'Fearless Girl' statue.

Right: Audrey McMeekin & Joan Sciorra on their way to Lincoln Center with "Bronze Ballerina" statue

Photos by Carol West & Bjarn Shuarup



Class "Discovers" The Delaware Botanical Garden

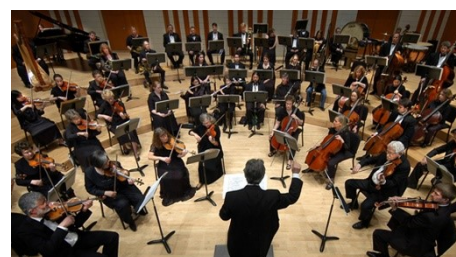


Osher Lifelong Learning Institute's class "**Discover Slower Lower Delaware**" (April 11 to May 16) visited the site of the Delaware Botanical Garden (DBG). Along with members of the (DBG) leadership team and several volunteers, the class learned about the master plan and key elements of the initial garden installations. After the orientation, the group toured the woodlands, enjoying the early violets and azaleas nestled among the trees.

Photo by: Ray Bojarski

OLLI Guests at Freeman Stage

Over 40 OLLI members were guests of the Freeman Foundation at the Freeman Stage at Bayside in Selbyville, DE on June 16 for an evening of music provided by the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra and Opera Delaware. OLLI received VIP treatment with up-front seats and recognition.



Tour Presents Rare Opportunity to See Osprey Banding

Thirty-four OLLI members and guests boarded the "Discovery" pontoon boat at Fisherman's Wharf in Lewes on July 11 for a cruise and a lecture about the life of Ospreys and to band a couple of 5-week old chicks. Steve Cardano, a federally licensed raptor bander and a retired biology teacher, provided many interesting facts about the birds, their habits and their place in our environment. Our boat captain, Dave Green took us to an osprey nesting platform where



Above: Steve Cardano retrieves osprey chick



Right: Steve affixes band

Steve climbed up to the nest and retrieved the young birds and then placed identification tags, a band, on the leg of the osprey fledglings before they begin to fly. The fledglings were returned to the nest, much to the relief of the scolding, circling parents. This practice does not hurt the birds and is done specifically to gather information about the birds such as migration patterns, life span and behaviors.



Photos by Carol West & Lynn Kroesen

Gardeners Wanted

Big thanks to Anne Carol Finley, Eddie Filemyr and a mystery man for weeding our entrance garden!! We really need a core of gardeners to maintain our beautiful garden at its best. Please give your name to Renee with contact info if we can count on you for future gardening at OLLI Lewes.

If the mystery man would identify himself, we would personally thank him!

Submitted by Eddie Filemyr



OLLI In the News

The group of English Country Dancers that went to Dover for the April Ball is now on YouTube....just google Dover April Ball.

OLLI member, Russell Notar will be at Browse-about Books in Rehoboth Beach from 11:00 to 1:00 on Thursday, August 10th to sign his new book, "Journeys of Hope and Reality: A Memoir".

June Session Highlights



The June session kicked off with the Instructor orientation on June 1st. **John Lafferty**, our Lewes Instructional/ Tech Support staffer, briefed the instructors on how to use the available audio-visual equipment.



L-R: **Phil Fretz**, instructor, **African Cuisine from East and West Africa**, Ivo Domingues, Ginny Fornillo, James Welch & Phil Stephenson were able to taste food from the countries of Sierra Leone and Ethiopia.

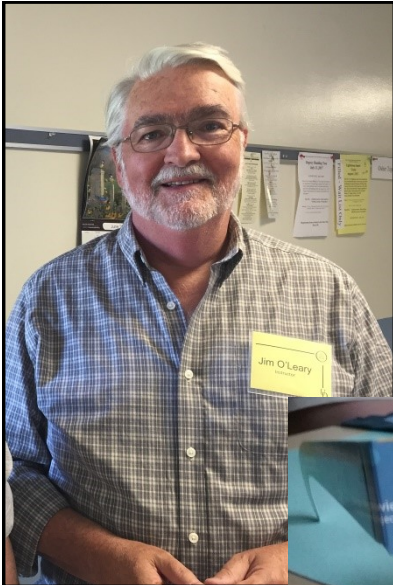
Photos by John Lafferty & Carol West



Suzanne Thurman, left, executive director of the MERR Institute presented a program about the whales, dolphins, porpoises, seals and sea turtles that are seen along our coastline. Instructor **Joan Mansperger**, above right, helped with the display.



June Session Highlights



August 21, 2017 marks the first time in 38 years that a total eclipse of the sun will be visible from across the U.S. **Jim O'Leary**, instructor (pictured at left) **The Great American Eclipse of 2017**, taught us how eclipses were viewed throughout history and sometimes even changed history. Jim also reminded us to wear eye protection (pictured below) when viewing the eclipse. "Even though we will only be seeing a partial eclipse here in Delaware, there will be harmful sun rays for the duration of the event. Depending on the sky conditions, it only takes about a minute and a half for your eyes to be permanently damaged."



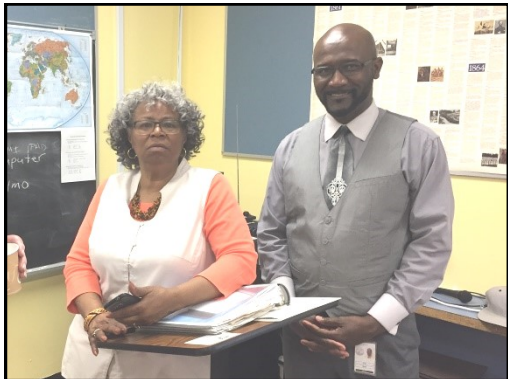
Photos by John Lafferty, Maureen Sherlock & Carol West



Local Farms instructor **Maureen Sherlock** (above right) led an enthusiastic group of OLLI members on a four week tour of farms, nurseries and a vineyard. The group learned about and tasted aquaponics lettuce, organic strawberries and vegetables and locally produced wine. The winery tour (pictured right) included a visit to the bottling room and the tasting room.



Guest Speakers Tell History of Richard Allen School



Jane Hovington, president of the Richard Allen Coalition Board and Ivan Neal, a founding board member (pictured left) shared stories about the rich history of the Richard Allen school in Georgetown and the current preservation efforts.

Only a few schools for blacks existed in the early 20th century. Pierre S. DuPont, appalled by the lack of educational opportunities for Delaware's black students, donated the funds to build over 80 schools for black students throughout the state in the 1920's.

The Richard Allen School in Georgetown is one of the 'DuPont Colored Schools'. While Pierre DuPont's generosity built the school, teachers and students had to rely on outdated books discarded by neighboring white schools.

Photo by John Lafferty

You Can Be An OLLI Instructor

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Lewes/Ocean View (OLLI) is already looking ahead to our Spring 2018 session. We encourage you to volunteer as an instructor for the Spring program. We look forward to the return of our staff of faithful, dedicated faculty members and welcome new instructors.

You are free to choose your topic. It will typically be a subject you have a high level of interest in, but you do not have to have been trained in. Consider teaming up with someone to be joint instructors for a course.

Classes will be offered in the Spring, beginning in January 2018. You may offer a five or ten week course.

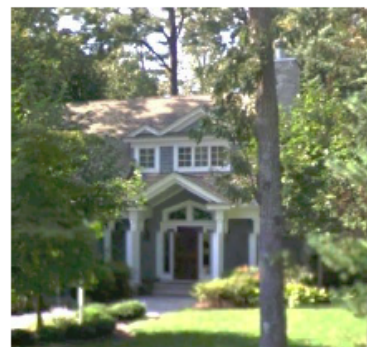
If you are willing to participate as an instructor in the Spring OLLI program, please complete a course proposal form either online or contact the OLLI Lewes office.

Benefits of Membership

- Register for as many classes as you like
- Participate in OLLI-sponsored trips
- On-site wireless internet access
- Student rate on software
- Use of libraries and online resources (all UD and Del Tech)
- Audit of one UD credit course in fall and spring semesters on a space-available basis without paying tuition. Does not include online/distance learning courses, Associate in Arts program, certificate programs or UD travel/study programs. All relevant fees apply.
- Access to Google Apps account
- Student discounts at various venues/retailers Some benefits require either a UD ID card (small fee) or a UDeINet ID (@udel.edu email account). These benefits are only available to full-year members.
- Attend classes at any OLLI in Delaware (Lewes, Ocean View, Dover) on space available basis

What fun! Osher Docents Rocked for RAL's 2017 Cottage Tour

No doubt about it. OLLI docents were the best hosts for the best cottage on this year's Rehoboth Art League (RAL) Cottage Tour. Here's what Rose Murray, RAL Director, had to say about us. *"I have gotten so many kudos on the Ellinghaus home and the wonderful job you did with your team. Thank you!"*



Cottage Number 5

On July 11th and 12th, we fielded four shifts of docents each to guide visitors through the Ellinghaus' beautiful summer cottage. To all 28 OLLI Docents, thank you for volunteering and for being gracious hosts:

• Carole Moody	• John Coleman	• Valerie Reber	• Cindy Whitacre
• Bill Moody	• Carmella Coleman	• Robert Chu	• Deb Brown
• Diane Reed	• Elaine Masterson	• Maureen Chu	• Diana Beebe
• Katherine Henn	• Connie Benko	• Jill Hicks	• Faith Duncan
• Mary Folan	• Jenny Waters	• Kathy Ackerman	• Jane McGann
• Bill Sharkey	• Ellen Neumann	• Bob Ackerman	• Joanna Barbati
• Lee Mussoff	• Charlene Jehle	• Jennifer Haynes	• Clive Getty

We're taking reservations now for 2018. Being a docent is fun and supports a good cause. RAL offers their pottery studio to OLLI for our classes and, in appreciation; we sponsor a "Cottage" during their tour. This has been a successful collaboration for more than 18 years and is now expanding to include more courses on both campuses. Sign up now for next year. Call the OLLI office, 302-645-4111, and give Renee your name. Its fun and you get to support this worthy cause.

Walk-In Registration

Lewes Campus

Tuesday, July 25 and Wednesday, July 26

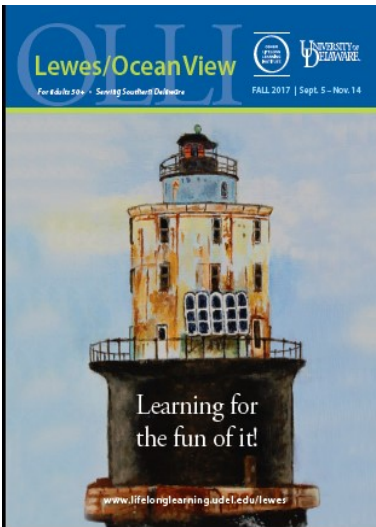
10 am—1 pm

Coffee Reception - July 26



Register for the fall semester and meet old and new friends and instructors. New members are invited to learn about the exciting classes and activities planned for the fall.

August 17 Deadline for Priority Registration for Fall Classes



The Academic Affairs Committee announces 42 new courses out of over 95 courses offered for the Fall Semester 2017. The many different categories of courses 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 www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes or by mail or in person at the Lewes office.

We welcome you to come learn, have fun, and make or renew friendships. Remember the deadline for priority registration is August 17. Registrations received after August 17 will be processed on a space available basis.

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!!!

Submitted by Bud Zimmerman, Academic Affairs

Join Us For Happy Hour!

Do you want to get to know some of the other people in your classes? Come to the Happy Hour at Irish Eyes Pub & Restaurant on the Lewes Canal, 213 Anglers Rd, Lewes, DE. Meet new friends and renew old friendships. We will be meeting on Wednesday, September 13, Wednesday, October 11, and Wednesday, November 8, at 3 p.m. There will be a Cash Bar.

Submitted by Connie Benko, Social Chair



Salty Brine's Seaside Chat

AHOY, Osher shipmates! The OLLI Queen is in dry dock getting a makeover for the fall 2017, semester...

Salty would like to take this time to give a double tip of his Captain's hat to Lynn Kroesen editor of *The Tides...Breaking News from Lifelong learning...*

From *SDALL News* to *The Tides...Breaking News from Lifelong Learning* as the saying goes "we've come a long way baby." There was a time when our news-letter was a four page, black and white, no color, and was underwritten by the Diver Automotive in Lewes; it's an interesting story behind how we got the underwriting – I talked to the general manager about the underwriting and he said he would have to talk to the Cliff Diver, the owner...so Cliff calls me and said I understand you are a wine buff, and teach a wine program, "yes I said," so he asks me what wine would I serve with asparagus, and off the top of my head I said, "probably a chilled French viognier" – he said see my manager tomorrow and get the check; oh BTW Cliff is also a wine buff...It was a team effort of Bernie [Fiegel], Renee [Moy], Dolores [Fiegel], and Rosemary [Cummings] who had the pulse of *SDALL* (or the Academy) as we were known back then; it was mailed to members and there was always a stack in the office in case we missed someone...back in those days it was called the *SDALL News...*

Then Lynn [Kroesen] emerged on the scene and in the fall of 2010, our new format and new name - *The Tides...Breaking News from Lifelong Learning*, hit the scene in vivid color and with the electronic age upon us it was emailed to all members, in vivid color, who had a current email address listed with office...hard copies were available in the office...side bar: Sandy Moore [deceased] who was art group workshop leader created the art work...Since that first issue in fall 2010, *The Tides* has become the envy of many OLLI newsletters; thanks to the skill, knowledge, filling in the blanks, her way of integrating pictures and articles, getting articles from members such as "From the Chair, "Salty Brine's Seaside Chat," Beekeeping Club," OLLI trips, member articles of interest, Calendar of Events, etc. You have taken *The Tides* from the first town – Lewes – to the first in the minds and hearts of the OLLI Lewes/Ocean View members and beyond...

Therefore from Salty and the Gang to Lynn Kroesen - "with heart-felt thanks for support and dedication of the OLLI program and in grateful appreciation for your invaluable contribution in making *The Tides...Breaking News from Lifelong Learning* the envy of the OLLI nation."

Salty Brine...Cera Belum...Clams Casino...

Editors note: It's a pleasure to serve. Blush! Blush!