



# The Tides...

*Breaking News from Lifelong Learning*

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



## **OLLI Holiday Luncheon ... A Festive, Fun-filled Day**

### **Salty Brine's Seaside Chat**

AHOY, Osher shipmates! Thursday, December 3, 2015, the OLLI Queen began boarding, and greeting members and guests, about 175 plus, for the trip to Rehoboth Beach. The OLLI Queen took in the gangway, weighed anchor, and hoisted the sails on a 42 degree, clear morning with plenty of sunshine, north-northwest winds at about 10 knots giving us choppy seas as we sailed our way to The OLLI Holiday/ Instructor' Recognition Luncheon. We dropped anchor at the Sands Hotel at Boardwalk and Baltimore Avenue, lowered the gangway, and the 175 plus members and guests disembarked – some took time to get their sea legs, others were queasy, and the hardy ones said it was a great sail, let's do it again.

Upon arriving at the Swan Ballroom the members and guests were treated to a display of tables dressed in white cloths, alternating green and red napkins, and live, six-inch potted poinsettias on mirrors in the center of each table. We did the winner of the poinsettias a little different this fall, a person at each table whose birthday was the closest to January 11, 2016, the start of the winter/spring semester was the recipient of the lovely poinsettia; we also had poinsettias on the registration table and in the arts and crafts room; those poinsettias were given to OLLI volunteer members. Speaking of arts and crafts as usual there was a steady

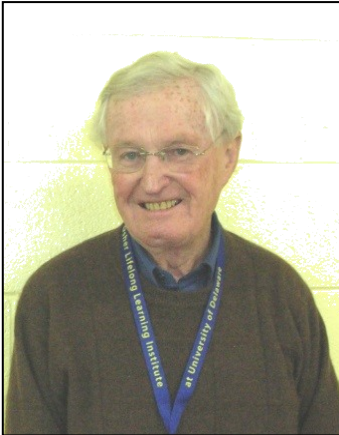


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**Photos by Jay Wheeler**



## From the Chair and the Council



I believe we all have our copies of the fall catalog. If you haven't done so, give the cover a good look. It's a delightful painting by Pete Feeney of the bridge over the Indian River Inlet. If the symbolism doesn't strike you, open the catalog and on the bottom of the first page is its title, the bridge that connects Lewes and Ocean view. So, not just a pretty cover, we always have those, it's a cover that represents our efforts to grow a program for those in the Routes 26 and 54 areas. The creator of the concept was "He who never fails to amaze" Bernie Fiegel. Thanks and congratulations Bernie and Pete. By the way, 21 courses are being offered in Ocean View this spring. Thanks to all who have made this possible.

We had a very nice luncheon at the Sands Hotel in Rehoboth Thursday, December 3rd. Thanks to those who attended and especially the Social Committee for making all the arrangements. Salty Brine's article in this issue will report the details.

This week your Council embarked on a process to develop and adopt mission and vision statements as the foundation of a review and updating of our by-laws and then developing a long range plan. It would be an overstatement to suggest that we at the Fred Thomas Building are all atwitter with excitement at this project. It is, however, a necessary and important activity for the organization's long term vitality.

Tuesday, December 1, Pete Feeney, Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee, Anna and I met to draft mission and vision statements to circulate to Council members for comment. We hope this process leads to adoption of the statements at our January meeting. I should mention that a schedule conflict kept Sabatino Maglione from attending, but he submitted written comments that were of great value to us.

Very briefly, a mission statement tells what we are, what we do and by and for whom. The problem is not that we don't know those things. The problem is that we have several formulations of a mission statement published in various places, none of which is the clear succinct articulation that we want.

The vision statement is about the future-where do we want to be as an organization in 5 to 10 years. Just as we have all done in our personal lives to plan relationships, families, careers, finances and ultimately retirement (which we obviously excelled at because we are here!) so too must an organization. What this exercise lacks in glamour is more than offset by its importance.

I hope that this Planning 101 narration hasn't bored you too much. Have a wonderful holiday season

See you in January.

*Bill Sharkey*

### 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.



## More than 75 courses for Spring 2016!

Science and IT and Health, OH MY!! What a thrill it was to peruse the new catalog for the coming semester!! I spent several hours planning my schedule for January to March and I bet you will too.

Spring classes begin Monday, January 11. In case you have not seen the new catalog, just go to the website: [www.lifelonglearning.udel/lewes](http://www.lifelonglearning.udel/lewes). We have an exciting array of over 75 classes from which to choose, including 18 in Ocean View!!

There are old favorites such as Grape Adventure, Walk and Talk and A New Earth, and new offerings such as Beekeeping, e-Services @ Your Library, AARP Smart Driver and Heraldry, as well as a new walking class in Ocean View, Discover Slower Lower Delaware which starts in April.



### Calendar of Events

- Dec 11 — Trip to Phillips Collection
- Dec 16 — Ocean View Walk-in Registration - Ocean View Town Hall, 10 a.m. - noon
- Dec 21 — Priority Registration deadline
- Dec 24 — Jan 1, 2016 — Office closed - winter break
- Jan 6 — Ocean View Open House—Ocean View Town Hall, 10 a.m.—noon
- Jan 7 — Instructor/New member Orientation 10 a.m.. - 11:30
- Jan 11 — First day of classes
- Jan 14 —Payment due for NYC trip
- Jan 18—No classes - MLK Holiday
- Jan 24 — REP trip - *Wait Until Dark*
- Feb 15 — No classes - Presidents Day
- Feb 16 — Second 5 week session begins
- Mar 13 — REP trip - *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- Mar 21 — Last day of classes
- Mar 25—Apr 1 — Office closed—spring break
- Apr 26 - 29 — New York City trip

Please take the time to peruse the catalog. Priority Registrations are due December 21<sup>st</sup> by 2:00 pm. You can download the application form from the online catalog, or find it in the back of the paper catalog.

*Submitted by Carol West, Academic Affairs*

### Inclement Weather Policy Reminder

When Cape Henlopen School District classes are canceled because of inclement weather or an area-wide emergency, Lewes Lifelong Learning classes are canceled. When the school district has a delayed opening, our activities — except at the Rehoboth Art League — 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. Contact your instructor for off-site closing.

**Check for information at the following:**

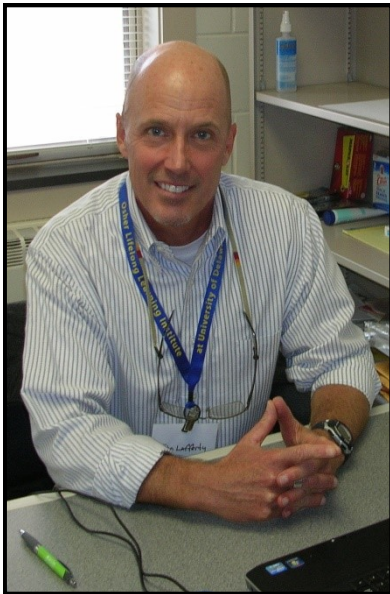
**Phone: 302-645-4111 (recorded message)**

**TV: WBOC**

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

**[www.wbc.com](http://www.wbc.com), at weather closings**

## OLLI Welcomes New Technical Support Assistant, John Lafferty



John was born and raised in Lewes. He fondly recalls the many summers spent on his grandparents' farm, just a stone's throw outside of the city limits, and his first paying job working at the local orchard market. He moved to Ft. Myers, Florida, where he graduated high school and joined the U.S. Navy.

During his time in the military, John served duty on numerous ships homeported along the east coast with primary deployment missions ranging from the North Atlantic to the Caribbean and the Mediterranean Sea to the Persian Gulf. Additionally, he has circumnavigated South America and visited numerous ports along the western coast of Africa. He served at several shore duty assignments to include Washington DC and Submarine Base Groton, and an overseas assignment on Andros Island, Bahamas. John's most cherished experiences in the military are the ones supporting humanitarian missions when traveling to places normally forgotten. Descending from a long family line of military and seafarers, it is no

wonder that John continued to make the navy a career, retiring after 22 years of service as a Chief Quartermaster.

Ready to shed his uniform, John made his new address in Wilmington, Delaware and enrolled in a masters degree program where he began to discover new possibilities. After an internship with Nemours Health and Prevention Services, he began to volunteer at the Wilmington VA Medical Center which led to an offer of employment as the volunteer coordinator. John worked at the VA for six years. He holds a masters degree in Administration of Human Services from Wilmington University.

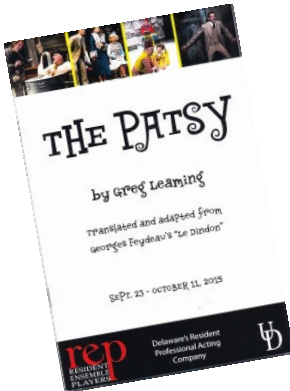
During his time in Wilmington, John also completed his training and qualifications as a volunteer crew member on the Kalmar Nyckel. He sailed many trips on the Delaware Bay and River, supporting the educational mission of the foundation. Sailing began to consume much of his spare time and he soon looked for additional opportunities to get out on the water. John looked no further than the Lewes waterfront and introduced himself to several captains of the Lewes Yacht Club's beer can sailing fleet. He currently crews on a Tartan 34, *Santé*, and is often asked to crew on other boats when needed during the racing season. John also enjoys sailing on the Chesapeake Bay out of Rock Hall, MD.

John is happiest when at the beach with his partner of 16 years, Joey. In his spare time, he can often be found kayaking, paddle boarding, biking, working in his yard and walking his dog, Pepper. He spends most Saturdays volunteering at the Delaware Veterans Home where he assists in recreational activities and performs visitation duties. John is excited to be working at Osher Lewes and hopes to become a valued asset to our wonderful program.

### Web Address:

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

## REP Season Underway!



The University of Delaware's Resident Ensemble Players (REP) opened their 2015-2016 season with a rollicking farce, **The Patsy**, a translation and remake of Georges Feydeau's late 19<sup>th</sup> century play. Greg Learning rewrote the French play for the REP actors and managed to capture the energy and zaniness of the original. We witness the characters exhausting themselves as they absurdly pursue the opposite sex. They fall into a series of absurd and bawdy situations. Saved by their humanness, the audience manages to forgive their actions and chuckle at the sides of the characters they see in themselves.

Osher will be running a bus to the next two plays produced by the REP this season. Join us for another afternoon of entertainment.

\* **January 24 for *Wait Until Dark*, a suspenseful drama of a blind heroine;**

\* **March 6 or 13 *To Kill a Mockingbird*, American classic story of justice in the South.**

Travel will be by motor coach, leaving from Lewes and returning at the conclusion of the show. Reservation and payment information will be sent by email as well as being posted on the bulletin board.

*Submitted by Mary Folan*

## REP Production, *Heartbreak House*, Worth the Trip

On Sunday, November 15, a group of twenty-five Osher members went to see the University of Delaware's Repertory Theater Company (REP) production of George Bernard Shaw's *Heartbreak House*. As usual, we were ferried safely and pleasantly to and from Lewes by Jor-Lin Transportation Services, so we were free to relax, have a snack or lunch. A most civilized way to travel. The play, set in England, and first performed in 1919, just after the Great War, depicts the ignorance and indifference of the English upper and upper-middle classes to the issues of the First World War and its consequences. The self-indulgence of the upper class characters and their lack of understanding is one of the central themes of the play. Despite its historic setting, the themes seemed rather timely for today, and in typical Shaw fashion echo the dark messages of Anton Chekov.

As we have come to expect, the cast of the theater company is outstanding, and the sets stunning. It is certainly the closest thing to a Broadway production in our region, and well worth the trip, especially when the cost is so reasonable. I encourage those of you who have not yet participated in one of these outings to consider doing so. They are always a treat! In January, the company will be performing *Wait Until Dark*, by Frederick Knott. The original Broadway cast of this thriller starred Lee Remick and Robert Duval. You might remember the film adaptation starring Audrey Hepburn. Join us for another theatrical adventure!



*Submitted by Diana Beebe*

## NEW YORK 2016 TRIP

Thank you all for your deposit or full payment by October 1st. Any balance will be due JANUARY 14, 2016.

Should you need to cancel your reservation between now and then PLEASE email the office so that we will be able to notify WAIT LIST people of an opportunity to travel with us.

*Submitted by: Travel Committee*

### Thanks To Osher Volunteers



Osher instructor Dorothy Greet's home was on the Lewes Historical House Tour December 5. Dorothy selected Osher as the non-profit organization to provide docents for her home. Many thanks to Osher members who served as docents and to Dorothy and David Greet who opened their home to the enjoyment of many.

*Photo left-right: docent Carol Decatur & homeowner Dorothy Greet*

Johanna Barbarti

Diana Beebe

Patty Bennett

Patricia Brady

Carol Decatur

Elsie Gould

Brenda Kriegel

Dianne Leone

Tom Lord

Rob Morgan

Margo Ramage

Jean Richardson

Submitted by Dolores Fiegel, Community Relations — Photo by Bernie Fiegel

### OLLI Parades in Selbyville

Osher members Bud Zimmerman and Martha Redmond decorated Bud's Mazda convertible with the Osher banner and holiday items and participated in the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Selbyville Christmas Parade on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Good show!!!



*Photos by: Carol West*



## Donations Are Major Portion of Library Collection

Have you noticed the bulletin board outside of the library? Recent additions to the collection for the past several months are listed there. You will see that our students and instructors have wide ranging interests.

Donations make up the major portion of the collection. This past month we received "Days of Fire: Bush and Cheney in the White House", which can be found in the history section. A set of DVD's "History of Christianity in the Reformation Era" is shelved in the 200's, and an addition to the American Contract Bridge League set of manuals, "Bridge: Introduction to Bridge" is located at the end of the 700's. Another new title is "Golf for Seniors".

The people who make donations are not always known to me, but a big "thank you" goes to Bill Stout, Bob Duncan, Dale Smith and Joan Mansperger for their recent contributions.



I am pleased that many items have been checked out during the summer and fall sessions. Please return them when the semester ends.

*Submitted by Ruth Barnett, Librarian/Archivist*

## OPERA LOVERS

Joan Sciorra, Osher travel chair, is planning two trips to Opera Delaware's spring festival 2016 at The Grand Opera House in Wilmington. There is still time to join these trips.

### FALSTAFF

Adapted from two of Shakespeare's greats, *The Merry Wives of Windsor* and *Henry IV*, Verdi's Falstaff sparkles with freshness and originality...an opera of comedic genius.

Performance Date: [May 15, 2016 | 2:00pm](#)

### HAMLET

OperaDelaware presents the East Coast Premiere of Franco Faccio's setting of *Hamlet* that was 150 years ahead of its time. Lost, forgotten, and now rediscovered, opera critics are calling it "a remarkable achievement."

Performance Date: [May 22, 2016 | 2:00pm](#)

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flow into and out of the Sandpiper Room which had many beautiful arts and crafts displayed by our many talented members...a job well done for all those who exhibited their favorite pieces, and to Peter Feeney, art department chair...!

The festivities began about 11:15 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 a.m.

members started to belly up (no pun intended) to the bar to begin the making of a festive and fun-filled day; just prior to lunch being served we were entertained by Andy Montano's class members from his International Dancing for Fun and Fitness, they performed a Romanian folk dance...well done all...Onto the main event....the Osher Downs Holiday Luncheon Cup, a \$23 claiming race – now entering the starting gates; and they're off – acorn squash breaks to an early lead with pork and salmon just behind, on the first turn acorn squash is still in the lead, but salmon, ridden by Clams Casino, is making his move on the outside, coming into the back stretch Clams breaks out the whip and salmon begins to pull away, in the



meantime pork makes a move on the rail and passes acorn squash as salmon crosses the finish five fins ahead of pork and eight ahead acorn squash...Italian rum cake and fresh fruit cup brought up the rear... the odds at post time were salmon at 2 to 1, pork at 5 to 1, acorn squash at 8 to 1, Italian rum cake at 10 to 1, and fresh fruit cup at 12 to 1...sorry, there were no winners of the trifecta...if you missed this luncheon you missed one of the best as we heard it over and over...Salty agrees!

Salty would like to give a tip of his hat and a bravo to the social team for all their hard work, overall coordinating effort, patience, and enthusiasm, well done team!

The Elder Moments under the direction of the incomparable Roo Brown were in good voices and entertained the 175 plus members and guests to applause after applause...they are like fine wine getting, better and better with - dare I say it - with age...

By the time you read this the spring 2016, catalog hopefully has arrived in your mailbox; the beautiful cover was painted by Osher instructor and council member Peter Feeney. There are many great and interesting courses for spring 2016, sign up early.

Remember to check the spring 2016, calendar on the inside, back cover for import events occurring at Lewes campus and at Ocean View Town Hall. See you in the hallways!

Remember, look for us on our web site at [www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes](http://www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes) and join Salty and the gang for a fun-filled spring 2016, session; we'll be getting the OLLI Queen shipshape for the Open House, January 6, 2016, at the Ocean View Town Hall and the New Member/New Instructor Orientation on January 7, 2016, at the Lewes campus...anchors aweigh!



*Contributing writers – Cera Belum and Clams Casino...*

*Photos by Lynn Kroesen & Jay Wheeler*



# More Photos from OLLI Holiday Luncheon

Photos by: Sharon Culley, Lynn Kroesen, & Jay Wheeler



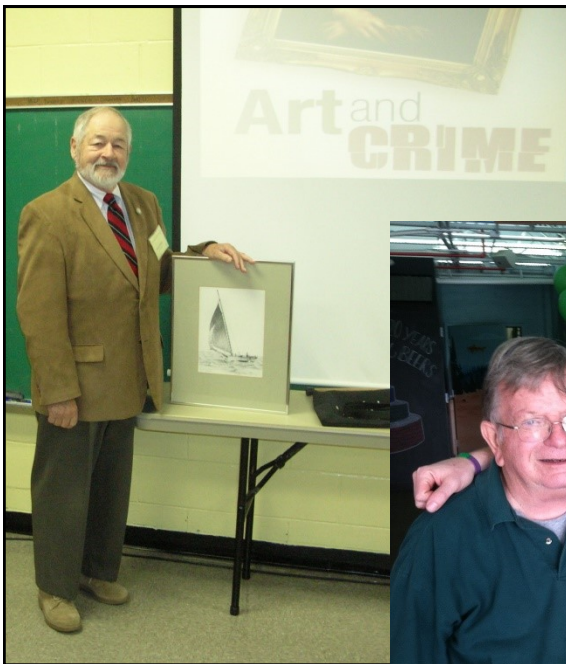
# Teaching and Learning For the Fun of it!!



Instructor Elaine Stanhope demonstrates **Basketry** techniques



**Money in Your Pocket** instructor Terry Bryan displays a sheet of bills .



Left: Instructor Wayne Kirklin, **Art Crime--Theft & Forgery**, displays a picture — is it a forgery???



To wind up his class **Alcohol Prohibition -- Before and After**, Bob Wilson arranged for his class to attend the Dogfish Head Brewery tour. Shown are Bob Wilson, Kevin (the tour guide) and Anna Moshier



Instructor Dorothy Greet prepares for her class, **Plant-Based Movies & Munchies**.

*Photos by Lynn Kroesen & Jay Wheeler*

**Osher Members Perform in Concert**

The following OLLI members performed in a concert presented by the Southern Delaware Chorale on November 1<sup>st</sup> at Epworth United Methodist Church in Rehoboth Beach: Melinda Bauers, Marian Kirklin, Kathy Osterholm, Ann Darling, Helen Murphy and Jay Wheeler.

**Just in time for the holidays!**

**Tell your kids and grandkids!**

Visit the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware online store! This site is operated by Land's End and can be accessed by clicking [Osher Store](#). You will have the option of adding the Osher/UD logo to most items after you add the item to your cart. Feel free to share this with friends and family.

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**Breakroom Gets New 'Frig'**



On October 22 our breakroom saw the delivery by Nelson and Mike, independent contractors, of a new refrigerator purchased at Lowes. The old brown one had served us well for many years and was leaking. Many thanks to the Osher Council and Bernie Fiegel.

