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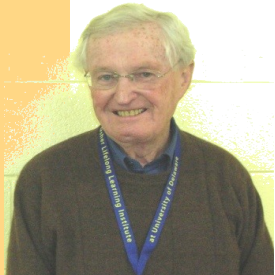
Breaking News from
Lifelong Learning



Winter 2016

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

From the Chair



The fall semester was as fine a one that we have ever had. Hats off to the instructors, committee people and OLLI staff whose combined effort led to this wonderful “learning for the fun of it” experience. Thanks also to those who attended classes and helped create the “fun”.

We had an enrolment of over 570 members this fall. A record high, reflecting our long term, steady growth. Spring semesters are always attended by fewer members, for probably a number of reasons. Of course, a big reason for this is the impressive number of snow-birds among us. They go to Florida, mostly, but also to Mexico, Arizona and other sunny climes. In the absence of the OLLI experience, you must content yourselves with pastimes such as basking in the sun, golfing, boating and fishing. Not much else for you to do other than to shop and eat at the many great restaurants that abound.

I don't hate you for doing this. Really. In fact I spent some fun times in Florida and the islands Alas, time and sun exposure have taken their toll on my Irish skin, turning me into a dermatologist's dream. I have had enough pre-cancers and early stage cancers removed to chastise my outdoors loving hedonist self. But this is not all bad. Even though school is on hiatus, there are plenty of things to do around here—weather permitting. How lucky we are to live in coastal Delaware. Slower pace than our previous addresses, but still opportunities for, what I would call, “cultural recreation.” In the Lewes, Rehoboth area alone there are organizations such as Coastal Concerts, Saturday live broadcasts of Metropolitan Opera performances shown at Cape Henlopen High School, Rehoboth Film Society screenings, Clear Space theater productions and Rehoboth Art League shows and classes. I apologize if I overlooked any other good sources.

Moreover, those of us still on the home front do have a new semester to anticipate. You may have your new catalogs by the time you read this. You

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will soon, in any event. You will find 32 or so new courses, some that will pack fun into their erudition, such as “Reader’s Theater” and some that will give us a deeper appreciation of history or literature. One example in history is a look at the history of the Balkans from 1453 to the present. There are six new Humanities offerings including one entitled “Well Behaved Women Seldom Make History.” Some new classes are very practical. In the Economics/Finance section are classes about buying and selling real estate, elder law and one entitled “Investment Potpourri”.

Yes, there really is a good life here in the winter. Let’s embrace the opportunities we are offered. And come fall, let’s not be too smug when greeting our returning colleagues. They won’t have known what they missed.

Calendar of Events

- Dec 14 — Office closed
- Dec 26 - Jan 2 — Winter Break - office closed
- Jan 9 — Walk-in registration, Ocean View
10 a.m. - noon
- Jan 12 — Priority Registration deadline
- Jan 16 — Martin Luther King holiday -
office closed
- Jan 25 — Ocean View Orientation
10 - 11:30 a.m.
- Jan 26 — Instructor/New Member Orientation
10 - 10:30 a.m.- Social
10:30 -11:30 a.m. - Orientation
- Jan 30 — First Day of Class
- Feb 20 — Presidents Day - no classes
- Mar 7 — Second five weeks begin
- Mar 18 — REP trip - *Elephant Man*
- April 10 — Last Day of Classes
- April TBA — Instructor Recognition Lunch
- April 17-21 — Spring Break - office closed

Check out Our Member Portal

The Member Portal contains up to date news as well as links to registration, course resources, and lots of other information. From the home page click the Member Portal button to direct to the new site.

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 or the Lifelong Learning office in Lewes.

OLLI Members Visit the Smithsonian American Art Museum



OLLI members participated in another enjoyable trip to Washington, D.C. on November 17th. Our guided tour of the newly reopened and renovated American Art Museum was led by two very knowledgeable and informative docents. We had time to visit The Portrait Gallery and revisit some of the American Art collection before and after our tour. We were fortunate to view the sculptures of Isamu Noguchi, photographic portraits of Harlem Heroes such as Ella Fitzgerald, Ossie Davis, Bessie Smith, "Bojangles" Robinson, to name a few, and an Exhibit of Direct Carvings. You could see the veins in the stone carvings and the knots in the wooden ones. There is much to see at this museum so hopefully we will return in the near future.

Submitted by Joan Sciorra, Travel Co-Chair

Photo by Wayne Kirklin

REP Theater Delivers First-Class Production

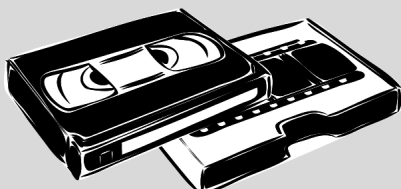
On Sunday, December 4, forty-four Osher members and friends traveled to the University of Delaware in Newark to see Bruce Norris's Pulitzer winning play, Clybourne Park. Produced and acted by the Resident Ensemble Players, (REP) this thought-provoking play makes the audience look at the issues of integrating all white neighborhoods as well as the problems caused by gentrification. The professional actors who make up the REP have again delivered a Broadway quality play. As one attendee said, "What a great way to spend a day: I didn't have to drive to Newark, I saw a first-class production, and I was home in time to have dinner in Lewes. I love it when I can have dinner and a show!"

Submitted by Mary Folan, Travel Co-Chair



Videotapes Available

We have a problem with outmoded technology on the shelves. The library has over a hundred videotapes, and none of them have been checked out for years. Therefore I am placing them on the empty shelves adjacent to the biographies. If anyone has a working videotape player and would like to take them, please do so. If you leave the sign out card in the orange box on the file cabinet, I will be able to remove the titles from the computer and the shelf list.



Submitted by: Ruth Barnett, Librarian

Osher Trips to Opera Delaware's 2017 Spring Opera Festival

Sunday, April 30, 2 pm — Cinderella (La Cenerentola)

Sunday, May 7, 2 pm — Semiramide

Opera Delaware's Spring Festival will celebrate the 225th anniversary of the birth of Gioachino Rossini. Ticket sales are running ahead of last year's box office numbers at this time, demonstrating that interest in the company's offerings is growing after last spring's successful festival. Good seats are still available. Tickets range from \$29 to \$99 and are available for purchase at www.operade.org or by calling 302-442-7807. Osher travelers are eligible for a 15% discount valid until March 1, 2017.

To reserve a seat on the coach register online at www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes (Course **#TR 106 and #TR107**) or call the office 302-645-4111. Payment in full is due February 15, 2017.



Composed 200 years ago, Rossini's setting of Cinderella (La Cenerentola) has stood the test of time. Glass slippers are replaced with bracelets in this captivating opera. While there's no fairy godmother in Rossini's story, there's still a healthy dose of step-sisterly mischief that ends in a happily ever after. Pennsylvania native Megan Marino sings the title role. Her recent appearances include the Metropolitan Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, San Francisco Opera, and Santa Fe opera. Minnesota native Jack Swanson sings the role of Prince Ramiro. He is quickly becoming one of the most sought after young tenors in the opera world. His distinctive high lyric voice is known for singing the acrobatic arias of Rossini and the legato melodies of Donizetti.



Semiramide is based on Voltaire's tragedy, Semiramis. Written in 1823, Rossini's final Italian opera is about a power-hungry Babylonian Queen who murdered her husband. This rarely-performed tour de force is a sumptuous masterpiece, perfectly suited to the intimacy and extraordinary acoustics of The Grand Opera House. Susannah Biller stars in the title role. She has been praised for her incandescent, exquisitely supple soprano and her light, sweet lyric voice and coloratura agility. Both operas will be sung in Italian with English supertitles.

Submitted by Dolores Fiegel & Joan Sciorra Co-Chairs



Inclement Weather Policy

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

Check for information on closings at the following:

Phone: 302-645-4111 (recorded message)
 Web: www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes
 TV: WBOC or www.wbc.com, weather closings

Happy
Holidays!

Art Department New Classes — Result of Student Suggestions

The art department has had a great fall semester with the addition of new "Introduction to Drawing" and an "Adult Coloring" classes. There will be a new "Beginning Oil Class" in the spring semester along with another "Basic Drawing" class. These classes are the result of suggestions from our students... so keep the comments and ideas coming.



Remember, once you study art, the sky will never look the same to you. We are lucky to have some of the best sunsets in the world here in Lewes.

Submitted by Peter Feeney, Art Department Chair

Over 80 New Classes for Spring 2017

Whether you want to expand your mind, your creative ability or your social network, the spring session at OLLI offers over 80 courses that will give you many opportunities to fill those needs.

I'm looking forward to so many of the exciting new spring classes; so many courses and not enough hours in a day or days in a week to attend all the classes that spark my interest. Every class is an opportunity to learn something new and reconnect with old friends or meet new ones.

We hope you will join us. Priority registration closes on January 12, 2017. In the spirit of the holidays, give the gift of experiences that will enrich lives by introducing a friend or neighbor to OLLI, our treasure here in Lewes and Ocean View. Also consider sharing your enthusiasm as an instructor. No teaching experience needed. Remember, look for the catalog and registration information on our web site at www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes. See you in January.

Jane McGann, Academic Affairs Co-Chair

Partial Scholarships Available for Spring

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 Spring 2017. This spring the partial scholarship is \$87.50, one half the total tuition of \$175.00. The application form for this scholarship is included in the Spring 2017 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



Fall Luncheon — “One of the Best!”

Salty Brine's Seaside Chat

AHOY, Osher shipmates! The OLLI Queen crew members provided valet umbrella service to keep the 180 plus members and guests dry as they began boarding about 0900 for the sail down to Rehoboth Beach. The OLLI Queen took in the gangway, weighed anchor, and hoisted the sails on an above norm morning temp of 58°, foggy, drizzle, overcast skies, winds out of the SSW at about 4 knots giving us not too choppy seas as we sailed our way to The OLLI Holiday/Instructor' Recognition Luncheon on Wednesday, November 30. We dropped anchor at the Sands Hotel at the Boardwalk and Baltimore Avenue, lowered the gangway, and members and guests disembarked – some it 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; the ballroom had a decorated Christmas tree in one far corner...we did the winner of the poinsettia at each table by placing a shiny copper penny under a cup/saucer... the lucky winner got to take home the lovely poinsettia and a shiny copper penny...we also had poinsettias on the registration table and in the arts and crafts room; those poinsettias were given to OLLI volunteer members and staff; speaking of arts and crafts as usual there was a steady 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...! It was overheard by someone saying “who made this beautiful sweater,” another piece of art that got a lot of comments was the beautiful quilt on a quilt hanger in the far corner of the room.



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; at about the same time members started to belly up (no pun intended) to the bar to begin the making of a festive and fun-filled day...onto the main event the OLLI Downs Holiday Luncheon Cup, a \$25 claiming race – now entering the starting gates; and they're off – Potato Curry Stew breaks to an early lead with Chicken Bianco Vino and Spiced Crust Salmon just behind, on the first turn Potato Curry Stew is still in the lead, but Spice Crusted Salmon, ridden by Clams Casino, is making a move by swimming up on the outside, coming into the back stretch

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*Left-L-R :Renee Moy,
Bill Sharkey, Bernie
Fiegel, Anna Moshier*

*Right: Dolores Fiegel &
John Colman*



Clams breaks out the whip and Spice Crusted Salmon begins to swim away, in the meantime Chicken Bianco Vino pops a move on the rail and passes Potato Curry Stew as Spice Crusted Salmon crosses the finish 10 fins ahead of Chicken Bianco Vino and Potato Curry Stew fades to finish third...Chocolate Raspberry Cake and Fresh Fruit Cup brought up the rear...the odds at post time were Salmon at 2 to 1, Chicken at 5 to 1, Potato at 8 to 1, Chocolate Raspberry cake at 10 to 1, and 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; even better than the 2015, OLLI fall luncheon...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! Salty also gives a special tip of his hat to special friends, the twofigs (aka Bernie and Dolores Fiegel) who were both recognized for their 20 plus years of volunteering for the Academy, SDALL, and Osher...Bernie was presented a Certificate of Appreciation and Dolores a Proclamation, which read in part..."provider of structure to a "Why not?" guy; well done you two!!!

The Elder Moments under the direction of the incomparable Roo Brown were in good voices and entertained the 180 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 2017, catalog hopefully will be on its way to your mailbox; the beautiful cover was painted by an Osher art instructor Sonia Hunt. Many great and interesting courses for spring 2017, sign up early.

Remember to check the spring 2017, calendar on the inside, back cover for important events occurring at Lewes campus and at Ocean View Town Hall. See you in the hallways!



Look for us on our web site at www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes and join Salty and the gang for a fun-filled spring 2017, session; we'll be getting the OLLI Queen shipshape for the Orientation, Ocean View Town Hall, Wednesday, January 25, 2017, and the New Member/New Instructor Orientation on Thursday, January 26, 2017, at the Lewes campus...anchors aweigh!

Contributing writers – Cera Belum and Clams Casino...

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OLLI Instructors Make Learning Fun

Right: Kent Schoch teaching *Introduction to Songwriting*

Below: Joseph De Feo, M.D. instructor of *Basic Woodworking*



Photos by: John Lafferty & Lynn Kroesen



Above: Students work on projects in **Stained Glass Fundamentals**

Below: Pat Brown helps student in **iPAD Basics**



Above: Members have fun in Dean Hoover's class on **Martin Gardner's Mathematical Games**



OLLI Instructors Make Learning Fun



Left: Joan Ridolfi (Center front) and her **Walk and Talk** class

Below: **BeachCombing 101**, Tom Lord instructor



Above: Renee displays an arrangement by Rodney Lau, **Stained Glass** assistant instructor



Left: **Beginner/Refresher Bridge** taught by Katherine Boboshko & Eileen Zampini

Photos by John Lafferty, Joan Mansperger, Lynn Kroesen

Osher Around the State

Wilmington Participates in Study on Aging



The Osher Lifelong Institute in Wilmington partnered with the University of Pennsylvania in November to conduct a new research study titled “The Penn National Successful Aging Study”. The purpose of the study is to identify successful aging trajectories and examine factors related to successful aging among semi-retired or retired individuals who are members of Osher. We know a great deal about physical health as we age. Yet, we know less about psychosocial factors that may be modifiable targets for increasing the likelihood of successful aging. In this study, we examine factors that may be predictive of aging successfully including: resilience, adaptability, coping and problem solving. Zvi Gellis, PhD, director of the School of Social Policy and Practice’s Center for Mental Health & Aging at the University of Pennsylvania is conducting the Penn Aging study.

Book Sale Benefits Art & Music Programs

Osher Wilmington had our biggest, most successful book sale to date on October 31st – November 4th. Thanks to the many volunteers who donated, sorted, sold, and transported thousands of books; we were able to raise over \$8400! All proceeds from the BOOK SALE benefit the art and music programs at Osher Wilmington. We also welcomed our Art and Craft Show to our Lobby, November 7th – November 10th. We had over 10 artists and crafters who displayed their creations and a portion of their proceeds benefit the arts programs at Osher.



In Remembrance of



Evelyn L. Childress, 93, of Lewes, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016, at home among loving family. She was born Feb. 6, 1923, in Ontario, Oregon. Evelyn held an Oregon college degree. Late in World War II, she taught mathematics to servicemen in their

quest to find jobs as they returned home from the war. Her first husband, Harry Thurman, was an engineer who, in his spare time, developed as yet unavailable prosthetics for some of those wounded servicemen. Several years after his death, she married Bill Childress, owner of The Saxon Swan on Second Street in Lewes. A beacon of hard working farming stock, she was active in community

citizenship and Osher Lifelong Learning in Lewes. Evelyn is survived by two stepsons, grandchildren and great grandchildren and nephews and nieces.

Joyce Carolyn Burkhead

Joyce Burkhead, 69, of Frankford, Delaware, passed away on Sunday, November 13, 2016. Carolyn was born on January 11, 1947 in Baltimore, Maryland. She received her B.A. from Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, PA. Carolyn was a dedicated teacher and served for many years in the Howard County Maryland Public Schools. Carolyn is survived by her husband Terry, her brother, 3 nieces, seven great nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held December 3, 2016 at Christ Lutheran Church in Baltimore, MD.