



# The Tides...

Breaking News from  
Lifelong Learning



Winter 2017

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

## From the Chair



As Anna and I mentioned in our recent email, our lease renewal plans are up in the air. The School Board, in its November meeting, accepted Superintendent Fulton's recommendation to extend our lease, for one year, until June 2019. Since 2003, the year that we began renting space from the Cape Henlopen District, we have had five year leases, and that is what we proposed for this renewal.

The immediate cause of the problem stems from the major changes made to the Delaware state budget this past June to reduce a major budget deficit. One change was reduced state funding for the new school building for the Sussex Consortium, a county-wide program for autistic children that Cape administers. Specifically, funding for the pre-K portion of the building project was eliminated. Unless that funding is restored, the pre-K children will need to go somewhere. Since our building, the Fred Thomas Building, once housed the Consortium, using it to again serve that need is a real possibility.

Moreover, the relentless growth of the Cape student population is also an area of uncertainty in the equation. This growth is principally caused by the equally relentless growth in the senior population who are attracted to this area because of its charm, recreational opportunities and, not insignificantly, low taxes. We are already here and more will follow. With us comes a demand for housing, maintenance services for our homes and vehicles, grooming services for us and our pets, food stores, etc. Significantly, we older folk are prodigious consumers of medical and dental care, and regrettably, as we age, these needs increase. All of these needs represent employment opportunities for young people. These people not only see to our needs, but they also have children who need good schools.

Clearly, we have a lot to deal with. We need to be sure we make some judgments about the future: What is the likelihood that, through addressing funding and other issues, we can resume a long-term lease relationship with the Cape District? If not, what are our alternatives? Are there other long term leasing opportunities? Will we need to do substantial fund-raising to enable a construction program? What



## From the Chair Continued

about land acquisition or build -to- lease options? The more one stews about this, the more questions occur.

We have decided to establish a group to help us explore the issues and develop an action plan. Member Paul Collins, who has been involved in some similar enterprises, has generously agreed to lead this ad hoc effort. We have only known of this problem for a matter of weeks but are wasting no time coming to grips with it. We will keep you all informed as we go along, certainly via the "Tides" and with email blasts as necessary.

### *Bice*

NOTE: Paul Collins would like to include someone with commercial real estate experience on the committee. The person need not be currently working. It is the knowledge and skills in that field that can be used in evaluating options that are important. Please contact Paul at [pcollins155@gmail.com](mailto:pcollins155@gmail.com)

### 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.



## Calendar of Events

Dec 25 - Jan 1 — Winter Break— Office closed

Jan 3 & 4 — Walk-in Registration/Open House, Lewes, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Jan 11 — Priority Registration Deadline

Jan 15 — Martin Luther King holiday, office closed

Jan 16 — New Member/Faculty Orientation, Lewes, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Jan 17 — New Member/Faculty Orientation, Ocean View, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Jan 22 — First day of classes

Jan 31 — Happy Hour at Irish Eyes Pub, Lewes, 3 - 7 p.m.

Feb 15 — Happy Hour, Big Fish Grill, Ocean View, 4 - 6 p.m.

Feb 19 — Presidents Day, No classes

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 16 — Luncheon, Atlantic Sands, Rehoboth

## Meet the Instructors at Walk-in Registration

In the hustle and bustle of parties and entertaining out-of-town guests, let's not forget to take advantage of early registration for the Spring Semester at OLLI. There will be Walk-in Registration in Lewes on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> where instructors will give a 10 minute synopsis of their course and give students an opportunity to meet the instructors and ask questions. See the schedule below. The catalog with new and exciting course offerings is available on-line and your printed

copy of the catalog will be delivered shortly. So plan on coming to the Walk-in registration and sign up for spring semester early.

We would like to thank the wonderful volunteer teachers! Without them we would not have all of the engaging courses offered this semester.

*Submitted by Jane McGann,  
Academic Affairs*

Wednesday, January 03, 2018		
Time	Instructor	Course
10-10:15	Megan Sekscinski	Elder Law
10:15-10:30	Gil Kauffman	Amazing Aircraft
10:30-10:45	Kathleen McGlade	Demystifying Mental Health Care
10:45-11:00	Mussoff/Sharkey	Political Satire
11:00-11:15	Dorothy Greet	What the Health
11:15-11:30	S Boboshko/L Stanford	Great Decisions
11:30-11:45	Louise Archdeacon	Humanism in Films
11:45-12:00	Peter Harrigan	The News: A Brief History
12:00-12:15	David Bradt	Short Story
12:15-12:30	David Bradt	Snow White
12:30-12:45	Richard Ward	French and Indian War
12:45-1:00	Paul Collins	Mystery Writer
Thursday, January 04, 2018		
Time	Instructor	Course
10-10:15	Mary Boyd	Constitutional Law
10:15-10:30	Ralph Proto	The Great War - Part II
10:30-10:45	Ray Glick	Rails Across the Continent
10:45-11:00	Ptery Iris	Gardening w/Native Plants
11:00-11:15	Francis Rode	The Information Age
11:15-11:30	Kathy Henn	Mah Jongg for Beginners
11:30-11:45	Kathy Henn	Moral Thought-Popular Films
11:45-12:00	Diana Pollisino	Tech. Device Assistance
12:00-12:15		
12:15-12:30		
12:30-12:45		
12:45-1:00		

**Remember  
Priority Registration  
Deadline is Thursday,  
January 11, 2018**



**Web Address:**

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

## OLLI Volunteers at 2017 55+ EXPO



*Ptery Iris (far left) at OLLI Booth*

Thanks to all OLLI volunteers who introduced enthusiastic visitors from all parts of Sussex County to the University of Delaware's statewide OLLI programs at the 55+ EXPO held at Cape Henlopen High School on Saturday, October 21. "We were the busiest booth" reported one of the volunteers. A note of appreciation to staff member, John Lafferty, who transported the equipment and materials to and from the site and assisted with set-up and break down.



*Valerie Reber (right) introduces visitor to OLLI catalog*

Volunteers: Maud Banks, Harry Banks, Dorothy Danegger, Carol DeCatur, Bernie Fiegel, Ptery Iris, Stan Levenson, Valerie Reber, Ann Reese, Ron Reese, Karen Schaub

Submitted by Dolores Fiegel,  
Community Relations

## OLLI Volunteers at Historical Society House Tour

The Lewes Historical Society Christmas House Tour was held December 2, 2017. A thank you to the 15 OLLI volunteers who welcomed visitors to the home of Stephanie and Barry Boright on Pilottown Road. This is the society's 44<sup>th</sup> house tour and the third year OLLI has provided volunteers for one of the houses.

**Volunteers:** Maureen Chu, Carol DeCatur, Bernie Fiegel, Joan Sciorra, Kathy Henn, Jane McGann, Bill Moody, Carole Moody, Ann Lyn Martin, Bill Martin, Melanie Strub, Joanna Barbati, Audrey McMeekin, Karen Schaub, Connie Benko

Submitted by Dolores Fiegel,  
Community Relations

Photos by Ann Lyn Martin & Karen Schaub

*L-R: Home owners Stephanie & Barry Boright, with Carol & Bill Moody*



*Docent Kathy Henn in Boright home*

## OLLI OLLI In Free

### Learning From Others!

**I**sn't it funny how whenever we get together as a group these days, whether small or big, we end up talking about our body parts? This hurts, that hurts, I had this removed in 1998, I had that removed in 2007.

I used to belong to the Red Hat Society, and my local Virginia chapter was called "Hell's Belles." My former Queen Mother used to call conversations with complaints "organ recitals," and we were not allowed to have them at our meetings.

But I enjoy these chats we have. I always hear about someone else who is worse off than I am, and it makes me feel pretty lucky. And sometimes listening to others' coping mechanisms can actually help you live with your problems in a safer and more tolerable way.

Take me, for example. I fell on October 18<sup>th</sup> and broke my tibia bone about an inch above my left ankle. Of course it was the kind of break that needed to be non-weight bearing. I also have Multiple Sclerosis, and the break was on my bad side. Balance is an issue for MS folks, yet I had to teach myself to balance on one leg. Being a woman, I also had to figure out a way to pee and

poop without falling in the bathroom.

I remembered a conversation I had with one of my Red Hat lady friends in the car on the way to a meeting. She said that while she was recovering from a broken hip, she would throw a hand towel on the bathroom floor, step on it, and twist on her good leg to the brink of the toilet. I want you to know that it works! I watusi over to the pot hanging on to the sink, and I haven't missed yet.

Grandchildren, gardening, and the restaurants that have the best off-season deals are the way to go sometimes, but "organ recitals" are cathartic, informative, and the topic of choice no matter what the rules are in your circle of friends.

One more thing: when my baby sister was under the age of seven, she used to complete the Lord's Prayer like this..."but deliver us from England. Amen."

*Submitted by Patty Perreault Bennett*



### 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.

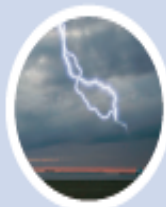
Ocean View programs follow Indian River School District's announcements, closing when those schools are closed and opening on time when those schools have a delayed opening.

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



### T'ai Chi Chih Lunch Enthusiasts

**T'ai Chi Chih enthusiasts meet  
Tuesdays from 12:30–1 p.m.  
in the Fred Thomas Building  
throughout the year.  
Open to all members**

## Inland Bays Class Tours James Farm



The Delaware Inland Bays contain salt marshes, submerged aquatic vegetation and winding creeks, which support an abundance of fish and birds. Susan Ball, chair of the Citizens Advisory Board, vice chair of the board at the Center for the Inland Bays and instructor **What Lies Beneath Our Inland Bays**, lead the class on a field trip to the James Farm Ecological Preserve in Ocean View. The class learned about hands-on educa-

tional programs for local students and youth organizations, how they are using the shells of native hard clams and oysters in environmental restoration projects to clean water, stabilize shorelines, and reintroduce oyster reefs in the Inland bays. The class was also shown a new master plan for the James Farm and how the center is experimenting with living shorelines in response to sea level rise.

*Right: Instructor, Susan Ball, **What Lies Beneath our Inland Bays**,*

*Left: Bob Collins, Manager of James Farm, explains oyster project*

*Photos by Lynn Kroesen*



## Art Show At Rehoboth Library, A Tremendous Success



We are happy to announce that the joint OLLI - VIA - Rehoboth Library student art show was a tremendous success. Opening night, November 29 was host to numerous guests. The paintings along with the light refreshments pleased all. The show continues at 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday through the end of December.

The main comments from the guests were, "We didn't know that there was such talent hidden among our student population."

A round of applause goes out to Maria Isola, Faith Duncan and the staff of the Rehoboth Library. May this be the first of many shows.

*Submitted by Peter Feeney*

*Photo by Sharon Culley*

## Instructors Honored at Luncheon



**Joan Ridolfi** has been teaching “Walk and Talk” at Lifelong Learning in Lewes (OLLI) since 1996 and has planned and led the walks for over 30 semesters. Including setting up the various routes, pre-walking the route to check conditions and for the presence of obstacles and guiding the class on the walk, she figured she has walked over 7,500 miles. Her interests in nature, outdoor activities and history also had her guiding walks of the area for Road Scholar at Delaware Technical College. She has worked as a docent at the Nanticoke Indian Museum and has worked as a volunteer with a medical team on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona.



**Carmela Coleman** began working with clay through Osher in 1996 by co-teaching a pottery workshop for OLLI with Amie Sloan at the Rehoboth Art League. She has continued to teach at OLLI for over 20 semesters. Carmela has a home studio and gallery and exhibits her work locally.

*Photos by John Lafferty*

## Join Us For Happy Hour!

Do you want to get to know some of the other people in your classes? Meet new friends and renew old friendships. Come to the Happy Hour at Irish Eyes Pub & Restaurant on the Lewes Canal, 213 Anglers Rd, Lewes, DE. on Wednesday, January 31, 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 Thursday, February 15 and Thursday, March 15 at 4 to 6 p.m. There will be a Cash Bar.



*Submitted by Connie Benko, Social Chair*

### Many Social Activities Available to OLLI Members

The Social Committee has been very busy this fall planning events for OLLI members. The **Fall Luncheon** at the Atlantic Sands Hotel in Rehoboth Beach on November 16<sup>th</sup> was enjoyed by all. Members of the Traditional Music Slow Jam class under the direction of Oliver Hansen entertained us before the luncheon, and the Elder Moments directed by Roo Brown performed to the delight of all after the luncheon. Thank you to all who shared their arts and crafts in the displays in the Sand-piper Room.



**Walk-In Registration** for the spring semester will be January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in Lewes from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Instructors will be presenting a sampler of their courses for new and returning students. See page 3 for the schedule of the presentations. Come and bring a friend who has not been involved at OLLI. Light refreshments will be served.

*Submitted by Connie Benko, Social Chair*



### Salty Brine's Seaside Chat

AHOY, Osher shipmates! Salty is on assignment, and takes this opportunity to wish all his loyal followers a safe and joyous holiday season, Merry Christmas, and a Happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year...

Salty's column will resume with the next issue of "The Tides."





# Fall Luncheon Enjoyed By All



Photos by John Lafferty, Lynn Kroesen & Jay Wheeler



### Special Speaker Wednesdays

12:30–1:15 p.m.

Join us on Wednesdays to listen to and interact with interesting speakers who discuss a wide array of topics. 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!  
(Schedule is subject to change.)

#### January 31

Jackie Sullivan, Executive Director, Greater Lewes Community Village.  
Introduction to the Village's Services in Sussex County

#### February 7

Sal Seeley, Camp Rehoboth  
Founding of Camp Rehoboth and It's Outreach to the Diverse Communities of Southern Delaware

#### February 14

Phil Wescott  
Understanding and Capitalizing on American Health Policy

#### February 21

Estelle Parker-Selby  
Diversity Issues in the Lewes-Rehoboth Beach Area

#### February 28

Osher Writers Group  
Panel discussion about the Osher writing organization. Panel members include Phil Fretz, Bill and Jill Hicks, John McClenahan 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

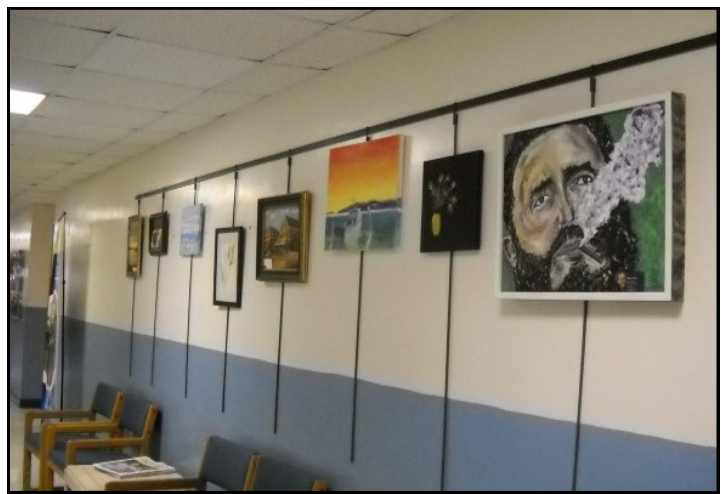
Barbara Vaughan  
Memories



## Fall Semester Learning For Fun



Learning to play **Bridge** continues to be popular.



As you attend classes, please wander around the halls and notice the great art work now hanging in the main hall and in the glass display case. We are blessed with great talent. Watch out for the future Rembrandt.



Left: Trudie Thompson, **Foreign Service Potpourri**, models a burqa



Bottom left: Peter Strub (orange shirt) **Golfing for Seniors**

Center: Joan Mansperger from MERR guest speaker at **Beachcombing 101**

Below: Len Bowman & Jena Hom display **Beachcombing** 'finds'.



Photos by Lynn Kroesen & Jay Wheeler



## In Remembrance of .....



**Pauline (Polly) Carol T. Joyce Magargal**, age 80, of Lewes, DE, passed away peacefully in her home on Friday, October 13, 2017. She was born January 2, 1937 in Wilmington, DE. Polly graduated from St. Francis Hospital in

Wilmington and became a registered nurse in 1957. Her passion for education and learning spanned decades, earning her both a B.S. in Nursing from the University of Delaware in 1979 and an M.S. in Nursing from Widener University in 1984. Her remarkable 60-year nursing career brought her to Wilmington's St. Francis Hospital, Medical Center of Delaware, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Delaware,

Newark's Christiana Care VNA, and Cape Henlopen School District.

Outside of her career as a nurse, Polly was a contributor to medical journals, an avid athlete and outdoors enthusiast, community activist, and talented writer. An especially talented poet, she participated regularly in local writers' guilds, poetry readings and workshops. Her love of animals, nature and organic gardening grew from her time living on their Landenberg, PA farm, which she and her late husband Howard renovated with their family in 1978, taking a piece of history and making it their own.

Polly is survived by two sons, a daughter and eight grandchildren. A memorial service was held Wednesday, October 18, 2017.

# Happy Holidays



**See you this Spring Semester**