



ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Academy of Lifelong Learning
University of Delaware

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CALLAHAN LECTURE – WINSTON CHURCHILL

University of Delaware Professor Emeritus Raymond Callahan will be lecturing on Friday, October 13, at 1 p.m. in Arsht Hall. This is the third annual Callahan Lecture, entitled "Why We Remember Winston Churchill." This lecture is free and open to the public; so invite your friends. Professor Callahan is greatly appreciated for his outstanding lectures. He is the author of "Churchill: Retreat from Empire." Come for a rewarding experience and learn more about Winston Churchill on October 13.

ACADEMY BOOK SALE NOV. 6, 8, 9, 10 IN LOBBY

Please donate books to the sale.



In addition to books we also welcome videos, tapes, computer programs and puzzles.



Bring your donations to the student service building located in the small white building across from the main entrance to Arsht Hall. Drop off times are 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following days:

Mon., Oct. 23 through Thurs., Oct. 26

Mon., Oct. 30 through Thurs., Nov. 2.

Do not leave books unless an Academy member is present to receive them. Do not leave books unattended by the door.

ACADEMY- P.T.T.P. MATINÉE BUS TRIP

The Class of 2007 of the Professional Theatre Training Program (P.T.T.P.) at UD is gearing up for the third and final year of its Master of Fine Arts in Theater course. There will be twelve plays in repertory through May 2007 in three different venues: Hartshorn Hall, and the Thompson and Studio Theaters in the new Center For the Arts (CFA) on Orchard Rd.

This fall we are in for a special treat. Our special matinée bus trip will be to see "Cyrano de Bergerac" by Edmond Rostand, presented in the new 450 seat Thompson Theater. Steve Tague, a P.T.T.P. alumnus, director, and special performer on the faculty of P.T.T.P., will play Cyrano. His interpretation of the role of the freakishly long-nosed poet, swordsman, unrequited lover of Roxanne will be a highlight of the season.

The performance will be on Saturday, Nov 4 2006 at 2 p.m. A bus will leave from the upper Academy parking lot at 1 p.m. and return about 5 p.m. For those preferring to drive, parking is available in the new parking garage with entrances on Amstel Rd. and Elkton Rd. The garage is connected to the CFA by a short covered arcade surrounded by the beautiful new gardens. Costs are \$7 for the bus trip and \$8 for the performance.

A new feature for P.T.T.P. is that performances in the Thompson Theater are on a reserved seat basis. Tickets will go on sale in the Academy lobby at noon on Monday, October 9. We have reserved fifty seats for the performance. First come, first served.

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Schedule for the *Academy Newsletter*

<u>Submittal deadline</u>	<u>Issue date</u>
Mon., Oct. 23	Mon., Nov. 13
Mon., Jan. 10, 2007	Mon., Feb. 5

Submit articles to rehrlich@udel.edu, or place in the Newsletter mail slot on the rear wall in the Reception Area.

GOLD MEDAL IN CHINA

No. The Olympics have not been held yet. But, in late August, Roger Thomson, Academy instructor, won a gold medal at the Dong-Yue International Tai-Chi Competition in Xian, China. Roger earned his senior (55 and over) medal in the complicated 42-sword form. He was also a member of a group of four that won a silver cup.

Roger first learned Tai-Chi at the Academy as a student of Betty Thernal. He has studied with Master Kevin Sun, who teaches at UD and has his own school in Wilmington. He and Betty currently co-teach two Tai-Chi classes.

In China, Roger enjoyed practicing mornings with others in the parks. At the competition he felt he had put on a good performance but did not know he had won. He added that it was great competing in the country where the art had originated.

ART SHOW

The show and sale of Academy members' art in Room 105 is continuing through October 13.

WANTED--A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN

Each Spring, Academy Council gains five new members as five other members' terms expire. Academy Bylaws provide that a Nominating Committee is to submit five or more names for consideration for those openings. If more than five names are submitted by that committee, or if additional nominations are made at large by a petition signed by at least 25 Academy members, there will be an election by Academy members. If only five names are submitted, those five will be the new Council members.

This Fall, the Nominating Committee is interested in any names you would like it to consider in its deliberations. If you have any suggestions, please contact a committee member by Oct. 17, 2006. The Committee members are: Pete Wellington, Chair, Peggy DeCoursey, Mary Ann Dowd, Bob Ehrlich, Sig Ettinger, Jerry Hapka, Bobbette Mason, Nan Norling, Yvette Rudnitzky, and Linda Osoinach.

HELP WANTED - HUMOR IN AMERICA

I am planning to give a course on Humor in America next Fall and have been collecting records, audiotapes and videos on humor. I plan to restrict the scope of the course from early 20th Century to around 1965. Hopefully I shall have sufficient material to go from Vaudeville to Radio to TV. If you have memorabilia that you could share I would like to borrow it to use in the course. Please contact Mort Goldberg at 302-478-6834.

FALL PERFORMING ARTS BUS TRIPS

The UD Division of Professional and Continuing Studies offers bus trips to the Metropolitan Opera (**Idomeneo** Sat. Matinée, Dec. 9) and the Philadelphia Orchestra (**Mahler's Fourth Symphony** Tues., Nov. 28.) The bus departs from Clayton Hall in Newark first, then picks up passengers at the Wilmington Campus.

For more information, including a detailed description of tickets and seating, please call 302/831-3063, e-mail studytrips@udel.edu, or visit www.continuingstudies.udel.edu/culture.

SPECIAL EVENTS WEDNESDAYS PROGRAM NOTES

Detailed notes for later programs will appear in the next Newsletter.

October 11: Dr. Gary Wray “Delaware in World War II”

Dr. Wray examines Delaware's involvement in World War II, discussing the lookout towers at Fort Miles, the surrender of a German U-boat, German prisoners in Delaware, Delaware heroes, and the contribution of Delaware's industries to the war effort. There are many surprises.

October 18: Jack Markell, DE State Treasurer – Voter Issues, Protecting Your Nest Egg, AARP Senior Tool Kit, and Q & A

Jack Markell will update us as to financial issues relating to the November election and protecting your nest egg. Jack will also describe the new AARP Senior Tool Kit - each attendee will receive one. There will be time for a Question and Answer session. Please place your questions in the Special Events mailbox behind the Reception Desk. We will use these questions as well as take questions from the floor.

October 25: One-on-One: Interviews with Interesting People – Dr. Wayne Martz and Marilyn Haas

Dr. Wayne Martz, former leader of the Medical Lectures course, and Marilyn Haas, director of the Academy's chorus, will be interviewed in these One-on-One conversations. As an example of a focused life, Marilyn has succeeded in following her passion for music for many years, even through some difficult periods. It is interesting how she continues to this day to focus on her passion. Wayne's is a sequence of purposeful moves and events seemingly tied together by a consistent interest in all things medical. Wayne's roaming interests brought him outside of the usual practice role, and into a variety of activities that defy definition of routine or focus. These two lives make for very interesting conversations.

November 1: Dr. Julia Ellis – Seagulls and Their Secret Lives

Dr. Julia Ellis comes to us from Shoal's Marine Laboratory at Cornell University. In New England, thousands of seagulls currently breed on hundreds of offshore islands. Their significant impact on the coastal environment, the potential for serious drinking water contamination, and seagull interaction with migratory birds carrying H5N1 influenza virus is currently of much concern. Dr. Ellis is an ecologist with an expertise in the 'secret' lives of seagulls.

November 8: John Taylor – Election Analysis & DE Public Policy Institute with Q & A

John Taylor was of the News Journal Editorial Page Editor and can currently be seen Mondays on WHYH Political Perspective. John is Sr. Vice President and Executive Director of the DE Public Policy Institute. He will give us his analysis of the November 7 elections and educate us as to the role of the Institute as well as answer your questions. Please turn in questions to the Special Events mailbox behind the Reception Desk. We will use these as well as take questions from the floor.

November 15: Academy Follies: A Musical Review on Aging – Two Shows at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

The Academy Follies is back by popular demand! If you have an 11:30 a.m. class, please attend class and go to the 12:45 p.m. performance. All others are asked to attend the 11:30 a.m. performance. The Academy Follies, a musical review featuring Academy members, was created for the 25th anniversary of the Academy. The Follies includes lyrics and stage direction by Ray Bock, music written and arranged by Henry Gass, vocal direction by Lu Soukup, instrumental backup by Henry Gass and the “Memories” quartet, production by Gerry Ross, and visual effects by Bill Pearson and Joe Horwitz. This is a Follies you do not want to miss. A dozen tunes such as Breakfast Blues, Look At Me Now, What Are We Gonna Eat Tonight, and The Battle Hymn of the Academy, will keep you laughing as this musical review reminds us of the ups and downs of aging!

Lyn Newsom
Chair, Special Events Wednesdays



Schedule of Events



SPECIAL EVENTS WEDNESDAYS 12:45 TO 1:45 P.M. IN ROOM 105

Detailed notes on the programs through November 15 may be found on page 3.

- 10/11 Dr. Gary Wray: **DE in World War II**
- 10/18 Jack Markell, DE State Treasurer: **Voter Issues & Protecting Your Nest Egg**
- 10/25 **One on One: Interviews with Interesting People**
- 11/1 Dr. Julia Ellis: **Seagulls and Their Lives**
- 11/8 John Taylor: **Election Results and DE Public Policy Institute**
- 11/15 **Academy Follies: A Musical Review of Aging**
- 11/29 Academy Band: **Fall Concert**
- 12/6 Academy Chorus: **Fall Concert**

OCTOBER SOCIAL HOUR

Mon., Oct. 16, 1:45 p.m. Meet with Council and Committee Chairs

ALL in Fun

by Bolt

Watch out for trombone players at the cookie tables. They'll use their cases to block others from the cookies. Look for the clarinet players - their cases are much smaller - you can get past them!



- Fri., Oct. 13 – Chanticleer Gardens
- Sat., Oct. 14 – Harrisburg/ PA Capitol/Hershey
- Fri., Oct. 20 – Meadowbrook Gardens/Estate
- Sat., Oct. 21 – Washington, DC/Roosevelt Memorial/Smithsonian
- Sat., Oct. 28 – Washington/National Gallery
- Sun., Nov. 12 – Radio City Music Hall
- Sat., Dec. 2 - Washington/Shakespeare
- Sun., Jan. 21 – Baltimore/Meyerhoff Theatre
- Sun., Jan. 21 to Mon., Jan. 29, 2007 – Mexico's Copper Canyon
- Fri., March 30 to Sat., March 31 – Washington, DC "Meet John Doe"
- Fri., April 13 – Annapolis/US Naval Academy
- Wed., April 25 – Philadelphia, U of PA Museum/ Amarna exhibit – King Tut
- Sun., June 3 to Sun., June 10 – Bermuda from Philadelphia (Norwegian Cruise Line)

For more information, visit the Travel Desk in the lobby, Monday through Thursday, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

ACADEMY CALENDAR

2006

- Tues., Nov 7.....Elections, Academy CLOSED
- Thurs., Fri., Nov.23-24..... Thanksgiving Academy CLOSED
- Fri., Dec. 8..... Fall Semester ends

2007

- Tues., Jan. 2-Wed., Jan. 10..... Spring Registration
- Tues., Jan. 9..... Open House
- Mon., Feb. 5 Spring Semester begins
- Mon., March 26- Fri., March 30 . Spring Break
NO CLASSES
- Fri., May 11..... Spring Semester ends
- Mon.-Fri., June 18-22..... Summer Lectures
- Tues.-Thu., July 10-Aug. 2.. Summer Courses

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