

LIFELONG LEARNING NEWS

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute November 15, 2010 at University of Delaware in Wilmington

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

On October 1, UD Lifelong Learning held a great celebration of thirty years of offering wonderful learning opportunities for our members. The day was sold out! That meant that over 1,800 of us were not able to be present. This note shares the events of the day with everyone.

The morning was filled with demonstration classes. Music filled Arsht Hall from the Concert Band, Chamber Choir, Woodwind Quintet, Lamplighters, and Flute Group. An art show filled room 105 and the hallway, posters of charter members adorned the south wall of the Lobby, and a new poster honoring instructors for their many semesters of dedication was revealed. A plaque listing all Council chairs for thirty years was displayed; a silent auction of 54 donations shared the Lobby with videos of members and an orientation to Lifelong Learning. Videos of the concert band were playing in the Reading Room.

At 11:30 a cash bar opened and hors d'oeuvres were provided in the Lobby. At 12:30 the trumpet call invited all to the luncheon in rooms 105 and 108/109. Many events were packed into the time while we ate together. First the planning committee was thanked for excellent and cooperative work. Then:

Prizes were awarded for the best three poems celebrating UD Lifelong Learning.

A song in honor of the Academy was played and sung by all.

Past and present council members, instructors and volunteers were recognized.

Many members who successfully recruited new members were rewarded in a drawing.

Instructors and courses were recognized for "Academy Awards."

Silent auction winners were announced. Jim Weiher was presented with Federal Republic of Germany Friendship Award.

Bob Faatz

ALLSTEL

The intrepid ALLSTEL Committee is moving forward with plans for the 2011 ALLSTEL Program, an off-campus, four-day, three-night summer enrichment program in a resort setting. The dates for 2011 are Tuesday, May 31 through Friday, June 3. The place: the Rehoboth Brighton Suites Hotel, located one block off the beach, and one block from Rehoboth Avenue, in the heart of town.

The package includes lodging in suites of two rooms with king size or double beds, living room and dining area with wet bar, microwave and refrigerator plus two TV sets, spacious bath, etc., etc. Three full-menu breakfasts and three catered dinners are also included. Facilities include a rooftop sun deck, an indoor swimming pool, and beach equipment

There are lectures on a wide range of topics of interest to all: art, history, politics, finances, science, and health care, plus a musical performance, a trip to a local place of interest, and time for the Boardwalk, the beach, discount shopping, and getting to know fellow UDLLL students in a sunny, relaxing setting.

As in any offering, an educated consumer is our best customer. Talk to UDLLL members who have attended and get their feedback. We hope that you will make plans to join us. We will have flyers available after Thanksgiving break listing program and cost details and will begin signups at spring registration. We know that there are many things competing for your time and money in the summer, but we feel that our long history of sold-out sessions says that ALLSTEL is the place to be during the first week of June! By the way, you may notice a new name at the bottom of this article. After thirteen years, Chuck Hober is stepping down as Committee Chair. We will miss his "The Lockhorns" cartoons and his pre-lecture jokes and we thank him for his years of dedicated effort.

> Irv Engelson Chair, ALLSTEL

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JUNE LECTURE SERIES

The 2011 June Lecture series (the fifteenth) will be held Monday, June 13 through Friday, June 17 in Arsht Hall. The first lecture will begin at 9:15 a.m. followed by a second lecture at 11 a.m. daily. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. with morning refreshments on Monday through Friday. The registration fee remains at \$50. A list of speakers will be available at registration for the 2011 spring semester.

So that there will be a 16th and more June Lecture Series, please consider joining the JLS team and stepping up to leadership on the committee. If you have an interest, please leave your name with Ellen Saienni in the Office. We will be in touch with you. We are seeking a chair for 2012 and future years. Thank you,

JoAnne Woodward June Lecture Series Chair

NAMETAGS

Please remember to wear your nametag at all times while on campus. If you do not have an updated Osher Lifelong Learning Institute name tag please stop at the Reception Desk. Nametags serve several purposes:

- 1. They facilitate getting to know each other. We don't all have perfect memories.
- 2. In case of emergency we know who you are and can make the appropriate contacts.
- 3. They tell us that you are a member. This is for the security of everyone.

FRIENDSHIP AWARD

On October 1, 2010, at the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the University of Delaware's Academy of Lifelong Learning, James F. Weiher received the Federal Republic of Germany Friendship Award. Honorary Consul Barbara Afanassiev made the presentation. The Friendship Award is given by the German Ambassador, Dr. Klaus Scharioth, to recognize outstanding Americans who in their respective fields of academia, politics, media, culture and other areas, have had an impact in fostering positive German-American relations.



50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE KENNEDY - NIXON DEBATES 1960 — 2010

Carl Schnee, a UD Lifelong Learning instructor and former US Attorney for Delaware, was chosen to moderate a commemoration of these debates on November 10 at Woodlawn Library. The panel was Mr. Gilbert Sloan, President of ACLF; Mr. Joseph Ryan, Assistant Editor of The Dialog; Dr. Samuel Hoff, Political Science Professor at Delaware State U.; and Mr. John Sweeney, Editorial Page Editor of News Journal.

BOOK CLUB

Join with many of your fellow Lifelong
Learning students in lively discussions of
selected books each first Wednesday of the
month at 3:20 p.m. The book group will meet
on. December 1. Our book is *Comedy in a Minor Key* by Hans Keilson. All are welcome.
Mary Lew Bergman



Tues., Dec. 7 – Tues., Dec. 14 – Nashville/Opryland

Sat., Jan. 15 – Mon., Jan. 24, 2011 – Bahamas/Celebrity Cruises

Sat., March 26 - New York/**Spider-Man**

Sat., May 14 - Washington/Hillwood

Mon., June 6 – Thu. June 9 – Outerbanks

Sat., July 16 - Fri., July 29 -

Scandinavia/Russia cruise

For more information on these and other travel opportunities, visit the Travel Desk in the Lobby, Monday through Thursday, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

オオオオオオオオオオオオオオオオオオ COMPUTERS! COMPUTERS! SECURITY

Recent news stories about the computer viruses found in industrial equipment in Iran and other countries show that no one is immune. A computer virus infects the efficient operation of computers. If spyware is installed on your computer, your personal information is at risk.

Everyone who uses a computer needs to ensure that the antivirus protection systems are turned ON. To check their status, go to the Control Panel and then to Security Center (Windows XP and Vista) or Action Center (Windows 7) and make sure that:

- Antivirus is ON
- Firewall is ON
- Windows update is ON

If they are not ON, then your computer and personal information security is at risk. Turn them ON!

Kenneth Mulholland, Curriculum Committee

FEATURED VISUAL ARTIST

Olga van Dijk, UD Lifelong Learning instructor, is the featured visual artist at the Music School of Delaware, Wilmington Branch. Her music related paintings are on view through December 23.

DIFFERENT VIEWS: PAINTERS OF THE OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE

Paintings from 38 members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware's Wilmington campus are on exhibit at the Delaware Art Museum until Sun., Jan. 23, 2011.



Exhibition opening on November 5, photograph by Emily Reed

The paintings demonstrate traditional and experimental techniques, in oil, acrylic, watercolor and other media, and encompass a diverse range of themes, including landscape and seascape, the figure, domestic and architectural scenes, and nature. This is a iuried show in which artworks are selected from artists' submissions. Dr. Susanna Saunders, curator of the collections of the Main Line Health System and curator for the annual international Art Ability Exhibition, juried the exhibition. This exhibition is part of the Museum's Outlooks Exhibition Series, which encourages community involvement. The exhibition is in the Ammon Galleries on the second floor. Museum hours are Wednesday -Saturday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday: Noon - 4 p.m. Admission is free on Sundays, compliments of Astra Zeneca.



Brenda Ferris **The Waters Have Lifted Up Their Voice**, Acrylic on 300 lb. watercolor paper

AN ORAL HISTORY OF 30 YEARS OF LIFELONG LEARNING AT UD

In the Summer Session of 2009, our Oral History class was held to learn how to conduct oral histories. Oral history is one method of research used extensively during the latter part of the 20th Century to record stories about the lives of rank and file Americans. Studs Turkel of Chicago conducted interviews and wrote a number of books based on his oral interviews. Oral histories of the Women's Movement, and the war stories of folks serving in Vietnam. Korea, Afghanistan and Iraq have produced information about the lives of ordinary Americans whose stories were not the same as those of our generals and presidents. These stories have served to make our ordinary lives more meaningful. We matter as well as the generals and presidents.

Since we were about to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the UD Academy of Lifelong Learning, the members of the Oral History class volunteered to use the techniques learned in the course to conduct the oral histories of pioneer members. A questionnaire was prepared. We wanted to know how this place was in the beginning and how it is perceived now. We wanted to know how members' lives were influenced by their time at the Academy. Next, folks who had been here either from the very beginning or from the year following were identified and interviewed. These people were Margaret Hardin, Robert Carter, Glen Barbaras, Bert Spivey, Jeanne Kennedy who had been a staff member in the early years, Alice Dignam, and Martha Newlon. The students of that summer class who conducted interviews were Joe Skwish. Pat Pheris, Cynthia Kuespert, Christine Fraser, and instructor Deborah Haskell.

Lo and behold, Dr. Veronica Rempusheski (Dr. R), the Jeanne K. Buxbaum Chair of Nursing Science at UD, was about to teach oral history for an undergraduate class of nursing students. Ruth Flexman put her in touch with us and a cooperative program ensued. Dr. R took the questionnaire used by the Oral History summer class and expanded each question to allow students to include more details in their interview questions. She

had six undergraduate nursing students doing their research projects and she wanted to use subjects at UD Lifelong Learning. The next persons were picked pretty much at random from a several page list of people who are among our oldest members. Three couples were identified: the Uhlingers (Charlie and Betty); the Falks (Eleanor and Lloyd) and the Youngs (Vivian and Joe) and others selected were Leon Begleiter, Yetta Chaiken and Adair Gould. They were interviewed by the UD students at their homes and at Arsht Hall. Transcripts of all interviews can be read in the Cannon Reading Room at Arsht Hall. A whitecovered booklet is located on the right side among the Delaware History books.

In addition, Dr. Rempusheski had a graduate student working on a Masters degree who had received a Jeanne Buxbaum scholarship. She conducted a search of the literature concerning lifelong learning programs all over the country and compared the programs she learned about with ours. The results of her research and photographs of most of the interviewees were placed onto posters which were mounted in the lobby for the 30th anniversary on Friday, October 1. Both Dr. R and her graduate student, Michelle Kennedy, were present at the anniversary celebration to greet folks who participated in the project and to describe the project. These posters now belong to us and will be mounted in frames and hung during special occasions.

Debbie Haskell



Basil Maas, Michelle Kennedy, Veronica Rempusheski, Debbie Haskell photograph by Tim Bayard

30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and silent auction



Music



Demonstration Class



You Dee

DELAWARE ART MUSEUM OPENING RECEPTION



Juror Susanna Saunders, Paul and Cree Hovsepian



Cynthia Kauffman and Ellie German



Sally Arniel and Peggy Grier

Public Safety Officer Wins Award

Dennis Anderson, Investigator with UD
Public Safety assigned to the Wilmington
campus, has been named the recipient of a
Patriot Award by Delaware Employer Support

of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR).

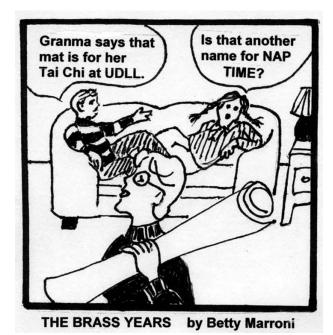
The Patriot Award is presented in recognition of extraordinary support of employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.



Anderson was nominated by PFC Steven Borst who serves in 238th Aviation Regiment of the Delaware Army National Guard. Borst stated in the nomination that his employer is highly supportive of service in the armed forces.

According to Christine Kubik, Delaware ESGR executive director, "The ESGR Patriot Award was created to publicly recognize individuals who provide outstanding patriotic support and cooperation to their employees, who like the citizen warriors before them, have answered their nation's call to serve. Supportive supervisors are critical to maintaining the strength and readiness of our nation's Guard and Reserve units. Employers are nominated by their military employees."

GRANMA GOES TO SCHOOL



FLU SURVEY

There was considerable concern during the fall of 2009 about the H1N1 virus and predictions of potential epidemics and deaths. UD Lifelong Learning members received emails and letters from UD advising them of the desirability of appropriate sanitation and then influenza vaccine. Speakers were brought in to discuss the issue in the "Wellness Lectures" course, Wednesday Special Events and possibly others. During late April, 2010 a simple non-scientific* survey of three groups: the above two groups and the Medical Lecture Series course. The survey simply asked two questions:

- Did you get the flu vaccine yes or no?;
- 2. Were you afflicted by the flu? Here are the results:

Group	Returned Surveys	Vaccinated	Reported Affliction	
Wellness Class	48	23	0	(1)
Wednesday Lecture	129	81	1	(2)
Medical Lecture	116	76		0

- (1) One person reported flu symptoms the day after getting the vaccine, but when revisiting his physician, was told that it was not the flu.
- (2) One person reported receiving the vaccination and later being diagnosed with the flu.
- * There are several aspects of this survey that are non-scientific:
- a.) The selection of groups was not a random sample of UDLLL members.
- b.) The respondents self-selected themselves to return the survey; i.e. not all people who were given the survey form turned it in. A different % of these might be vaccinated or afflicted.

Joe Skwish



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

Announcements at 12:40 p.m.
These programs are for all members. Feel free to attend each week or select the programs that most interest you. Buy your lunch, bring your lunch, or just come and enjoy. Nov. 17 Trained Canine Companions Help

the Disabled Tanya MacKeand, Canine Partners for Life

Tanya MacKeand and her canine partner, Elsie, will tell us about Canine Partners for Life, a 20 year old non-profit organization located in Southern Chester County, PA. CPL trains and places service and seizure alert dogs nationally, but focuses on the needs within a 250 mile radius of Cochranville, PA. CPL is known for its superb quality of working dogs as well as a comprehensive application and follow-up program.

Nov. 24 No Program

Dec. 1 **UD Lifelong Learning Band**Paul Hess, Conductor

The UD Lifelong Learning Concert Band will perform music from a variety of styles and genres. The program will include an arrangement of "Peter and the Wolf" with Bob Faatz narrating, settings of Shaker songs by Ticheli, a piece written for wind band in 1794 by Louis Jadin, a Mozart horn solo featuring Andy Corbett, the music of Harry James featuring Steve DeMond and our trumpet section as well as music from other composers.

Dec. 8 **UD Lifelong Learning Chorus**

Henry Chisholm, Director

The Chorus will present a wide variety of holiday songs for your listening pleasure. Among them will be Vivaldi's classical "Gloria in Excelcis Deo," a delightfully funny "Jingle Bell Travelogue," John Rutter's lovely "Angel's Carol" and "I've got my Love to Keep me Warm." There will be an opportunity for audience participation.

SAVE THE DATE END-OF-SEMESTER LUNCHEON

Plans are being made for an end of semester luncheon on Friday, Dec. 10. Watch Lifelong Learning This Week and posters in the Lobby for more details.

SOCIAL

Our final social of the semester will take place, Tues., Nov. 23 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lobby. Join fellow members of beverages, homemade cookies and conversation.

GARDENING SPEAKERS

UD Lifelong Learning members are invited to attend individual programs of interest. The class meets Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in Room 108.

11/16 Walt Cullerton, Conifers

11/23 Carrie J. Murphy, Ornamental

Horticultural Education at the New Castle County Extension of the University of Delaware

11/30 Class Show and Tell12/7 Jerry Hapka, Goodstay GardensThrough the Year

UD LIFELONG LEARNING CALENDAR 2010