

## LIFELONG LEARNING NEWS

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Wilmington

**February 7, 2011** 

#### NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL CHAIR

On behalf of the Council, I welcome every member to the spring semester of Lifelong Learning at Arsht Hall. Many persons are new to our program, most are returnees, and some are those who only attend during this semester. A great amount of effort has been expended during the weeks we have not been in session.

Some of that has been visible. For example: we have been thrilled with the many members who volunteered during the registration process, the instructors who have been putting the final touches on their class preparation, the office staff who have been busy organizing room assignments and class lists, and the many who have touched base just to be certain that all is ready for our beginning on February seventh.

A significant degree of effort has been focused on areas that are not as noticeable. A committee has been examining our strategic plan to determine what has been accomplished, what needs to be done or eliminated, and what is appropriate to add to the plan. Another committee is concerned with increasing the diversity of our membership base through examining our course offerings, our public relations efforts, and our connections with leadership on the main campus. A third team is working to develop the parameters of a video to be created that will best present the entire Osher program in Dover, Lewes and Wilmington. This video is planned to be useful in orientation and recruitment programming.

We always appreciate suggestions from our amazing and talented membership. One of the most frequent of those is to establish a positive program of recycling on our campus. This is much more difficult than it may appear. The cost of such a program and its means of implementation are challenging issues that we have yet to resolve. Please remember to offer suggestions to improve our program, including

#### BRING A FRIEND WEEK - FEB. 21-25

Share the stimulation of participating in Osher Lifelong Learning! Invite a friend, relative or neighbor to come to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Wilmington during "Bring a Friend Week." On Wednesday, Feb. 23, there will be a social in the Lobby with cookies baked by members. Visitors can attend classes, tour the facilities, check out the Reading Room, purchase lunch in the Garden Cafe, or just lounge in the Lobby. Bringing in new members will help ensure that our lifelong learning program can continue to offer an exciting range of classes and activities

As an incentive for your friends to join the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware this semester, first time members can register during "Bring a Friend Week" for classes (up to five) which are still available for enrollment. Membership fees for these new registrants will be reduced from \$230 to \$180.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER

Wear your nametag. Tags for new members will be available in the Lobby.

Be courteous to your classmates when using cell phones.

Be sure you have a parking hang tag that is valid for the current semester.

Obey the campus parking and traffic rules. See the catalog for information on finding out about weather related closings.

how to manage recycling, to any Council member at any time (their name tags have a red bar). Please also use the suggestion box at the Reception Desk. Any suggestion with contact information will receive a personal response from me.

Happy growing and learning for all.

Robert E. (Bob) Faatz

#### Lifelong Learning News

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Schedule for Lifelong Learning News

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Submit articles to rehrlich@udel.edu, or place in the Newsletter mail box in the Reception Area.

#### JOIN THE TEAM

Why in the world would you want to become a new instructor? Many have come forward to teach some of the most interesting new courses at Osher Lifelong Learning. Maybe you would like to join them.

The Curriculum Committee is sponsoring two seminars for prospective new instructors where panels of experienced instructors will share why they teach, how they prepared, what worked and didn't work, what they would do differently or keep the same, and some tips on how to get started.

Plan to attend one of the two workshops/seminars:

Thursday February 10, 2-3 Room 216
Tuesday February 15 2-3 Room 216
Please contact Carol Bernard in the Office
or by email: cbernard@udel.edu if you would
like to attend. Looking forward to seeing you.

Parry Norling Co-Chair, Curriculum Committee

#### **BECOME A MODEL**

The instructors in the "Portraits from Life" class are seeking Osher Lifelong Learning members as volunteers to model for the class. Join the illustrious group whose portraits will grace our hallway in February (see page 4). If interested contact Caroline Sutton or Ellen Strober.

#### **OUR NAME AND OUR RESOURCES**

The wonderful gift from the Bernard Osher Foundation prompts questions about the benefit for our program. This note will address what it means and how it impacts our program.

Several years ago our costs for the use and maintenance of Arsht Hall increased significantly. Our leadership worked hard to lessen the financial impact on the membership. They learned of the Osher Foundation's support for lifelong learning and applied for assistance with University support. The Foundation awarded \$100,000 in April 2009 and pledged a \$2 million endowment gift to the UD Division of Professional and Continuing Studies.

This gift was contingent on the name change to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Wilmington. There was no change required in how we operate or manage our program. The name of our building, Arsht Hall, does not change.

The University received a \$1 million endowment award in May 2010. With adoption of the Osher name and logo confirmed, the second \$1 million award was made last December.

The \$2 million Osher gift will remain permanently invested with other pooled University endowment funds and will generate annual investment income to support lifelong learning. Osher Lifelong Learning in Wilmington will receive the full benefit of half of the income; the income from the other \$1 million supports UD's lifelong learning initiatives statewide.

Our annual program expenses are approximately \$1 million. We expect to receive \$40,000 investment income from the Osher Endowment in the 2012 Fiscal Year. This additional income is helpful, but it does not mean that we have vast sums of new money to spend. Our Finance Officer, Finance Committee and Council work hard to create a budget so that we can keep our fees as low as possible, while supporting the learning and fellowship we enjoy.

Please contact any member of Council with your questions and concerns.

#### SUMMER SCHOOL

Have you ever considered being an instructor at Osher Lifelong Learning? What is your passion? Have you long been interested in a subject that you would love to share with your fellow lifelong learning members? Summer Session is the perfect time to tap your talents! A four week summer session could be compared to summer camp...exploration, fun, time to make new friends, impart your knowledge and still have the afternoons off for other activities. Classes meet once a week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for 75 or 90 minutes for four weeks, so you only prepare for four classes. Come join us for a summer of sharing your passion and sharing your knowledge. You may find that you want to bump up to teaching a full semester after experiencing the magic of our summer sessions! Teaching proposals are available in the office and are need back by February 18, 2011. Carol Bernard, Academic Coordinator, can help you create your proposal. Shorts, notebooks, camaraderie, fun...JUST DO IT!

Carolyn A. Stankiewicz Chair, Summer Session

## COMPUTERS! COMPUTERS! SECURING PERSONAL INFORMATION

Each of us has personal information on our computers that is vulnerable to unauthorized access through spyware. The information could be Quicken financial data, spreadsheet stock or investment records, income tax files, etc. Unless you encrypt your computer, this information could be stolen.

The easiest, quickest and cheapest method to prevent the theft is to NOT store the data on the computer. A USB (Universal Serial Bus) flash drive is an external data storage device that can be easily attached to your computer through a USB interface. A two Gigabyte (GB) flash drive costs \$6 to \$9 and has the capacity to store 2 pickup trucks of records. A typical tax file is less than 0.001 GB.

Antivirus and antispyware programs are absolutely necessary to protect you and your computer. Storing your personal sensitive information on a flash drive is another layer of protection.

Kenneth Mulholland Curriculum Committee

# SAVE THE DATE 15TH ANNUAL JUNE LECTURE SERIES

The 2011 June Lecture Series (JLS) will be held Monday June 13th to Friday June 17th in Arsht Hall, Rooms 108-109 and 105. The first lecture each day will start at 9:15 a.m. followed by a second lecture at 11 a.m. There will be a half hour break between lectures to accommodate the speakers and their equipment. Refreshments are served each morning with a special buffet to end the week on Friday morning. The fee is still \$50 for members and non-members alike. JLS is our only program open to public subscription. It is an excellent way to introduce your friends to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute programs.

The committee is very pleased to announce the following speakers for this series:

The Honorable Edward E. Kaufman, United States Senate (DE, 2009-2010)

**Susan Brynteson**, Vice Provost and May Morris Director of Libraries, UD

**Grace Gary**, Executive Director, Nemours Mansion and Gardens

**Dr. Dean Richardson**, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, New Bolton

**Dr. Farley Grubb**, Professor of Economics, UD and Research Associate with the National Bureau of Economic Research

**Dr. James Butkiewicz**, Professor of Economics, UD

**Dr. Philip Flynn**, Professor Emeritus of English, UD

The Honorable E. Norman Veasey, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, Retired Chief Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court

**Glenn Beardon**, Archetier - "David Bromberg Fine Violins, LLC"

Trio from The Music School of Delaware:

Dr. Kate Ransom, violin

Dr. Lawrence Stromberg, guest cello

Dr. Holly Roadfeldt-O'Riordan, piano

These speakers will present a varied lineup of talks and more details will be listed in the March Newsletter. Sales begin the week of March 21 - March 25 in the lobby. Please join us!

> JoAnne Woodward, Chair. June Lecture Series

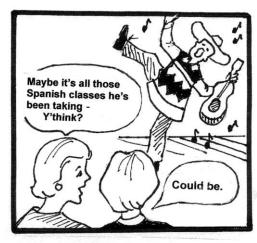
#### NOMINEES FOR OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING COUNCIL

After considering Council's needs and interviewing prospective candidates, the Nominating Committee has proposed a slate of five nominees to fill the seats of the five current members whose terms are expiring in spring. The proposed slate of nominees includes Bob Brereton, Lynda Hastings, Paul Hess, Karl Leck, and Ken Mulholland. Brief background material on these nominees will be publicized by mid-February.

Additional nominations can be made from the Osher Lifelong Learning membership-atlarge by submitting a form to Council with the signatures of at least 25 current Osher Lifelong Learning members who support the nominee. Forms are available in the Office and must be completed and filed with the Office by Friday February 25. All nominees must agree that, if elected and so requested, they will serve as chair or co-chair of an Osher Lifelong Learning committee.

If there are no nominees other than the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee, that slate will be presented to the Council for election by affirmation at its March meeting. If additional nominations are made from the membership, we will hold an Osher Lifelong Learning-wide election in March. The five new members, whether elected by ballot or recommended by the Nominating Committee, will assume their seats on Council at the April meeting.

Don Grimes Chair, Nominating Committee



THE BRASS YEARS by Betty Marroni

#### "BRUSH WITH HISTORY"



An art exhibit from the "Portraits from Life" class (Thursday: 12:30 - 3:15 p.m., Instructors: Caroline Sutton and Ellen Strober) will be in the south hallway from Monday, February 21-Friday noon, February 25, 2011.

The "Portraits from Life" Class is honoring in this exhibit four Osher Lifelong Learning members (Sig Ettinger, Dick Warner, Bud Lundgaard and Mort Goldberg) who have been involved in the early Academy years and also have made significant contributions (as instructors, Council members, activity leaders, etc.) to the growth of our Wilmington program.

During the 2010 Fall Semester, these four individuals volunteered to be a live model for the portrait class. Each individual came to the class for two consecutive weeks. The members of the class used this time to paint their portraits and at the end selected from each artist's finished portraits the painting that will be exhibited in this hallway exhibit. I also understand that two more longtime members and significant contributors are each scheduled to have his/her portrait painted by this class in the 2011 Spring Semester.

#### **GARDEN SPEAKERS**

Members are invited to attend individual programs that interest them. The class meets Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in Room 108

- 2/8 **Ponding for Birds & Small Water Features**, Pam Schlett, Stephens Aquatic Services
- 2/15 Native Meadow Gardens, Lessons Learned, Dick Lighty
- 2/22 Birds in Winter, Charles Shattuck
- 3/1 Outstanding Herbaceous Plants, Robert Lyons
- 3/8 Trip to Philadelphia Flower Show (or video of last year's show)
- 3/15 Roses, Bruce Moore



Sat., March 26 – New York/**Spider-Man**Sat., May 14 – Washington/Hillwood
Sat. May 21 – New York/**Catch Me if You Can**Mon., June 6 – Thu. June 9 – Outerbanks
Wed., Thu., June 22-23 – Wolf Trap
Sat., July 16 – Fri., July 29 –
Scandinavia/Russia cruise

Mon., Aug. 8 - Sat., Aug. 13 – Mostly Maine Sat., Aug. 27 – Lancaster/American Music Theatre

Sat., Oct. 15 - Gettysburg

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 ENRICH YOUR LIFE WITH OPERA!

Enjoy performances at the Metropolitan Opera on a UD Studytrip. Tickets are still available for these upcoming operas:

- · Le Comte Ory April 9, 2011
- II Trovatore April 30, 2011

All opera trips feature faculty leadership, advance study notes, round trip transportation and bus driver gratuity. Package prices range from \$130 to \$280. Buses leave from the upper parking lot on the Wilmington campus.

For more information on operas and pricing visit www.pcs.udel.edu/enrichment/opera or call 302-831-7600.

#### **FLOWER SHOW**

Spaces are still available on the bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show. This show is considered the premier gardening event of its kind in the world. Over 60 professional exhibits and over 150 vendors along with timely demonstration classes are included.

The date is Tues., March 8, leaving at 9 a.m. from Arsht Hall; returning at 5 p.m. The price of \$46 includes the \$25 admission and the bus. Sign up at the Travel Desk.. For further information contact Tom Maddux at tcmaddux@verizon.net or 302 824 2874.

## ALBERT GUY SPIVEY JR. (1914-2010) FOUNDING CHAIR OF LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAM

Known by friends and family as Bert, Spivey moved to our area from North Tarrytown, NY, in 1978, following his retirement as the Vice President of Marketing for a division of McGraw Hill. It was his keen interest in learning and a commitment to achieving a Bachelor's degree, a pursuit begun at Vanderbilt University but cut short by the Great Depression, which contributed to the of our self-directed program of academic study.

Spivey was one of the leaders in developing our program's philosophy, and structure. He taught a variety of popular courses, lecturing every year until 2005 on a wide range of subject matter. These include Anglo-Saxon history, Irish history, photography, history of the Balkans, and a standing-room-only course on Alexander Hamilton and the founding of the United States. He was also the first student to graduate from UD's Over 60 Tuition Free Program (BA in history).

### SARAH GOLDSTEIN (1908-2011) MUSIC LADY OF DELAWARE.

After a career in the public schools where she pioneered the Orff-Schulwerk music method in the US and a second career as a conductor, impresario, musical theater director, dance instructor, and world traveler, Sarah joined the "Academy of Lifelong Learning" to build a chorus which grew to over 60 members. She led the chorus from 1991 until 2003. Her contribution to our organization was immense.

#### KUDOS FROM THE FRENCH CONSULATE

Before Gisele Vonrein and her husband, Wolfgang, left for California she received a special letter from the French Consul General in Washington DC. He cites her "great contribution, during more than thirty years, to the spread of the French Language and Culture in the city of Wilmington, State of Delaware." He notes she taught "for 41 semesters . . . to the utmost satisfaction of your many "senior" students who have remained very grateful to you." Congratulations Gisele!

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

Announcements at 12:40 p.m.
Each Special Events Wednesday will surely enrich your day. 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. See the catalog or Special Events bookmark for the complete schedule.

## Feb. 9 Tristate Bird Rescue - Jim McVoy

Jim will talk about what Tristate Bird Rescue does and its experiences on the Gulf during the recent oil spill.

Feb. 16 Current Issues on the American
Political Scene David Hoffman & Ralph
Begleiter

In addition to his leading the Center for Political Communications, Professor Begleiter is Distinguished Journalist in Residence, and Rosenberg Professor of Communications. He also finds time to teach courses in journalism, communications, and political science.

David E. Hoffman, winner of the 2010 Pulitzer Prize in general non-fiction for his book, "The Dead Hand," writes for the on-line magazine Foreign Policy, and for the Washington Post, where he was a correspondent in Jerusalem and Moscow, as well as covering the White House in earlier years. He is a frequent guest lecturer around the country and in Europe on the history of the Cold War.

Feb. 23 David Amado, Delaware's cultural ambassador, Libby Larson, composer and the Delaware Symphony Orchestra

March 2 "97 Orchard Street An Edible

March 2 "97 Orchard Street, An Edible History" –Jane Ziegelman, author

The Lower East Side in nineteenth-century New York was the nation's largest immigrant enclave, a city within a city where Germans, Irish, Italians and Eastern European Jews attempted to forge a new life. Intrepid New Yorkers who ventured into the Lower East Side reacted to the foreigners' baffling food habits with a combination of fear, amusement, and sputtering disgust. While health officials worried that pushcarts were unsanitary and that pickles made immigrants too excitable to be good citizens, a culinary revolution was underway in the streets of what had been a culturally English city. In time, native-born Americans overcame their culinary—and other—fears to sample the edible enticements of their foreign-born neighbors, and adopt them as their own. Ziegelman explores key moments in the gastronomic exchange between native and foreign-born Americans, exposing the roots of our culinary heritage

March 9 Piano Recital Anabelinda de Castro, UD student of Christine Delbeau March 16 Swing City Band – Elmer Dill, leader

19 piece band with two vocalists, which plays the music of Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller and Benny Goodman, among others.

#### **SOCIAL**

Join returning members, new members and guests for coffee, tea, cookies and conversation at our first social of the semester on Wednesday Feb. 23 at 1:30 in the Lobby.

#### **CALENDAR**

Mon., Feb. 7 Spring Semester begins
Mon., March 28-Fri., April 1 SPRING BREAK
Fri., May 13Spring Semester ends
Tues., May 31 – Fri June 3 ALLSTEL
Mon., June 13 to Fri. June 17
June Lecture Series
Tues., July 5 – Thurs., July 28
Summer Courses
Tues., Sept. 6Fall Semester begins
Thur.,, Nov. 24, Fri., Nov. 25 Thanksgiving
CLOSED
Fri., Dec. 9 Fall Semester ends