



TRANSITION



April 8 was the end of my term as Chair of Council, and I know our new Chair, Ken Mulholland, will do a fine job. As I bow out, I want to review where we are, and also look into the future. Our Wilmington Lifelong Learning program is recognized as a leader among the approximately 120 Osher Lifelong Learning Institute programs. We're an academic cooperative – we teach and learn from each other. Membership and the numbers of courses and instructors are at or near all-time highs, and the quality of the courses is generally excellent; it requires a lot of admirable hard work and dedication by instructors, other volunteers, and our staff to keep everything this way. The smiles and the chatter I see and hear in the lobby make me believe we're also meeting important social needs of our members. We're building a Facebook presence as another way to reach our current and potential new, younger, and more diverse members. We're also asking all of you to bring your friends who might be interested in our program to visit and perhaps join, in that way helping us maintain and build our membership. We are looking for and finding ways to work with other UD sites and potential Delaware partners. I have a good feeling as I give up my position, and I'll remain on Council for another year and will help all I can to resolve issues as they arise.

There are always things that aren't as good as I'd like. It's hard to match our facilities and equipment with our classes of varying sizes and needs, so compromises are necessary although Carol Bernard does a wonderful job solving most problems. Parking,

safety, and health issues are always concerns, but we're fortunate to have our UD Manager Basil Maas, Constable Anderson, and the rest of our dedicated and very competent permanent staff for these most critical needs. Many other issues are well managed by our thirty volunteer committees which report to Council.

One of our most important problems is that while we are -- and should be -- grateful for our wonderful building, it is now 23 years old. Arsht Hall will require extensive renovation -- our share is some \$3 million worth -- in about five years. We have established a budget and are building reserves to provide for the necessary work. Our income (over \$1 Million per year) comes from several sources including endowments, gifts, and grants, but over 80% comes from the membership fees we pay at registration. In spite of our efforts to minimize the impact on you, our members, these will almost certainly have to be increased somewhat more in the next few than in most past years. We have received some generous unrestricted gifts from members at registration and other times, which help, and we greatly appreciate them. We hope for more such gifts to help us minimize fee increases while meeting our financial obligations.

I send my best, warm wishes to Ken as he puts his ideas into action, and to all of you, my fellow members. I'll see you in the Lobby.

Lee Kaser

COUNCIL

On April 8, Ron Bowers, Marv Cytron, Len DeCapua, Ben Raphael, and Lucie Shader joined the ten continuing members of Council for three-year terms. Ken Mulholland became Chair of Council.

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DON'T LET YOUR FRIENDS FALL



Last month, there were five tripping incidents at Arsht with one requiring transport to the hospital. Tripping is one of the major sources of injuries for seniors. We have all been reminded to keep our bags off the floor and out of aisles, but we don't always do it. We need to "be our brothers keeper" and make sure that we do not cause harm to another or ourselves by carelessness. One annoyed person reported to the office that while entering school through the main doorway, they tripped over a bag left there by someone waiting to load his car. The bag owner said, "watch your step" after the trip but did not move the bag. Come on folks, let's make sure we all get home safely.

Pam Meitner

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING FINANCIAL STATUS

The March issue of the newsletter described the financial status of Osher Lifelong Learning. Arsht Hall is 23 years old and will require several repairs and upgrades over the next five years, with the most expensive being a new heating and air conditioning system at an estimated cost of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in 2018. OLLI's only revenue stream that can be increased is membership fees.

To minimize fee increases in the next few years, Council approved a Fundraising Committee under the leadership of Pam Meitner. Pam and I met with Jim Broomall of Professional and Continuing Studies at the University of Delaware to understand our options. We have an opportunity to send a letter soliciting contributions from our members in May and June, and plan to do so. Stay tuned for further developments.

Ken Mulholland
Chair, Council

VOLUNTEER WEEK IS COMING!!

Every year, in the spring, we take a week to recognize those members who have so generously given of their time and talents to help make this place the success that it is.

If you've bought a book, eaten a cookie, enjoyed a lobby concert or an art show, taken a class, or learned something new here at Osher Lifelong Learning, then, chances are you can thank a volunteer.

This year, we will be saying "Thank You" to our hundreds of volunteers with a small gift. If you were a volunteer this past year, look for a table that will be set up in the lobby during the week of April 22 to claim your token of thanks.

And if you haven't volunteered yet, won't you consider serving on one or more of our many committees in the fall? Just remember to fill out the flip side of the registration form indicating your interests, and you'll be on your way to making a difference here at Osher Lifelong Learning.

THANKS ALL for a wonderful 2012-2013.

Lucie Shader
Chair, Volunteer Development

OSHER INSTRUCTOR TURNS AUTHOR

Are you considering becoming an instructor at Osher? Volunteering as an instructor can be fulfilling, enjoyable and lead to unexpected events. Many instructors find the appreciation of their students very gratifying and that appreciation keeps them coming back to teach again. Yet, there is another unexpected benefit when students encourage the instructor to write a book based on the material developed for the course. That is exactly what happened to one instructor at Osher in Wilmington – Ron Robertson.

Ron has taught "America in a Changing World" and its sequel for the past two years. Both courses focus on worldwide economic trends based on extensive research data that Ron has compiled, and both impart a large dose of optimism for the future of America. After several semesters of students encouraging Ron to "write it all down," he finally took the plunge and tackled the daunting task of writing the book, *Optimism for a Changing America*. Ron's book has entered the production stage, which means that galley copies will be completed by the end of April with the first-run publication completed by the end of May. Ask Ron about his adventure in writing! For more information contact Ron at robe70@comcast.net. Congratulations, Ron!

Carol Bernard

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES "RELUCTANT TRAVELER" AND CHESS

Moira Donoghue and Judy Winters met in an OLLI genealogy workshop and hit it off. Donoghue, a retired attorney and veteran traveler, and Winters, a retired teacher and novice traveler, compared travel stories. "You're so adventurous!" Winters recalled saying, admitting to Donoghue that she wasn't traveling as much as she'd hoped after retirement because of inexperience and inhibitions about solo travel. So these two new friends created and launched an extracurricular activity they're calling "The Reluctant Traveler."

Although it debuted too late to be listed in the catalog this semester, "The Reluctant Traveler" has attracted 30 participants. Meeting at 12:30 on Fridays, the group reviews a slide presentation developed by the leaders, information gleaned from their personal experience and from Internet search sites about

such issues as finding a reputable travel broker, learning ahead of time what you need to do for personal security and safety, and how to meet others as a single traveler. The activity is different from the long-time "Travel Adventures" class in that, it doesn't provide a travelogue as much as a seminar in "how to make your own good travel choices." Donoghue and Winters are not travel agents and don't pitch specific itineraries, although after three days in January at the New York Times Travel Show they came to class with a steamer trunk full of brochures, including a promotional offer to visit North Korea. Their idea is "how can we help others to overcome their concerns and make good travel choices?" They plan to fine tune the workshop after its current debut and offer it again in Spring 2014. By then they will have conquered miles and talked to many other "reluctant" travelers.



Moira and Judy at the NYT show

The extracurricular group for chess players also started this semester. Fred Bauchwitz, the organizer, who has been playing chess since childhood, and who won an interscholastic competition as a ninth grader, said he "just wanted to get a group of members together to play chess." They have ten men and women, who bring their own chess sets and play from 12:30 – 4 p.m. in Room 218 on Friday afternoons. To sharpen their games, they play Internet chess puzzles and refer to chess practice sites on the Web. Bauchwitz hopes to nurture and keep the chess group going beyond this semester.

If, like the members above, you have a strong interest and want to share it with other Osher members, think about leading an extracurricular activity. They're not considered courses and therefore are not subject to the limitation on the number of courses members can enroll in. See Carol Bernard, program coordinator, and find out when a room might be available for your group extracurricular activity.

Susan Dods

SUMMER SESSION 2013

Come join your fellow members for SUMMER SESSION 2013. Courses range from history to astronomy to the reading of the classics to bell ringing in Britain. You will be able to learn and participate in six classes and, for a bonus, five afternoon lectures will be offered. Registration cost is \$85.00 and that cost includes the afternoon lectures. You must be registered for Summer Session 2013 to attend the afternoon lectures.

Classes are on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Afternoon lectures start at 12:15 p.m. and will run for about 75 minutes. You will still have time to hit the pool or play a round of golf in the afternoon. Join us and have fun while learning.

Carolyn A. Stankiewicz and Lucie Shader
Co-Chairs, Summer Session 2013

“Summer Camp” at OLLI

Three Fun & Educational Programs for Your Summer Enjoyment!

	<u>OLLI at the Ocean</u>	<u>June Lecture Series</u>	<u>Summer Session</u>
Dates:	4 days: May 28-31 SOLD OUT for 2013	5 mornings: June 10 -4, 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	4 weeks: July 9 – Aug 1 Tues, Wed & Thurs
Location:	Brighton Suites, Rehoboth Beach, 1 block from the Ocean	Arsht Hall	Arsht Hall
The Program	Lectures at morning, afternoon and evening sessions. See separate flyer at Reception Desk for details.	Two lectures on each day on contemporary topics by local experts, and lots of live music too. See page 5 for program details.	48 courses and 8 afternoon lectures. See Summer Session Catalog for details. Attendees must be registered for the Summer Session.
Unique Offerings	Cocktail hour (byob) three evenings. Breakfast & Dinner at Brighton Suites.	Includes coffee, tea & light refreshments each morning at 8:45 a.m.	
Attendees	OLLI Members & partners	Open to the public for adults 18+	Open to the public for adults 50+
Registration:	SOLD OUT for 2013	Look for Registration in the Lobby or register at the Office (Room 115) thru May. Register soon, Space Limited!	Look for Registration in the Lobby or register at the Office (Room 115).
Fee:	Full Pgm: \$355 dbl, \$510 sgl Pgm & Dinners Only: \$154	\$50	\$85
Need based scholarships	N/A	N/A	Available

Better Than “Summer Camp”!
JUNE LECTURE SERIES
JUNE 10-14, 2013 Registration Fee - \$50



Enthusiastic June Lecture Series volunteers will be back at the front tables selling happiness (tickets to JLS) from April 29 through May 3. If you miss them or just can't wait until their return, tickets can be purchased in the Office during business hours until the end of May.

MONDAY, JUNE 10

8:45 Registration and Refreshments

9:15 Russell McCabe, Delaware Heritage Commission – *“The Delaware History Trail,”* with photographs by Kevin Fleming

11:00 Professor Harvey Price & the Delaware Steel Drum Band – *“Tropical Reflections”*

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

9:15 Nikki Mowbray, Director, Stewards of Children, YMCA of DE – *“An Introduction to Preventing Child Sexual Abuse”*

11:00 Willo Carey, Director of Development WHYY – *“WHYY and the Power of Public Media”*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

9:15 Captain Jim Roche, Delaware River & Bay Pilots' Association – *“Safe and Efficient Commerce on the Delaware River: The Demands on the Modern Day Ship Pilot”*

11:00 Peter Leshner, Curator Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum – *“A Living History of Building & Racing Chesapeake Log Canoes”*

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

9:15 Robert M. Peck, Senior Fellow, Academy of Natural Sciences, Drexel University – *“A Glorious Enterprise: the History of US Natural Science”*

11:00 Debbie Martin, Underground Railroad Coalition of DE & Harriet Tubman Byway – *“Celebrating Harriet Tubman 100 Years After Her Death”*

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

9:15 Kathleen MacRae, Executive Director, the ACLU of DE – *“The Latest on Civil Unions and Same Sex Marriage in Delaware and in the USA”*

11:00 Fruits of the Spirit, Christina Cultural Arts Center – *“Glorious Gospel Music”*

IT'S ALL ABOUT M.E.!

Memorable Experiences of 2012 and 2013

Here is a new contest for you to enter.

Submit your entries by April 20

You have the opportunity to tell us about your most memorable experience at OLLI during the past several semesters.

Was there a special arts course, band performance, history lecture, unexpected surprise in any class, a special guest lecturer or a fantastic faux pas by a classmate or instructor? Was that cookie you ate at the social extra special? Did you have a great discussion or argument with someone in Arsht Hall? Did you find a great book at the book sale or some painting at the art and jewelry sale? Or maybe you were convinced in a course to do further reading or watch a video on You Tube? Did you learn to play a musical instrument; or was your experience teaching for the first time a little exciting but rewarding? Did you get special help at the Reception Desk; did you avoid being run over when crossing the street coming to class; were you pleasantly surprised at how easy it is to play DVDs for your class or how quickly handouts were copied for the class you are attending or teaching?

Let us know what you will remember from 2012/13 at Osher Lifelong Learning (or even what you wish you had been able to experience.)

Deposit in the marked box at the welcome desk in the Lobby (or nearby) or send a brief email by April 20 to Parry.norling@comcast.net; suzieFlook@hotmail.com, or lucie21@verizon.net who will be the judges for this event and might even award prizes in categories determined by the entries, so sign your name and provide the best way to contact you

You will learn about the experiences of your fellow classmates in the weeks to come—be sure you are included and watch for an announcement of the contest winners.

The Curriculum Committee and the Volunteer Development Committee thank you for your participation.

WELLNESS LECTURES

These lectures on Mondays at 2 p.m. are open to members on a space available basis.

- 4/22 **Cancer screening - what works and what doesn't.** James Gill, MD, MPH, assoc. prof. Jefferson Medical College, President, Delaware Valley Outcomes Research; Family Medicine at Greenhill
- 4/29 **Hair Loss Prevention and Repair** Dr. Joseph Gallagher
- 5/6 **Homeopathy** Andreja Milovich

UNIQUENESS OF WORLD RELIGIONS

Lectures on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. are open to members on a space available basis.

- 4/17 **Baptist** Dr. John G. Moore, SR; Youth Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Dover
- 4/24 **Episcopal** Rev. Emily Gibson, Interim Rector, Grace Episcopal, Wilmington
- 4/31 **Seventh Day Adventist** Pastors Elvis Mogoi & Jim Zeisner, West Wilmington Seventh Day Adventist Church
- 5/8 **Roles of Episcopal Nuns** Sister Cassandra Norsworthy, Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church, Wilmington

GARDEN SPEAKERS

Talks by speakers on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in Room 108 are open to members on a space available basis. See *This Week* for subjects.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will begin the fall semester on September 4 with ***My Beloved World*** by Sonia Sotomayor. This has also been selected as the First Year Common Reader for UD's incoming Class of 2017. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month for interesting conversations about current books.

Mary Lew Bergman



Sat., April 27 Harrisburg/Hershey, PA
Wed., May 15 Grounds for Sculpture/Princeton, NJ
Sun., May 26 "Showboat" Washington National Opera
Tues., June 18 – Thurs., June 20 Hudson River Valley, NY
Mon., June 24 – Thurs., June 27, Newport, RI
Mon., Aug. 12 – Mon., Aug. 19 Pacific Northwest
Sat., Dec. 7 – Mon., Dec. 9 Christmas in Bethlehem, PA

Visit the Travel Desk in the Lobby, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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PIANO ANYONE ?

The Delaware Music School provides piano instruction for Osher members at a discount. In the fall there will be four levels of classes, from novice to more experienced players. Check the Thursday listings of extracurricular classes. For further information, contact Nancy Wolfe (ntwolfe@verizon.net).

VIVIAN YOUNG HONORED



21st Century Fund

On March 7 the 21st Century Fund for Delaware's Children, a public-private partnership targeting at-risk children, presented its first Lifetime Achievement Award to Osher Lifelong Learning member, Vivian B. Young. The Fund cited her as Founder of Stand for Children Delaware, and noted, "Ms. Young has been a pioneer in the fight for children's rights. At 97 years of age, Vivian continues her tenacious support of Delaware's children." She has also worked on children's issues in Switzerland, Kenya and Suriname. Vivian has been a lifelong learning member since 1981.



Schedule of Events



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

Join us each Wednesday for Special Events that are for all members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at University of Delaware in Wilmington. You can buy your lunch, bring your lunch or just come and enjoy.

April 17 – **The Great Depression and the Dust Bowl** Dick Cornelia, former Lifelong Learning member

April 24 – **UD Lifelong Learning Orchestra**
Joseph Zimmerman, Conductor

May 1 – **UD Lifelong Learning Concert Band**
Paul Hess, Conductor

May 8 – **UD Lifelong Learning Chorus**
Henry Chisholm, Director

OPERA LECTURES

Larry Peterson, UD professor emeritus, will present a series of lectures highlighting operas that will be broadcast or performed locally.

The lectures provide background information on the operas, the composers, the performers and the lavish productions. They are free and open to the public at 12:30 p.m. in Room 124.

April 26 Handel's **Giulio Cesare in Egitto**
Met HD broadcast in local movie theatres April 27, with an encore presentation on May 15.

May 3 Verdi's **Macbeth**
Live OperaDelaware performances at the Grand Opera House, May 5, 2 p.m., and May 10 and 11, 7:30 p.m.

SOCIAL ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

Enjoy the last get together of the semester. Meet fellow members for coffee, tea, cookies and conversation at the April social.

The last social of the semester begins at 1:30 p.m. in the Lobby on Wednesday, April 24.

SPRING FRIDAY LECTURE SERIES THE LINCOLN ASSASSINATION: FACT AND FICTION FRIDAYS, 12:30-1:45 P.M., ROOM 108

This course, taught by Thomas Reed, professor emeritus, Widener University, and listed in the catalog as G17, is free and is open to all members and the public. Bring a friend.

April 19 **The Other Conspirators**: Louis Weichmann was a government witness. Thomas Jones 1877 memoirs implicated himself and others. John Singleton Mosby gave aid to the Booth conspiracy --and what about John Surratt?

April 26 **The Trial of the Conspirators by Military Commission**: May-June 1865. Were the conspirators given a fair trial? Why were four conspirators executed within a few days? Did President Johnson see the clemency plea for Mary Surratt?

May 3 **The Conspirators** Part I. The best movie on the assassination and the trial of the conspirators. The movie focuses on Mary Surratt and her defense team.

May 10 **The Conspirators** Part II. Continuation of the movie followed by discussion of the assassination plots and why the truth about the assassination of Lincoln is important to today's world.

CALENDAR 2013

Fri., May 10..... Spring semester ends
Tues., May 28–Fri., May 31
..... OLLI at the Ocean
Mon., June 10–Fri., June 14
..... June Lecture Series
Tues., July 9–Thurs., Aug. 1
..... Summer Session
Tues., Sept. 3 Fall classes begin
Fri., Oct. 11 .. Spring 2014 course proposals due
Thurs., Fri., Nov. 28, 29 Thanksgiving
..... No classes, Osher closed
Fri., Dec. 6 Fall semester ends