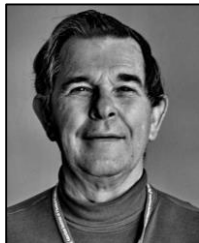




## THE PLACE TO BE

We at Osher Lifelong Learning (OLLI) welcome new and returning members. All of us are privileged to enjoy the intellectual stimulation and social interaction here at OLLI. Those who volunteer are further privileged to use their skills that they have acquired during their life.



OLLI is a membership cooperative which provides opportunities for leadership roles. During our working careers we had to worry about promotions and pay increases. Now we can participate for the enjoyment of using our acquired skills. The more you participate the more enjoyment you will have. OLLI continuously needs new instructors, volunteers and leaders. Join us!! Contact the Reception Desk or Lucie Shader, Volunteer Development Committee (lucie21@verizon.net).

Kenneth Mulholland  
Council Chair

## OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING FORUM

Special Events Wednesday on September 25 will feature a special forum to explore the structure of OLLI. Come if you have wondered how OLLI is related to the University, how Council functions, how the finances work, or why there is a need for raising additional funds. Come if you've heard it before but still have questions! The agenda will include:

- Overview: Osher and the University – Ken Mulholland
- Council and Executive Committee functions – Paul Hess
- Osher finances – Jeanne Short and Hank Maier
- Fundraising needs – Pam Meitner

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! Bring your lunch if you wish.

September 25, 12:45 to 1:45 p.m., Room 105

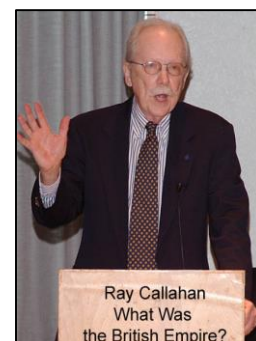
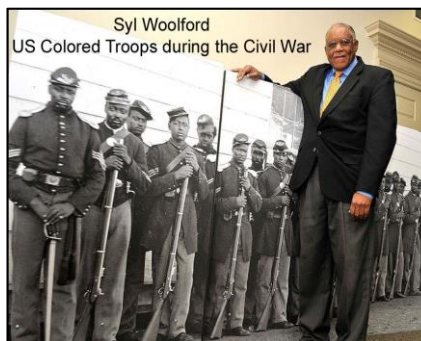
## BRING A FRIEND WEEK SEPTEMBER 16-20

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, Sept. 18, there will be a social in the Lobby with cookies baked by members. Visitors can attend classes (Please check first with the instructor.), 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 this semester, first-time members can register during "Bring a Friend Week" for a fee of \$200 reduced from \$250.

## FRIDAY P.M. LECTURES

Bring a friend any week to one or more of the Friday afternoon lectures. All are free and open to the public. See page 8 for details.



## *Lifelong Learning News*

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Submit articles to rehrlich@udel.edu, or place in the newsletter mailbox in the Reception Area.

### **WANTED: NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Each April, five new members are installed on the Osher Lifelong Learning Council as five other members retire. According to the By-Laws, a Council Nominating Committee must recommend five to ten persons for these openings, based on their dedication to Lifelong Learning, leadership, and the needs for special skills. In most years, the Committee has submitted only five names, and these names are announced to the membership in early February. If no other nominations are made prior to February 28, are presented to Council for election by affirmation at the March Council meeting. If, however, additional nominations by petition come from the membership at large, there will be an election in March to select five new members. This fall, the Nominating Committee will begin considering possible candidates. We would like to hear from you, our members, on this important subject.

Any member can volunteer either to become a candidate or recommend another member by submitting a petition. Petition forms are available in the Office. Any petition candidate must agree to serve a three-year term and serve as chair of a major committee or function on the Council. Nominations from the membership at large require the petition be signed by at least 25 members and received in the Office on or before February 28, 2014. Further information will be provided by the Nominating Committee on request to the Office.

Lee Kaser

### **CONSTABLE'S NOTES**

Welcome to all. With the enthusiasm and excitement of another semester upon us, please be very mindful of driving and walking on campus with care. The 10 MPH posted speed limit enables drivers to look for available parking, avoid pedestrians and to merge into stop and go lines of traffic safely. Drivers and pedestrians alike, remember to allow yourselves time so not to rush.



I look forward to serving the safety needs of the University community again this year and welcome your comments and suggestions.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable semester. Safety first!

Dennis Anderson  
UD Public Safety

### **NEW COUNCIL MEMBER**

Carolyn Smith has replaced Len DeCapua who has resigned. She will serve through April 2016.



Carolyn grew up in Georgia and holds an A.B. from Mercer University and a Ph. D. from Emory University. She is a retired college professor and the author of four books. At OLLI, she is secretary to Council, the Administrative Assistant to the Curriculum Committee, serves on the OLLI at the Ocean Committee and the Diversity Committee. Carolyn is a New Castle County Master Gardener, volunteers with the Delaware Shakespeare Festival and the Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library. She enjoys reading, theater, music – learning to play both the recorder and the violin at OLLI - and various crafts.

### **SOCIAL ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

Take a break and meet fellow members and friends for coffee, tea, cookies and conversation at our first social of the semester. Future socials will take place Tuesday, October 15 and Thursday, November 21, at 1:30 p.m. in the Lobby.

## MEET CHEF MANAGER MARK LOWMAN

If you have eaten in the Garden Café, you might have noticed a new face this past year. Twenty-four year old Chef Manager Mark Lowman, heads the team that oversees the kitchen at Osher Lifelong Learning. I had the opportunity to interview Mark recently.

Mark's first experience with food service came when he took a foods course at Kirk Middle School. Although he enjoyed this experience, he did not take any foods courses at Christiana High School. (Author's note: I am a former Nutrition and Foods teacher, so I'm glad he had a positive first experience!) After losing one job, his sister got him a job as a food runner; he then did all kinds of jobs in a restaurant. While working at the Newark Country Club, an instructor at the Food Bank of Delaware's culinary program came to the club looking for a spot to place an intern. Mark's manager told him he could be that intern. He gave Mark the opportunity to participate in the Food Bank's program and a scholarship to study there. He completed the Food Bank's 12-week Fundamentals of Culinary training and then interned at the Newark Country Club through Johnson and Wales, a well-known culinary college. He started as a line cook, and three years later, worked his way up to Executive Sous Chef.

Mark's first job with Aramark, the company that oversees the University of Delaware Food Services, was at Rodney Dining Hall on the main campus. In his position, he interacted with the kids, but missed cooking. Mark said that he "fell out of his game there, but got it back here" (at Osher). Here he oversees our lunches and banquets (Instructors' luncheons, other special events) as well as banquets, conferences and weddings in Arsht Hall and in the Goodstay Center "up the hill".

Mark's cooking techniques have changed since he started preparing meals for those of us "over 50", many of whom have special dietary needs. For example, he is limiting the amount of salt in the food, and has learned to cook "light" for us. Realizing that, for many here at Osher, the meal they eat at lunchtime is their main meal of the day, he tries to offer hearty selections that will be filling.

Mark is open to suggestions from those of us who eat here. He noted that many people liked salads, so that offering is always available. Interestingly, he said that many people like extra sauces and dishes with butter, so he tries to accommodate these needs. People seem to like the soups, so there is always a variety available.

Mark likes it here, and is planning on staying with Aramark and the University of Delaware. He is assisted in the program by Rikki, the cashier; Roberta, who does the sandwiches; and Al, the dish man. Servers are brought in for large events such as banquets and other special occasions.

Our Chef Manager has been married for almost a year, and his wife is employed by Bank of America.

Please feel free to contact Mark if you have any ideas or suggestions; he is always open to new ideas. Bon appetite!

Susan Arruda

### THE BRASS YEARS by Betty Marroni



Yes, I agree that a dog is man's best friend, but OLLI had something else in mind, sir.

**ORGANIZATION**  
**OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE**

<b>University of Delaware</b>	
<b>Osher Lifelong Learning, Wilmington</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership cooperative</li> <li>• &gt; 2,100 members</li> <li>• 31 Committees</li> <li>• Council</li> <li>• &gt; 250 Instructors</li> </ul>	<b>Newark Campus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &gt;21,800 students</li> <li>• &gt; 3,900 faculty and staff</li> </ul>
<b>Arsht Hall</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office support staff: 8 full-time and part-time</li> <li>• Custodial, maintenance, setup, catering and public safety staff</li> </ul>	

Osher Lifelong Learning is an academic membership cooperative. A membership cooperative implies that

- The members manage the cooperative and
- A small paid staff provides direct support to the cooperative.

With the members managing Osher the membership fee can be kept at a low level.

To manage Osher requires 31 operating committees ranging from Art to Member Relations to Word Processing. Issues or new ideas that are beyond the scope of the operating committees are sent to the fifteen-member Council for action.

New ideas or issues can reach the Council from

- The Suggestion Box at the Reception Desk
- Committee chairs
- Executive Committee
- Council members
- Staff
- Members at large.

Kenneth Mulholland  
Council Chair

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL**

*Osher Lifelong Learning*

Management of the Osher Lifelong Learning program is vested in its Council.

The primary responsibilities of the staff are administrative to facilitate the operation of the program and to connect with other University staff in other divisions.

*Items Handled by Council*

Activities of Osher Lifelong Learning (OLLI) must be consistent with the overall policies of the University as well as the policies of the OLLI program as adopted by the Council.

Items to be brought before the Council include:

- Issues between committees
- Issues or ideas involving Newark Campus
  - OLLI activities involving functions that members participate in off-campus
  - Standards and practices for communicating OLLI activities off-campus
- Ideas or issues that involve OLLI as a whole
- Information about programs in which the Council has an interest
- Monetary issues or ideas that involve more than \$2,000



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee develops the agenda for the Council meeting. For an issue or idea to be included on the agenda it must:

- Be consistent with the OLLI mission and membership characteristics
- Have added value
- Define the required resources to implement the idea or resolve the issue
- Provide any needed supporting information
- Have any required approvals, and
- Provide a process for implementation of the idea or resolution of the issue.

Kenneth Mulholland  
Council Chair

## FINANCING LIFELONG LEARNING

Where does the money that supports OLLI come from? Our self-supporting program is funded by three primary sources of revenue: membership fees, contributions, and endowment income. Gifts may be contributed to meet current needs, such as critical building repairs or upgrades. Gifts may also be contributed to an Endowment Fund and the income from the fund can be used each year to support current expenses. Endowment gifts are limited in that usually only the income from the endowment investment can be used.

Arsht Hall related expenses account for over half of the OLLI annual budget. In the next few years, major systems (such as HVAC) will need to be replaced, and money will be needed to meet these expenses. One solution could be to raise membership fees substantially but the general consensus is to keep fees reasonably low, so that we avoid becoming an exclusive club that only the wealthy can afford to join. A Fundraising Committee has been formed and is working on ways to increase giving. Many of you already contribute to nonprofit organizations that serve the community, promote health, or work to preserve our environment. We encourage you to include OLLI in your giving plans to keep this organization that contributes so much to the quality of our lives on solid ground. If you want additional information please contact Pam Meitner at Pmeitner1@comcast.net.

## OSHER AUTHORS HONORED

The Delaware Press Association Communications has awarded the poem, "Snow at Midnight" by Patricia Goodman first place in the creative poetry category. "Snow at Midnight" appeared in *The Fox Chase Review*: <http://www.foxchasereview.org/12AW/PatriciaLGoodman.html>

Patricia's "Crash" published in *The Broadkill Review* was awarded third place.

*Yeshiva Boy*, translated by Ruth Goodman from *Herschele*, written in Yiddish by Jacob Dineson, won second place in the novel category.

## BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will begin the fall semester on Wednesday, September 4 with *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor. The group will make selections for the remainder of the semester. All are welcome. Join us at 3:20 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month for interesting conversations about current books.

Mary Lew Bergman

## HERE'S TO GREAT MUSIC.

Welcome to another semester of wonderful entertainment by our members. Do you have a group that would like to add to this experience?

Remember the request process: Fill out a form completely including equipment needs and place it in my slot in the Reception area. I then take it to Joan in the office and she checks with the Master Calendar. If it is OK she passes the form to Tim Ward. He makes a note of it and gives it back to me. I will notify the contact person that the date is approved.

Please don't take short cuts. This creates confusion.

This fall semester has 40 available days for performances. That's not a lot considering the number of talented groups here at OLLI. No concerts during the weeks of November 4th and the 11th, and December is filled already. Small groups that can perform early in the semester are encouraged to do so. Then the "class" related performers have a chance to show their progress.

Carol Hughes, Lobby Concert Coordinator

## SUMMER SESSION SIZZLES AT OSHER



On July 9th 2013, the UDairy Creamery Ice Cream truck (Moo Mobile) announced the commencement of summer session 2013, selling ice cream to attendees. The 48 classes varied from introducing participants to the world of art, to sailing with explorers to all corners of the earth, to a ride through the solar system. In the afternoon, there were 12 lectures ranging from African American history to learning about and preventing diabetes. The short four weeks with classes scheduled for Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays were perfect for the continuation of learning and for seeing old friends and making new ones. Out of the 430 participants who attended summer session, over sixty were new enrollees. Some were looking forward to fall registration. It was absolutely thrilling to see new faces around OSHER and it is a good bet that we will see them again.

Although space limits the amount of comments written on the evaluations, there was great enthusiasm regarding the number of courses, the expertise of the instructors and the days/time frame for classes. Several evaluations contained the phrases "great, so many classes to choose from," "summer instructors are dedicated folks who must love their subject," and "wish the summer classes ran five days a week instead of three." Thanks to the stellar presenters and the fine instructors who gave of themselves to make summer session 2013 successful and fun! You all should be congratulated for a job well done!

If you would like to volunteer for the summer session 2014 committee, kindly let me know. There are duties such as staffing the table in April for in lobby registration, greeting folks during the first few days of summer session 2014 and perhaps monitoring oversubscribed classes. See me for details. It will be fun to have you involved and the time needed is minimal.

Carolyn A. Stankiewicz

## A TASTE OF KLEZMER MUSIC (INSPIRED BY 2013 OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING SUMMER PROGRAM)

### INGREDIENTS:

For the players: fiddles, clarinets, drums, bells and other accent instruments.

For the audience: an open heart and some curiosity.

### THE PROCESS:

Connected to each other and connecting to the audience, the music forms as it feeds on itself. Created by the basic spices of life - love, pain, suffering and compassion, from "soup to nuts", the dish is revealed.

### THE BENEFITS:

The delicious, lingering satisfaction that a good meal, shared with good friends, bestows.

### THE EXPERIENCE:

- Toe tapping, finger snapping, sometimes full body "rocking and rolling" ... renewed energy unearthed and protected by deep folk roots.
- A bittersweet, sweaty taste that builds as the music builds in tempo and intensity ... liberating.

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Myra Hochman



Yale University Library

## 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.



Sat., Dec. 7 – Mon., Dec. 9 Christmas in Bethlehem, PA  
 Tues., Dec. 17 “An Exhibit Fit for a Princess,” Michener Museum, Doylestown, PA; Byers’ Choice Emporium  
 Visit the Travel Desk in the Lobby, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
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**GOODSTAY GARDENS**

Our historic neighbor on the UD Wilmington campus is a delightful place to take a break between or after classes and enjoy the changing seasons.

Moira Sullivan of the News-Journal (5/9/13) wrote, following a spring visit, “Goodstay Garden, located on the grounds of the University of Delaware’s Osher Academy of Lifelong Learning, is magical. An historic gem that traces its lineage to colonial times as well as the DuPont family, it’s small enough to enjoy on a lunchtime break, yet grand enough to lose yourself in for an afternoon.”

In its early history, the property was known as Green Hill farm. The wonderful old barn was built in 1807 by John Hirons who added a number of other stone buildings and many fruit and ornamental trees.

The gardens are among the oldest in the state; many features of the early garden remain today just as they were described by Howard Pyle who lived at Green Hill Farm as a boy in the 1850's.

After a number of distinguished owners, the property was purchased in 1868 by Margaretta E. du Pont, and the name was changed to

Goodstay - a translation of "Bon Sejour", the name of the first du Pont home at Bergen Point, New Jersey. Ellen Coleman du Pont received Goodstay as a wedding gift from her father T. Coleman du Pont in 1923. She modified the buildings and gardens to what we see today.

The Gardens were planned in the American Tudor Style and partitioned into "rooms" with boxwood hedges bordering gravel paths. Ellen du Pont and her landscape architect husband, Robert Wheelwright restored and enhanced the gardens changing from vegetables to flowers in the colonial garden with iris, rose, and peony "rooms". The woodland garden with stream, bulbs, wildflowers and large canopy trees was developed and the magnificent magnolia walk with reflecting pool was added in 1938.

Mrs. Wheelwright was a talented painter and sculptor and used the small stone building [now used by Osher Lifelong Learning] just outside the garden for her studio

After years of neglect, Helen Eliason and Sidney Craven gathered a team of local experts, including landscape architect Bill Frederick, Tom Buchter of Winterthur and native plant specialist Dick Lighty to form the non-profit Friends of Goodstay Gardens. The Friends has just celebrated its 20th year of renovating and caring for the gardens.

Twenty years later John Dietz, Osher member and Friends of Goodstay Garden. Board president called Goodstay Garden “an island of stability and continuity in a hectic world.” Take time to appreciate this island.

*History condensed from a brochure prepared for the Friends of Goodstay.*







## 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. Feel free to attend each week or select the programs that most interest you. You can buy your lunch, bring your lunch or just come and enjoy.

September 4 - **Auto and Cycle Safety** Paul Hess, OLLI member

September 11- **George Washington Lives Again** Carl Closs, living biographer

September 18 - **Piano Recital** Kevin Zhang, University of Delaware senior

September 25 - **OLLI Forum** see p. 1

October 2 - **Music Performance** Doug McNames, cellist

### FIRST STATE BALLET

Friday, September 20, 12:30 p.m., Room 105.

Free and open to the public.

Demonstration class and highlights of the performance of "Swan Lake" at the Grand Opera House on October 19 and 20.

### OPERA LECTURES

Larry Peterson, UD professor emeritus, will present a series of lectures covering operas that will be broadcast at area theaters or performed locally at the Grand Opera House.

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

October 11 - **Donizetti's *L'Eliser d'amore* (OperaDelaware live performance, 11 and 13 October)**

See flyer, This Week and future newsletters for more lectures.

### FRIDAY LECTURES

FRIDAYS, 12:30-1:45 P.M, ROOM 108

### UNITED STATES COLORED TROOPS DURING THE CIVIL WAR

September 27 - Syl Woolford, Guest Lecturer

Follow the experiences of free Blacks and freed slaves during the Civil War from being barred from participation in the Civil War to representing 10% of the Union Army at the end. This story of US Colored Troops taking to the battlefield to fight for their freedom is a story filled with sacrifices, bravery and discrimination. The lecture recognizes and celebrates the efforts of the 1,000 Delaware USCT who fought in the Civil War.

### WHAT WAS THE BRITISH EMPIRE? RAY CALLAHAN

At its height the British Empire comprised about a quarter of both the earth's land surface and the global population. Then in the twinkling of an eye it vanished, leaving behind some of today's most intractable problems. How did it come into existence, how was it run, and why did it unravel so quickly? These are the issues that will be addressed in this series of nine lectures by UD professor emeritus Raymond Callahan. Opening lectures are:

October 4 - **How it began: Plunder, profit, Protestantism--and spices.**

October 11 - **How it grew: Losing America; gaining India.**

### CALENDAR 2013-2014

Fri., Oct. 11..	Spring 2014 course proposals due
Thurs., Fri., Nov. 28, 29 .....	Thanksgiving
.....	No classes, Osher closed
Fri., Dec. 6.....	Fall semester ends
Mon., Feb.10 .....	Spring semester begins
Mon., March 31-Fri., April 4 .....	Spring Break
.....	No classes. Osher closed
Fri., May 16 .....	Spring semester ends