

LIFELONG LEARNING NEWS

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Wilmington

October 6, 2014

CAROL BERNARD, OSHER MANAGER



Carol Bernard, formerly OLLI program coordinator, has been promoted to OLLI manager in Wilmington. She replaces Basil Maas who has resigned after serving in that position for the previous seven years. The manager serves as the University's representative from the Division of Professional and Continuing Education, and manages Osher Wilmington's \$1.2 million operating budget, as well as the efforts of four full-time staff and four part-time staff.

Carol has worked for the last four years with the Curriculum Committee and instructors and assisted in the development of the catalog. A search is underway for a new program coordinator.

Carol's experience here at OLLI and in previously held positions make her well-suited for her new responsibilities. Her master's degree in Human Development and Family Studies from the University of Delaware provides an academic background for her work with lifelong learning. Her previous work experience focused on nonprofit management including work with volunteers. She worked with over 400 volunteers as coordinator of volunteers for Hagley Museum. She served as interim executive director for the Friends of Auburn Heights Preserve. Her previous work for UD included serving as training coordinator and grant writer for the Center for Disability Studies and as federal grant administrator for Professional Counseling Services.

Carol's husband, Richard, retired from teaching at Wilmington Friends School and became an instructor at OLLI. As recent college graduates, her two sons are enjoying their first jobs, one in IT support for NASA and the other in IT support at UD's Chemistry and Biochemistry Department.

Many of you already know Carol and have developed a working relationship with her. As she assumes new responsibilities with the Council and Committees as well as the Division of Professional and Continuing Studies, give her your support and wish her well in the manager position.

Ruth Flexman and Pam Meitner

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Functions of the position include:

- Manage and oversee the strategic development, as well as the general administration and improvement, of the academic program in collaboration with the Curriculum Committee and in consultation with the Manager.
- Recruit, interview and support new instructors.
- Work with Administrative Assistant and Curriculum Committee to process, organize, and approve course offerings.
- Schedule all courses and extracurricular activities.
- Work with AV Classroom Tech II to ensure equipment needs are met.

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TIME TO GIVE \$\$\$

Now is the time to give to the \$1.5 million campaign for major upgrades for Arsht Hall. Since Arsht Hall opened in 1991, the heating and cooling system is nearing the end of its life. The elevator needs to be replaced and other upgrades are needed.

Many thanks are given to those who have already contributed to the "Renewing The Dream" campaign. Already 340 households have given contributions amounting to \$320,000. Since only 20 percent of the goal has been received, more gifts are needed.

Members give in so many ways as instructors, as committee members, and as volunteers in other capacities to make our program the largest of the 120 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes in all 50 states. Our OLLI contributes significantly to the quality of our lives. Now we must contribute significantly for our physical comfort as we continue to enjoy our OLLI experience.

Ruth Flexman and Don Grimes Fundraising Committee



A MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC SAFETY

Please, do not be in such a hurry to leave the campus that you run a red light, putting yourself and others at the risk of a collision!

DELDOT has reconfigured the traffic lights at our main drive. These signals are no longer linked to the lights on



Greenhill Ave, but are now more responsive to traffic waiting to exit the campus. They will change to green more quickly if there is a line of cars waiting to exit, and the green light has been lasting longer.

Members entering the campus should not run the red lights either. Again, you are only putting yourself and others at risk by doing so. Please, take your time to get to your classes or activities safely, not quickly!

In addition, new pedestrian signals have finally been installed. For those of you who walk home, please push the button with the arrow facing the direction you wish to go: across Route 52, or across the main drive to walk north on Route 52. Drivers, please remember that the pedestrians have the right of way when the white crossing symbol is displayed!

Dennis Anderson

BASIL MAAS

At the OLLI Forum on September 17, Council and members said farewell to Basil Maas, Osher Manager, who resigned as of September 30. Pam Meitner presented him with a gift card for his favorite restaurant. She recognized



Basil for building relationships between OLLI and local organizations and with other units of the University.

Basil and his wife are assuming new positions that give them more time to spend together. He will be teaching English to Spanish speakers in Chester County. In leaving he noted, "What is lost is gained in the memories we keep."

COMPUTERS! COMPUTERS! PASSWORDS

A username and password are always required to access sites where you purchase items or view personal financial information such as bank records. Passwords are "supposed" to be a secure way for you and only you to have access to that site. However, at least two weaknesses are associated with most passwords.

Many sites use your email address as the username, for example, Amazon, Expedia, CBS and ICloud. If you use the same username and password on multiple accounts, and a hacker accesses one account, your other accounts become vulnerable. While you may or may not be responsible for unlawful access to your accounts, you might find that someone has traveled a great distance while purchasing large quantities of goods in your name. Thus, DO NOT HAVE THE SAME PASSWORD FOR ALL YOUR ACCOUNTS.

The passwords should be structured to make it difficult to guess. A more secure password has one or more capital letters, one or more numbers and letters that do not remotely spell a word.

Kenneth Mulholland Curriculum Committee

FAITHFUL FRIENDS

Not all visitors during "Bring-a-Friend Week" signed in at the front desk. "Trouble" was a guest in the Connections class along with his friends from Faithful Friends Animal Society: Brittany Anthony, volunteer manager and Tony

Raia, a volunteer.
"Trouble" did not live up to his name and enjoyed the class as much as the class enjoyed his visit.



Brittany Anthony, Trouble and Tony Raia



Sat., Dec. 6 *Donny and Marie Christmas Show,* Washington, DC

Tues., Dec. 9–Fri., Dec 12 Greenbrier Hotel Christmas Extravaganza

Thurs., Jan. 8, 2015–Fri., Jan. 16 *Tropical Costa Rica*

Wed. June 10-Sat., June 20, 2015 British Landscapes - England, Scotland, Wales Visit the Travel Desk in the Lobby, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. オオオオオオオオオオオオオオオ

TRAVELERS TALES

Have you traveled near or far? Have advice on where to take visitors? Used language skills acquired at OLLI? Share your travel tales with fellow members. The Travel Adventure class is looking for presenters for Spring 2015 and beyond. The only requirements are a story and enthusiasm. Contact Robert Ehrlich at rehrlich@udel.edu or leave a note in his mailbox.

THE BRASS YEARS by Betty Marroni



Don't you have a **dumb phone** that just says "ring, ring, hello?"

SPECIAL EVENTS WEDNESDAYS 12:45–1:45 P.M. IN ROOM 105 ANNOUNCEMENTS AT 12:40 P.M.

Join us each Wednesday for Special Events that are open to all members. Feel free to attend each week or select the programs that most interest you. You can buy or bring your lunch or just come and enjoy.

October 8 – Global Initiatives in Art Conservation at the University of Delaware

Debra Hess Norris, chair and professor, art conservation, and Henry Francis du Pont Chair in Fine Arts, UD

October 15 – Are Special Interests Ruining Our Democracy? What We Can Do About It

Tom Evans, former U.S. congressman

October 22 – Education Today: An Update on National, State and Local Issues in Our Public Schools

Freeman L. Williams, superintendent, Christina School District

October 29 – **Fortepiano Concert** Susan Duer, DMA, fortepiano artist

November 5 – *Mélomanie* musical ensemble

SOCIAL ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

Meet fellow members and friends at the next social of the semester with coffee, tea and conversation. The cookies are yummy with or without fat, gluten and sugar.
Gather in the Lobby at 1:30.
There will be another social on Tuesday, November 25.

FRIDAY EVENTS

Beginning at 12:30 P.M. Room 108/109 Free and Open to the Public, Bring a Friend

Professor Ray Callahan
Looking Back at World War I.
In July 1914 an assassination in the
Balkans set off the great European war that
had been predicted for 50 years. It was
expected to be short and decisive. It was
neither. When the guns finally fell silent in
1918, the European social and political order
had been upended. The United States had
begun its march to global power. These
lectures will explore what happened and why,
both on the battlefield and the home front. We
will also consider the long-term consequences
of those four years of war which shaped the
remainder of the 20th century.

ANNUAL BOOK SALE, NOVEMBER 10-15

Start cleaning out your bookshelves and downsize your library of books. Collection of your unwanted books will begin the week of October 27 in the little white house across from the front entrance to Arsht Hall. Volunteers for sorting, unpacking/packing, selling, etc. are needed. Contact co-chairs Cynthia Kauffman (302-984-2365) or Barbara Hart (610-274-1361).

CALENDAR 2014

2017
Tues., Nov 4Election Day
No classes, Office closed
Thurs., Fri., Nov. 27-28 Thanksgiving Break
No classes, Office closed
Fri., Dec. 5 End of fall semester
2015
Mon., Feb. 9Spring semester starts
Mon, March 30-Fri., April 3 Spring break
Fri., May 15End of spring semester