



LIFELONG LEARNING NEWS in Wilmington

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September 2015

Welcome by Ben Raphael, Council Chair

Greetings members,

As your new Council Chair, I welcome all of you to our fall semester. Now, let's see, what do I have to do? Among other things, we have 32+ standing (as well as some ad-hoc) committees, 268 instructors, 2,170 members, of which 500+ are volunteers (last semester's count). Among other things, I'm supposed to keep track of them all. Among other things, there are the "Renewing the Dream" fundraising, the 35th anniversary festivities and the 2017 building renovations. Among other things — the list goes on. It's more than enough to send anyone packing for some desert isle, far out of the reach of cell phones and the Internet. However, there are so many wonderful people here to tackle these projects: Council members, committee chairs and their helpers and all the volunteers, as well as our very capable staff. The support has been fantastic and actually, up to now, my new job has been a pleasure and quite rewarding.



Some of you know me from our Special Events Wednesdays (SEW). A variety of these programs is selected to provide some entertainment (most

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www.pcs.udel.edu/osherwilmington/

Celebrate 35 Years of Lifelong Learning in Wilmington

The 35th Anniversary Luncheon celebration on September 25 is nearly here.

See the luncheon invitation on page 3 for all of the details. A scrumptious buffet of desserts will be available too!

Tickets will be on sale in the Lobby and Office through September 16. Buy your tickets early, as seating will be limited.

OLLI Forum: *All About Time and Space* by Pam Meitner Wednesday, Sept. 16, 12:45–1:45, Room 105

Travel back in time to February 1980. Witness the birth of the Academy of Lifelong Learning then—22 courses, 200 members strong. Follow our growth over 35 years. Explore space in Arsh Hall, including our design firm's presentation on the HVAC changes coming in 2017—up close and in 3-D. See you there!



Design by Marvin Stone

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popular), stimulation (a little bit less so), and, last but not least, some necessary education. I'd like to tell you about a couple of these.

On March 4, Jennifer Nicole Campbell gave us one of the best piano performances heard in Arsht Hall in recent years. She received a standing ovation from a crowd of about thirty hardy souls, possibly the smallest SEW audience ever. On that day the weather was awful and Arsht Hall was closed until noon. I called Jennifer in the morning and told her that she didn't have to come, but she insisted on it. She wanted to play no matter how few showed up. The building was virtually deserted, as we had feared. Her performance was astounding, and I asked her to come back in the fall and promised her a good crowd and that it wouldn't snow. She'll be here on September 9, and I suggest you come early or you won't find a seat.



Jennifer Nicole Campbell
<https://peabodyinstitute.wordpress.com>

Did I mention education? Due to a scheduling problem, we have had to reschedule our Forum for the following Wednesday, September 16. You need to be there, too. There is so much going on and each and every member of our OLLI needs to know what makes us tick, what our plans are, and how we are spending our money (yours and mine!). You need to know more about the success we are having with our "Renewing the Dream" campaign and about our fabulous 35th anniversary celebration. And to spiff up the show, you will hear how we got to be the largest and best OLLI in the country, and view a 3-D presentation about the major improvements to be made during the summer of 2017.

And speaking of improvements, we have finally been able to get the OK to upgrade the sound system in Room 105. I have been knocking my head against the wall about the lack of intelligibility in that room for years, and, lo and behold, through no effort on my part, an upgrade is supposed to happen. The first test may well be at our Forum on September 16. See you there!

Earn Your Ice Cream! Bring-A-Friend September 21 to 25

Yes, that's right. Bring a friend during this semester's "Bring-A-Friend Week" and you will receive a coupon good for a free ice cream cone from the Moo Mobile when it's here on campus! Even better, each time you bring a friend, your name will be entered into a drawing. At the end of the week, one lucky person whose name is drawn will receive a \$25 Wawa gift card. Wow!



Share the stimulation of participating in Osher Lifelong Learning. Invite friends, relatives or neighbors to come here during "Bring-a-Friend Week." After all, you, our current members, are OLLI's most successful way to recruit new members. Bringing in new members will help ensure that OLLI can continue to offer an exciting range of classes and special activities, plus the valuable University of Delaware library, fitness center and course-audit benefits.

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.

On Thursday, September 24, there will be a social in the Lobby with cookies baked by volunteer members.

As an incentive for your friends to join this semester, first-time members can register during "Bring-a-Friend Week" for classes (up to five) that are still available for enrollment. Membership fees for these new registrants will be reduced to \$210 for the remainder of the semester.

Jeff Ostroff and Elaine O'Toole
Co-chairs, Marketing

Extend the OLLI Year With a Beach Vacation by Nan Norling

It's only September, but it's not too early to begin thinking about OLLI's popular vacation trip, OLLI at the Ocean, which takes place during the week after Memorial Day in Rehoboth Beach. This four-day, three-night program includes meals, social events, lectures and evening entertainment, along with free time for the beach, for shopping, or for simply relaxing in your two-room suite at the Brighton Suites Hotel. Many people come back year after year, but we always have room for new attendees.

This fall the O/O committee will be planning the program, reviewing logistics, and developing the registration forms for our May 2016 session. Look for these forms after the Thanksgiving break. Is there a cost? Yes, of course, but you will find it very reasonable for a relaxing beach vacation with interesting friends and some enjoyable and thought provoking programs. Sign up early to avoid being disappointed.

Questions? Contact Nan or Parry Norling by leaving a note in Parry's box in the Reception area.

In honor of the 35th Founding Anniversary of the
Academy of Lifelong Learning/Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
at the University of Delaware in Wilmington

The Osher Wilmington Council and the 35th Anniversary Committee
are pleased to announce the

35th Anniversary Luncheon Celebration
Friday, September 25, 2015
12-2 p.m. • Arsh Hall, Room 105

Keynote speaker: Adrienne Arsh, Esq.

Tickets: \$20

Meal choices: Grilled Salmon, Rosemary Chicken, Vegetable Lasagna

Tickets are available for purchase in the office until
Wednesday, September 16.

June a la Carte 2015 — A program redesigned

The June a la Carte for 2015 was a departure from the previous June Lecture Series which featured two presentations a day. The 2015 program had one theme per day. In addition, unlike the previous series, participants could sign up for the series or just for individual days. About 140 people participated.

Susan Arruda and Thom Remington served as co-chairs for the event.

Monday, the Art of Food

This was a two-part program, with Patricia Talorico, food writer for the News Journal and Chef Joe Di-Gregorio, executive chef in the UD Department of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management and Vita Nova – Food demonstration.

Tuesday, the Art of Music

Seventeen volunteer presenters, as well as a small ensemble, grouped into strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion, talked about their instruments, the instrument families, what goes into playing them, etc. Each did some playing to demonstrate the instruments. Participants were given the chance, in some cases, to touch the instruments and, in a few cases, to try playing the instrument.

Wednesday, the Art of Gardens and Gardens in Art

Wednesday's program featured two speakers: Margaretta Frederick from the Delaware Art Museum discussed English Garden art, and Lauri Fredericks from Mt. Cuba Center spoke about little known facets of that venue. Later, about 45 attendees took a guided tour of our own Goodstay Gardens.

Thursday, the Art of Beverage

The final day was a beverage- and cheese-tasting experience for attendees. Speakers from State Line Liquors, Twin Lakes Brewing and the Cheese Chalet discussed their products. Attendees were then given an opportunity to sample six varieties of wine, six varieties of cheese, and three varieties of beer and ale.

Overall, June a la Carte 2015 was a very successful and well received program and we have already begun planning for June 2016.

Public Safety

A Farewell from Constable Dennis Anderson

To all OLLI members, welcome to the new semester! Unfortunately, I cannot be here to greet you in person. Early this past summer, my department notified me that I was being reassigned to the Newark campus. My replacement is Officer John Hartsky, a seasoned patrol officer. Please welcome him with open arms.

Welcome and Tips by UD Police Officer, John Hartsky

I would like to thank everyone for their warm welcome on my assignment to the Wilmington Campus. This is not a new detail for me. I have filled in for officers here many times during my career as a police officer. I started the Wilmington Campus assignment the week of June 15.

For the safety of everyone, I ask that you abide by the campus speed limit of 10 mph. This is important because we have pedestrian, vehicle, bicycle, and motorcycle traffic all sharing the same thoroughways. I would like to see us all be courteous while driving and walking, by working together to keep the thoroughways safe for everyone to use. One of the ways we can do this is by not racing out of the parking lots to be the first one to the light. The traffic light on Pennsylvania Avenue will cycle and then let you out of the lot. If you do not make the first green light, there will soon be another green light. When you see stop signs on campus please stop and look for oncoming traffic and/or pedestrians before proceeding. When others are trying to access the thoroughways, please alternate and allow others to get into the thoroughways. This will allow for everyone to get out of the lots more quickly.

If you leave home behind schedule, please don't speed to make it here on time. Speeding endangers you and the others on the road with you. It does not matter if you arrive late. I would really like to see you get here safely.

A reminder to users of handicap spaces: The two "Guest Speaker Only" spaces next to the Student Services Building are reserved for guest speakers and CAN NOT be used as overflow handicap parking spaces. Federal guidelines require that an appropriately dated handicap placard or license plate MUST be displayed when parked in a designated handicap parking only



Dennis Anderson and John Hartsky

space. This includes both temporary and permanent handicap parking spaces. Please do not park on the grass or other spaces not designated for parking. Spaces designated for parking will have white lines. Please park as evenly as you can between the white lines. If you are parked on top of a yellow line, you are not in a designated parking space.

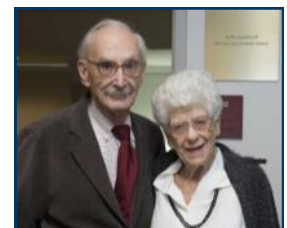
I would like to thank everyone in advance for abiding by the Conference Services Lot Reservation signs when posted in front of the Goodstay lot. The Conference Staff and I appreciate this. Conference Services needs to reserve this lot at times to accommodate the outside groups that they host.

I am looking forward to saying hello to everyone.

Room 203 Named

Room 203 has been named in recognition of contributions by Herman and Charlotte

Glutzer. Herman has been an instructor in courses in philosophy and literature. He was Chair of Council in 2004–2005. He has a keen interest in music and plays the viola in OLLI musical groups.



Herman and Charlotte Glutzer
Photo by Lane McLaughlin

Charlotte has been a volunteer at the Reception Desk.

We Want You!

By Pam Meitner

Remember that iconic WW II image of Uncle Sam? Well, OLLI needs a few good folk to serve on the 15 member Council that makes our school run well. We recruit five new members every year. Are you interested in seeing how our member-managed cooperative works from inside? Are you willing to be considered for a three year term?



We Want You! Please let me, the Nominating Committee Chair, know of your interest by contacting me at pmeitner@me.com or putting a note in my instructor's mail box. The committee will interview candidates and recommend those with dedication, leadership skills and other valuable strengths to Council. In addition, any member can recommend another member by submitting a petition, which will call for an election in March. Petition forms are available in the Office and must be submitted by February 28, 2016.

Do consider being a member of Council. Join the dedicated volunteers who make Osher Lifelong Learning great. As we celebrate our 35th anniversary, YOU can help plan the next 35 years of growth and learning.

Volunteer Development

Susan Arruda and William Rowe are new co-chairs of the Volunteer Development Committee. The committee helps recruit volunteers for other committees, helps office staff maintain committee membership lists and plans the volunteer appreciation week.

Looking for a fun way to get involved and meet new people? Volunteer, get appreciated! If you haven't indicated your interests on the back of the registration form, forms are available at the Reception Desk.

Renew the Dream 25 Years Later Make the Dream Come True

By Ruth Flexman

Lifelong learning classes moved to the newly built Arsht Hall in 1991. With the growing program more space was needed. Many members contributed to fulfill the dream of a beautiful, spacious new building. Now as we begin our 25th year in Arsht Hall, the dream needs to be renewed. A \$1.5 million campaign is underway for the heating and cooling system, the elevator and other needed expenses. Plans are underway for accomplishing the renovations during the summer of 2017.



What is needed now are additional contributions to reach the \$1.5 million goal. To date, a little over half of the funds have been donated or promised, but that leaves an additional \$730,000 that is needed. As the Fall 2015 semester begins with all of the excitement of classes and seeing friends, please add "Contributing to Osher Lifelong Learning" to your to-do list. Thanks go to all who have given so far. Please keep focused on crossing the finish line.

Master of Liberal Studies (MALS) Program

The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) program provides an opportunity for you to further your intellectual growth and to savor the delights of learning for its own sake. Unlike traditional graduate programs, which focus on a single discipline and have specific vocational objectives, the MALS program emphasizes a multidisciplinary approach to broad questions about culture, ethics and human experience.

If you are over 60 years of age and a Delaware resident you can take advantage of the Over-60 Tuition Free program at the University of Delaware. Osher members may audit one MALS course a semester.

For more information, visit our website www.udel.edu/mals, call 302-831-6075 or email mals-info@udel.edu

Time Flies When You're Enjoying Lifelong Learning

by Ruth Flexman



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Wilmington is celebrating its 35th Anniversary. Classes were first offered in Wilcastle on the UD Wilmington Campus in spring of 1980. The vision came from then UD president, Arthur Trabant, and Jack Murray, head of UD's Division of Continuing Education. By fall courses offered had grown from 21 to 31 and over 200 members were participating. The original vision was to establish a program within the University led by a council with courses selected and taught by its members. The goal was to attract vibrant, enthusiastic people of retirement age.

The Academy of Lifelong Learning met a real need in the community and older adults responded with enthusiasm to the intellectual, cultural and social offerings. By 1983, over 50 courses were offered to over 500 members and by the fall of 1986, 86 courses were offered to over 800 members. While the dream of establishing a program was realized, the rapid growth exceeded the capacity of space available in Wilcastle. Now the vision for lifelong learning required a new dream for building a larger campus building that would accommodate the rapidly expanding program. Planning and fundraising to fulfill the dream began in 1988 and resulted in the ground breaking for Arsht Hall in 1990. Roxanna and Sam Arsht contributed \$2 million, members and friends contributed another million and the University put up the remainder of the \$6 million total cost. Arsht Hall opened in fall 1991 with 107 courses offered to 1380 members.

Membership numbers continued to rise and numbers of classes and program opportunities expanded as well. The early emphasis on liberal arts continued. The curriculum included history, literature, languages, sciences and arts. Expansion brought additional performing arts such as band. Two computer labs were developed as the demand for computer courses blossomed. By fall 2000, 194 courses were offered to over 2100 members. Membership grew more slowly after the first 20 years and reached over 2200 for the first time in fall 2013. Additional extracurricular activities, social programs,

a June lecture series and a four-day program in Rehoboth were added over the years. In 2005 a four-week Summer Session was added. Now in fall 2015, as we celebrate the 35th Anniversary, 250 courses and 33 extracurricular activities are offered. Summer Session 2015 attracted 480 participants, the highest summer enrollment to date.

The teamwork within Lifelong Learning and the cooperation of the University continued to offer members an outstanding opportunity for intellectual stimulation, cultural enrichment and social interaction. With volunteers teaching courses, staffing reception, reading room, duplication, social activities and much more, the membership fees could be kept at a reasonable level, yet ever increasing operational costs continued to be a challenge.

An opportunity arose through the Bernard Osher Foundation to obtain a generous endowment with the stipulation that the name be changed to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware. The endowment was received, the name was changed in 2010 and income from the endowment continues to support our cost of operation.

Rather than raising fees to cover our portion of the needed costs for upkeep of Arsht Hall in its 25th year, a Renewing the Dream Campaign to raise \$1.5 million is underway to replace the heating and cooling system, upgrade the elevator and cover other expenses.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware began offering programs in 1989 at Lewes/Ocean View and in 2010 at Dover. In 2014, 3,347 unduplicated individuals statewide paid to participate, the highest level to date.

What are the reasons for this success? You are. You are the members who want to learn, to be involved, and to serve. You are the ones who teach and participate in the classes and other activities. You are the ones who bring talent, experience and creativity that you are willing to share. As we celebrate the 35th anniversary of Osher Lifelong Learning in Wilmington, thanks goes to all who contribute to making real the dream of active and enjoyable lifelong learning.

Art at Lifelong Learning

Art was a major part of the Academy of Lifelong Learning curriculum from the start. Four of the original 21 courses were in art. Marion Johnson, a member of the lifelong learning steering group and retired education director at the Delaware Art Museum, taught *Orientation to Art* using drawing and various media. Joseph Bell taught drawing – still lifes, landscapes and from nude models with an “additional modest fee.” Dorothy Opreska taught painting and Bert Spivey, first council president, taught photography.



Art class in the Studio. Photo by Glenn Barbaras

Sculpture was added in 1982 and by 1985 there were nine art courses. By 1990 there were 12 courses. This semester there are 22 courses.

Besides the shows at Arsht, members have exhibited at local venues. Kay Young, who left this spring with a one-person art show/sale and party, has been instrumental in organizing these exhibits.

Room Honors Osher Art Instructor

As a birthday present, the daughter and son-in-law of Cynthia Kauffman made a donation through the Ellen and Alan Levin Family Foundation to the Renewing the Dream campaign and Room 206 has been named in her honor. Cynthia has taught various art classes. In the November 2012 Newsletter, student John Hileman praised her “no-nonsense” class in watercolor painting. He concluded, “She does a great job of getting neophytes started in the right direction. She is a great promoter of the craft -- and the craft, I find, is a lot of fun.”

Memories of Art at the Academy

By Nancy Smith

My first Academy of Lifelong Learning experience was taking classes at Wilcastle where we waited in long lines to sign-up. Art was held in a TINY room upstairs – maybe eight to ten people had space to paint. I especially remember one teacher, Betty Collins in her flowing, drapery gowns, teaching life drawing and watercolor painting. I assisted Ellen Viden in teaching her classes in drawing.



Art class at Wilcastle. Photo by Glenn Barbaras

When we moved to the new building (Arsht Hall), art classes filled up fast. I taught drawing and watercolor for many years and loved every minute of it.

My special memories are of our art shows which were then held on the patio. We strung clotheslines around the patio and used clothespins to display our masterpieces. When the rain and wind came it was quite scary and exciting to see our paintings fly about, and we eventually had to move the shows inside where they are now held.

Cynthia Kauffman (yellow blazer) surrounded by family Renewing the Dream at the reception honoring donors.

Photo by Lane McLaughlin



Where do I . . . ? How do I . . . ? What do I . . . ?

Where do I go to find the "Lost and Found" area?

What do I do to register my car?

How can I leave a message for my instructor?

Where can I borrow a pen or pencil? I will return it.

Where can I pick up Information flyers about the Travel Class Trips?

How do I get reimbursed for money I lost in the coffee machine?

Where is the main office?

What do I do if I lost my name tag?

Where do I find the room numbers for my classes?

Where do I find the information about the University wireless system?

Where do I sign up to bake cookies?

For answers and more come to the **Reception Desk** anytime between 8:45 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and Friday till noon. The desk is just inside the front entrance.

Here at OLLI we pride ourselves in the hospitality extended by our Reception committee to both new and returning members, We hope to make you "feel at home" as you adjust to your new or continuing life long learning adventure.

Mary Ann Dowd (1935-2015)

The article above was written by Mary Ann Dowd who co-chaired the Reception Desk since 2007. Mary Ann dedicated many hours to Osher Lifelong Learning both as an instructor and a volunteer. Mary Ann was the co-chair of the Volunteer Development Committee and instructor for *My New Best Friends* and *Caught in the Act*. She always loved music and wrote the OLLI spirit song for the 35th anniversary.

Henrietta Imesch wrote, "We all have lost a wonderful friend. Mary Ann, funny and warm hearted, took me under her wings when I started to come to the Academy."

Cree Hovsepian added, "Her enthusiasm and energy and her many contributions are what have made our program a success. She will forever remain in my heart and will be greatly missed by all."



Recycling — Those Blue Cans

Did you know that the only items for the blue recycle cans are:

GLASS BOTTLES, CLEAN PAPER, PLASTIC BOTTLES, ALUMINUM CANS!

Remember: NO food allowed in the recycle cans (One bad apple spoils the bunch)

Why You Should Recycle Glass

Less energy is needed to melt cullet material to glass.



(ground up old glass) than to convert raw

material to glass. Recycled glass generates 20% less air pollution and 50% less water pollution. A glass container takes a million years to even begin to decompose and the fact is glass can be recycled many times. Glass is 9% of household waste.

Look for the NEW recycle effort at OSHER

We will also be providing information about Home Energy Audits. Get a head start by contacting EnergizeDelaware@icfi.com.

Brought to you by your friendly neighborhood ECO TEAM which meets at Arsht Hall, Fridays at 9 a.m.

How to Stay “Young” at OLLI

by Susan Flook

Vivian and Joe Young have a favorite quote from the late Dr. Edwin Buxbaum (UD, Anthropology): “If you want to live 10 years longer, join the Academy!” They followed his advice and many decades later, it has made them role models for wise aging, well into their 90's. While the “Academy” is now known as the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, the lively environment has not changed and continues to sustain this married couple. Vivian has been a member since 1981 (almost since its inception), and Joe joined 10 years later after his second retirement. They will have been married for 73 years this September 26. Joe and Vivian have one son, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all in the Wilmington area.

Leonard Joseph Young, Sr. was born in Wilmington, Delaware in 1920. He has been called Joe ever since infancy when a shady character in the news had the same first name (Leonard). Initially, Joe was trained as a craftsman in cabinet and furniture making. He did exceedingly well and received top grades and bonus pay for his skills. After World War II, he got a teaching degree in vocational education/industrial arts at Hampton University in Virginia where Vivian was working in the Office of the Dean of Women.

Joe earned a Master's degree at Wayne State University in Detroit. Afterwards, he taught in Tucson, Arizona and Nashville, Tennessee. He began a doctoral program, but was recruited for a job with the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. Joe credits a former college dean (who had become president of Florida A & M) with recommending him for the UN position. Joe's assignment was with the International Labor Organization (ILO) where he managed vocational projects, training skilled workers how to teach their trade to others.

The first employment contract was for two years in Geneva. He and Vivian ended up staying there 18 years. They also spent approximately five years in Kenya and Surinam with the ILO. UN staff requirements at the time meant that Joe was forced to retire at age 60 in 1980. The Youngs then returned to Wilmington, where they owned a house. Working



abroad all those years caused some complications with social security benefits, so Joe went back to work at Temple University where he taught until 1990. Meanwhile, they also spent time completely renovating their family home here. For summer vacations, they regularly returned to the Geneva area where they owned

a “chalet.” When Vivian broke her femur there in 2010, she told the doctor in Switzerland she needed to be back in Delaware in time for fall classes at OLLI. He laughed, not realizing how serious she was. She did make it back just in time.

Vivian Bridgeforth Young was born in 1915 and will be celebrating her 100th birthday on December 18! She grew up in Virginia and graduated from Virginia Union University, where she majored in English. Vivian recounts that her grandmother had attended Hampton University (then Hampton Institute) thanks to a special scholarship for “freed slaves and Indians” in the late 1860's. Interestingly, Vivian's grandmother qualified because she was half Cherokee. She completed the program and became a teacher.

Having a lifelong interest in education, Vivian has quite the resume as an advocate for the rights of children, especially as it involves educational opportunities. She taught English in various places throughout the world. After returning to Wilmington, Vivian was a volunteer tutor in area schools. She also spent 14 years on the local Foster Care Review Board. No doubt because of Vivian's good work and outgoing personality, Marion Wright Edelman (Founder of the Children's Defense Fund) recruited Vivian to help organize support for the “Stand for Children” march in Washington, DC. With Vivian's guidance, Delaware sent an impressive 3,000 people to the march and 300 organizations gave support with many corporations giving “in kind” donations.

Vivian and Joe have both instructed classes at Lifelong Learning. For two years they co-taught a popular class about the history and culture of Switzerland. Joe also taught a class about the United Nations—its structure, programs, job opportunities, etc. They have also been enthusiastic students. Joe's

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Into the Unknown

This summer, two lifelong learning leaders and popular instructors passed away. Another former leader died in late 2014.

Peter (Pete) Wellington (1940–2015)

Pete is remembered in his professional life as a quiet but tough lawyer who became head of Mergers and Acquisitions at DuPont.

At Osher Pete served on the Curriculum Committee and was Chair of Council in 2005–2006.

He taught popular courses in American culture, law and history. His particular interest was the history of exploration. Within that area he had a keen interest in polar exploration. This semester he was set to teach a course highlighting this interest in the annals of exploration from ancient times to today, *Into the Unknown*. His friends and former co-instructors Bruce Morrissey and Parry Norling, along with Steve Dombchik, Ed Fersht and Don Grimes have joined to keep the course going as a tribute to Pete.



Dimitri H. "Taki" Andriadis (1922–2015)

Taki was born and raised in Turkey. After studies in Istanbul and at Yale, he became a director at Radio Free Europe. Moving to UN radio, he became an eyewitness to history including the Suez Canal crisis. He later worked at DuPont in international public affairs.



At Osher he became Chair of Council in 2001–2002. He taught courses in Italian language and literature, his personal experience in journalism, world events and a much-repeated course on intercultural communications.

R. Warren Boyer (1931–2014)

Warren was educated at UD and later became Assistant Director of Facilities. He remained a fan of UD sports and an aficionado of the theater program.

At OLLI he served as co-chair of the audiovisual and equipment committees and was Chair of Council in 2002–2003.

(*Staying young with the Youngs continued from page 9*) favorite class for many years has been *Yesterday for Tomorrow*, where he enjoys writing about and sharing his many interesting life stories. For three years Joe played clarinet in the band. Vivian enjoys the *Write Now!* course as well as other literature and spirituality classes. She mentioned that courses concerning the brain, especially as they relate to aging, are of special interest to her, too. Vivian tries to attend two days per week taking five classes. Joe's schedule is more varied.

When asked why they first joined Lifelong Learning, they both mentioned "socialization" as the primary reason and "learning for pleasure" as the second most important. Vivian felt at loose ends when they returned to Wilmington after living abroad for so long. Their neighbor, George Anna Theobald, encouraged Vivian to become a member of The Academy. Joe was still working, and she needed some "take care of me" time, as Vivian puts it. He joined in 1990 after retiring from Temple. She calls

OLLI a kind of Shangri-La because it has a very calming influence on members due to the surrounding beauty, therapeutic atmosphere, intellectual stimulation, and interesting people. For years, the Youngs were the only African American members. Although there is currently a more diversified membership than in the early 80s, Vivian feels that more creative solutions could be tried to increase the recruitment.

Joe enjoys the spontaneity of interesting conversations in the lobby. He has learned a lot and made several friends this way. One close friend is former long-time OLLI member, Chris Blackstone, who had also lived and worked in Geneva for a while. They are still in touch via phone and email. Vivian recalled a wonderful surprise party they had for her 98th birthday in the *Write Now!* Class, a favorite memory. Vivian and Joe have some advice for potential members: "Come to OLLI if you feel inclined to whine." Vivian and Joe Young exemplify what we can ALL do to live our lives to the fullest.

Lobby Concert News

By Carol Hughes, Lobby Concert Coordinator

We are ready for another semester of Lobby Concerts.

Music classes that have performances have been pre-scheduled. The following dates have already been assigned: Oct. 22, Nov. 19, 23, 24, 30, Dec 1, 3, 7, 8, 11. Other performance dates are: Sept 22, Oct 20 and Nov. 17. Concert times are 11:50 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.



The request form **MUST** be filled out completely and given to me, Carol Hughes, in my mail slot in Reception. I will check the date for availability in the Office for other conflicting events and then forward the request to Tim who notes the equipment necessary for the performance. Please do not give requests to the Office first.

Remember the Book Sale is the week of November 2 and the Arts and Crafts sale is the week of November 9-12. Friday, November 13 is open this semester. Thanksgiving is November 26 and 27 and OLLI is closed. I am looking forward to some great music.

The Kayak—It Floats!

Remember the kayak lottery of last semester? Wonder who won this craft work that attracted so much attention in the Lobby?

The winner was B. Wilson (Wil) Redfearn. He reports:

"The kayak was launched last Friday. Everything went well . . . We only lost one small grandchild, but we believe that this was his fault. The craft was seaworthy in the bay, but would possibly encounter challenging times with breaking waves in the ocean. We had a great time. Thanks to all who contributed to this excellent vessel."

This semester the class is being repeated and you will have another chance in building or winning a kayak.



Tues., Dec. 8 to Fri., Dec. 11 A Magical Christmas in Newport, RI

Tues., Dec. 15 *Deck the Halls*, Lancaster. PA

Sun., Jan. 17 to Fri., Jan. 29, 2016, Southern Caribbean Cruise, Holland-America

Sun., June 5 to Sun., June 12 Bermuda Cruise, Celebrity from Port Liberty, NJ

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

Metropolitan Opera Trips

The UD Department of Music runs bus trips to select performances of the Metropolitan Opera. Buses leave from Clayton Hall in Newark at 7 a.m. and from Arsht Hall at 7:30 a.m. Selections for the fall are:

October 3 *Il Trovatore*

November 21 *Lulu*

Further information : www.udel.edu/002636.

REP Theatre

The Resident Ensemble Players have announced their 2015-16 schedule of six plays at the Roselle Arts Center in Newark. Fall productions are:

Sep. 23 - Oct. 11 Greg Leaming, *The Patsy*

Nov. 11 - Dec. 6 George Bernard Shaw, *Heartbreak House*

Productions in 2016 are Frederick Knott, *Wait Until Dark*; *To Kill a Mockingbird* (adapted by Christopher Sergel); John Logan, *Red* and Alan Ayckbourn, *Things We Do for Love*.

Osher members receive a discount from the regular price for subscriptions. More information and purchases are available at: www.rep.udel.edu or call 302-831-2204.



Osher Instructor in Longwood Show

Bill Fellner, member and instructor, played the major role of Tevya in the Brandywines' production of *Fiddler on the Roof* at Longwood Gardens. Holly Quinn of the News Journal wrote, "His performance brings out the character's humor and conflicted shyness . . ."

Special Events Wednesdays
12:45 to 1:45 p.m. in Room 105
Announcements at 12:40 p.m.

These programs are open to all members.

September 9—Piano Concert Jennifer Nicole Campbell, 2014 Newark Symphony Orchestra Piano Concerto competition winner

September 16— OLLI Forum

Changed date See page 1 for more info

September 23— First State Ballet

Excerpts from *Sleeping Beauty*

September 30—The Power of Art Therapy

Lindsay Lederman, art therapist, Nemours/A.I. duPont Hospital for Children and other venues)

October 7—How to Recognize Health Care Fraud

Carol Barnett, Delaware Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities

Cookie Social on Thursday, September 24

Meet fellow members and friends at the first 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 p.m.



Lifelong Learning News

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1940 Revisited
Professor Ray Callahan

Starting Friday, October 2, 12:30 p.m.

This is "Churchill Year" in Great Britain. It celebrates the 50th anniversary of his death and the 75th of Britain's "Finest Hour," which Churchill named, celebrated in his contemporary speeches and cast into its classic form in his memoirs. Much of the story he told remains substantially (but not entirely) unaltered by subsequent historical examination. But there was another 1940, whose story Churchill did not tell. Britain mobilized for war history's largest empire, and in so doing shortened its life. The British built a huge security and intelligence establishment, which has outlived not only the war and Churchill, but the empire and remains hugely influential. They also began investigating an atomic weapon and decided to try to unleash insurrection wherever possible in Germany's empire, whatever the local cost. Churchill launched the bombing offensive that would, controversially, shatter urban Germany. Finally, and most fatefully, he decided to get American aid at any cost—a decision crucial for the future of both countries. Some of this Churchill chose not to discuss; some he could not talk about. We, however can, and in so doing get a more complete picture of the year that shaped the remainder of the twentieth century—and casts a shadow over us still.



Imperial War Museum

This series is free to all lifelong learning members and the public. Bring a friend!

Calendar 2015

Tues., Sept. 8.....Fall semester starts
Thurs., Sept 17Spring course proposals begin
Week of Sept. 21Bring-a-Friend Week
Fri., Oct 9..... Spring course proposals due
Thurs., Nov. 26 to Fri., Nov. 27 . Thanksgiving break
Fri., Dec. 11 End of fall semester

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Mon., Feb. 8..... Spring semester starts
Week of March 28Spring break
Fri., May 13 End of fall semester