

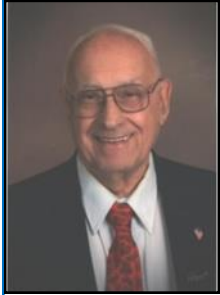


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## LIFELONG LEARNING NEWS in Wilmington

### February 2016

#### Welcome by Ben Raphael, Council Chair



It's great being Chair! I first realized this when a member asked me, "Should I now address you as 'Your Highness' or 'Your Eminence'?" "Your Majesty, of course," I replied with a big grin on my face, feeling quite flattered. And I do feel somewhat like a constitutional monarch. Everyone bows to me but it's all the others who do the real work. And the work is getting done.

Mary Ball Morton and Steve DeMond did a fantastic job organizing our 35th anniversary bash last September, although it almost went up in smoke the night before when our main speaker, Adrienne Arsht, became sick. Her cousin, Eric Cannon, saved the show. He told us about the Arsht family, and his presentation was very informative and entertaining.

At the same affair we were introduced to the previously unknown musical talents of Neil Cullen, who is turning our Renewing the Dream fund raising campaign from a pipedream into a reality. We still have a way to go, but, thanks to Neil and his committee, we are right on target.

As we all know, we need to pay a portion of the building renovations that are scheduled for the summer of 2017, which is rapidly approaching. And to allow us to function without interruption while Arsht Hall is closed, our ever-popular Carol Bernard and Carolyn Stankiewicz have completed the preliminary work coordinating our temporary move to the A.I. DuPont School with the school administrators. We are very fortunate that we will be able to conduct our summer classes at such an ideal facility and so close to home. New council member Bill Rowe, a retired engineer, will keep an eye on the construction and keep Council informed of the progress.

We are also indebted to Martha Hays, Susan Arruda, Lucie Shader and, last but not least, our former program coordinator and statewide Osher liaison officer, Ruth Flexman, for completing the difficult task of bringing our by-laws and operating procedures up to date. It was a major undertaking and took months to complete. This is one of those necessary behind-the-scenes jobs that has little visibility and therefore is too soon forgotten.

Larry Peterson, a new Council member, has taken over our Multicultural Committee, formally called Diversity Committee. This committee is now quite active and has been making presentations to diverse groups. But that's not all Larry does. He has also taken over the June à la Carte program with co-chair, John Bullock. Thank you, Larry and John!

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There are many other projects, events, cookie bakers, musicians, artists and many others too numerous to mention here. All of these efforts have helped make our Open House on January 6 a big success: 43 of the 110 visitors have already enrolled. How many more remains to be seen, but it is safe to say that this Open House will turn out to be one of the most successful in our history.

My thanks to all the volunteers, including the Council, of course, as well as our great staff, that have made our OLLI the biggest and the best. Let's keep it up! To those of you who have yet to volunteer: Join us. We're having a ball!

P.S. If you really want to know what's going on, come to our OLLI Forum, our Special Events Wednesdays presentation at 12:40 on February 17 in Room 105. Our tuba-playing, bicycle-riding Executive Vice Council Chair Thom Remington will be your host.

### Recycling at OLLI

UD supports single stream recycling. All acceptable materials go into one container. OLLI can't accept everything you might be able to recycle at home

#### What you can recycle

- Empty plastic bottles (without caps)
- Empty cans
- Clean paper

**Look for the blue bins. Keep Willi happy.**



Willi

#### Eco Team

Share your ideas on the environment .  
Have lunch with us every Friday  
from 11:50 a.m.to 12:30 p.m.



Jazz band performs in the Lobby. Photo by Robert Ehrlich

### Earn Your Ice Cream!

#### Bring-A-Friend Week February 22-26

By Jeff Ostroff and Elaine O'Toole

Co-chairs, Marketing

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 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.

### Lobby Concerts

by Carol Hughes, Lobby Concert Coordinator

To all music instructors or leaders of music groups who have prescheduled performances AND all other music groups that wish to perform this Spring 2016 semester. I need request forms from ALL of you. Tim Ward needs the information about the equipment necessary for your concert. Please fill out a form found in my slot in the Reception Desk area.

Thank you. We are all looking forward to wonderful music in the Lobby.

## Public Safety

by John Hartsky, UD Public Safety Officer



Welcome to everyone and looking forward to another vibrant semester with fun and activities for all. With that in mind, we need to be mindful of the safety of everyone attending the Osher campus. Some things to remember when traveling on Osher campus:

- ☞ Stop for all pedestrians when you are driving your car. Pedestrians, be mindful of the cars and wait for the cars to stop before entering a traffic way.
- ☞ Please be kind when driving and allow cars to enter the through ways. Please alternate vehicles so that all traffic will move steadily, letting everyone get in and out of the parking spaces more easily.
- ☞ Please come to a complete stop for the speed bump and the stop sign between the Student Services Building and Arsht Hall. Look for and stop for pedestrians.

A reminder to users of handicap spaces: The two "Guest Speaker Only" spaces next to the Student Services Building are considered reserved and CANNOT be used as overflow handicap parking spaces. The guest speakers need to use these two spaces. Federal guidelines require that an appropriately dated handicap placard or license plate MUST be displayed when parked in a designated handicap parking only space. This includes both temporary and permanent handicap parking spaces.

Parking permits are required to park on the Osher campus. They can be obtained free of charge through the Osher office.

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. When you abide by these signs it is deeply appreciated by me and the conference staff. Conference Services needs to reserve this lot at times to accommodate the outside groups that they host.

Looking forward to another semester of learning about everyone.

## 2016 June à la Carte Series

This year the series, planned by Larry Peterson and John Bullock, has the following 4 themes:

**Mon, June 6 (Great Political Contracts)** with Delaware Supreme Court Judge Randy Holland speaking about his book about the Magna Carta and UD Professor James Magee, Judge Hugh M. Morris Professor of Political Science and International Relations at UD, speaking about the US Constitution;

**Tues, June 7 (Feminism)** with UD Professor Anne Boylan providing a background on modern US feminism and UD Professor Pasha Bueno-Hansen discussing feminism today;

**Wed. June 8 (Multicultural Day)** with UD Professor Yuanchong Wang discussing some aspects of China and UD Professor Muqtedar Khan speaking on Islam and geopolitics in the Middle East;

**Thursday, June 9 (Newark Eats and Talks)** will include a food item to eat for each of three topics: Robbie Jester, chef at the Stone Balloon, will share an appetizer and share his story; Ryan German, owner of Caffé Gelato, will tell his story of going to Italy to learn how to make gelato and explain the differences in ice cream, Italian ices, gelato, sorbet and sherbet; and Dana Herbert (Desserts by Dana) will discuss his national awards and share a pastry. Stay tuned for more information including the costs and registration information.

## Take an OLLI Vacation This Spring

by Nan Norling, Co-Chair, OLLI at the Ocean

Warm weather lies ahead (truly!) and with it the opportunity to enjoy a mini-vacation at the annual OLLI at the Ocean program in late May. Registration forms and program schedules are now available for this four-day, three-night program in Rehoboth that takes place during the week after Memorial Day. You can combine socializing, beach time, and tourist/shopping with interesting and entertaining programs to stimulate your brain.

There is room for about 100 people only, so don't procrastinate. Pick up a form at the Reception Desk now. Fliers and application forms are available in the Lobby.



## About the Council

by Lee Kaser

*This is condensed from an article written in 2012 to explain the operation of the Osher Council.*

Many of our members know that we have a Council but they know little about what we do. If you have questions not answered here, we encourage you to ask any member of Council when you see the red ribbon on his or her name tag.

There are 15 elected members on the Council. Five members complete three-year terms each year and five are elected annually providing overlapping terms to ensure continuity. There are also nonvoting (ex officio) Council positions: the OLLI Manager, the immediate past Chair of Council, an appointed advisor, a Secretary and a Finance Officer (if not elected members of Council). Council is served by a Chair, plus Membership, Academics, and Executive Vice-Chairs.

The Council supervises 30 operating committees. Each elected member of Council is asked to chair at least one major committee or event. Dedication to the lifelong learning program is an essential element for our Council members, and many also are or have been instructors.

Council meets monthly, nine times a year. Meeting minutes (right back to our founding in the 1980s) are available in the Reading Room. This reflects the openness you should expect from a body such as ours.

Council works with the Manager and UD staff to ensure that lifelong learning activities are coordinated with University operations such as Public Safety, Finance, Marketing, and Custodial and Maintenance Services.

Council establishes an annual operating budget based on costs of facilities management, equipment, personnel and other costs. It sets annual membership fees and fees for other programs to achieve a balanced budget.

Council supports and helps the recruitment of volunteers for the many tasks needed to operate our learning cooperative, including instructors, committee chairs, and various other programs.

Council oversees planning and providing the equipment our instructors and committees need, including technology.

We have continuing needs for leaders in our various programs. If you are interested in serving in a leadership role at OLLI, please contact any Council member or stop in the Office and leave your name and contact information so a member of Council can get back to you.

## Nominations for Council

by Pam Meitner,  
Chair, Nominating Committee

Each year, we elect five new members to our Council. The Council Chair appointed a nominating committee to select a slate of candidates, and five have been selected by that committee and are named in this newsletter. However, the process is still open and any member may nominate himself or herself or another member, by submitting a nomination form (available in the Office) with 25 or more signatures in support of that candidate. The petition must be submitted to the office by February 19, 2016. Petition candidates, along with the Council committee candidates, will be listed for election by all members in March, and the five members receiving the highest number of votes will join the Council in April. However, if there are no petition candidates, the five candidates selected by the Council nominating committee will be voted on by the Council and no membership election will be held.

### Larry Peterson, New Council Member

Larry Peterson has been appointed to fill a vacant position through April 2018.

He is a UD professor emeritus. He came to UD in 1980 from George Peabody College in Nashville as Chair of the Music Department. During his last four years at UD, Larry was also the first Faculty Coordinator of the Sexuality-Gender Program.

Larry has a doctorate from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and two degrees from Texas Christian University. As a Woodrow Wilson Scholar, Larry studied with the famous French composer Olivier Messiaen in Paris.

Larry has taught at OLLI every semester since fall 2008. This spring 2016, he is teaching two music courses and a GLBT film course. He chairs the Multicultural Committee and is co-chair of the 2016 June à la Carte series.



## An OLLI Fairy Tale

by Betsey Cullen

"Let's take John Snyder's poetry class," I suggested soon after we began taking classes at the Academy in 2005. Silence. "OK," my husband said. Setting 7th grade English anxiety aside, we delved into Garrison Keillor's *Good Poems for Hard Times*. Sharing class discussions and John's passion, we discovered the intimacy of poetry, the joy of reading aloud.

Months later I awoke at 3 a.m. with my first poem. Inspired by Helen Griffith's poets, I took workshops here, off-site and online; started teaching poetry classes (chutzpah!); joined a reading group with friends Pat Goodman and Wendy Ingersoll Perry; and summoned courage to submit my work. My first acceptance came in June 2013; my poem "Sun Beach, Vieques," was published in an anthology by Kind of a Hurricane Press. The acceptance stirred up a storm.

I've had some success with submitting individual poems in publications like the *Avocet*, the *Broadkill Review* and *Jellyfish Whispers*, in print and online. Earlier this year I worked hard on a collection of poems, known as a chapbook, entitled "Our Place in Line." Lo and behold! After receiving three rejections from other editors (part of the business) I was declared winner of Tiger's Eye Press' Chapbook Competition for 2015. Tiger's Eye Press will publish my small book this spring. Wish you could have been there for my cartwheels around the kitchen.

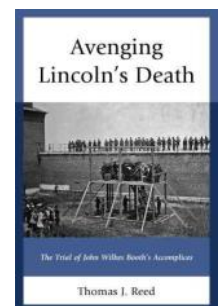
Maybe not "happily ever after," but close. Yes, OLLI changes lives.

## Conspiracy and Justice

"The conspirators have gone to their long home, the swift hand of justice has smitten them, and they stand before the judgment seat." So the *New York Times* evaluated the hanging of four of the eight alleged conspirators in the Lincoln assassination. Not everyone has agreed with this evaluation including Tom Reed, Professor Emeritus at Widener University Delaware Law School, and author of *Avenging Lincoln's Death*.

In 1997 George MacNamara asked Tom Reed to join Dr. Richard Mudd's team of lawyers in the effort to have the Secretary of the Army declare that his ancestor, Dr. Samuel Mudd, was wrongfully convicted. He prepared a defense and later incorporated some of that material into an Osher course on the Lincoln assassination. "Several people in the class urged me to write the book. I took them up on the suggestion and turned the lesson plan from my course (extended and modified) into *Avenging Lincoln's Death*."

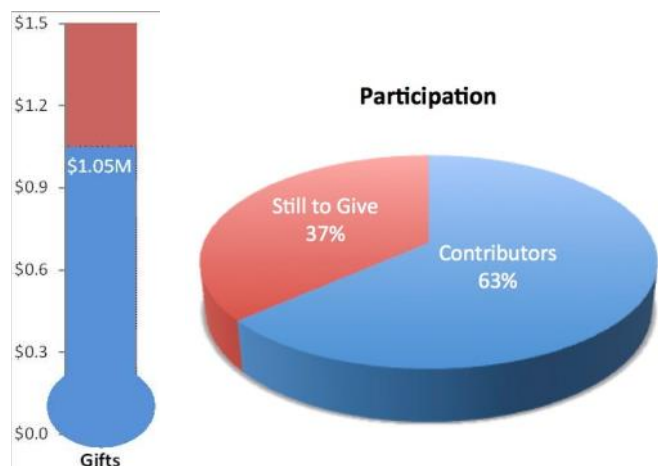
In the book he examines the conspiracies against Lincoln and then focuses on constitutional and legal flaws committed during the trial. He also looks at the evidence and finds it both unrelated to the charges and perjured. *Avenging Lincoln's Death* is available from major booksellers and at the UD Morris Library.



## Renewing The Dream Passes \$1.05 million

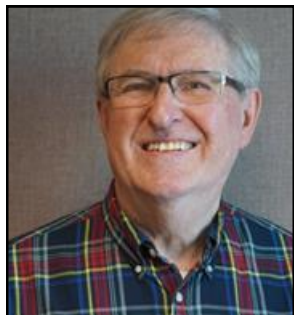
by Neil Cullen, Chair, Fundraising Committee

Good news, good news. As of January 10, 2016, halfway into our public campaign ending June 30, 2017, we have received \$1.05 million in gifts and pledges toward our \$1.5 million goal from 1459 individuals (about 63% of our membership). We on the Fundraising Committee extend our thanks to OLLI members who have already contributed multiple times. We hope your generosity will stimulate all members to donate so that we achieve our objectives of 100% participation and \$1.5 million in gifts.



## Profiles of Nominees for Council

### J. Harry Feldman



Retired Executive Director of the Greater Wilmington Convention & Visitors Bureau. Has participated in a wide variety of classes at OLLI and led a July class in 2015. Has helped with the Computer Support Table, Book Sale and Bring a

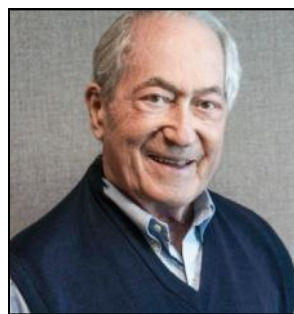
Friend activities. OLLI interests include strategic planning, friend and fund raising, curriculum and marketing.

### Myriam Medinilla



Biology teacher in Guatemala. Neurosurgical office manager for 30 years. She teaches Spanish at OLLI. She sees OLLI as a good place to fulfill one's dreams. She wants to give back to the community by volunteering and "working hard to keep up the flame of knowledge that our predecessors left to us."

### Joe Rosenthal



B.A. Yale 1953; JD Harvard Law School 1956; practiced law in Wilmington since December 1959; devoted countless hours to community service, earning among other awards, the Delaware Bar's highest honor for service to the public (as

founding president of the Bar's initiative providing free representation to the needy). "Now I'm eager to focus on OLLI's priorities."

Photos by Jerry Hapka

### Ruth Sokolowski



Born in Washington, DC, Ruth holds a BA from Swarthmore College. Her career spanned community development, affordable housing and nonprofit management. After retiring as Executive Director of YWCA DE, Ruth consulted in non-profit management for

local and national organizations. Now, she is studying oil painting at OLLI and Vortex energy healing. She brings a passion for racial justice and is interested in promoting multicultural inclusiveness at OLLI.

### Phil Weinberg



He has attended Osher classes for 15 years and taught two computer classes for close to 20 semesters. He has volunteered with the registration mailing and as a greeter at new members' orientation. "My vision is to assure the continuing growth of our membership and to attract people from

all walks of life who can appreciate and enhance what Osher has to offer."



Contemplating a choice of cookies. Photo by Jerry Hapka



## Fusion Club Trip: Princeton Plasma Physics Lab

The OLLI Fusion Club, organized by Michele Greene, toured the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL) on Friday, January 15. PPPL, funded by the federal Department of Energy and managed by Princeton University, is one of our country's leading fusion laboratories. PPPL conducts research directed towards producing energy from fusion, as well as more diverse research related to plasma physics. We watched two introductory videos and listened to introductory remarks by Dr. Stewart Hudson, a theoretical physicist from Australia. Then Dr. Hudson gave us a tour of the facility.

Plasma is the fourth state of matter along with solids, liquids and gases. It consists of a partially-ionized gas, containing ions, electrons, and neutral atoms. Dr. Hudson told us that approximately 98% of the universe is made of plasma including stars and black holes. On earth plasmas occur naturally in only a very limited number of forms, principally lightning, the auroras and fire.

Fusion has the potential to produce large scale clean energy from the combination of small atoms such as hydrogen and deuterium with the conversion of a small amount of mass into a large amount of energy. Fusion is the source of the sun's energy. But fusion is difficult to achieve on earth because of the high temperatures and densities needed to overcome repulsion between the ions. One approach is to confine the plasma using magnetic fields. Dr. Hudson is involved in trying to determine the best magnetic field shapes to confine the plasma.

Another approach is to use laser beams. *Time* (Nov. 12, 2015) detailed commercial efforts in the field, many of which are using this method.

Dr. Hudson stated that the major problem for the researchers is lack of sufficient funding, which would allow development of alternate geometries to optimize the design. At the end of the tour he showed us the magnets and vacuum vessel of an innovative design, the compact stellarator, which had been abandoned in 2008, prior to completion, for lack of funding. Continuing work at PPPL will complement experiments being done in other countries.

*From contributions by John Frankenberg, Bob Foster, Marion and Robert Ehrlich.*



**Sat., March 19** *King and I*, Lincoln Center, NY

**Sat., May 21** Grounds for Sculpture, NJ

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

**Mon., June 20 to Thurs., June 30** Fascinating Newfoundland and Labrador

**Sat., June 25 to Thurs., July 7** French River Cruise

**Tues., July 19 to Tues., July 26** Niagara Falls, Toronto, Shaw Festival

## Metropolitan Opera Trips

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

**April 2** *Madama Butterfly*,

**April 30** *Elektra*,

Further information: [www.udel.edu/002636](http://www.udel.edu/002636).

## REP Theatre

The Resident Ensemble Players spring productions at the Roselle Arts Center in Newark are:

**Mar. 2–Mar. 20** *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Adapted for the Stage By Christopher Sergel;  
Based on the novel by Harper Lee

**April 13–May 8** *Red* by John Logan

**Apr. 20–May 8** *Things We Do for Love* by Alan Ayckbourn

More information and purchases are available at: [www.rep.udel.edu](http://www.rep.udel.edu) or call 302-831-2204.



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

These programs are for all members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Wilmington. Feel free to attend each week or select the programs that most interest you.

**February 10—Delaware Symphony Orchestra:**

**The Next 110 Years**

Alan Jordan, executive director, Delaware Symphony Orchestra

**February 17—OLLI Forum**

Thom Remington, executive vice chair, Council

**February 24—Music Performance**

Newark Symphony Orchestra's 2015 Youth Concerto competition winners

**March 2—Wilmington International Exhibition of Photography**

Karl Leck, Delaware Photographic Society and OLLI member

**March 9—Accessing DelawareOnline.com**

Robert Long, consumer experience director, *The News Journal*

**March 16—Saving Money on Your Home and Church Energy Costs**

Kerry Hollenbeck, energy advisor, Energize Delaware

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**Submittal deadline** Friday, February 26  
**Issue date** Monday, March 15, 2016

**Social on Tuesday, February 23**

Take a break and meet fellow members and friends for coffee, tea, conversation plus home-made cookies from our many volunteer bakers at the first social of the semester. Gather in the Lobby at 1:30 p.m.

There will be more socials on Wednesday, March 16 and Thursday, April 14.



Photo by Jerry Hapka

**Summer 2016 Course Proposals**

Summer Session course proposals will be accepted from February 8–18. Summer Session is July 5 to July 28 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Course proposal forms are available in the Office and online.

**Fall 2016 Course Proposals**

Proposals for the fall semester will be accepted from February 15 to March 11. Look for information about availability of forms in This Week.

**Calendar 2016**

**Mon., Feb. 8** ..... Spring semester starts  
**Week of March 28** ..... Spring break  
**Fri., May 13** ..... End of spring semester  
**Tues, May 31 to Fri., June 3** ..... OLLI at the Ocean  
**Mon., June 6 to Thurs., June 9** ..... June à la Carte  
**Tues., July 5 to Thurs., July 28** ..... Summer Session  
**Tues, Sept. 6** ..... Fall semester starts  
**Tues, Nov. 8** ..... Election Day, OLLI closed  
**Thurs.–Fri., Nov. 24–25** ... Thanksgiving, OLLI closed  
**Fri., Dec. 9** ..... End of fall semester