



Celebrating Carol Bernard

Adiós

Auf Wiedersehen

Au Revoir

Arrivederci

Wednesday, February 21, OLLI members and staff celebrated Carol Bernard on her retirement as OLLI Manager and upcoming transformation to OLLI member.

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Thank You and Farewell from Carol Bernard, Manager

It has been my pleasure to work at OLLI Wilmington for the past seven and a half years, first as program coordinator and then as manager. I have grown as an individual through my association and work with the wonderful members and terrific staff. I have witnessed dedication from those in leadership roles and the volunteer instructors. I have also witnessed the incredible enthusiasm of members for this program. I can only hope that my efforts as manager have helped take this program in new directions and made the program stronger. I feel that one of my best achievements with staff and Council was shepherding the program through the massive renovation project during the Summer 2017. I want to personally THANK YOU all and say that it will be my pleasure to teach this summer and become a member in the fall. Again, thank you for the opportunity as it has been my pleasure to serve.



New OLLI Manager Selected

by J. Harry Feldman

From a search that involved 48 local and national applications, seven semi-finalists and three finalists, the OLLI Manager Search Committee is delighted to announce the unanimous selection of Jennifer Merrill as the new manager of OLLI. Jennifer has been on the staff of UD's College of Earth, Ocean and Environment since 2011 and has prior experience with the National Academy of Sciences, the Maryland Sea Grant College Program and the office of U.S. Senator Carl Levin. Her first will be March 20.

The search committee of seven members was headed by Dr. Jim Broomall, UD associate vice provost, Professional & Continuing Studies and Online Initiatives. OLLI Council representatives were Anita Sterling and J. Harry Feldman.

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Members were welcomed to the special Special Events Wednesday with music by the Jazz Orchestra conducted by Al Twedde.

Carolyn Stankiewicz, master of ceremonies, then began the fast-paced celebration.

James Broomall, associate vice provost, Professional and Continuing Studies and Online Initiatives at UD, Carol's immediate supervisor, gave a tribute. Andrea Majewski spoke on behalf of the office staff.

"Mighty Manager" (played by Pam Meitner) demonstrated the heroic feats required of an OLLI manager. These include dealing with medical emergencies, equipment failures and facing literal down-to-the-wire approvals for opening the renovated building and certifying the renovated elevator.



Pam Meitner, photo by Colleen Olexa

Ken Mulholland continued the humorous tribute to the feats of "Mighty Manager" without the costume.

Of course, a transition requires a certificate and Carol's recognized her "graduation from labor to leisure."



Photo by Robert Ehrlich

Four language groups (Spanish, German, Italian and French) sang farewell songs in their class languages.



Farewell song, photo by Colleen Olexa

Then the music turned to Carol. The Jazz Orchestra played a favorite of Carol's, "Theme from a Summer Place." It was now Carol's turn to sing. She belted out a revised version of "Thanks for the Memory." This earned her an invitation to join the jazz band as a band singer.



Carol Bernard, photo by Robert Ehrlich

Thanks, Joan Miller and Anita Sterling, who chaired a committee that met for four months to plan this wonderful tribute.

Thanks for the Memory

(opening lines of the Carol Bernard version)

Thanks for the memory, Instructors in the know,
Whose classrooms overflow
For crowded parking lots with simply nowhere else
to go
So thank you, so much!
Thanks for the memory
Of lengthy café lines, Tripping hazard signs,
Of music gigs and book sale digs
And opening up on time,
Yes, thank you, so much.
Many's a time that we greeted
And many's a time that we parted.
Oh, well, it was swell while it lasted.
We did have fun and no harm done
And thanks, for the memory
Of renovation woe, toilets overflow,
The temperature so hot and cold
And hard hat only zones
So thank you so much.

Financial Report — FY19 Budget by Phil Weinberg, Council Financial Chair

A comparison of the FY 2019 budget, which takes effect July 1, 2018, and the FY 2018 budget, is shown at the right.

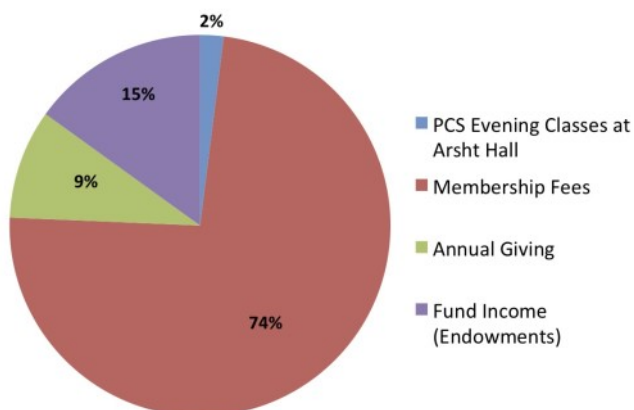
Highlights

(numbers are estimates – not actuals)

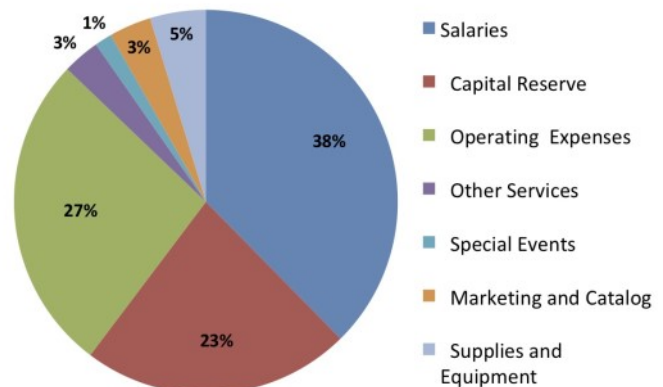
- Membership fees will remain the same as those experienced in the fiscal years 2015 through 2018.
- Overall, the budget has increased 2.7% from FY 2018.
- The income increase is anticipated largely because of a projected increase in membership enrollment.
- Income from UD Professional & Continuing Studies evening classes at Arsht Hall will provide additional revenue.
- The increase in salary expenses is due to additional office and audiovisual personnel.
- Other expense changes are based on historical knowledge.
- Note that, thanks to the generosity of past and present members, we have a significant endowment which will allow us to use some of the income these funds generate to defray the increased cost of operations.

| OLLI BUDGET | FY19 Budget | FY18 Budget | % Change |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| PCS Evening Classes at Arsht Hall | \$ 30,000 | \$ 30,000 | 0.0% |
| Membership Fees | \$ 1,106,585 | \$ 1,084,065 | 2.1% |
| Annual Giving | \$ 139,305 | \$ 113,935 | 22.3% |
| Fund Income (Endowments) | \$ 226,174 | \$ 234,430 | -3.5% |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$ 1,502,064 | \$ 1,462,430 | 2.7% |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Salaries | \$ 565,076 | \$ 494,090 | 14.4% |
| Facilities: | | | |
| Capital Reserve | \$ 340,500 | \$ 366,198 | -7.0% |
| Operating Expenses | \$ 403,370 | \$ 390,860 | 3.2% |
| Other Services | \$ 47,096 | \$ 49,552 | -5.0% |
| Total Facilities: | \$ 790,966 | \$ 806,610 | -1.9% |
| Special Events | \$ 21,930 | \$ 25,578 | -14.3% |
| Marketing and Catalog | \$ 53,486 | \$ 61,059 | -12.4% |
| Supplies and Equipment | \$ 70,606 | \$ 75,093 | -6.0% |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 1,502,064 | \$ 1,462,430 | 2.7% |

FY19 BUDGET REVENUE



FY19 BUDGET EXPENSES



Generativity by James Krum

The term “generativity” was coined by developmental psychologist Erik Erikson to describe the fourth life task: demonstration of a clear capacity to unselfishly guide the next generation. Martin Luther King, Jr. advised: “An individual has not started living until he [she] can rise above the narrow confines of his [her] individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.”



Large sections of Wilmington are in crisis, and this crisis carries over into the schools. Fortunately, each of us has an opportunity to make a difference in the life of one child by becoming a mentor in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters school mentoring program. There are 25 OLLI mentors who spend about an hour each week with a student at Shortlidge Academy (grades K-2) or Warner Elementary (grades 3-5); both schools are on 18th Street in northeast Wilmington.

There are currently 26 students at the two schools on the waiting list for a mentor. In other words, OLLI members are meeting less than half the demand. The typical student in the program comes from a single parent family. At Warner, the poverty level is 83%; at Shortlidge, it's 87%. These are at-risk kids who benefit from the presence of another adult in their lives who is there for them on a regular basis during the school year. Because my first mentee moved to Philadelphia, I just met my new one, a second grader at Shortlidge. He looks like a delightful boy whom I look forward to getting to know. As a mentor, you work out a weekly schedule with the on-site coordinator of the mentoring program.

Information on mentoring and an application are available at the OLLI Office..

A young person is waiting for you to show up in his/her life.

Welcome John Wolf

Working in a university environment is most interesting and enjoyable according to John Wolf who joined the Audiovisual Technology team of Tim Ward, Jay Higgin, and Brian Medina the first of December.

John, 25, was born and grew up in New Jersey. He has always been interested in computers and computer technology, and one of his favorite pastimes is playing computer games. He received his associate degree from Mercy County Community College in West Windsor, New Jersey. He has worked repairing small appliances and continues as manager of a Rite Aid pharmacy in New Jersey. As an audiovisual assistant he helps set up and maintain the equipment to



show videos, slide presentations, and images for the OLLI instructors.

John hopes to move to Wilmington soon. His girlfriend works in communications at Tower Hill, and eventually he would like to return to school and earn a bachelor's degree, hopefully from the University of Delaware. His hobbies and interests include cooking, particularly Indian food as he likes spicy ingredients, listening to punk rock (his favorite rocker is singer-guitarist Brian Fallon) and going to concerts.

"I'm not good at remembering names," he said, "but I'll learn them as I want to get to know the people here." You'll also enjoy getting to know John.

Spotlight on Osher Poets

Poets are invited to submit original poems to be considered for publication in the Newsletter to betseycullen@me.com.

Guideline: no more than **30 lines**. Include name and phone with your submission.

Alicia's Stereo: Cornell, 1968

More Malcolm X than MLK, Jr., you strut your stuff,
ignite Baldwin's *Fire Next Time* on your freshman corridor –

dark eyes a burst of flak, stare a stun gun, James Brown's
Say It Loud on full blast, chip on shoulder a boulder.

You would have invented the word *Honky* if Stokely hadn't.
See this white streak on my inner wrist, you spit. *That's where*

your great-grandfather raped my great-grandmother. (Fact:
of Fanny Lou Hamer's twenty-two half-brothers and sisters

twenty were slaves sired by rape.) I am your RA, a master
found guilty by skin hue, asked to silence your stereo

during study hours. Words like *Turn the damn thing down*
die before uttered; I leave a note rather than take on

anger like yours, holstered on each hip. *What color*
are flesh-colored Band-Aids? my professor queries,

and my gut twists, eyes survey skin-tone pre-stained
by *Jungle Book* stories and Cadillac-in-the-ghetto jokes.

You quite Cornell. Complicit, boxed in by race, two lives
waffle between grief and relief. And years later

I can still hear your stereo blasting – your voice,
Cassandra-like, speaking truth.

Betsey Cullen

From *More Challenges for the Delusional*
Anthology, edited by Ona Gritz & Daniel Simpson, 2018

The Attic of My Mind

Don't get lost on some back road
Cartons of rainy days
lean sleepily
against trunks of summers.

Children play hide and seek
through closets
of broken promises.

Cobwebs of unspoken words
cling to corners
of almosts.

When downstairs life
is too bright
and confusing

I climb the shadows
escaping
to the friendly dark.

Linda Texter Hall

April

Fat washerwomen
go thumping through the sky
pouring Clorox on clouds
and wringing them out.

April is
Keep Your Sky Clean Month.

Linda Texter Hall

Spotlight on Economics, Finance, Political Science and Law

by Susan Arruda

As most of us are retired, we need to think about how to manage this phase of our lives.

Courses in the areas of Economics and Finance offer helpful information in this area. It should be noted that information provided to Finance and Economics class participants is informational only and should not be construed as business, financial, investment, legal, regulatory, tax or accounting advice.

As we look around the homes we raised our families in, we wonder if and how we can stay there; or are other options available. I personally don't need five bedrooms anymore! *Buy, Sell, Rent or Stay Put, Aging in Place for Success*, and *Aging in Place: Lifetime Homes* offer class members basic information on personal housing choices. Topics covered include: making current homes more livable, universal design, home automation, downsizing, and types of retirement and long-term care communities.

Of course, to be successful in retirement, money management becomes important. Through classes such as *Complete Financial Management Workshop*, *Investing for a Successful Retirement*, *Principles of Investing*, *Retirement Income by Design*, and *Stocks and Options: Investing*, and *Insurance: An Introduction*, participants can learn how to make the most of their financial situations. *Thriving in Retirement* covers strategies needed for health and insurance stability, including long-term care options and Medicare choices.

Consumer Economics is an informative course covering topics such as how consumers make decisions, product warranties, consumer protection and economics at home.

Political discussions are a favorite among OLLI members. *Conservatives and Liberals: A Healthy Discussion*, provides a safe haven for people of all political persuasions to discuss current political themes. This class is lively and current!

Other courses with a political theme include *America Now: Values in Conflict*, *The Constitutional Tour*, *International Human Rights Law*, *Law 101* and *The Future of Democracy in America*. *The Politics of Slavery* is a new course that delves into the moral and legal inequities of slavery and the impact of the Civil War.

Of course, current events play an important role in our lives. *Great Decisions: 2018* is an ongoing OLLI course; this year's topics include Russia's foreign policy, China and America, and US global engagement and the military. Another popular and long-running course is *Current Issues: Lecture and Discussion*.

Timely regional, national and international issues are presented and lively discussions follow. So, if you want to increase your portfolio, thrive in retirement and find a place to live that's right for you, learn what's going on in the world, have healthy political discussions, and become consumer-savvy, look into OLLI's offerings in Economics, Finance, Political Science and Law.





2018

May 23 **Wednesday matinee at American Musical Theater, Lancaster/Songs of the Silver Screen**

June 19 to June 28 **Canadian Caper: Montreal/Quebec/Charlevoix**

June 19 to June 30 **Alpine Explorer and Glacier Express with Oberammergau Passion Play**

July 20 to August 1 **Baltic Cruise: Scandinavia, St. Petersburg**

August 9 to August 12 **Tanglewood/Boston Pops**

October 18 to October 27 **World War II Learning Experience: River Cruise from Paris to Normandy** with lectures by Ray Callahan

For information on these trips, visit the Travel Desk in the Lobby on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Take an OLLI Vacation This Spring

by Nan Norling

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 tourism/shopping with interesting and entertaining programs to stimulate your brain.

The program takes place at the Brighton Suites Hotel. Each two-room suite accommodates two people. If you'd like to go but don't have a travel companion, please leave your name in the OLLI at the Ocean box on the right-hand wall behind the Reception Desk, and we will try to find possible partners.

There is room for about 100 people only, so don't procrastinate. Pick up a form at the Reception Desk now. For more information, email Parry Norling at Parry.Norling@comcast.net.

ECO TEAM

Earth Week (April 16–23, 2018). Get ready to stroll around the grounds look at habitat ideas, check out the possibilities of yoga and spend time with youth who are Caring for the Earth.

Check the bulletin board for ECO TEAM updates.

Learn more at ECO TEAM meetings on Tuesdays at 3:20 p.m. in room 218.



Kudos to our Artists

by Pam Finkelman

Soon, the Osher art classes will have their works on display. Countless times, I have walked down the sloping Art-Way (south hallway) and marveled at the transformed walls. How did she draw that? What a glorious landscape! This should be on display in an art museum!....are a few of the comments I have imposed on fellow passersby. There are no big gallery openings or life-altering paychecks for our artists, but they should know that I speak for many when I say, "Thanks for enhancing our lives with your talent and creativity!"

Enjoy our Campus in Spring

You can get exercise and welcome the changes in the spring landscape by walking around our Wilmington campus. Peek into Goodstay Gardens or its shaded Park.



Goodstay in spring, photo by John Dietz

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

March 14 — Southwestern Son:

The Lithographs of Peter Hurd

Amanda Burden, Brandywine River Museum

March 21 — Market Street Walking Tour—

Delaware History Museum

March 28 — NO PROGRAM, OLLI is Closed

April 4 — Duo Imprompt2—Jennifer Campbell,

Dasha Bukhartseva, duo pianists

April 11 — 2018 Wilmington International

Exhibition of Photography—Karl Leck

April 18 — Youth Caring for the Earth—Lisa

Locke, Executive Director of Delaware Interfaith

Power and Light will lead an engagement in

which youth and OLLI members will compare

and contrast their perspectives, concerns, and

actions around climate change.

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Submit articles to rehlich@udel.edu, or place in the editor's mailbox in the Reception Area.

Thanks again, Carol Bernard

The editor thanks Carol for enabling us to bring this newsletter to you in color.

Friday Lectures

Fridays, 12:30 p.m., Room 108/109

Free and Open to the Public

March 9 to April 13 Bill Jones *Lewis and Clark —*

Voyage of Discovery. Five-part presentation.

Using lecture, PowerPoint and the Ken Burns film

"Lewis and Clark – The Journey of the Corps of Discovery," we will look in depth at the epic journey

that was the Lewis and Clark expedition. We will

discuss the hardships, the incredible land that was

explored, and what happened to these men after-

wards. We will also look in depth at Sacajawea, the

incredible teenager without whom the voyage of discovery would have failed.

Social on Thursday, March 22

Meet fellow members for coffee, tea, conversation plus homemade cookies from our many bakers at the second social of the semester.



Gather in the Lobby at 1:30 p.m.

The final social of the semester will be on Wednesday, April 25.

Calendar 2018

Mon., March 26 to Fri., March 30 Spring break

Fri., May 11End of spring semester

Tues., May 29 to Fri., June 1 OLLI at the Ocean

Mon., June 11 to Thurs., June 14 June a la Carte

Tues., Wed., Thurs., July 10 to August 2

.....Summer classes, mornings only

Tues., Sept. 4Start of fall semester

Tues., Nov. 6Election Day, No Classes

Thurs., Fri., Nov. 22, 23Thanksgiving, No Classes

Fri., Dec. 7End of fall semester