



THIS MONTH AT OLLI SEPT. 2018

What would the perfect OLLI location look like? Wide halls, large classrooms all on one floor to accommodate our population, lots of parking, good lighting, handicap accessible; Wyoming Methodist Church has it all. They have lots of room and are willing to share it not only with us but with others. At a time when we seem to have too much anger and turmoil in the country acts of kindness become even more precious. I often think of OLLI as a sanctuary. We are a peaceful place that welcomes thinkers.

Wyoming and Lewes are very different. In Wyoming the heating, cooling, and lighting are modern and regulated. The Fred Thomas Building is that school you remember from the 1950's and I love it. The lighting is not great. The room may be a little too warm, but that is how a real school from back in the day is supposed to be. For the teacher who started their career in a school like this they probably feel a little younger and are able to pick up the smells and feelings from that first year of teaching. Enough of this waxing nostalgic we have work to do.

The "Open House" was the best attended I have seen. We had a lot of member participation and a number of new faces coming through the doors. I don't know what the final count was but I saw four people in classes last week that I did not recognize. Many new members get to OLLI because a friend told them about us. One is a most important number. One friend recommended a product to their friend and that friend liked it and passed it on. Let me give you a real OLLI example. Pat Weaver and I co chair the Community Relations Committee and we work closely with the Member Relations Committee chaired by Betty Ipnar. Betty is our phone link to members who may have not attended for a while. She builds the contacts and we do the legwork. I am not always a big fan of Health Fairs, Expos, etc. but I was high on the Noble's Pond Senior Spree because it was so well advertised. I thought there was a real opportunity here for OLLI and I brought it up at a team meeting where the other four members of the committee picked up the ball and took off. My wife, Connie who isn't even on the committee said a while ago that a first day of school picture would be a good idea and Larry Klepner built on that and volunteered to take the picture. Deb Roberts said we needed contact cards for people to fill out at the Spree so that we could follow up with them and she sketched what she thought it should look like on a piece of paper. I passed it on to Anna Moshier who had it shined up and ready for me to make copies of both the card and the courses we offered to hand out at the Spree. Deb also said she would woMan the booth for the entire six hours of the event.

On Senior Spree day Pat Weaver and Caroline Baxter each chatted up Andrew West the editor of the Delaware State News and suggested a first day story in the paper. He agreed and we got a picture and a few words on the front page with a jump to more pictures on an inside page. And what was I doing while all of this was going on you ask? Connie and I were spending two weeks in a small cottage on the edge of Galway Bay in Ballyvaughn, Ireland. On this day we had driven down to Ennis for some shopping. According to my journal I had a beef sandwich and my daily pint of Guinness for lunch. I should feel guilty but instead I'll just feel proud to be associated with such a good group.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Tell your friends about the Tuesday and Thursday noontime speaker series and that they are welcome to attend.

Also tell them that the winter term will be here before they know it and let them know when the course catalog is online.