



FROM THE OLLI DOVER COUNCIL CHAIR

Welcome back OLLI members to a new semester and our new location. I hope you are enjoying your classes this fall. Thank you to all instructors and students for your patience during this transition. We see Paula and Wayne working endlessly to assist us in resolving our problems areas and we appreciate their help.

A special thanks to all "greeters" who volunteered to guide you through the halls and classrooms during the first two weeks of September.

I would also like to call your attention to three events in November. On November 13 the Biggs Museum will host a lecture entitled Early American Women Painters by Art McLaughlin, on November 30 there will be a bus trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art and on November 15 will be OLLI Dover's end of semester luncheon.

So, we are striving to keep you busy with even more activities next month. As always, feel free to let us know if you have any questions, suggestions, or ideas for classes, especially if you want to volunteer or instruct next semester. We need your input to be successful.

Thanks,
Rosemary Engle
Your Council Chair

JUST A WORD OF THANKS

By Joe Bailey

We are entering the fifth week of classes in our new home and it seems to be going well. For most of us we left school on College Park Drive and came back to school at Wyoming Methodist Church. If you are one of the many volunteers that made this happen you know that there is more to it. The U of D sent people with a truck to do the heavy lifting and to take the University's property back to Newark. But a small army of anonymous volunteers packed boxes and used their own vehicles to transport OLLI to our new home. We have a great facility with nice classrooms and plenty of parking. I have heard few complaints. Although I am a guy who has a tendency to see the glass as half empty, my wife is quick to remind me, that in order for that condition to exist it must also be half full. We welcome help in identifying the bugs that need to be addressed and will embrace the problem solving helpers.

During the first week we had Diana here all week to hold our hands while she attempted to do her job amid many interruptions. Looking like a NASA launch master sitting behind three computer screens, Paula Wood kept all of the balls in the air and never dropped the smile from her face. A series of people sat at the table in the hall directing we the lost to our classrooms. No doubt they could tell some stories of the first week adventures. Our teachers are our gift and our strength. While no one seems to be able to tell us when America ceased to be great, Dan Pritchett continues to tell us how it became great. Art McLaughlin and George Christensen help us with art and music history. The art department is helping to create more great artists. I saw Jan Miller pulling a cart while carrying an easel and an armload of art supplies down the hall. I thought Kathleen Dunn must have a plane to catch with that piece of rolling carryon luggage she had. It turns out that when the knitting project is the Einstein coat that is about the smallest container in which it will fit. That is dedication. Caroline Baxter is helping me learn things that I didn't know about Delaware. This year's prize for courage or lunacy may go to Erv Schleifer and Larry Klepner for their class on Controversial Issues. Rob Lathey taught a class called "Who's Afraid of Controversial Issues" and he avoided politics. Larry and Erv stepped off with or maybe into it with a class on current politics. It must not have scared anyone. We all came back for week two. Now it is your turn. Tell us about your classes and OLLI stories. Joe Bailey (joe43bailey@gmail.com) or Caroline Baxter (carolinebaxter21@yahoo.com). You can also write a sentence or three and leave it with Paula and she will get it to one of us.

Calendar of Events



- Tuesday, Nov 6** - Election Day, no classes
- Monday, Nov 12** - Veterans Day, no classes
- Monday, Nov 13** - Biggs Museum Lecture – Early American Women Painters given by Art McLaughlin
- Thursday, Nov 15** - End-of-Semester Luncheon
- Monday, Nov 19** - Last day of classes
- Friday, Nov 30** - Trip to Philadelphia Museum of Art

SPECIAL SPEAKER THURSDAYS

Noon – 12:50 p.m.

Join us on Thursdays for interesting special speakers on a wide array of topics. These programs are free and open to the public. You are welcome to attend every program or select the ones that most interest you. Bring a lunch, bring a friend, and enjoy.

- October 25** - **Robert Mooney, Executive Director, Delaware Crime Stoppers – *Reporting Crime and How it Works***
- November 1** - **Dr. William Flayhart, Retired Professor, Delaware State University *History and Legend of Saint Nicholas, Early Christian Bishop***
- November 18** - **Patrick Weaver, Veteran and OLLI Member, *Veterans' Stories: What did you do in the war?***

Paula's Bits and Bytes



We have been welcomed with open arms at the Wyoming United Methodist Church. Thank you to everyone who stops in and offers help, solutions, and encouragement. The computer bugs are fewer and fewer – thank goodness! Our workarounds for our internet issue have worked very well for those who have emailed me with the class internet needs. I really appreciate those who have been patient with the very hectic pace that comes with a new location and new routines.

Being here is a privilege and they are happy to have us here. I do need to send a friendly reminder of a few rules that some may not be aware of:

- The green bin in each room is for recycling paper and our coffee cups – please place the cup right side up
- It is important to wear our name tags – there are two other groups that meet at the same times on multiple days and it is important for our instructors to know if we have a new guest in any given class
- Our jovial facility management man, Bob, has asked us not to eat in the rooms with carpet
- If you would please use a lid for your coffee cup to prevent spills, the carpet and the church will appreciate it very much.
- Please turn cell phones to vibrate or off to be considerate of classmates.
- Please do not adjust the room temperature from the thermostat in the room. Each thermostat adjusts multiple rooms. Please let me know and I'll take care of it.
- Administrative issues and concerns can be discussed directly with Diana Faison, Administrative Assistant, who will be in the Dover OLLI office on Thursday each week. She can always be reached at 302-645-4111 or dsfaison@udel.edu.

Thank you,
Paula Wood

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Volunteering is an excellent way to develop new friendships and be a part of an exciting and dynamic learning community. Current opportunities include a Greeting Team to man the reception area during school hours, the Special Events Team, the Hospitality Team, catalog distribution, assisting Paula Wood with classroom setup and takedown, serving as classroom leaders or instructors, serving as a OLLI Council member, just to name a few. Please contact Diana Faison (dsfaison@udel.edu) or 302-645-4111 if you are interested in volunteering.

If you have the desire, we have the opportunity.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – POTENTIAL INSTRUCTOR

OLLI is always looking for potential instructors. We encourage you to consider volunteering as an instructor. We always look forward to the return of our staff of faithful, dedicated faculty members and welcome new instructors.

If you have never been an OLLI instructor please consider please consider the following points voiced by our instructors:

- Being an instructor is a very rewarding experience. If it was not, why do we have many repeat instructors?
- The students are eager to learn. They are taking OLLI classes because they want to.
- The staff (Anna, Renee, Diana, Paula and Wayne) is eager to help you.
- You are free to choose your topic. It will typically be a subject you have a high level of interest in, but you do not have to have been trained in.
- Consider teaming up with someone or facilitating speakers.

For more information on becoming a volunteer instructor, please contact Ronnie Grady (vagrady1@gmail.com) of the Curriculum Team.

What Did You Do In the War Dad (or Mom)?

What did you hear from your father, mother, aunt, uncle, cousin, stepfather (you get the point)? Did your relative have a story about what they did in the war? Funny, serious, educational, perhaps even true, that you would like to share during a lunch time presentation. It doesn't only have to be about someone in uniform. Did they work in the shipyards, build airplanes, serve at the USO canteen, etc.? I will tell my story and would love to hear yours!

The story doesn't have to be long – 5, 10, 15 minutes during the one-hour lunchtime speaker series.

Please contact Pat Weaver at pweaver42@hotmail.com if you are interested in participating.

OLLI Lecture at the Biggs Museum

On November 13th at 10:00 a.m. the Biggs Museum will be hosting a lecture entitled Early American Women Painters given by Art. McLaughlin. The talk will be anchored on the recent acquisition by the Biggs of a painting entitled *The Guitar Player* (1880) by Catherine Ann Drinker Janvier, a Delaware resident and winner of the Mary Smith Prize awarded by the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Two other winners, Susan Macdowell Eakins and Emily Sartain will also be covered in the lecture.

The lecture fee will be the usual Biggs Museum admission fee of \$8.00 for seniors and free to members.

OLLI Trip to Philadelphia Museum of Art

OLLI Dover is offering a trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art on Friday, November 30. Registration is required with payment due by November 8. Discover works of art at one of the largest and most renowned museums in the country.

For additional information contact the OLLI office at 302-645-4111.

ALONG THE TRACKS 2018-5

By Joe Bailey

If you have written a story you will know what I am talking about. You struggle for a while to find a topic and then you must come up with a first sentence that will keep your reader reading. As you go along you may barely notice that the story starts to tell itself and you are but the vehicle that puts the words on paper. This story starts with a walk through my mind along the Lookerman Street of the 1950's. There were no malls or even strip malls in Dover. Everything was downtown. Even the Acme Market and the A&P Store were downtown. The Acme did move from its longtime location across from Harry Louie's dry cleaning establishment (the building is now an auto parts store) out to the corner of Route 13 and North Little Creek Road. The Edgehill Shopping Center sprang from that. I suppose it could be called a strip mall.

Back then as it is now Lookerman Street was just two long blocks with some commercial spillover onto State, Bradford, and Governors. There was a sporting goods store next to the Firestone Tire and appliance store. The men hung out in Maag's Sporting Goods. We boys were fascinated by the guns and fishing gear that they sold. In the front of the store they had a rack of magazines for sale. The Playboy magazine was displayed with the best part of its cover blocked. One or two of us would try to divert the view or attention of the clerk behind the counter in order to allow another boy to *read the articles*. There were two furniture stores. There was a Western Auto and a hardware store, three shoe stores, two men's and three women's clothing stores, and four five and dime stores. Believe it or not J. C. Penney and Sears also found room on the same block. We even had two or three jewelry stores downtown.

There were four stores that were called drug stores, Clarke and McDaniel's, Sun Ray, Silco, and Bryan's Rexall Drug Store. These so called drug stores and a chat with Margaret Bryan were the genesis for this story. I am not even sure that all the stores had pharmacy counters. Sun Ray and Rexall had lunch counters. When I had a paper route with the Delaware State News which was located on North Street at the time the Rexall was a day stop on my way from school to the paper. Fortified by a soda fountain cherry coke and a bag of Bar-B-Q potato chips I was set for my afternoon job. I was talking to Margaret Bryan at the OLLI open house. Margaret is very active in the Wyoming Methodist Church. This day she was working on the upcoming yard sale. The last time I saw her was at their book sale. Not long after talking to her I saw her husband, Terry. Terry is a dentist who had a mobile dentistry practice that travels to serve people who can't get out easily. Terry also teaches some classes at OLLI.

Terry's father, the man all of Dover knew as Doc Bryan was the owner and pharmacist of the Rexall Drug Store. Doc Bryan was a brilliant man, but I think my mother always liked that inside he was a country boy with connections to Love Creek near Millsboro, her childhood home.

Funny isn't it? I send my mind for a walk down the Lookerman Street of my youth and pick up a thread here and one there. They weave their way along and pick up a guy from the class behind me in school who teaches at OLLI, a school I now attend, and his wife volunteers at the church where the OLLI Program holds classes. If the fabric of life is woven this must be how it is done.

WE WERE YOUNG ONCE

By Joe Bailey

When I tell people that I met my wife in the first grade I get some strange looks. I met George back then also. The three of us met Pat in second grade. He waited for us to catch up and from there we went the rest of the way together. And here we are several decades later still trying to learn more. As a kid who was not overly fond of school I have found that education is critical to overcoming ignorance.

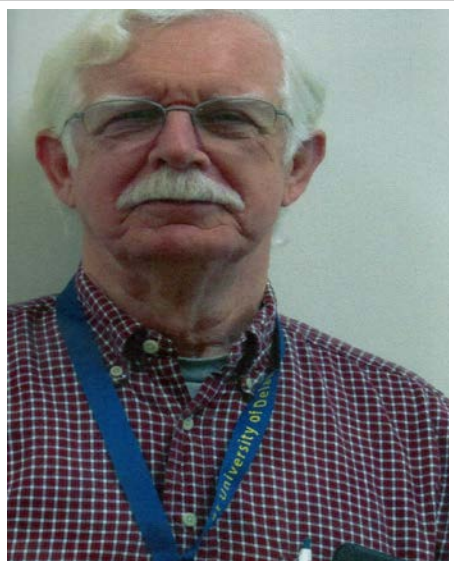
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Joe Bailey, Connie Bailey and Pat Weaver



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Anna Moshier and, Diana Faison assisting Steve Kotrch at Open House in August



Members taking tour to check out the classrooms during the Open House in August



Liz Langham, Deb Roberts and Caroline Baxter at the OLLI booth at the Senior Spree at Nobles Pond in August



John Dacey, Joe Bailey and Pat Weaver hanging out in the hall the first week of school

Anna Moshier, Diana Faison and Rosemary Engle at OLLI table with member Susan Salkin on the first day of classes.

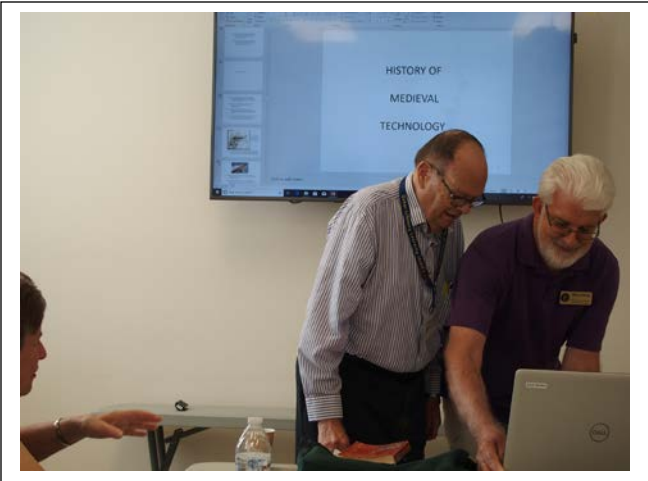




Instructor Bob Heifetz at Open House



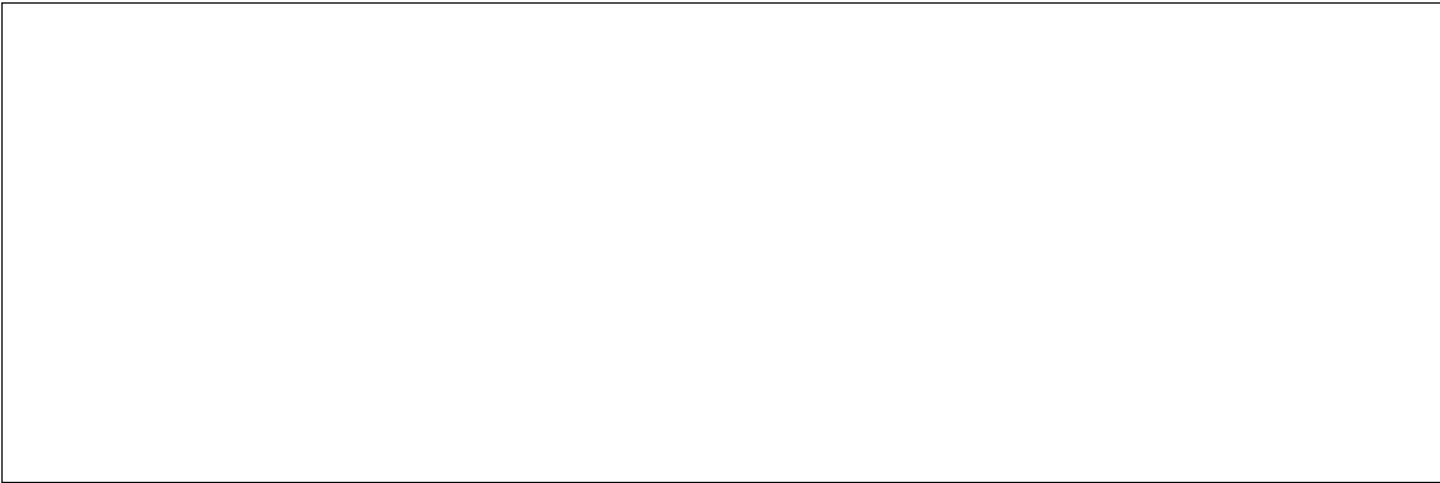
Open House – instructor presentations



Wayne Kling solving a computer problem



Rita Klepner preparing for her recipe sharing class



OSHER DOVER NEWS

The *Osher Dover News* is published quarterly, with special editions as appropriate, for the information and entertainment of the members and those interested in lifelong learning. If anyone has information, news, pictures or items of interest to share, the Community Relations Team wants to hear from you.

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