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FROM THE OLLI DOVER COUNCIL CHAIR

Season's Greetings,

December is the holiday month for most of us as we work hard to make it a joyous celebration for our loved ones. So, as we are absent from our Osher classes, we hope you remember to check out the new Spring catalogue coming your way soon.

In January we anticipate your participation in our January 10th Open House to meet instructors and fellow members old and new. Instructor Orientation is scheduled for January 22nd and classes formally begin on January 28th.

Look for other special dates on your catalogue, such as our semester trip to the Air and Space Museum at Dulles Airport on March 22nd and the end-of-semester luncheon on April 9th.

Please consider volunteering for any of our many volunteer opportunities, such as instructing a class or serving on a committee. We value your input. You can contact me at any time to discuss your interests in any area of service.

Most importantly, please invite your neighbors, friends, acquaintances and family to join us at our Open House, or to sit in on any class with you with approval from the instructor. We warmly welcome new members.

We look forward to seeing you next month. Meanwhile, enjoy the holidays and welcome in a happy and healthy learning experience in OLLI's New Year!

Happy Holidays!

Rosemary Engle

Council Chair

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Options for Year-end Giving to OLLI

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 created different tax scenarios that may impact your charitable giving. As we approach the end of the calendar year, we encourage you to have a conversation with your advisor to determine what is the best for your personal situation.

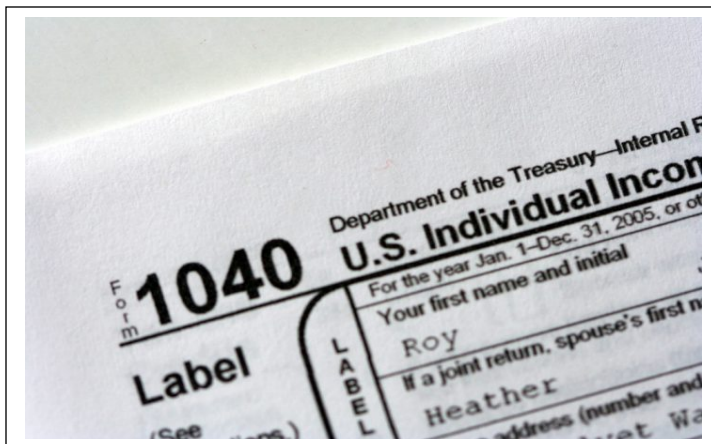
For members over the age of 70 1/2 who are required to take a required minimum distribution (RMD), you have the opportunity to donate pre-tax income to OLLI, thereby reducing your 2018 taxable income. To transfer appreciated stock or make a gift from your IRA to benefit your preferred OLLI location, please consult your financial advisor and call the University of Delaware Development Office at 1-866-535-4504.

To make your annual gift or pledge payment to your preferred OLLI location, you can:

- [Give online – https://ud.alumniq.com/giving/to/ollisouthernde.](https://ud.alumniq.com/giving/to/ollisouthernde)
- Send a check to 83 E. Main Street, 3rd Floor, Newark, DE 19716 (with your preferred OLLI location in the memo line).
- Call 302-832-2104 / 1-866-535-4504.

Checks and envelopes must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2018 to process in calendar year 2018.

If you have any questions, please call 1-866-535-4504 or contact annualgiving@udel.edu.



Spring 2019 Calendar

December 24–January 1	Offices closed for winter break
Wednesday, January 9	Lewes Open House, Walk-in Registration, Fred Thomas Building, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Thursday, January 10	Dover Open House, Walk-in Registration, Wyoming Church, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Thursday, January 17	Priority Registration Deadline, 2 p.m.
Monday, January 21	Martin Luther King Day, Office closed
Tuesday, January 22	Dover Instructor Orientation, Wyoming Church, 2–3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 23	Ocean View Instructor Orientation, Ocean View Town Hall, 10–11:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 24	Lewes Instructor/New Member Orientation, Fred Thomas Building, 10–10:30 a.m. coffee social; 10:30–11:30 a.m. orientation
Monday, January 28	First day of classes
Monday, February 18	Presidents Day, no classes
Tuesday, March 5	Second session begins
Friday, March 22	Air and Space Museum trip
Monday, April 8	Last day of classes
Tuesday, April 9	Dover End of Semester Luncheon
April 22–26	Office closed for spring break
Tuesday, April 23	Lewes Spring Luncheon



Dover Thursday Speaker Series

Noon–12:45 p.m.

Join us on Thursdays to listen to and interact with interesting speakers who discuss a wide array of topics. Free and open to the public! Bring a friend!

JANUARY 31

Jan Miller, Sandy Hook Promise
A program to teach children and adults how to cultivate friendship in school as a way to counter bullying and potential violence.

FEBRUARY 7

P.J. Welch, travel consultant
Off the Beaten Track: The Nooks and Crannies of Italy. Discover why Italy is so diverse with treasures in out-of-the-way places.

FEBRUARY 14

Don Blakey, educator and former Delaware legislative representative
Defining Events in African-American life in Delaware.

FEBRUARY 21

Dr. William Flayhart, retired professor, Delaware State University
The Early Christian Church in Asia Minor

FEBRUARY 28

Larry Klepner, retired planner, Delaware Department of Transportation
Funny Road Signs

MARCH 7

Opera Delaware 2019 season
 Opera Delaware singers and staff will discuss and demonstrate samples of three works featured in the 2019 Spring Festival. They are "Dead Man Walking" by Jake Heggie, "Trial by Jury" by Gilbert and Sullivan and "Scalia/Ginsburg" by Derrick Wang.

MARCH 14

Patrick Ryan
Irish history: The real life of St. Patrick from free man to slave to bishop of Ireland.

MARCH 21

Chris Hall, project coordinator for Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs
The Man and His Machines: Exploring the role of Delaware native Eldridge Reeves Johnson in transforming sound recordings from a scientific novelty into our daily lives.

MARCH 28

Doug Miller
Spanish Civil War: Causes, Combatants, and Role in the Build-Up to WWII

APRIL 4

Bernie Sarnoski
Ukrainian Easter Traditions: Ukrainian Easter eggs, part of an ancient tradition of decorating eggshells with elaborate geometric patterns and pictures.

Schedule is subject to change. Attendance is free and open to the public on a space-available basis.

Weather Closings

When Wyoming United Methodist Church is closed, OLLI classes are canceled.

Check for information:

Phone: (302) 645-4111 (recorded message)

Website: www.oli.udel.edu

TV: WBOC or www.wboc.com, weather closings

Even when OLLI is open, members should come to classes only if they personally judge it is safe to do so.

MEMBER VOICES

I recently found a quote from Dr. Seuss that I think is appropriate.

**"How did it get so late so soon?
It's night before it's afternoon.
December is here before it's June
My goodness how the time has flown.
How did it get so late so soon?"**

Yes, the year has flown by so fast and before we know it we will be in 2019. It has been a year marked with many changes. We left our old location for a new one. We welcomed new members and friends and said goodbye and farewell to old members.

Thank you all for your continued support in making 2018 a successful year for our Dover OLLI program. I hope that you will help to make 2019 a prosperous and fun year at OLLI.

May you have a new year filled with happiness and good health.

Submitted by Caroline Baxter

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.

ALONG THE TRACKS 2018-5

By Joe Bailey

Delaware is flat and it doesn't snow here as much as it does in some states. Because of that I never got the character building experience of walking four miles to school in foot deep snow, uphill both ways. In fact the winters don't seem to be as cold and it doesn't snow as much as it did when I was a kid. I spent a winter in northern Illinois once and they got a lot of snow. New York gets a lot around Syracuse and the Finger Lake region. They call it lake-effect snow whatever that means. I guess Silver Lake just doesn't have the punch of Lake Michigan or Lake Ontario.

We don't get good ice for skating like we used to either. It was rare when I was a kid not to have good ice for skating. Moore's Lake was the best place. It was smaller and shallower than Silver Lake and therefore froze sooner. There was one house on the lake that had a portable heater called a salamander and the people would let the skaters come up and get warm. Sometimes hot beverages were available. Another good place was Pippin's Pond on Lynnhaven Drive just off South Governors Avenue. Both of those were protected from the wind and froze smoother. Silver Lake was the biggest and if it stayed below freezing long enough the ice could reach five or six inches thick.

When the ice was good we tried to keep it that way by shoveling the snow off as soon as it appeared. Once when we were doing this an old guy started telling us about how the ice was when he was young. You know, much like I'm doing now. He said the city would put a snow blade on a pickup truck, drive out on the ice and push the snow off to the sides. I suppose he would have been young in the early 1920s and I guess the ice could have been thick enough to support the pickup or he may have thought I could have been gullible enough to believe him.

The snow was definitely better then. There weren't all of those ice melting chemicals that ruin a kid's fun. It was probably in the 1970s that science took the fun out of sledding. Before that the snow would pack hard on the roads. People would put chains on their tires to improve traction in the packed snow. Cars had chrome plated steel bumpers. Bumpers you could get your fingers around. If a kid had the nerve he could stand by an intersection and wait for a car to stop. Just before the car pulled away he would plop down on his sled and grab the car bumper and away he went. I lacked the nerve for that. The farmer across the street had a tractor he would pull a gang of us behind. The site of the current Wesley College football field was a great place to get dragged behind a tractor in deep snow.

This trip through my memory has been brought to your by my favorite Christmas-time movie, *A Christmas Story*. I have seen this movie so many times I almost know the script by heart. There are many similarities to my childhood. I get the vicarious thrills of childhood with none of the pain of old age.



2018 Fall End-of-Semester Luncheon at Wyoming United Methodist Church



Slow Jam from Lewes OLLI provided the music for the social hour.



Diana Faison checking folks in and social hour before luncheon.



A Sneak Peek at the classes to be offered in the Spring Semester.



One of the tables of food for the potluck luncheon.





Anna Grace Moshier, MPA, Manager, OLLI
Dover and Lewes/Ocean View



Rosemary Engle, Council Chair, Dover OLLI,
welcoming members to the luncheon.



Art McLaughlin, Instructor, introducing the
speaker



Bob Heifetz, Instructor, delivering his talk, "Why I
Teach"



Joe Bailey remembering our fellow
member and friend, Betty Ipnar

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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2018 – 2019 COUNCIL ROSTER

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