

OLLI Dover News



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FROM THE OLLI DOVER COUNCIL CHAIR

Happy spring-forward OLLI members! It comes with the promise of sunshine and flowers.

I hope you are enjoying your spring classes.

We had a wonderful turnout for our membership update meeting on March 13. We shared information regarding the current workings of OLLI. We introduced our current Council members and their corresponding committees. A big hand was extended to the facility search team who found our wonderful new home with the Wyoming United Methodist Church. We updated emergency/safety issues, summer session courses, finances, facility issues, and answered very good questions from the membership. The nominating committee encourages interested members to inquire about applying for open council positions. And we invite all members to participate in a variety of other volunteer positions, which could include serving on a committee or instructing a class of your own. We are here for you, so please let us know your thoughts.

Keep checking your bulletin board for all events. Please look for the registration/sign-ups for our exciting spring luncheon scheduled for April 16. We will soon announce the specific details of our highly anticipated end-of-semester fun time. Then, please save the date for the summer session open house on May 8. Lots of new and interesting courses are being offered.

Enjoy the remaining weeks of your spring session and listen for the daily OLLI announcements at the beginning of each class.

Your OLLI Council Chair,

Rosemary Engle



OLLI Spring End-of-Semester Potluck Luncheon

Wyoming United Methodist Church Family Life Center

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fee \$5.00 per person & dish per family

Appetizer, salad, casserole, veggie/meat platter, dessert

- Bring dishes **ready to serve** with serving utensils
- Label dish and utensils
- List ingredients on provided index card
- Water, coffee and iced tea will be provided

Lewes Elder Moments Chorus

Social Hour, Summer/Fall Sneak Peak

Guests Welcome

Registration and payment due no later than <u>April 4</u> to the OLLI Office or register online at <u>www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/dover</u>

Delaware to the World Tour

From breakthroughs in curing cancer and the effect of climate change to new approaches to education and transformations happening across campus, University of Delaware faculty and staff are bringing a piece of UD campus to Dover, Bridgeville, and Wilmington.

The free events, part of the nine-month Delaware to the World national tour, will feature receptions that include food, drink and networking while also offering, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute members the chance to hear presentations from three UD faculty and staff members on their world-changing work at the University.

Dover – 4/16/19 – Maple Dale Country Club – 5:30 p.m.

Nanomedicine: Tiny Tools for Big Changes in Cancer Care – Emily Day

True or False: What is Fake News? – Lindsay Hoffman

Big Sentences for Little Kids: Stretching Vocabulary – Amanda Owen Van Horne

Bridgeville – 4/30/19 – Heritage Shores Club – 5:30 p.m.

Shining a Light on Breast Cancer – April Kloxin

Seasons of Change – Daniel Leathers

Literacy for All: How do ALL Kids Become Readers? Steve Amendum

Newark/Wilmington – 5/9/19 – Christiana Hilton – 5:30 p.m.

Beyond the Bricks: The Story of the UD's Campus – Peter Krawchyk

Women as Leaders: Empowering the Next Generation – Amanda Bullough The Buzz on Bees: Their Critical Role in Our Food Supply – Deborah Delaney

Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit www.udel.edu/totheworld.

Options for Giving to OLLI Dover in Spring 2019

As a member of OLLI Dover, there are several ways you can give back to your local OLLI program this spring.

Annual Giving

OLLI members are invited to make annual contributions by the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2019). Donors can make an annual gift or pledge payment to OLLI online, by mail (83 E. Main Street, 3rd Floor, Newark, DE 19716), or by phone (302-831-2104/1-866-535-4504. A final spring appeal will arrive in mailboxes in early June.

I Heart UD Giving Day

OLLI Dover will be participating in I Heart UD Giving Day, the University's annual day of giving and gratitute, on May 15, 2019. The OLLI Dover Gift Fund will be a featured fundraising project for all members of the UD community—including OLLI members—to support that day. More informatin will be available at www.udel.edu/iheartud closer to I Heart UD Giving Day.

Planned Giving

Individuals age 70 1/2 and older can make direct transfers from IRA accounts to OLLI without having to count the transfers as income for federal income tax purposes. No charitable deduction may be taken, but distributions will qualify for all or part of the IRA owner's required minimum distributions. Donors can also transfer appreciated stock to benefit OLLI. For these giving options, please consult your financial advisor and contact the University of Delaware Development Office at 1-866-535-4504.

TRAVEL COMMITTEE

The Travel Committee tries hard each semester to arrange an interesting trip for the OLLI membership. Since it is no fun to plan a trip only to have to cancel it due to lack of interest, we have developed the list below of possible sites for your consideration. We wish to hear from you with your preferences or suggestions for future OLLI trips.

Washington, D.C. Philadelphia, PA

Library of Congress U of PA Anthropology & Archeology Museum

Dunburton Oaks Museum of the American Revolution

National Liberty Museum

Baltimore MD Doylestown, PA

Baltimore Museum of Art Pearl S Buck House/James Michener Art Museum

Walters Art Museum

American Visionary Art Museum

Annapolis, MD

Naval Academy

Please contact me at sowright2@comcast.net with your choices or suggestions. I look forward to joining you on our next interesting and entertaining jaunt.

Madelyn Wright, Travel Chair

SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Would you like to share something interesting with your fellow OLLI members? A trip you have taken, a hobby, a subject of interest, or a talent that you can present during the 45 minute lunch time speaking series. Please contact Ronnie Grady at vgrady1@gmail.com.



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 Committee, 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 Academic Affairs Committee.



BOB RADNICH – OLLI MEMBER

Interview by Joe Bailey

On Sunday Feb. 10 Connie and I went to Milford to see the play "To Kill a Mockingbird". I found myself sitting near Bob Radnich – and we struck up a conversation during intermission. He told me that he enjoyed getting to attend plays and other cultural events through OLLI. As a young man he was too busy studying to fit that in. Bob was in high school in Norfolk, Nebraska when he decided that he wanted to be a medical doctor. He described himself as an average student and knew he would need to study hard to achieve these goals. He went to Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, then on to Baylor Medical School in Houston, Texas. Initially he wanted to become a Pediatric Cardiologist but rapidly switched to OB/GYN.

I hadn't met many people from Nebraska or Idaho, or the Dakotas for that matter and I wondered how he found his way to Dover. After medical school he joined the Navy and continued to practice OB /GYN for ten years – including two stints in Guantanamo Bay. I didn't recall encountering many women there, but he assured me there were many female employees and teachers there. After the Navy he went west to Denver and practiced for a few years. His wife – from New Jersey – really wanted to come back to the East Coast. He found a practice in Media, Pennsylvania, and moved back East. He subsequently saw an advertisement for a position with OB/GYN Associated in Dover and came down to investigate -- only to fall in love with the town and the medical community. He obviously liked our town because he took the job and we are glad he did, and that he chose to stay.

Bob retired in 2001. He played some golf and travelled a bit. It was good to be able to have time to enjoy life. Sometimes without us even noticing, age has a way of catching up and slowing us down. Bob, like the rest of us, found OLLI. It fits with the new pace. We are constantly finding new things to learn. Age gives us the advantage of another perspective to build upon. And as Bob said, "I get to meet a lot of fun and interesting people here."

I was inspired to interview Bob because he said he is catching up on a lot of areas of study that he missed by being focused on the requirements of medical school. At the end of our talk he left me with another thought to ponder. He talked about learning through his work -- that women really are a treasure, with a lot to teach us. They give a lot and they go through a lot to make the world a better place for everyone. He made me think that if I am ever tempted to let the phrase "the weaker sex" creep into my vocabulary – I should reflect for a moment, to be sure I know of which gender I am speaking.

ALONG THE TRACKS 2019-1

By Joe Bailey

When I was a kid in Dover, Delaware, the stores were closed on Sundays and open until 9 p.m. on Friday nights. My friend Bobby's parents owned Dover Hardware and would hire a lady to sit with Bobby and his sister while they ran the store. We didn't have a television so I would go to Bobby's to watch television. Our favorite show on Friday night was the "Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet". A favorite place for Ozzie to take his sons, David and Ricky, on a Saturday morning was the Emporium, whatever that was. I grew up in Dover we didn't have an Emporium. If they weren't going to the Emporium, they were going to the barber shop. We had barber shops and I knew what they were.

The first barber shop I went to was Clifton's. The shop was on the south side of Division St. just east of Governors Ave. Mr. Clifton was rail thin with huge veins standing above emaciated arms. With scissors constantly clipping hair or air he dances back and forth around the chair like a hummingbird circling a flower. He maintained a constant flow of chatter with the man in the chair and those waiting their turn. Measured in terms of speed of movement he is lighting on the hoof. Measured by haircuts produced on a Saturday morning he could hardly be slower.

I don't know how many barbershops there were in Dover but downtown we had Jim McWilliams and Maloney's. I went to Maloney's. Some religions have rites of passage into manhood. For other adolescent boys manhood is reached in the barbershop. Men could get a shave in a barbershop and the lather for that shave was provided by a hot lather machine. Peach fuzz on cheeks is not whiskers, but being able to shave was a big deal for boys. At some point sideburns started to get longer if only because it had been a while since the last haircut. And one day it happened. The anticipation of the whirr of the hot lather machine. The warm lather was then applied to the tips of my sideburns and along the back of the neck. The sound of the razor being stropped, followed by the scraping of blade on skin. It was the best part of the haircutting experience.

After I got married, we lived in an apartment in northeast Philadelphia. My barber there was three blocks up on Bustleton Ave. He was a young guy and ended his haircuts with a neck massage. His massage device was held onto his hand by two springs. It had an electric motor which caused the barber's hand to vibrate as he massaged the customer's neck. If that barber is still living, he must have nerve issues in his hands that make sleeping a chore.

Barber shops are different today. They have men's stylists. "That will be eighteen dollars please", plus tip. My brother went to a stylist. That's because he was a stylish kind of guy.

His hair style was always up to date. It started with the Beatle mop style and kept up with the times. His hair was like our mother's, nice and thick. Mom had beautiful snow-white hair. No stylist for Mom, a neighbor did her hair. If my brother had lived long enough his hair probably would have been pure white also.

For many years I went to Buck's Barber Shop on Route 8. It was started by Buck and Cliff Carter. Buck and Cliff are long gone, but I think the shop is still run by family and there may be three generations working there. Buck's was the first place I had ever had my hair cut by a woman. Over the years three different women in that shop cut my hair. Come to think of it the best haircuts I have ever had were done by women. It only makes sense; women care more about how their hair looks than do men.

Louise cuts my hair now. She has the shop at Spence's Bazaar. I hope that there will always be men's barbershops. I don't want to go to a stylist. I would much rather brag about the nice bottle of wine I bought for twenty dollars than to take off my hat and say, "This style used to be called a haircut."



OLLI Summer Session Catalogs

The OLLI Summer Catalog will be available online on April 9 and will be mailed approximately one week later.

Lewes OLLI classes will be held in June and Dover OLLI classes will be held in July

Remember you will be able to attend classes at both locations for one fee.



Sheila Exum with her artwork donated to Wyoming United Methodist Church on February 26, 2019

On February 26, 2019, Sheila Exum donated her rendition of the Wyoming Methodist Church done in pastels on black paper to the Church Council at their meeting. Her background is fine arts. It was the architecture of the Wyoming United Methodist Church that inspired Sheila. After it was finished it seemed to her that the church should be the owner of the piece. It was donated framed and ready to hang. Sheila says she doesn't always know what the finished piece will look like. Her skill is a gift from God she says and the work just evolves. Whatever the process the product is a thing of beauty.



Pictured holding the picture at the Council meeting are Joe Bailey, Chairman of the Member Relations Committee of the Dover OLLI and Rick Wessell, Pastor of Wyoming United Methodist Church.

March 13 General Membership Meeting



Rosemary Engle, OLLI Council Chair



Pat Weaver explains the process used by the Location Committee to find a new home for OLLI and reviewed emergency procedures



Bob Heifetz, Summer / Fall Courses Preview







Committee Chairs discuss their committees and their responsibilities



Anna Moshier, Manager Kent/Sussex OLLI Centers discusses administrative and financial issues



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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 Member Relations Committee wants to hear from you.

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