



The Tides...

Breaking News from
Lifelong Learning



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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Lewes/Ocean View

From the Chair



I had hoped to share some good news with you on our relocation by now. Alas, the University wheels turn slowly as we keep our fingers crossed. We still hope for the best, however.

Absent such news, I was at a loss about what to discuss. Daughter Karen reminded me that I had already done a rant about coping with the July 4th crowds and traffic. So I won't do that beyond reporting about fireworks traffic in Lewes last year. So this is a report, not a rant.

Some background. In Delaware it was illegal for anyone but licensed contractors to possess fireworks. The ban even included sparklers. Thanks to "wink-wink" enforcement, some impressive displays of pyrotechnics could be seen on Lewes Beach over the years, courtesy of some beach residents. In 2016, the State Fire Marshall put his foot down. The next year, enforcement was thorough and by the next year, 2018, the Lewes Chamber of Commerce and the whole business community mounted an aggressive fund raising campaign. This resulted in professional, legal fireworks in Lewes for the first time ever.

I live in downtown Lewes and was, with Lee, invited to view the show from the fourth floor deck of a condo at the Ocean House which is located at the beach end of Savannah Road, near the Dairy Queen. This is about 1.5 miles from my house. The show was excellent, but then. Oh My! This being an historic event there were people from far and wide-- an infestation! All trying to leave the beach at once. It took us an hour and a half to travel the roughly 8,000 feet to my house. This is a speed of one mile per hour.

See, no rant--just a report.

Welcome to Lisa Seifert, who recently joined the office staff. She will be helping our Program Coordinator, Renee. Lisa replaces the very nice and efficient Diana Faison who joined us from the Dover program to assist Renee, but has now returned to Dover. Thanks, Diana.



Lisa and her husband recently relocated here from Leesburg, VA, where Lisa performed all manner of duties in the Town Hall. Leesburg is the seat of Loudoun County, an area much like this one, which has experienced major growth over the past several decades. We learned from her references that she is a hard worker, has a pleasant personality and does not mind fresh challenges. Nice to have you aboard, Lisa.

Farewell to Pat Mossel. Pat has guided her classes on a wonderful tour of the world of opera for over 20 semesters, served as the Development Director for the San Francisco Opera and then as Managing Director of the Washington National Opera while Placido Domingo was artistic director. Those of us who have known her over the years remain amazed at her depth of knowledge-- not just of the individual operas, but of her insights about the history of the works and their composers, her familiarity with the artists, many of whom are friends, and the business side, e.g. union negotiations, cost considerations, travel planning,

costuming, set design and construction, etc. Pat, we have been blessed to have had your gifts available to us. Best of everything to you and John.

Another June program has been successful. Seventy instructors (some taught in teams) and 265 members participated. Thank you, instructors; you made June an interesting and enjoyable month.

Each year at the June Council meeting we look at the numbers and decide whether a fee increase is needed. Happily, no change for the 2019-2020 year. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

See you back in school in September.

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Calendar of Events

- July 18 -- Trip to Clear space
- July 23-24 -- Walk-in Registration, Lewes,
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Aug 1-- Cruise the Lewes-Rehoboth Canal
- Aug 15 -- Priority registration Deadline
- Aug 28 -- Ocean View Instructor Orientation
& Photo ID Session, 10-11:30 a.m.
- Aug 29 -- Lewes Instructor/New Member
Orientation, 10-10:30 a.m. coffee,
10:30 -11:30 a.m. orientation
- Sept 2 -- Labor Day-- Office closed
- Sept 3 -- First day of classes
- Sept 11 -- Happy Hour, Irish Eyes Pub,
Lewes, 3-6 p.m.
- Oct 6 -- Coast Day
- Oct 8 -- Begin Second 5 weeks
- Oct 9 -- Happy Hour, Irish Eyes Pub,
Lewes, 3-6 p.m.
- Oct 15 - - Homecoming Picnic- No classes
- Nov 11 -- Veterans Day -- No classes

Do You Know?

Do you know that a team of OLLI staff and volunteers make OLLI presentations in the community? If you know of a community organization that we can present to (Rotary, Women's Clubs, Church Clubs, etc.) please contact Anna (amoshier@udel.edu). Include a contact person and phone number or email for that organization and we will arrange a presentation. Word of mouth is our best method of promoting OLLI.

Anna G. Moshier, MPA

Council and Staff for 2019-2020



L-R seated: Anna Moshier, Manager, Osher Learning Centers; Connie Benko, Social Chair; Bill Sharkey, Council Chair; Lisa Seifert, Administrative Assistant; Joan Sciorra, Travel Chair; Katherine Henn, Secretary; John Lafferty, Instructional/Tech Support-Lewes

L-R standing: Peter Feeney, Vice Chair; Karen Schaub, Finance Chair; Gerri Stephenson, Community Relations Chair; Bud Zimmerman, Academic Affairs Chair; Paul Collins, Development Chair; Joe Zito, Instructional/Tech Support-Lewes; Bob Comeau, Ex-Officio; Renee Moy, Program Coordinator; Lynn Kroesen, Newsletter/Catalog

Not pictured: Sabatino Maglione, Scholarship Chair; Ruth Barnet, Library Chair; Marie Isola, Library Co-chair

Partial Scholarships Available for Fall

The Charmaline K. and George Kirilla Jr. Scholarship Fund together with voluntary contributions by members will continue to provide partial scholarships (up to half tuition, for a single semester) for this fall semester. Qualified applicants are encouraged to follow the guidelines of the scholarship process as cited on the application form. Please complete the Scholarship Application form available on the OLLI website www.ollu.udel.edu and mail or deliver to the office by August 8.

Submitted by Sabatino Maglione, Scholarship chair

OLLI Instructors Honored at Breakfast

OLLI in Lewes and Ocean View instructors gathered at the Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center on May 15 for a luscious breakfast that included scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browned potatoes, a large selection of muffins, sweet rolls and fruit. A buffet of delicious plant based selections was offered to those who had preselected that menu. Thanks to John Lafferty, a slide show of all the instructors “in action” ran on the screen as a backdrop to the congenial conversation and camaraderie that filled the room.

Council Chair, Bill Sharkey thanked all who volunteer their time, talent, knowledge and experience to make our OLLI program successful. And quoted Aristotle who said, “What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good.”



L-R: Dolores Fiegel, Lee Mussoff, Barbara Vaughan

UD by the Sea—A four-day OLLI event at Rehoboth Beach

On May 21, 141 OLLI members and guests from all counties in Delaware registered for the four-day program of activities and social time at the Atlantic Sands Hotel and Conference Center in Rehoboth Beach. The attendees participated in one of three learning tracks: 1) subjects relating to Delaware’s culture, history, environment, government and other topics related to the state; 2) learning about the creative process involved in developing a work for stage or concert hall, history of performances and their inspiration, and some good old reminiscing of some Broadway favorites; or 3) the ecology of the sea - activities designed to raise awareness and appreciation of our fragile coastal ecosystems.

The event began with a cocktail reception and closed with a banquet in the Swan Ballroom. Watch for information on plans for this event in 2020.



Photos by Maureen Sherlock & Lynn Kroesen

Register Now for Fall Semester

Priority Registration Deadline is August 15

Fall semester classes begin Tuesday, September 3 and there is a wonderful line-up of classes to choose from. For the Lewes/Ocean View area there are over 110 classes including 70 new offerings. In addition there are over 50 Dover classes listed and 7 offerings at Heritage Shores in Bridgeville. There are 12 different categories of courses with new classes in every category. These include Art, History, Health/Psychology, Humanities, Information Technology, International Studies, Language to name just a few. Why not try something new?

Most of the classes are held at the Lewes Campus at the Fred Thomas Bldg. or at the Ocean View Town Hall and Community Center but we are also utilizing space at other locations in Lewes in order to reduce the wait list and improve parking availability. Be sure to check the location as you make your class selections. You can also sign-up for classes held in Dover or Bridgeville.

You can register online at www.oli.udel.edu/fall2019 or by mail or in person at the Lewes office.

We welcome you to come learn, have fun and make or renew friendships. Registrations received after August 15 will be processed on a space available basis.

See you in September.

Submitted by Bud Zimmerman, Academic Affairs Chair



Volunteer Opportunities

Save the dates

OLLI will again participate in the following events. Volunteers will be needed. If you are interested, please email or call me. I will be sending a reminder as dates approach.

Gerri Stephenson - home 302-227-2651 cell 847-341-0808 gerristephenon23@comcast.net

University of Delaware Coast Day, Sunday, October 6, 2019 11:00 - 4:00 (2 hour shifts or what fits your schedule.)

Delaware Symphony Orchestra Concert Ushers will be needed in October. (DATE TO BE DETERMINED) We get to hear the concert FREE!

Resorts 55+ Expo Saturday, November 2, 2019, 9:00 - 5:00. Cape Henlopen High School (2 hour shifts or what fits your schedule)

Submitted by Gerri Stephenson, Community Relations chair



OLLI Members Enjoy Travel Opportunities

Visitors Discover Many New Sites in NYC



What was once the storage yard for Long Island railroad trains is becoming a city within a city. In its center in the public plaza is this 16 story structure of connected staircases with 2500 steps to the top deck for a spectacular panoramic view of NYC, the Hudson River and surrounding areas. There is an elevator for non-walkers. Also at this site are the SHED, a cultural center not yet completed, and a building containing many restaurants and upscale shopping venues. This complex will eventually have buildings for residential living and a school for young children. This and many other interesting sites were visited by OLLI members who participated in our New York City trip April 30 to May 3. Watch for information about our 2020 trip.

Submitted by Joan Sciorra, Travel chair

L-R Joan Sciorra & Audrey McMeekin

OLLI Visits NASA Wallops Flight Facility

On May 2, seventeen OLLI members boarded a bus for the trip to Wallops Island on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The Wallops Flight Facility is operated by the Goddard Space Flight Center primarily as a rocket launch site to support science and exploration missions for NASA. We were officially vetted by the bomb sniffing dog, Olli and guided on a tour of the suborbital rocket fabrication facility, the rocket testing facility, the range control center and several of their launch pads. Our tour guide told us about the history of the facility and the various missions they support.

Photos by Gerri & Phil Stephenson

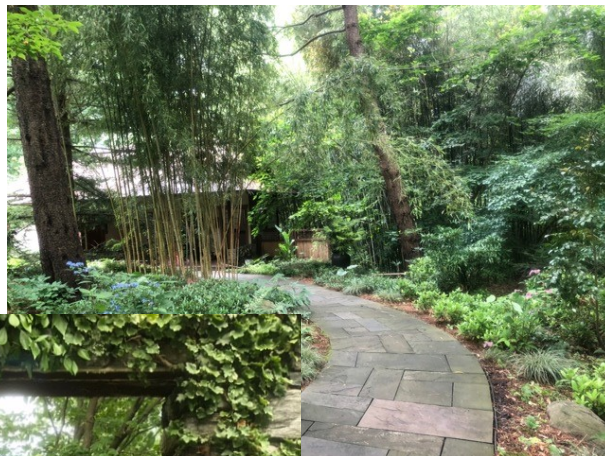


Web Address: www.oli.udel.edu/lewes/

Travel Opportunities continued

Members Visit Chanticleer, A Pleasure Garden, on June 21

What a gem!! This 35-acre garden is not to be missed. Everywhere we walked on the paved 1 mile path we saw tropical and sub-tropical plants, seasonal plants, unusual trees and manicured lawns with an added surprise at each garden. Off the path we found many hidden treasures and enjoyed the sounds of many birds, rushing water and chipmunks scurrying around. The garden offers an ever-changing landscape as the seasons change. Certainly a return visit would be encouraged.



Submitted by Joan Sciorra, Travel chair
Photos by Denise Bridgens

*L-R: Dianne Stevens, Marylyn Vai,
Denise Bridgens, Eilene Larken*



Join Us For Happy Hour!



Do you want to get to know some of the other members in your classes? Meet new friends and renew old friendships. Come to the Happy Hour at Irish Eyes Pub & Restaurant on the Lewes Canal, 213 Angles Rd, Lewes on Wednesday, September 11 and October 9 from 3 to 6 p.m.

There will be a Cash Bar

OLLI Docents for RAL’s 2019 Cottage Tour – The greatest team ever!

On July 9th and 10th, OLLI fielded four shifts of docents to guide RAL Cottage Tour visitors through the mid-century modern beach retreat of Ned Kesmodel and Matt Gaffney. Not only did OLLI get a wonderful cottage which the owners call, “Camp Henlopen,” our docents were gracious, well-versed, and guided RAL’s visitors through the Kemodel/Gaffney home with enthusiasm.

The owners, Ned and Matt, commented, “We really appreciated how informed and respectful the docents were about our home and were pleased with the respect they showed the visitors”



OLLI hosted Cottage #1, Kesmodel/Gaffney, a mid-century modern beach retreat.

To all 28 OLLI Docents, thank you for volunteering and for being gracious hosts:

• Cathy McNeill	• Diana Pollisino	• Valerie Reber	• Connie Benko
• Audrey McMeekin	• Carol Norman	• Phyllis Cole	• Gerri Stephenson
• Lee Mussoff	• Janet Koch	• Barry Cole	• Jane Tantillo
• Bill Sharkey	• Sue Claire Harper	• Joyce Johnson	• Bob Ackerman
• Lynn Cardwell	• Ida Rowe	• Dan Johnson	• Paulette Criaris
• Lyn Brown	• Karen Carpenter	• Clive Getty	• Phil Stephenson
• Win Boyd	• Tim Carpenter	• Jeff Rowe	• Elaine Russo

This year OLLI even helped out other sponsors who needed extra docents. A big shout out to:

- Marti Austin
- Maud Banks
- Marty Rosenswieg

They wore their OLLI badges proudly while supporting other cottages.

We’re taking reservations now for 2020. Docenting is fun and supports a good cause. RAL offers their pottery studio to OLLI for our classes and, in appreciation, we sponsor a "Cottage" during their tour. This has been a successful collaboration for more than 19 years and is now expanding to include more courses on both campuses. Sign up now for next year. Call OSHER, 302-645-4111, and give Renee your name. It’s fun and you get to support this worthy cause.

Many Social Activities Planned

The Social Committee has been busy planning activities for the summer and fall. We will be attending the Mama Mia production at Clear Space Theatre in Rehoboth Beach on July 18. On August 1 we will be Cruising the Lewes/Rehoboth Canal aboard the Cape Water Taxi.

On July 23 and 24, committee members will be hosting the Open House and Walk-in Registration for the fall semester from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fred Thomas Building, 520 Dupont Avenue in Lewes. We will also be hosting an Orientation for New Members and the Instructors' Orientation on August 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Happy Hours will return in September in Lewes at Irish Eyes. They were a big hit last year. Please consider joining other OLLI members and meeting new members. We will be meeting on the side porch at Irish Eyes Pub on the canal. See page 7 for dates.

Plan to join us for the Homecoming Picnic at Cape Henlopen State Park Pavilion on October 15. There will be a sign up paper on the bulletin board in the hall for the treats that you will be bringing and any assistance you can provide on the day of the picnic. We particularly need men and/or women who will be in charge of grilling.

We will end the fall semester with a Meet and Greet on November 13 with heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar from 3:30-6:00 p.m. and entertainment.

I would like to thank all of you who are supporting the OLLI social activities.

Submitted by Connie Benko, Social chair

Food, Fun, Friends

Options for Giving to OLLI-Lewes/Ocean View in 2019

As a member of OLLI-Lewes/Ocean View, there are several ways you can give back to your local OLLI program:

Annual Giving

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).

Planned Giving

Individuals age 70 ½ 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.

OLLI OLLI In Free

Should we Protest?

So, how many of you have spotted the women's brassieres on Route 9 in Lewes? I think there are ten. All colors and all sizes. Shades of the late 60's, early 70's? Remember all that bra burning we participated in? Or if you didn't actually burn your bra, you at least witnessed or supported the protesting? I guess it was part of the whole feminist movement. I am not exactly sure if the goal was ever realized, but it made for good press releases.

If we as senior citizens were to "protest" today, what do you think we could accomplish? I know I'd like to protest for bigger writing on medication bottles from the pharmacies. They write our names in large bold letters, but the directions how to take the medication are in teeny, tiny letters, and what to avoid, like driving, operating machinery, or alcohol, is in even smaller print!

Another thing I'd like to protest is loud, noisy restaurants. There should be an ordinance that requires eating establishments with high ceilings, cement floors, metal furniture, and open-concept dining rooms to hang sound-absorbing curtains on the ceiling and the walls. There is nothing more frustrating than trying to communicate with your significant other over a glass of wine and a lovely meal when you have to keep shouting back and forth to each other.

Let's see now, what else needs some honest, old-fashioned protesting? Our generation is so good at it, a few of my friends are seriously still at it, protesting politics, religion and climate change, none of which I will discuss in this article.

I'm more concerned with practical things like plumbers or computer geeks. Just once I'd like to call a company that offers a service, like electricians, fence builders or landscapers, and

1. have them show up on time
2. charge me only what the initial quoted price was, and
3. clean up the mess they made in my house or yard.

So ladies, shall we add our bras to the Route 9 collection? I say, go bra-less, or go home!

Submitted by Patty Perreault Bennett



Open House, Walk-in registration and ID photo session for OLLI Lewes Members

Tuesday, July 23 and Wednesday July 24

At the Fred Thomas Building, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

OLLI members are invited to attend and bring a prospective member. University of Delaware IDs are available to full-year OLLI members only. There is a \$10 charge for an ID.

(ID cards are not required.)

Highlights of OLLI Summer



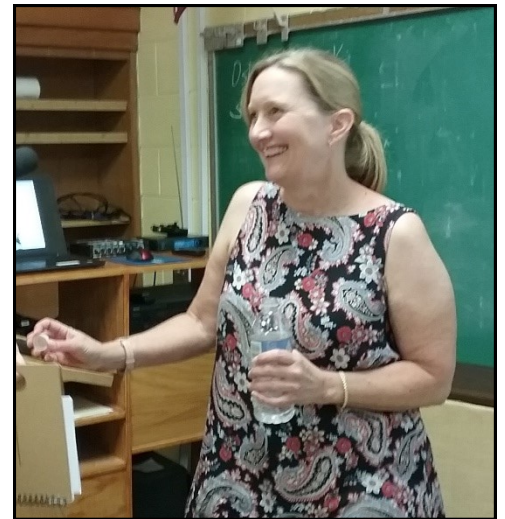
Paul Collins and Denise Bridgens meet UD President Dennis Assanis, his wife Eleni, and Provost Robin Morgan at a reception to honor volunteers on the UD Campus on June 7.



Students sample E-Meals for Everyone



Nancy Vogler, a member of our Art workshop, won first place in the Delaware Technical Community College Encore Art show.



Above: Jennifer Swartz, instructor, Forensic Pathology and the Medical Examiner



Left: Maureen Sherlock (red hat), instructor Discover Slower Lower Delaware, leads group around historic Fenwick, Island

Kitchen Kapers Makes Summer Fun



Instructors Bernie (pictured below) and Dolores Fiegel make hands-on preparing, cooking and grilling lunch fun and delicious.

Photos by Mary Kay McKinley

