



SEPTEMBER 2019

Welcome from the Council Chair, Martha Hays

On behalf of OLLI Wilmington’s Council, I welcome everyone to the fall 2019 semester at OLLI, both returning members and new members alike!

The energy in Arsht Hall is palpable, with members greeting one another, sharing summer experiences, meeting members new to them, and getting settled with the fall class schedule. This fall OLLI is offering more than 260 courses, 40 extracurricular activities, and six community service opportunities. There is definitely something for everyone!

This past summer, OLLI offered three different programs: UD by the Sea in Rehoboth Beach, June à la Carte, and the July Summer Session. UD by the Sea was oversubscribed, and more than 450 people registered for Summer Session, demonstrating that lifelong learning doesn’t take a vacation!

Our manager, Jen Merrill, and her staff continued to work on facilities improvements and maintenance over the summer. Updated video equipment is being installed in several rooms, and additional security equipment was installed around the building. Planning and design continue for additional and improved parking on our campus. We ask for your patience - it’s a process!

This past spring Council approved a new five-year strategic plan for OLLI. One focus of that plan is maintaining/improving the welcoming and collegial atmosphere at Arsht Hall. If you support current



plans that are going well, or have an idea for improving plans, please leave me a note in my mailbox. Another focus of the plan is engaging more members in volunteer activities. As an educational cooperative, we rely on our members to support the work being done by Jen Merrill and her staff. Volunteerism helps build a sense of community and can enhance your experience here at OLLI. I thank all of our volunteer instructors, committee chairs, Council members, and committee members for the work you do for OLLI.

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 18. At lunchtime, we will provide an update on OLLI, and will also have a high-level orientation for new members. There will be door prizes. New members who are present will also be eligible to participate in a raffle - the grand prize is a free semester at OLLI. I hope to see you all there.

In the meantime, if you see a Council member at Arsht Hall (someone with a nametag that has a red “Council” ribbon attached at the bottom), please don’t hesitate to introduce yourself and tell him or her your OLLI story - how you became a member, and how things are going here.

In the fall of 2020, we will celebrate our 40th anniversary functioning as a lifelong learning institute. All of us have contributed to the success of OLLI — thanks for being a member!

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Don't be Shy! Make New Friends at the OLLI Socials!

Carolyn Stankiewicz and Carol Bernard, Co-chairs

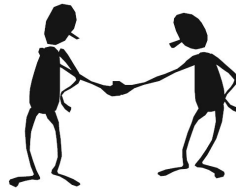
Are you looking to meet other OLLI members who share your interest to enjoy get-togethers outside of Arsht Hall?

Maybe you're looking to meet new friends or a newcomer to the Delaware Valley Region and

want to learn more about the area. Perhaps it's travel or hiking or photography that excites you. If so, be sure to attend one of the three OLLI Socials. Held each semester in the Lobby where members enjoy homemade cookies, coffee, tea and talk. The Socials are scheduled for Tuesday, September 17 and Thursday, October 3 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday, November 13 from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m.

The Socials Committee is expanding the opportunity to meet and make new friends during the gathering by having six tables where members can share their

names and contact information around six different topics. This semester's topics are: Cultural Interests such as visiting museums, plays or movies; Singles for dining out, happy hour or other get-togethers; Newcomers who may need help finding their way around the tri-state area or need to make new friends; Outdoor Activities such as hiking, skiing, boating, photography, birding or camping; Indoor Activities which might be card games, board games or book discussions; and, Travel including local, domestic and foreign. OLLI staff and the Socials Committee members will not be organizing or planning the activities for the groups. This is simply an opportunity for you to meet others who share your interest and then to make things happen. You may even want to



First social
Tuesday, September 17

sign up at all six tables. We are looking for individuals who would like to take the lead at

each of these tables and attend all three Socials or who can identify someone to fill in. If interested, contact the co-chairs prior to the Social at the emails listed below.

This year we are also expanding the food choices to include cheese, crackers, cut-up vegetables and fruit.

Don't worry there will still be plenty of homemade cookies, but if you do not bake cookies, feel free to purchase them. However,

homemade cookies are still preferred. Bring your food offering to the Office the morning of the Social before 11:30 a.m. in disposable or recyclable containers. Keep in mind we do not have refrigeration available. We cannot be responsible for returning your favorite cookie tin or heirloom platter.

The Socials Committee would like to acknowledge and thank the long-time leadership of Joan Ellis who has served as chair of the Socials Committee for many years! We would also like to thank the committee's many long-term members who work hard to set up and clean up the food for these events. If you signed up during in-person registration to bring food, you will be emailed prior to the event as a reminder. If you have not signed up to bring food but would like to contribute or have questions, please contact either of the co-chairs – Carolyn Stankiewicz at spiralwy@aol.com or Carol Bernard at cbernard@udel.edu.



Diversity Committee Update Karen Ingram and Jack Ling

The OLLI Diversity Committee is planning an exciting event, **Celebration of Cultures** in Spring 2020. This is a unique opportunity for everyone who attends classes to learn more about each other and the various cultures represented. OLLI is a significant learning center and this will be a wonderful event, but we need everyone's help. Our goal is to increase diversity and create an environment where everyone feels welcomed and included.

The festivities will last three days and the events will be divided into segments during the day. General Entertainment, Yoga Demonstrations, Music by OLLI performance groups, Storytelling, Art Works, just to name some possibilities that will be featured in the Lobby. And, if you have a special talent you wish to share, like ethnic dancing, please let us know.

If you want to teach someone how to speak a greeting or a sentence in your native language, this will be a perfect opportunity to communicate when you see each other in the hallways.

This is a special event where each of us can share our cultures and backgrounds. Tables will be

available to display, for example, your native art (sculptures and paintings), ornaments, artifacts, costumes, ceremonial and universal music, historic pictures and books, childhood toys, musical instruments, prepared food samples (cookies, snacks, cold foods, etc.). (Unfortunately, we cannot supply electrical outlets to warm foods.) You may share a table with someone with your ethnic group or you may have an individual table, if you prefer.

The Diversity and Inclusion Team will publish in the upcoming Weekly and Monthly OLLI newsletters with more information about the **Celebration of Cultures**. Registration forms to reserve a table will be available in the near future. Please indicate on the form how you would like to contribute your talents.

If you are interested in the joining the OLLI Diversity and Inclusion Team, please let us know. Leave a note in the Diversity Committee mailbox. More participants equal improved ideas and more inclusiveness.

Thank you for your willingness to help in making the **Celebration of Cultures** in Spring 2020 a triumphant success.

OLLI Introduces Expanded Bring-A-Friend Program — Anytime

Maxine Modell, Marketing Committee

OLLI's popular Bring-A-Friend Week has introduced many newcomers to the amazing adventures of lifelong-learning.

This led the forward-thinking OLLI Marketing Committee and staff to ponder the notion of "Why only one week a semester?" which led to the exciting new BRING-A-FRIEND ANYTIME (BAFA)!

HOW BAFA WORKS

The program is available following the first two hectic weeks of classes, beginning September 16.

Members need to check with class instructors to confirm that there is space available for the visitor.

Members may bring an individual friend one day per semester. Please, only one friend per day, but

you can introduce OLLI to as many friends as you like.

Start the visit at the Administrative Help Desk and receive a temporary name tag for your friend.

Friends who register during their first BAFA visit (and who will be first-time OLLI members) will pay a pro-rated registration fee for that semester.

This expanded BAFA program will enable your friends to share the experience of classes, special programs, incredible art and music events...and the contagious enthusiasm that defines OLLI.

Remember: new members translate to fresh ideas, skills and energy.

Welcome Back Emmett Robinson Robert Ehrlich

Emmett was born in the small city of Thomasville, GA. However, he spent much of his early life in Europe, where his mother, Marie Robinson, was a noted opera singer. Emmett traveled around Europe as she performed at places like Vienna Opera House and La Scala. She has also performed at many venues in the US including the Met, Kennedy Center and OperaDelaware. She joined the University of Delaware as a professor of voice and is now retired.

While Emmett attended American schools in Europe, he picked up languages from local residents. The one he has retained is German. He remarked that Europeans were careful to preserve older buildings and were more attentive to older people than citizens in the US.

As a youth he also studied ballet. He received offers for further study at Juilliard and Stuttgart but his mother didn't want him living away from home.



Emmett attended Fisk University and UD with majors in business and sociology. However, he was recommended by a supervisor for the New Castle County Police Academy. Upon graduation from the Police Academy he joined the UD Police Department and will be there 27 years as of October. Emmett notes that

over the years the UD police have moved from being reactive to violations on Campus to being proactive in developing safety initiatives. He has been part of the Community Resource Unit that reaches out to the UD community on safety issues.

In his quiet time, Emmett enjoys listening to classical music. He is avid at following the development of his 10-year-old son who is talented in baseball and basketball. He also enjoys flying drones.

Safety on the Wilmington Campus will be Emmet's focus. Some vehicle and pedestrian safety rules and tips appear in Emmett's article on page 5.

The Search Is On! J. Harry Feldman, Chair, Nominating Committee

Each year, five of the 15 members of Council "graduate" and must be replaced with OLLI members who are willing to be involved for the next three years in making sure OLLI is well run and has a strong future. This year's "graduating class" consists of Nedda Barth, John Fulgoney, Martha Hays, Karen Ingram and Phil Weinberg.

Are you interested in serving on Council – or know an active member who should be? This year's Nominating Committee consists of:

Ruth Sokolowski*, Anita Sterling *,
Mary Shenvi – long-time instructor,
Les Breedlove*, Larry Peterson*
Anil Parikh – long-time instructor
J. Harry Feldman*

* Current or previous service on Council

Information about what is involved and what the committee needs to know from those who are

interested is available from the Reception Desk and from members of the Nominating Committee.

From early September through November 30 the Nominating Committee will be receiving information from members who are willing to serve. In January and February, we will meet with them to answer questions and to consider their backgrounds and experience and the needs of Council. In February the committee will confidentially recommend to Council five to eight members we consider well qualified to join Council and who will add to its overall strength and OLLI's leadership. Council will elect the new members in March and their terms will start April 1.

OLLI is an academic cooperative run by its members. To keep it thriving Council needs new members who are enthusiastic, knowledgeable and bring skills and experience to the table. Now is the time to let us hear from you!

Welcome and Safety Goals Corporal Emmett Robinson

Hello everyone.

On behalf of UD Public Safety I'd like to start out by saying welcome to the University of Delaware OLLI Campus. My name is Corporal Emmett Robinson of the University of Delaware Police Department. It has been my pleasure to serve UD's community over the past 26 years.

Years ago, I was assigned to OLLI campus for three years and feel lucky to have the opportunity to become part of this campus again. It is my passion to help others and create a family type atmosphere where I can build trust and relationships with the community. I look forward to meeting and working with the members of the OLLI Community and its support staff.

One of my main goals is the safety of the members and this beautiful campus. As many of you may know, Corporal Hartsy is retiring in the fall and many of his safety goals and concerns of prior past echo my own thoughts.

Some things to remember when traveling to and from Campus and in the UD parking lots:

1. Stop for all pedestrians when you are driving your motor vehicle.
2. Please come to a complete stop for all stop signs on campus and reduce your speed when you

see me, OLLI staff or volunteers directing traffic flow. Stay to the right of any center lanes and cones and do not drive the wrong way.

3. Pedestrians: Be mindful of moving vehicles and wait for the cars to come to a complete stop before entering the traffic way. Please use all crosswalks and walkways to get from the parking lots to Arsht Hall.

4. Try not to be in a rush when operating your vehicle and allow cars to enter throughways. Please alternate vehicles so that all traffic will move steadily letting everyone get in and out of their parking spaces more easily.

5. A reminder to all: Two spaces located next to the small white building are marked "Guest Speaker Only" as reserved parking spaces and CANNOT be used as over-flow handicap parking.

6. Federal guidelines require that an appropriately dated Handicap Placard or License Plate MUST be displayed when parked in a designated handicap parking only space.

7. Please build time into your commute to OLLI. Please abide by all traffic laws and allow time to find parking and get to your class; we want everyone to have a safe experience. Thank you.

Osher Lifelong Learning Legacy Society Update

Nathana Jackson, University of Delaware Office of Gift Planning

Last fall we launched the Osher Lifelong Learning Legacy Society to recognize anyone who includes OLLI in an estate plan. Happily, in the last 10 months, we have welcomed two dozen OLLI Wilmington supporters as charter members of the Society, and we'd love to welcome more. Charter membership enrollment is open through December 31, 2019 and will include those who notify UD that they have remembered OLLI in their wills or estates through a bequest or as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, trust, donor advised fund, or charitable gift annuity.

Would you like to make a deferred gift to OLLI and join the Legacy Society? You have many tax-saving options available to help sustain OLLI in the years ahead. I'm always happy to discuss these options over the phone or in person. Please contact me at 302-831-6093 or email me at ndlane@udel.edu to set up a time to chat.



The OLLI Outreach Program — 2019-2020

Myriam Medinilla

Musical groups and speakers go out from OLLI into the community to present entertaining and informative programs for nursing homes, retirement communities, senior citizens groups and churches. Every October this list of presenters is updated and a new listing is sent to about 70 program directors in northern Delaware and nearby venues in Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey. Members of OLLI who want to be part of the Outreach Program as a speaker or musical group please let us know, so you can be included in the new listing. We need the name of your group, the contact person's phone number, e-mail address and a brief description of the composition of the group along with the type of program you offer. If you wish to present an interesting topic as a speaker, we need the name of your topic, the speaker's name and contact information, and a brief description of what your talk is about. Conversely, if you no longer wish to participate in this worthwhile community endeavor, please let us know so that you can be removed from the list. Please respond by September 25, 2019. Thank you.

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Registering Your Wireless Device

Carol Callaghan

The Wireless Device Registration table will be in the Lobby at lunch time Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to help OLLI members get their smart phones, tablets and laptops connected to the UD Internet. You need a UD ID and password to connect. We will have applications for ID/PW available at the table, or you may get one from the counter near the mailboxes. It takes 2-3 weeks to get a new ID and password. Even if you had one in the past, the University purges the list annually to remove discontinued memberships.

You can go to www1.nss.udel.edu to see if your ID/PW are still valid. If you wish, you may create a new password on this page or the Network page at <http://www.udel.edu/network>.

Check when your current password is expiring at: <https://udapps.nss.udel.edu/myUDsettings>.

Directions on connecting different devices to the eduroam network at Arsht are available at: <https://sites.google.com/udel.edu/arshtwifi/>

ECO TEAM 4 Rs

Learn about recycling and more. See the ECO TEAM Bulletin Board in the Lobby. Come to the Ecology Action Team meetings, Thursdays at 2 p.m. in Room 225.



Reduce



Reuse



Renew



Recycle

Report on Summer Session 2019

Carolyn A Stankiewicz and John Fulgoney, Co-chairs

Summer Session 2019 was four weeks of valuable information and fun and interaction between members. Forty-eight courses, three extracurricular activities, 49 instructors all contributed to a most successful session. Over 425 members took advantage of this four-week mini-semester. The assistance of OLLI's dedicated staff is deeply appreciated. We were able to use both floors of the building including the large rooms on the first floor.

Some sample comments from members:

Threat Assessment, Instructor David Hoopes
 "The nexus between the different countries involved in the Middle East was something I never quite understood. With David's background, we got a unique perspective."

Law 101: What's That Tort All About? Instructor Eric Grayson

"The terms used in a civil action complaint were well explained. The instructor had detailed slides that he went over in great detail. Very well prepared."

Organized for Life, Instructor: Carol Bernard

"I know what was wrong with why I could not throw out things: emotional baggage. One must be ruthless in their determination to get right sized when moving to a new location."

The positive comments from the members were many and we all look forward to having Summer Session 2020! Think about teaching a four-week course — you have to prepare for only four sessions. Maybe try out an idea for a longer semester.

Goodbye to the Boxwoods at Goodstay

Rebecca Harkins, Friends of Goodstay

As summer draws to a close, and classes restart at OLLI, another big project is underway at Goodstay Gardens. The boxwood hedges, which have been deteriorating for several years, are being replaced with a new blight-resistant cultivar: 'NewGen™' developed by Saunders Brothers Nursery. Goodstay will receive 300 plants and will be the first public garden to incorporate the new cultivar. For your safety, the gardens and the alleyway along the garden entrance will be closed to parking and foot traffic as needed to accommodate dumpsters, heavy equipment, and plant staging.

Because of their long history, we are sad to see our mature boxwoods go. Not all of the plants are unhealthy at the moment, but the boxwood blight has now reached Delaware, and it would be only a matter of time before our boxwoods are affected. It was a tough decision to replace the boxwoods all at once, but it was the only way to preserve the uniform appearance of the hedges. Boxwoods are slow growers, so it will take some time to regain the mature look we had, but we expect the new hedges to stay healthy for the next 100 years.

If you're a gardener interested in helping out with this project and/or ongoing garden maintenance, contact our gardener Beth (beth.stark@me.com). Volunteer day is usually Wednesdays, but more days have been added temporarily in order to put the garden back together after the replanting.



Old boxwoods at Goodstay (3/13/2009)
 photo by C. Harkin

UD by the Sea Myriam Medinilla

I want to share my impressions of the "UD by the Sea" event that took place at the Atlantic Sands Hotel, the week of May 21 to 24, in Rehoboth Beach.

Seeing the enthusiasm and energy of Jen Merrill, Colleen Olexa and everyone who participated in this new project, encouraged me to add my grain of sand, because I knew that, in doing so, we would give joy to many people. And yes, I really think we got it. 141 members and guests of the three OLLIs at

UD (Wilmington, Dover and Lewes), had the opportunity to have an unforgettable experience, where we enjoyed three different programs (tracks): Words and Music, Dela-where? and Ecology by the Sea.

The other tracks will be featured over the next two newsletters. More information and pictures at: <http://www.oli.udel.edu/2019/08/19/hands-learning-social-activities-ud-sea/>

Dela-where? Myriam Medinilla

The Dela-where? track included four classes.

1. *History, culture and traditions of the Amish in Delaware.* I was surprised that most of them still live the same way their ancestors did.

It is incredible that living in the midst of the advances of the modern era, where there are all kinds of new facilities such as cars, electricity etc. they do not take advantage of them. Their rules are still very strict. Those who have chosen to change part of their culture are considered traitors and are never forgiven. In some Amish groups, the family allows them to visit their homes, but does not allow them to sit down to eat at the same table with the rest of the family.

2.-*The Delmarva Chicken Industry.* The speaker explained how difficult the work is. It begins when the chickens lay the eggs and the chicks are born. Employees take special care of food, water, temperature, light, space, etc. so that chickens grow healthy and robust. Then they prepare them to sell their meat in supermarkets.

There is high demand, and to be able to supply the consumers, they operate 24 hours a day in three shifts where employees cannot sit. It is a tiring job and very difficult to find people to do this kind of work. They depend on immigrants because Americans do not want to do this job.

3.-*Suit used to travel to the moon:* It was very interesting to learn that, during the era of the Apollo mission, eight companies competed to "improve" the quality and style of space suits. NASA selected the Dover ILC company in Delaware to design and manufacture the space suits that the

astronauts used, to travel to the moon. The American Neil Armstrong was the first astronaut and the first human in history, to set foot on the moon on July 21, 1969. "Bravo! ...50 years ago".

4. *Jury Service in Delaware:* Judges Vivian Medinilla and Paul R. Wallace of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware prepared a case, which they thought would be interesting and appropriate for an OLLI audience and presented "Jury Service in Delaware: Delivering Justice from Soup to Nuts."



Delaware Superior Court Judges Paul R. Wallace and Vivian L. Medinilla present an inside view of the Delaware court system

The attendees had to participate as a jury. In a very complicated case, they led us step by step, by video, through the facts needed to reach a verdict. During the presentation we had to discuss and give our opinions about the events. It was an experience, that absorbed us and made us ponder how difficult it is to determine what is really the right thing to do.

We were so focused on the case that at half-time, when the judges asked us if we wanted to rest

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Journey of Discovery Leads to Talk at the Delaware Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society Anita Young

At the urging of family members, I enrolled in OLLI) in 2010 after 33 years as a Guidance Counselor in the New Castle County Vocational Technical School District. My indoctrination began years earlier when my aunt and uncle, Vivian and Joe Young, attended the Academy of Lifelong Learning. Around the dinner table at family gatherings we were told about the offerings and opportunities. As each family member retired, Joe and Vivian extended their “gentle nudge” to come and experience the charm that is OLLI.



With an interest in genealogy, I enrolled in OLLI while Uncle Joe insisted that I join him in a class called, *Yesterday for Tomorrow*, which would bring substance to my genealogical findings. Later, *Family History Narrative*, was selected to broaden my search of ancestral history; that course brought focus to the family research and helped me set goals and deadlines for the completion of a project.

Writing was never a skill I felt comfortable undertaking. My biggest challenge was having to

search and keep investigating subjects to write about. However, since enrolling in the classes I have traced ancestors back to the year 1800 and penned more than 100 memoirs and narratives. Much pleasure is derived from creating a written record of significant and ordinary events in my life. On July 27, 2019 at a meeting of the Delaware Afro-American Historical and

Genealogical Society, I presented my journey of discovery in the life, times, and genealogy of my grandfather, Calvin Arthur Brooks. Although I lived with my grandfather as a child, he did not talk much about old times, hardships, slavery, segregation or anything unpleasant. Subsequently, I have been able to write a historical narrative about my grandfather using empirical data, oral histories and written documentation. Plus, my 90-year-old mother, Charlene Simmons, has shared numerous stories through her personal writings and poetry.

Currently, three Young family members — Mary, Bob, and I attend OLLI. In September, my husband will join us, keeping the family tradition going.

Dela-where? (Continued from page 8)

for a few minutes, none of us wanted to leave the class — we preferred to continue deliberating. I think we will remember that trial for many years — we loved it.

The most memorable experience that my husband and I had that day was to watch our daughter Vivian present the case and see how she and Judge Wallace were able to captivate and involve the audience. At the end, several assistants came to congratulate us for having a daughter who was a Judge of the Superior Court of Delaware and

for the way Vivian and Paul presented the class. They made us proud.

All the presenters were well-prepared and knowledgeable and kept our attention.

What I enjoyed most during the reception and the farewell banquet was the opportunity to meet and socialize with other members of “OLLI, Wilmington-Dover-Lewes” and share those delicious dishes, music and entertainment. It was especially satisfying to listen to the attendees commenting with enthusiasm on the experience and learning we had, with the topics presented during the three programs. I feel very happy to have collaborated and achieved the results we had.

OLLI Travel Committee Lisa Blozis and Tom Powderly, Co-chairs

The OLLI Wilmington Travel Committee has had a busy summer resulting in some exciting additions to our travel offerings and upgrades to our ability to communicate them to all OLLI members.

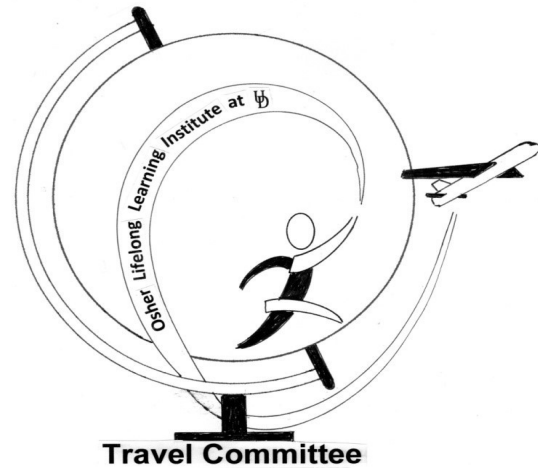
The most visible change is our new symbol. With the generous help of art instructor, Patti Morse, we have developed a design that represents the vitality of both our OLLI travelers and our travel program. Going forward, all officially approved OLLI travel promotional materials will be marked with this symbol.

This semester we will begin to supplement the efforts of our dedicated travel desk volunteers with electronic access to information on all our travel offerings. We are pleased to announce the official OLLI Travel website with a direct link from the OLLI Wilmington home page:

<http://www.oli.udel.edu/wilmington/travel>

Each of our trips will be listed chronologically with a brief description, and contact details for more information. With just a few clicks OLLI members will be able to find information on everything from our day trips to New York and Washington to longer trips to exciting destinations. We will also feature information on our trips, on a rotating basis, on the large video screen that greets members in the lobby.

We will also announce the details of an exciting new travel offering under the banner "Spring Break for Grownups." Why should the kids have all the spring break fun? Our first effort will be a nine-night package to London and Paris, geared to the more independent minded traveler, a departure from our many fully escorted tour programs. There will be some unique features and plenty of time for



independent explorations of these two great capitals.

This tour will also mark the beginning of our relationship with AAA Travel as an additional travel supplier. We expect to be able to offer OLLI members a variety of new travel opportunities and benefits. Our long-term partnership with 4 Seasons Tours and Barbara Osman will continue with some new holiday tours for later this year and exciting domestic and international destinations in 2020. We also have three departures with Blue Skies Travel.

Stay tuned for regular updates and details about our travel opportunity presentation later in September. Stop by and visit our dedicated volunteers at the Travel Desk on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or visit our new web site at your leisure.

Thanks again to Patti Morse for our new symbol, and to everyone in the OLLI office, especially Jenna Ford, for all her efforts with our electronic media projects and Jen Merrill and Ellen Saienni for their ongoing support of all our efforts.

Spotlight on Osher Poets

Submit poems for the October newsletter to the editor (rehrlich@udel.edu) by September 26. Guideline: no more than 30 lines. Include name and phone with your submission. Publication will depend on available space.

THE ATTIC OF MY MIND

Cartons of rainy days
lean sleepily
against trunks of summers;

Children play hide and seek
through closets
of broken promises;

Cobwebs of unspoken words
cling to corners
of almasts;

When downstairs life
is too bright
and confusing

I climb the shadows
escaping
to the friendly dark.

Linda Texter Hall

Friday Lecture Series Event: "A Decade of Friendly Persuasion: Peace Vigils in Kennett Square, 2001-2011"

Susan Dagenais



The Friday Lecture series is delighted to offer a very special Peace Week Delaware event on Friday, September 27 from 12:30 p.m. until 1:45 p.m. in rooms 108-109. This event occurs during Peace Week Delaware, Sept. 21-29, a series of events and actions raising awareness and hope for peace in our communities, nation, and the world. As with all Friday Lecture Series events, this one is open to the public. Invite your friends to share in this special glimpse of peace

The event here at OLLI is entitled, "A Decade of Friendly Persuasion: Peace Vigils in Kennett Square, 2001-2011. Come hear the fascinating stories of local, dedicated peace activists who participated in the Kennett Square peace vigils, initiated by the London Grove Friends Meeting. Their stories have been captured through interview techniques learned in Deborah Haskell's Oral History class at OLLI and are housed in the Reading Room at OLLI. The program will be an oral reading of highlights from these deeply moving stories of local people who represent decades of activism. They come from wide-ranging backgrounds, religious orientations, interests, and career paths.

You will learn about oral history techniques, peace vigils, Quaker pacifism, and the role of peace moving forward, a very important topic during this election cycle. We are extremely fortunate and honored to have some of the people who were interviewed for the creation of this oral history record be with us and actively participating in the event.

Please come and join us at this wonderful peek back into some important local history.

Lobby Concerts Carol Hughes

Another semester of delightful entertainment awaits us this fall. To schedule a performance, fill out a form, found in my box "Carol Hughes" and place it in my mail slot, now found in the Lobby. Early semester is best for those groups that play all year. Semester end is prescheduled for class performances.

We will **not** schedule concerts for:

"Social" days 9/17, 10/3, 11/13, AND all Wednesdays.

The weeks of October 28 (Book Sale), November 4 (Arts and Crafts sale) or Thanksgiving break.

Friday Lecture Series

12:30 to 1:45 in Room 108
Free and Open to the Public

See full schedule and details at
<http://www.oli.udel.edu/wilmington/lectures/>

September 13 — Tom Powderly — **Propelled:
 The First Twenty Years of Commercial Air
 Travel**

The two oldest airlines in continuous operation celebrate their centennials this fall. While we take air travel for granted today, it was an adventure a century ago and available only to the wealthy and the daring.

September 20 — **Senior Expo**
Special time 12:30–3:30 p.m., Lobby

September 27 — **Peace Week**
 (Details , see page 15)

October 4, 18, 25 and November 1, 8 —
 Ray Callahan: **How Did We Get Into This
 Mess?**

We will look at several cases where the information needed to avert disaster was abundant, but brushed aside starting with Britain's failure to defeat its American colonists.

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Special Events Wednesdays

12:45 to 1:45 p.m. in Room 105
Free and Open to Members

Ben Raphael and Joan Miller

We will start September 4 with lecturer, Ray Callahan, who was a guest speaker last fall in Carl Schnee's "The Changing Face of War: The A-Bomb" class. His fascinating lecture deserves a repeat to a bigger audience. His topic "August 1945: Why we dropped the A-bomb." is one of Ray's best. Prepared to be blown away (no pun intended).

September 11, Director Jana Savini will present a program about the Fearless Improv of the City Theater Company. Fearless Improv takes Delaware to task with comical sketches, interactive games, and compromising positions, all in the name of good, clean(ish) fun.

Be sure to come on September 18 for the OLLI Update and New Member Orientation program.

On September 25, local historian/journalist Kathryn Canavan will present "Lincoln's Final Hours," based on her book with the same title. History buffs: "Enjoy!"

On Oct. 2, our own Susan Duer is returning with her fortepiano. Susan's performances are always treats.

Our program begins at 12:45 but please take your seat by 12:40 for introductions.

Calendar 2019

Thurs., Fri., Nov. 28, 29 Thanksgiving, OLLI closed
Fri., Dec. 6 End of fall semester

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February 10 Start of spring semester
March 30 to April 3 Spring Break, OLLI closed
May 15 End of spring semester