



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



We are well into October and I had hoped to share more definitive news with you about our building plans. There have been some developments, however. The Cape Henlopen School Board has given us another one year lease extension--to June 2021.

Paul will also talk in some depth about Provost Robyn Morgan's visit which is scheduled for November 25th. The meeting will be in the Fred Thomas Building at 9:30 a.m. We hope to have a good turn-out to demonstrate our keen interest in any decision she makes that will affect our future. This will be the opportunity we have to ask questions and get her feed-back.

Thanks to all who made the annual picnic a success. The weather was perfect, the grill masters were in top form and the sides and desserts brought by attendees were delicious. The English Country Dancers and the Elder Moments provided a fun capstone for the afternoon. Thank you, Connie Benko, for organizing this event.

Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Sally Cole. She will be joining OLLI as a Program Coordinator starting October 28th. Sally has experience as an entrepreneur (owner of a boutique legal consulting firm), as a board member for foundations and schools in Sussex County, as a coordinator for a parks and recreation department, and as a practice manager of a law firm in New York City. In response to our advertising, we received, would you believe, 97 applications. Many of these seem to me to have been triggered by job search programs using key words, e.g. Education, UD, Delaware, to direct resumes our way. We heard from lawyers, CPA's and top non-profit managers. This is an important job but that response was over-kill. Anna chaired the selection committee, which consisted of Paul Collins, John Lafferty, Paula Germack, HR generalist from our parent organization, Professional and Continuing Studies, and me. Paul was travelling and missed the first meeting. Anna asked the four of us to bring to that meeting our list of the five top candidates. This was not

easy, because, excluding the automatic referrals I mentioned, there were many bona fide candidates, offering relevant credentials. Well, the four of us showed up with our lists and I was astonished how close we got. Anna and I had three out of five the same. John matched us on two. We drew up a list of nine people to interview. All of those people were from one or more of our lists. After a full day of interviews, we identified our top four. Sally has accepted the position and we could not be more thrilled. Welcome aboard, Sally!

In lieu of a luncheon, we are having a “Mix and Mingle” on November 13th from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Irish Eyes Restaurant in Lewes. There will be an assortment of appetizers including slider bar, veggie trays, cheese trays and fruit and cookies. The cost of the event to OLLI is more than the \$20 we are charging. This is possible because the food at the last couple of luncheons at the Sands was pretty poor. We raised a stink and got some money refunded. The refund has been used to reduce your cost on the 13th.

Hope you can make it to the “Mix and Mingle” on November 13th and to the meeting with the Provost on the 25th.

Enjoy the rest of the semester.

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Calendar of Events

- Nov 1-25 -- Art classes exhibit at Lewes library
- Nov 8 -- RideShare program, 10 a.m., Fred Thomas Bldg., Room 102
- Nov 11 -- Veterans Day -- No classes
- Nov 13 -- Mix & Mingle, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m., Irish Eyes on the Lewes Canal
- Nov 18 -- Last day of classes
- Nov 25-- UD Provost Robin Morgan, Fred Thomas Bldg., Room 102
- Nov 27-29 -- Thanksgiving break. Office closed.
- Dec 24-Jan 1, 2020 -- Office closed

Part-time Job Available

If anyone is looking for a part-time job, UD is looking for a coder. This is a work from home position. Full listing is at <https://www.udel.edu/content/dam/udelImages/human-resources/Careers/pdfs/MW-Sales-Force-Developer-10.09.2019.pdf>

Also

<https://www.udel.edu/content/dam/udelImages/human-resources/Careers/pdfs/MW-Classroom-AV-Support-Position-Description.pdf>

YOUR NEWSLETTER

The Tides is published quarterly, with special editions as appropriate. If anyone has information, news, pictures or items of interest to share, the Council wants to hear from you. Please contact Lynn Kroesen at Lkroesen2@gmail.com or the OLLI Lewes office.

UD Provost to Visit OLLI Lewes on November 25th

You all should have received a save the date email with a request to sign up for a scheduled visit from UD's Provost, Robin Morgan. She will be coming on November 25 and is schedule for 9:30 a.m.. We know this is Thanksgiving week and many of you will be busy with family and travel, but we do want to make a good showing. We hope to have at least 50 of our members attend. The purpose of the visit is to speak to the members about the University's support for OLLI and to answer questions from the members. The Provost is the top-ranking officer at the university that our program reports to. She is our advocate to the President and Executive Vice President at UD. We want to make sure she understands our frustration about finding space for our program, but also our commitment to OLLI and to UD.

Thank you to everyone who submitted questions. We have sent most of them to the Provost, so she has time to formulate answers. There were some questions about UD resources for fund raising. UD has a development office that provides extensive resources to assist in fund raising programs and a group focused on planned giving from estates. We have been working with this group for over a year now. For us the problem hasn't been lack of resources but rather being able to create a targeted goal for a fund-raising program.

As far as Cape Henlopen goes, we now have an extension until June of 2021 and some conversation about longer extensions. We are also exploring some options to help alleviate the parking problems at the Fred Thomas building. But stay tuned we may have some exciting news soon.

Submitted by Paul Collins, Development 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

EXPO 55 -- Saturday, November 2 9:00 - 5:00 Cape Henlopen High School. There are 4 - 2 hour shifts. All you need is a smile and be willing to talk about OLLI!

Lewes Historical Society House Tour -- Sunday, December 7th 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - 2 hour shifts. Docents are needed to assist in sharing information about home and directing movement through the home.

Submitted by Gerri Stephenson, Community Relations chair



Sales of Craft Supplies Benefits OLLI



On September 25th, thanks to a generous donation from Bob Porta to Osher Lifelong Learning, the Osher Craft Circle hosted a fundraising event offering a large and varied collection of craft supplies for sale at very reasonable prices. The sale netted \$509 to benefit Osher Lifelong Learning. The event was in memory of his Bob's wife Pat, who was an avid crafter.

Submitted by Diana Beebe and Karen McKinnon, Craft Circle Instructors

L-R: Karen McKinnon & Diana Beebe

Photo by John Lafferty

"Caring Threads" Has Items To Comfort Members

Over the years, The Osher Craft Circle has been busy knitting, quilting, crocheting, cross stitching, and making countless other projects. Once a year at least, we try make something that will be useful to someone in need. Last year, we realized that there were people in our own Osher community who could use some tender loving care as well, so we embarked on the project that we decided to name "Caring Threads." Subsequently, we have been knitting and crocheting hats, slippers, lap blankets, shawls and other items that would give some warmth and comfort to any of our members, or their family or friends who could benefit from a little extra care. So if you or someone you know is ailing, grieving, or just in the need of some TLC, please come by the Osher office in Lewes. We have a large bin of items for the taking, and everyone is welcome.

Submitted by Diana Beebe, instructor, Osher Craft Circle



Art Classes Exhibit at Lewes Library

The art classes will hold an exhibit at the Lewes library from November 1st through November 25th. A local artist will judge submissions and award 1st, 2nd, 3rd and honorable mention ribbons to the artists in the exhibit.

Please stop in and enjoy the artwork.

Submitted by Marie Isola

Social activities Continue Into the Fall Semester

The Social Committee hosted two events this past summer -- the Clear Space production of Mama Mia in July and a cruise down the Lewes-Rehoboth Canal on the Cape Water Taxi in August.

The Social Committee hosted a two-day Walk-In Registration at the Lewes campus in July and the New Member/Instructor Orientation at Lewes in August.

There have been two Happy Hours at Irish Eyes in Lewes. Watch for the date of the next one in the spring.

The 21st Annual Picnic at Cape Henlopen State Park was October 15th with about 130 in attendance. Judging by the many dishes that were brought to share, our members are wonderful cooks. We were entertained at the picnic by the Elder Moments chorus and the English Country Dancing class. A special thank you to all the members who helped arrange and cover tables, set-up the buffet, prepare vegetables, grill, and clean-up. You made the picnic a success! (See photos on page 7)

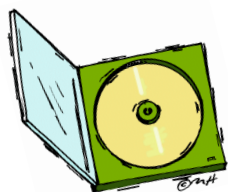
The last event of this semester will be the Fall Mix and Mingle on November 13th at Irish Eyes in Lewes. The arts and craft groups will be displaying their creations, and The Slow Jam group and Elder Moments will be entertaining. Watch for more information in your email and posted in the hall. The Social Committee members are looking forward to seeing you at the this event.

Submitted by Connie Benko, Social Chair
Photos by Jay Wheeler



Library News

After a summer respite, donations from our students and instructors have increased, and we are very grateful for the thoughtfulness you have shown. As you can see, our shelves are getting full, so there will be two projects going on this year. We are going to remove or “weed” items from the shelves that have not been used for ten years or more, and this project will include many oversized books. We previously removed many books on tape because that format was not being used. We have received a large donation of “Great Courses”—lectures on CD’s with printed guidebooks. The subjects are religion, music, operas, art, The Supreme Court, and American History. As soon as they are cataloged you will see the list on the bulletin board outside the library. Happy listening!



Submitted by Ruth Barnett, Librarian

Volunteers Make Coast Day a Success



A great big Thank You to volunteers Bud Zimmerman, Dorothy Danegger, Joan Sciorra, Gerry Stephenson, Sally Fintel, Ann & Ron Reese, Jerry & Rosemarie Pillari, who gave their time at the OLLI booth during Coast Day on October 6.

Submitted by Gerry Stephenson, Community Relations

L-R: Bud Zimmerman, Dorothy Danegger, Joan Sciorra, Gerry Stephenson

Photo by Anna Moshier

Save the Date: Centennial of 19th Amendment

On August 26, 2020, OLLI will march in a parade on the Rehoboth Beach boardwalk commemorating the centennial of the passing of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote. Mark your calendars now. More information about registration, attire and assembly will be coming at a later date.

Submitted by Gerry Stephenson

Right: Mary Folan speaks about centennial



OLLI Partnered with Lewes Loves Books



OLLI has partnered with other community organizations to bring Lewes Loves Books to Lewes and surrounding communities.

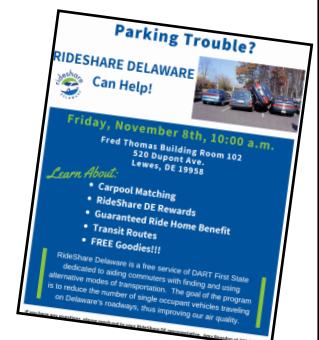
For more information please visit leweslovesbooks.com

Learn About RideShare

Save the date!

November 8, 2019 at 10 a.m. in Room 102

RideShare Delaware will come to the Fred Thomas Building to present on how they can help us alleviate some of our parking woes. For this to be successful you must be a part of the solution.



Beautiful Day for the 21st Annual Homecoming Picnic



L-R: Bernie Fiegel, Dolores Fiegel, Diana Beebe, Johanna Barbati prepare veggies for grilling



Ed West, "Grill Master"



Marian & Wayne Kirklin & Pete Hansot, good conversation



Paul Collins, "Grill Master"

Photos by: Lynn Kroesen, Barry Simmerman, Jay Wheeler



Good food, good fun, good conversation, good entertainment, good time had by all

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

Fall Semester Classes Keep Our Learning Interesting



Senator Chris Coons was guest speaker at **Issues in U.S. Foreign Policy** class. L-R: Instructor Sergei, Boboshko, Senator Coons, Anna Moshier & Instructor Lee Stanford.



Photos by: Joan Mansperger, Lynn Kroesen



Students in **Science of the Delaware Coast** held at the Hugh R. Sharp Campus get an up-close view of equipment used in coastal science.

Fall Semester Classes Keep Our Learning Interesting

Members of **Bears as Primary Characters in Kiddie Lit** hold books featuring bears.

L-R: Joyce Calamia, instructor, Sandra Craig, Giant Teddy Bear (Joyce's husband, Ben Calamia, carrying basket of Teddy Grahams cookies), Michele Fehr, Patty Bennett, Lorraine Marks, Eileen Redden.



Photos by Joan Mansperger, Anna Moshier, Gerry Stephenson

Members of **The International Cooking Experience** class gather to taste the prepared dishes .

Walk and Talk class visits the Air Mobility Museum in Dover



English Country Dancers Perform for the First Town Club



OLLI OLLI IN FREE TRAVEL TRIBULATIONS

I just recently returned from a trip to New England. Missed the foliage due to high winds and rain, but I enjoyed revisiting the wonderful fall smells of New England. The fermenting leaves, the cinnamon spice doughnuts, the hot chocolate and the damp pine needles.

I have mobility issues, so going anywhere on any means of transportation is challenging. I want you to know that American Airlines did a super job assisting me to get from curbside to the gate, and then from the gate to the door of the plane. There were people helping me go through Security as well.

Once I got to my destination, however, the so-called “handicapped” room left a lot to be desired. The bed was too high for me to get in it without a stepstool, which luckily I had brought with me in a portable version.

They provided a wheel chair for me, but in a room where there was not enough room between the beds to roll a wheelchair, and where they had too many big pieces of furniture blocking the way. The hangers for my clothes were in a wardrobe that was meant for standing people, not seated people.

And the shelving in the bathroom was too high, as well as the wand in the shower. Having a seat in the shower, and a wand faucet are nice, but if you can't reach the wand, it is all for naught.

I did speak to the manager before I left, so hopefully next year, there will be some improvements!

Submitted by Patty Perreault Bennett



Fall Semester Statistics for OLLI Sussex County

This Fall Semester in Sussex County:

- OLLI held 103 courses at four locations (Lewes, The Moorings, Heritage Shores-Bridgeville, and Ocean View);
- Taught by 105 instructors
- County membership = 672 students

Submitted by Bud Zimmerman, Academic Affairs Chair

OLLI Members Invited to Become Charter Members of Legacy Society



Save the date! November 7, 2019, 10:30-1:00 - Nathana Jackson (pictured left on her September 25th visit) from UD development department will be at the Fred Thomas Building to talk to members about the Osher Lifelong Learning Legacy Society.

Photo by Joe Zito

Options for Giving to OLLI-Sussex County in 2019

As a member of OLLI-Sussex County, 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.