



The Tides...

Breaking News from
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From the Chair



2020 - WHAT A YEAR THIS HAS BEEN, and it is only two-thirds over. It began as a time to make plans for the coming months - reunions, graduations, travel, weddings, concerts, and theatre. Just as we are thinking that spring is just around the corner and the worst of the winter is past, we awoke one morning to hear a word we had never heard before - coronavirus. Just the word "virus" got our attention, but little did we know the implications. We have lived through flu and virus seasons before - a week, maybe two, of feeling rotten and then we recover. We soon discovered that this was different as we

watched the daily briefings and heard the number of coronavirus cases and deaths all around the world.

Now our lives as we knew them were rapidly changing - our OLLI classes were cancelled. Now we had lots of time on our hands. Time to do the things we had been putting off - cleaning out closets, drawers, and garages; reading those books that had been piling up in the corner; contacting friends from college, previous jobs, and neighborhoods; doing jigsaw puzzles; learning a new game or craft; and watching those movies and television series which we had been putting off.

There are some great things that have come about from having to stay home. We are cooking more - trying new recipes; meeting new neighbors as we walk around our neighborhoods; becoming more concerned about our families, friends, and neighbors; making masks (not the ones for costume balls); and looking for ways to help those in need. One thing many of us learned to do is something most of us had never heard of in 2019 - Zoom.

Anna Moshier, Sally Cole, and Jennifer Merrill from OLLI-Wilmington have been working with members from all three Delaware OLLI programs to bring us together and share our interests and strengths through Zoom - Happy Hours, a four-week summer session which just ended, meetings, tours, craft sessions, and games. The possibilities are endless! The planning to revamp the OLLI program in four months has been amazing. My hat is off to the staff and volunteers who have made herculean efforts to redesign the program and train everyone for the virtual experience.

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On August 12th the schedule of classes for the fall will be posted online, and registration will begin on August 17th. The classes will begin on September 8th. We are so fortunate to have so many choices with instructors from Lewes, Ocean View, Bridgeville, Dover, and Wilmington offering classes. There will be over 200 five-week and eleven-week classes and extracurricular activities to choose from. Because of the need to social distance, all classes and activities will be online through Zoom.

Staff have been putting out Statewide OLLI Updates every week this summer which is full of news and Zoom activities for our members. There is a link in the weekly OLLI email for Zoom training. Be sure you sign up for one of these sessions before the fall classes begin so you are ready to participate. The sessions are approximately one hour in length and very user friendly.

Until we can be together in class again, we can continue to learn new things and stay in touch by taking classes and participating in all the extracurricular activities that are planned. See you on the screen!

Connie

Calendar of Events

- Aug 3 - Sept 4 -- Free Zoom training
- Aug 12 -- Online fall catalog available
- Aug 17 -- Fall class registration open 10 a.m.
- Sept 7 -- Labor Day, Office closed, No classes
- Sept 8 -- First day of Fall classes
- Oct 20 -- Second 5 week (Session B) begins
- Nov 2 -- Election day - No classes
- Nov 24-- Last day of Fall semester



Fall Catalog Available August 12

The fall catalog will be available online only, beginning **August 12**. We have over 200 classes and extracurricular activities planned featuring OLLI instructors from across the state.

Registration will be online only on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Registration will open on
August 17 at 10:00 am.**

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

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OLLI Lewes office.



Council for 2020-2021



Top Left to right: Anna Moshier, Manager Sussex-Kent ; Sally Cole, Program Coordinator; Pete Feeney; Trudie Thompson, Social Chair; 2nd row: Lynn Kroesen, Communication Chair; Bill Sharkey, Ex-Officio; Joan Sciorra, Travel Chair; Connie Benko, Chair; 3rd row: Joan Mansperger, Academic Affairs Chair; Kathy Henn, Secretary; Rosemary Engle, Dover OLLI Chair; Karen Schaub, Finance Chair; 4th row: Gerry Stephenson, Community Relations Chair; Paul Collins, Vice Chair; Nick Simmons, Development Co-Chair. Leland Stanford, Scholarship Chair.

Program information is available 24-7 online at:
<http://www.oli.udel.edu/fall-online/>

All Fall 2020 Classes Online

After a successful summer session, OLLI is now gearing up for its fall 2020 semester which will run from September 8 to November 24. Keeping safety and health in mind during this pandemic all OLLI programming will be conducted online during the fall of 2020. No OLLI classes or activities will be conducted at OLLI locations for the fall of 2020. The 11 week fall curriculum features an exciting lineup of over 200 classes all offered online using Zoom software that is available online and free for anyone to use. Many of our favorite instructors will be adapting their classes to the new medium and there will be many, many new offerings.

Some examples of classes offered this fall include:

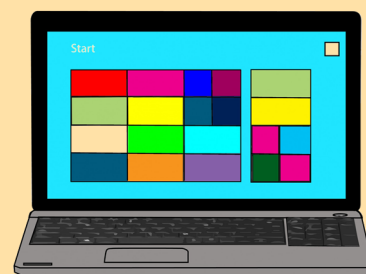
- Jon Newsom's class is going to be super exciting this fall
- Ralph Begleiter's **Media and the 2020 Election** class will be a hit.
- Sergei and Lee will be offering TWO classes this fall.
- The Fintels are back!
- Chris Dodd will be offering **Beginning Watercolor**
- Claire Brown, Deb Brown and Aimee Weist are all teaching.
- Basket weavers Circle and Craft Circle are continuing online, and
- Diana Beebe is offering an additional class.

Zoom Training Available for All Members

As we approach the fall semester with a mandate to only deliver online classes, we want to get as many members as possible up to speed on using the Zoom application. In early July, I volunteered to head up a group of trainers to deliver basic Zoom training. Our goal is to make members comfortable with joining a Zoom meeting and managing the basic controls needed to participate in a Zoom class.

In addition to about 15 OLLI members, 5 UD students have volunteered to deliver the training sessions. We offer training for Windows, Mac, iPad, and iPhone. We are offering 15 classes each week covering all those platforms. We had our first week of classes last week (July 27 - 31) with about 80 members attending the training. We will be offering classes through the first week in September, so please sign up for training. Keep an eye on the weekly OLLI email to access the Zoom classes. You may need to check your spam/junk folder in your email. You can attend multiple times if you do not get everything answered in a previous session.

Paul Collins



Fall 2020 UD OLLI Online Membership Information

Membership for the Fall 2020 semester: \$75

Benefits of Membership

- * Participation in extracurricular activities including weekly sessions and one-time lectures
- * Access to a UD email account (@udel.edu) that provides access to student discounts, extensive online UD library research databases and subscriptions

Per Class Fees

Each 5-week class \$25

September 8 – October 12

October 20 – November 24

Each 11-week class \$50

September 8 – November 24

For instance, if you register (\$75) and take one 5-week class (\$25) and one 11-week class (\$50) you will pay a total of \$150. **Membership is required for class registration, including all 5- and 11-week classes**

While there is no limit on the number of classes you take, please remember that online interactions can be tiring. We urge you to think carefully about your weekly schedule before registering for too many classes.

The online catalog and program information is available 24-7 online at: <http://www.oli.udel.edu/fall-online/>.

Members Enjoy Summer Classes on Zoom

As an ageing one who is not an experienced computer user, Zoom has given me the opportunity to continue to be connected to OLLI and be involved in mind stimulating classes which is so important at this time of confinement. My thanks to the men and women who have gone beyond the normal classroom instruction to present their subject’s material in a new and interesting way. Thank you.

Submitted by Joan Sciorra

Back to school and the teacher says “Write what you did during your summer vacation.” Well, what I did was to jump feet first into the OLLI summer program. In a word, it was “amazing”. Yes, there were challenges at first with everyone becoming comfortable with Zoom but the instructors were so well prepared (thanks to our OLLI staff and instructors' hard work), adjusting their teaching style to fit the Zoom platform, and the members/students soon were up to speed on the Zoom features. There were PowerPoints, videos, YouTube music, group discussions, breakout rooms and tours. **The Book of Psalms** was wonderful with facts, history, and music videos to enhance the learning experience. **The Golden Age of Illustration** left me wanting more examples of the many illustrators featured in the class. **The Photographic Conservation** with Winterthur gave me many great tips as I work on preserving my family history. Interestingly, the **Organized for Life and End of Life Choices** classes complemented each other as they both talked about organizing now so your family doesn’t have to later - building your legacy. I am so glad that I took this class and I hope some of you reading this will consider taking it in the fall as it is being offered again. You will be so glad that you did.

Submitted by Karen Schaub

Expanding Horizons Campaign

“Very Much On Track”

As of mid-July, the Expanding Horizons Campaign, which began this past January, had passed the half-way point towards its three-year goal of \$300,000. The campaign is seeking the support of OLLI Kent and Sussex members, and the general community to fund necessary structural and equipment upgrades to the newly leased facility at Trinity church on New Road. The upgrades include the creation of new classroom, administrative and parking spaces, which will significantly relieve the pressures experienced in the Fred Thomas building. Additionally, OLLI will be in a much better position, once in-person learning resumes, to accommodate the growing numbers of new arrivals in the community who are anxious to enjoy the many benefits of OLLI membership.

According to Paul Collins, chair of the development committee for OLLI Sussex counties, the fact that the Expanding Horizons Campaign remains very much on track despite the current difficult circumstances is very encouraging. “We are extremely grateful to the many members, staff and community leaders who have already made commitments totaling almost \$151,000,” he said. “Judging by this initial success, I’m confident we’ll achieve and even surpass the \$300,000 goal.” He went on to extend thanks to the professional staff of OLLI, the University of Delaware’s development office and the volunteer campaign solicitors who have worked to bring the campaign to its present level of accomplishment.

Submitted by Nick Simmonds, Development Co-Chair



Wear Your Face Mask

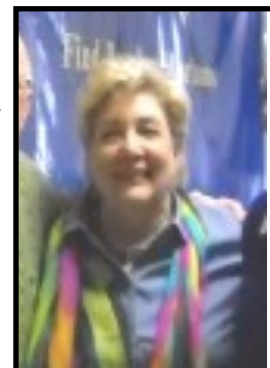
Your mask may not be as fancy as Nikki



Roberson’s pictured here but it will still help to protect you.

Mary Boyd Publishes New Book

We have another published author in our OLLI family. Mary E. Boyd’s book *Apples of Gold: Voices from the past that speak to us now* is available now. Attorney Mary has taught Constitutional Law at OLLI Sussex for several semesters.



A Blast From the Past

Members of Art Class in 2004



Seated: Charmaline Kirilla (co-founder of OLLI-Sussex Scholarship Fund), Helen Thompson, instructor, Jo Richardson.

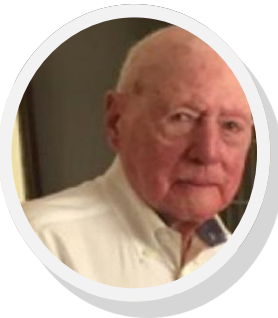
Names of those standing not available, (If you know these two ladies, please contact Joan Sciorra.

Recorder Players Perform Summer Concerts in 2015



A few recorder players started playing together at OLLI in 2007. In 2013, they played their first major concert at the Milton Flower and Garden Show. At that time they adopted the name “Tradewinds Recorder Consort”. They started the 2015 summer with a splash playing for Lewes in Bloom, then on to the AARP luncheon and ending with the Milton Flower and Garden Show. Nikki Roberson, Tradewinds leader said “Playing recorders with the group is mostly for fun and to sharpen our skills with the recorder.”

In Remembrance of



William (Bill) Jules Gehron, 95, a retired Foreign Service Officer who worked at the White House, the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and the U.S. Department of State, died Sunday, May 24, 2020, in Lewes.

Bill was born in New York City Aug. 5, 1924, and resided in Pelham, N.Y. He graduated from Williams College in 1950. Before attending college, Bill served in the Army during World War II, eventually joining General George Patton’s 4th Armored Division as a commissioned officer and platoon leader in the European Theater. His decorations included the Presidential Unit Citation and the Combat Infantryman’s Badge.

Bill married Patricia (Pat) Coleman Dec. 20, 1950, and they would have celebrated 70 years of marriage this December. Shortly following his marriage, Bill was recalled in the Korean War and served with armored forces at posts in this country.

After his duty during the Korean War, Bill returned to New York, and joined the staff of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace as director of public affairs. Bill and Pat moved to Washington, D.C., where Bill served as a member of the White House Disarmament Staff. Later Bill became an officer in the Office of the Special Assistant to the Secretary for Disarmament and Atomic Energy Affairs, and subsequently its Disarmament Administration group. He became one of the first officers to serve on delegations to the United Nations and the Ten Nation Disarmament Talks in Geneva, Switzerland. On his return from overseas he joined the Department of State once again as a Foreign Service Officer in the Bureau of European Affairs. Bill was a member of delegations to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the International Conference on Energy and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Following his retirement from the State Department in 1985 Bill remained as a foreign

affairs analysis and senior advisor working on Freedom of Information projects until 2007, when Bill and Pat moved to Lewes.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia, two sons, a daughter and four grandchildren.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a Memorial Celebration will be held at St. Peter's Church in Lewes at a later date.



Earlene (Dick) Gillan-Smith, 89, of Lewes passed away peacefully Wednesday, June 24, 2020. She was born May 31, 1931, in Northeast Philadelphia, Pa.

Earlene excelled in secondary school, graduating early from high school. She attended Methodist Hospital

School of Nursing and began her nursing career at Shriners Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. She also worked in the medical, surgical, and obstetric nursing fields at hospitals in Washington, D.C., Virginia and West Chester, Pa.

She settled in Newark, where she was the first school nurse and health coordinator at the Sterck School for the Hearing Impaired (later renamed Delaware School for the Deaf). In addition to establishing procedures for dormitory medical care and student health education, she actively lobbied to increase the professional salary scale of school nurses in Delaware to be equal to that of teachers.

With five school-age children at home and a full-time job, she returned to school and earned her B.S.N. followed by her M.A. in education from West Chester University.

She was very active in the Christina School District Education Association, where she served as the first president from 1981-83, Delaware State Education Association, where she served as vice president from 1984-92 and president from 1992-96, and the National Education Association, where she served as an elected official for five terms. She was awarded the Delaware School

Nurse of the Year in 1984 and the Helen Wise Award for Excellence in Education in 1997.

Her passion for education followed her into retirement, where she became involved with the University of Delaware Academy of Lifelong Learning (OLLI) and served as Council Chair from 2003 - 2008.

She is survived by her five children, nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, five step-daughters, 10 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Her family looks forward to celebrating Earlene's life in the fall..

Frances Kalmbach Bazzoli, 90, of Lewes passed away Saturday, June 13, 2020, at The Moorings in Lewes. She was born March 27, 1930, in New York.

Mrs. Bazzoli was a psychiatric social worker and worked for the Rockford Center in Newark as a supervisor. She enjoyed British sitcoms, mystery theater, reading mystery books, the opera, art, and traveling.

Mrs. Bazzoli is survived by her beloved husband, James Bazzoli.



Options for Giving to OLLI-Sussex County in 2020-2021

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 (<https://ud.alumniq.com/giving/to/ollisouthernde>), by mail (83 E. Main Street, 3rd Floor, Newark, DE 19716), or by phone (302-831-2104).

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.