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Stronger and Happier Together

Linda Kellogg

As I end my term on April 1 as OLLI-W Council Chair, I want to take this moment to review our 2021-2022 year. Your Council members, volunteer committee members and OLLI staff strengthened their commitments, and kept us steadily moving towards our number one goal to return to our Arsht Hall home safely and as soon as possible. Neither Covid, Delta or Omicron diminished our purpose and determination, and that makes me very proud to be a member of the OLLI family.

Our second goal was to continue to develop the virtual statewide platform. Member enthusiasm to learn from statewide instructors and the work of volunteer class support teams, led by Lew Martin



and Paul Collins (OLLI Online Committee), have created a resounding success. Now, we are each challenged to use our valuable tech skills and provide suggestions to define OLLI's best path forward to combine learning options into the most vital program.

Third, Council is dedicated to rebuild our membership and our vibrant community of active adults and lifelong learning devotees. As Arsht Hall doors continue to open, please join me and the incoming Council to welcome back every previous member and to embrace new inquisitive and community-seeking adults. We are stronger and happier together.

Save the Date: I Heart UD Giving Day on May 4!

OLLI-W will participate in the University's annual giving day again this year with hopes of surpassing our second place finish in 2021! On May 4, members of our OLLI community are invited to make a gift of any amount online to support OLLI's greatest needs. Be on the lookout in the weekly email for more details on how to participate in the day, both in person at Arsht Hall and virtually.

Interested in making an early gift that could serve as a "donor challenge" to encourage even greater participation from our members? Please contact Andrew Walpole at awalpole@udel.edu or (302) 354-2924.

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MAY 4, 2022

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New OLLI-W Council Members

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Gerri Sanchez

On March 14, OLLI-Wilmington Council elected Gerri Sanchez to Council Chair and Glenn Rill as Executive Vice Chair. Each will serve a one-year term, leading OLLI into new opportunities and representing our members. Council has a dedicated email address for your personal ideas and input: lli-council@udel.edu.

Five newly elected Council members will serve from 2022-2025 and their photos and bios are shown below. They are Bob Ehrlich, Sharon Rosen, Karen Stanley, Donald Sturgeon and Jean Youkers.

Thank you to Becky Worley for leading the Officer Selection Committee along with Rita Meek and Mike Walsh and to Larry Peterson for chairing the Nominating Committee, joined by Les Breedlove, Marcia Halio, Lew Martin, Gerri Sanchez and Mike Walsh.

Having completed a three year term on Council and rotating off are Les Breedlove, Marcia Halio, Linda Kellogg, Carolyn Stankiewicz and Mike Walsh.



Glenn Rill

Robert Ehrlich

Bob has been a member of OLLI since 1996 and is considered by many to be a valuable resource on OLLI's history.

Bob received his Ph.D. from Rutgers and retired from UD as a Research Associate in Biochemistry and Research Assistant in Environmental Engineering.

He is a distinguished OLLI Instructor having taught every semester since 1997. And, Bob considers teaching his most rewarding activity. Always willing to support members, Bob is editor of the OLLI newsletter and currently volunteers with Curriculum, Distance Learning, Virtual Assistance and as Secretary to Council.

Bob has the ability to listen to all voices, hoping to add creative ideas to discussions and promote the success of our future OLLI as we envision it.

You might find Bob travelling to natural sites or taking in theatre and the arts.



Sharon Rosen

Sharon became an OLLI member in 2020 and began contributing her time immediately as a virtual class assistant. She exudes enthusiasm for OLLI and wants to be a team player, modeling a “can do” attitude for broadening OLLI’s programming and being a strong advocate for membership growth.

Sharon graduated from the City College of New York and continued her education achieving M.S. degrees from Hunter College and Wilmington University.

Her extensive career experience as a safety manager with SEPTA, Weston Solutions and Johnson Controls is complemented by her position as Adjunct Professor at Del Tech (2012-present).

When there is time, Sharon enjoys reading, traveling, crafts and fine dining.

**Karen Stanley**

Karen joined OLLI in 2018 and has increasingly contributed in many ways.

She graduated from Wesleyan College, received her BSN from the University of Birmingham and MSN from the University of California. Karen’s career included all phases of oncology nursing care, education, professional certification responsibilities as well as consulting and lecturing on palliative care in 48 states and internationally in South Africa, Japan, China, Australia, France, Canada, Russia, Czechoslovakia, and Austria. She is currently the 1st Vice President, League of Women Voters, Wilmington.

At OLLI, Karen relishes any opportunity to make new members feel welcome as Co-Chair of the New Member Relations/Volunteer Development Committee. And, she has taken the initiative to volunteer as a virtual assistant, Travel Committee co-chair, Open House and Newsletter contributor. She envisions short- and long-term projects to create a broader reach for OLLI into the community and liaisons with other local organizations.

Karen usually has an exciting trip planned, enjoys the arts, dance, British TV and gardening.

Don Sturgeon

Don has been an OLLI-W member since 2018. He finds great value in the program and is looking forward to contributing to OLLI's diversity outreach and strategic development.

Don is a graduate of the University of Buenos Aires and received his PhD from the University of Florida.

His 33-year career at DuPont entailed business and product development in international markets. He is a prolific publisher of experimental mechanics and advanced materials literature. Don has been an oral history presenter for Hagley Museum.

Locally, Don has taught Spanish to adults and taken leadership roles in the communities of Darley Woods, High Point North (MD) and Stonewold.

His passion is to promote purposeful communication across ethnic, language and geographic boundaries.

**Jean Youkers**

Jean joined OLLI in 2017. She shares her enthusiasm for OLLI at every opportunity, teaching and volunteering with the New Member Relations/Volunteer Development Committee.

She earned both her B.A. and MBA from Penn State. Jean's career in social services, mental health and marketing took her to Ohio, Pennsylvania and now Delaware. She has enjoyed working with all age groups on many interdisciplinary teams.

In the past, Jean has often organized Alzheimer's Memory Walk teams in her work settings. She has used her creative skills to provide writing workshops at Kirkwood and Brandywine Libraries and contributes to each edition of the OLLI newsletter, as author of the Volunteer Spotlight. Jean is excited about reaching out to communities and local groups to share OLLI Opportunity options.

Congratulations to Jean on the May 2021 publication of her first novel. In addition to her love of humorous nonfiction, she stays active with water aerobics, walking and painting.

OLLI-W Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Phil Weinberg, Council Finance Chair

Each Spring, the OLLI-W Council presents the approved budget for the next school year in the OLLI-W newsletter. The next fiscal year (FY 2023) begins on July 1, 2022, and ends on June 30, 2023.

Overview

The current fiscal year was, like last year, much different than we had experienced in the past because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Fortunately, we had a very successful summer 2021 in which we offered classes both online and in-person (outdoors). We then re-opened Arsht Hall and managed to offer in-person classes in addition to online classes in the Fall 2021 semester. Following that success, we then added hybrid classes in the Spring 2022 semester.

FY 2023 vs. FY 2022

Budget forecasting for FY 2022 required some long-range predictions and forced us to produce several alternative budget scenarios. The same has been true for FY 2023.

Budgets are usually developed in late fall. For FY 2022, without knowing how we would operate, it was decided to create three operating options: (1) Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 online only, (2) Fall 2021 online and Spring 2022 in-person and some online, and (3) Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 in-person and some online. When the Fall 2021 semester began, it was decided to use the number 2 option as our budget benchmark.

Since the Covid pandemic is still upon us, forecasting for FY 2023 has not been any easier. However, we have finally prepared a budget that we think is workable and reflects our best thinking about what we expect for the coming year.

FY 2023 (see Pie Charts and Table, next page)

Revenue Attendance and revenues are still significantly lower than pre-pandemic levels. Total fee-based revenues are estimated to be about

\$803K, but we very much need our current members to encourage others to join and increase our enrollment to maximize the portion of our revenue that comes from membership fees.

Additional revenue from all other sources (gift and scholarship funds-\$362K, endowment income-\$272K, and miscellaneous-\$4K) are budgeted at \$638K resulting in a total revenue of approximately \$1,440K.

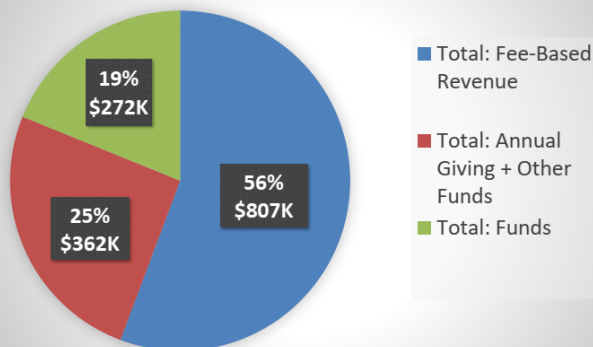
Expenses Our major expense will be personnel (this is our wonderful OLLI office and technical staff directed by Jen Merrill). It is estimated to be \$870K. We are fortunate that the University has graciously decided to continue absorbing some of the expenses (albeit, not as much as we had expected) for maintaining Arsht Hall and its surroundings. It usually costs us over \$500K but will be reduced to about \$391K. Other expenses, among which are printing, credit card, audio/visual equipment, office supplies, and miscellaneous repairs, and others, are estimated to be \$180K. It was decided to forego the annual contribution to our capital expense account (used for future major projects).

Perspective

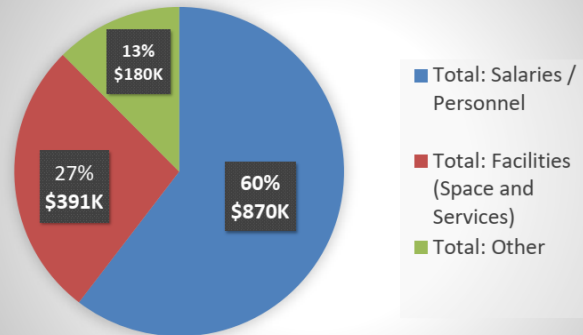
In looking at our budget, it reflects the nature of our cooperative. Since our instructors are volunteers, their services do not constitute a budget expense. We should note how fortunate we at OLLI-W are to attract so many members and to enjoy such a high portion of revenue coming from gifts and endowment income. Most comparable cooperatives have fewer members and depend almost solely on enrollment fees. We on the other hand partner with a major university, have our own building, offer a large number of courses, have a relatively large endowment and enjoy the philanthropic support of most of our members. We are fortunate indeed.

<u>FY 2023 Budget</u>		
(July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)		
Approved by Council: Date 03/16/2022		
Revenue & Expense Summary		
Revenues		% of Total
Membership Fees	\$ 802,500	55.7%
Annual Giving (Contrib. to Opers)	\$ 362,230	25.1%
Fund Income (Contrib. to Opers)	\$ 271,670	18.9%
Misc. Revenue	\$ 4,000	0.3%
Total Revenue	\$ 1,440,400	100.0%
Expenses		
Personnel	\$ 870,000	60.4%
Facilities		
a) Capital Reserve/Transfer	\$ -	0.0%
b) Facilities/Maintenance Expense	\$ 390,900	27.1%
Other Expenses	\$ 179,500	12.5%
Total Expenses	\$ 1,440,400	100.0%
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 0	

OLLI-W FY 2023 Revenues, %



OLLI-W FY 2023 Expenses, %



Volunteer Spotlight

Jean Youkers, VDE (Volunteer Development and Engagement)

John Bullock

John Bullock's classes have attracted large audiences at OLLI-W since 2012, often overflowing the largest classroom in Arsht Hall. With the addition of Zoom classes, history buffs now have a choice of joining John in person or remotely.



Born and raised in Wilmington, John earned his A.B. from St. Joseph's University and M.A. from University of Pennsylvania. He returned to the city following a career of teaching European, U.S. and World History at Northwestern State University of Louisiana, Western Washington University, Holy Family University and Villanova University. His specialty, Modern France from 1870-1920, is among the courses John offers at OLLI-W.

After retiring from Villanova in 2005, John took a hiatus from teaching and sampled various OLLI-W courses in 2011 before he began teaching here the following year.

"Once the grease paint gets into your veins, you're not going to quit," says John, who teaches two courses each semester, plus one during summer session.

Besides teaching, John enjoys going to operas and art museums. He serves as a lector at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Teaching enthusiastic adults is rewarding and enjoyable to John because of the experience they bring and, unlike young college students, "they get the jokes."

Interested history students in his classes always "have some questions they want to have answered and I will attempt to answer them." With his willingness to share his vast knowledge and to pursue still more answers, John makes a valuable contribution which is much appreciated.

John's advice to others considering teaching at OLLI-W is "don't hesitate!"



Linda Kellogg

Linda Kellogg, Council Chair for 2021-22, has enthusiastically taken classes and volunteered at OLLI-W for eight years. Her volunteer roles have ranged from painting fences with

the Goodstay Helpers Committee to co-chairing the Marketing Committee, serving on Council, January Enrichment Committee, Reception Committee and acting as a virtual assistant. Linda has also been co-instructor with husband Reid Kellogg for "How Not to Die," a course on the science and practice of plant-based eating.

Linda earned a B.A. in English and Fine Arts at Wilson College and taught before becoming the owner/manager of Boyd's Flowers. Running the business required most of her time for the next 34 years. Now retired, she appreciates "the opportunity to keep on learning in the classroom setting" at OLLI-W. Other interests include yoga, women's rights, voting, and travel. She and Reid have enjoyed traveling through the HomeExchange program to Paris, Tuscany, and Venice, among other locations.

Volunteering at OLLI-W has been rewarding to Linda because "you get a better sense of community if you volunteer."

Linda's tenure as Council Chair during COVID saw the program evolve from strictly online through summer school outdoors to the gradual reopening of Arsht Hall. She hopes people "will be brave enough to return to the building to experience the sense of community."

With many good ideas put on hold due to the pandemic, Linda looks forward optimistically to helping the 2022-2023 Council regrow membership.

Thank you, Linda, for your dedication, leadership, and flexibility during unpredictable times!

THANK *you*

Recognition of OLLI Donors

Gifts from OLLI-W members sustain and enhance the program we love. As a special “thank you” this fall, we are publishing a digital honor roll that will recognize annual donors who make gifts of \$250 or more, OLLI Legacy Society donors and those donors who have created an endowment. All donors who have given during fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022) will be listed unless their gift is anonymous or they choose not be included on the list.

If you do not want to be recognized in the fall donor recognition list for your contributions, either mark your gift as “anonymous” when you make your gift or contact Nichole Wozniak, Associate Director of Donor Relations, at nicholes@udel.edu to decline recognition for a gift that has already been made.

OLLI Concert Band Plays the Ukrainian National Anthem



OLLI Wilmington's Concert Band played and recorded the Ukrainian national anthem on March 4. Watch and listen at:

<https://www.facebook.com/OLLIWilmington/videos/1077135689506742>

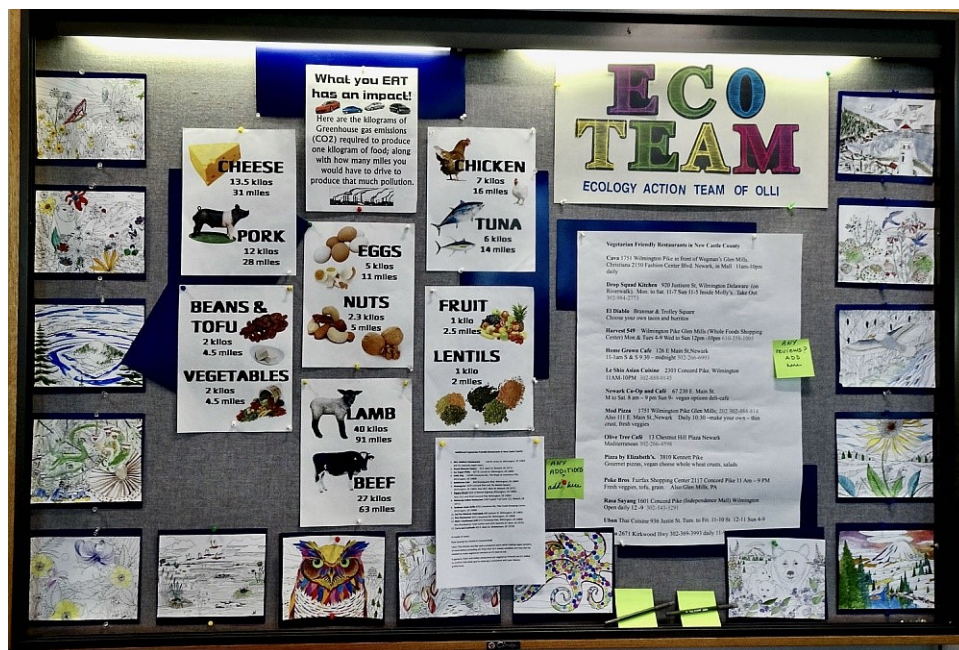
Eco Team

For information about matters of environmental interest, see the Eco Team bulletin board outside the Cannon Reading Room.

Shown below is information about the benefits of plant-based diets along with member recommendations of vegetarian/vegan friendly restaurants.

Coming up is All About Plastics.

For Earth Week (April 18 to April 22) the topic will be All About Pollinators. Look for more on environmental choices during Earth Week.

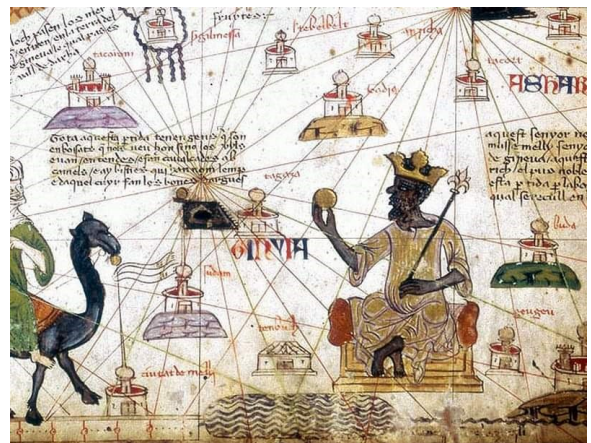


Caravans of Gold African Empires

Robert Ehrlich will give an invited talk sponsored by the Arden Scholars Gild at Arden Gild Hall and on Zoom on April 19 at 7:30. The talk originated with a three-session class during *January Explorations*.

In this fascinating evening voyage through the history of ancient Northern Africa, we follow the rise of African empires, the influence of Islam, and the trans-Saharan commerce in gold, ivory, salt, exotic food items, and the difficult story of enslaved peoples. Complex societies with central cities arose in West Africa and led to the beginnings of the Empire of Ghana c. 300 CE. Later, a driving force for the trans-Saharan trade was the increased demand for gold in Northern Africa by Islamic states. What we know about the history of these empires comes to us from epic legends, tales of Islamic travelers, archaeology, art and the writings of Timbuktu scholars.

Further information and the Zoom link are available at <https://m.facebook.com/events/501961971496776>.



Newsletter Committee

The aim of the committee is to publish an in-house newsletter for all OLLI members. The newsletter serves as a means for Council leaders and OLLI committees to inform members about their activities. Because events scheduled by OLLI committees have been adequately promoted through the Statewide Updates, the newsletter has focused on more detailed overviews of events at OLLI. There has been increased emphasis on human interest stories.

Each year the Council Chair welcomes members and gives an overview of OLLI. We provide members with profiles of the new Council members who will help guide OLLI in the future.

Through the notable contributions of Jean Youkers, New Member Relations and Volunteer Engagement Committee, the newsletter has continued to spotlight dedicated volunteers who make notable contributions to OLLI.

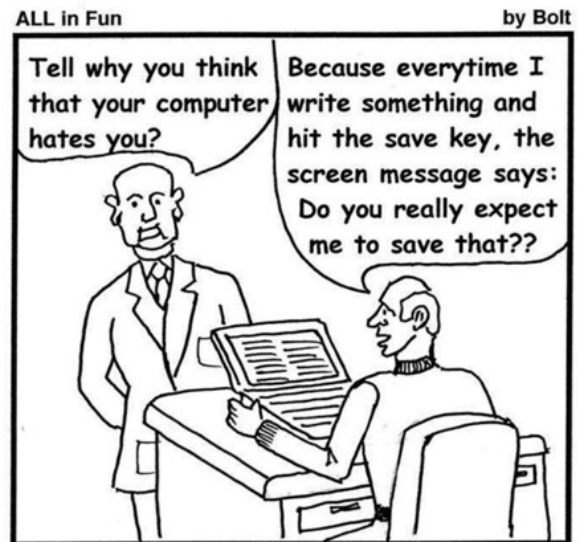
We have added notice of the publishing activities of OLLI members under the title, OLLI Authors. Many of the publications arise from OLLI classes, but we also acknowledge contributions that members make outside OLLI.

Synopses of the OLLI budgets enable members to understand the basis for their fees. They show the need for the fundraising appeals that appear in the newsletter and reach members through other media.

In the last issue, Rebecca Worley submitted an article based on the January Explorations presentation of Maria Barefoot from the UD Library. This presentation went over the features of the UD Library that are available online with special emphasis on those of most interest for OLLI members. OLLI members are encouraged to obtain a UDelnet ID/password to take advantage of UD Library access, a valuable benefit of membership.

Producing the newsletter starts with submission of articles by OLLI members, OLLI

PREPARING THE NEWSLETTER



committees and the UD development office. The Newsletter committee often comes up with ideas for articles. Many articles are solicited.

These articles are assembled into a draft publication. Where available, pictures are added to enhance the publication.

The committee (listed on page 11) carefully reviews the draft to make sure the articles make sense to readers not involved in the activities profiled. They check carefully for spelling, grammar and punctuation. They check for consistency and duplication of material among the articles. The newsletter generally follows the UD Style Guide. Council leaders and staff check for errors in content and consistency with other OLLI publications. The editor is responsible for the final determination on what changes should be made.

In addition to 'news' we welcome short anecdotes of OLLI interest and poems. We encourage members to submit articles celebrating a favorite OLLI instructor, volunteer or activity. Join us as a copy editor, photographer, cartoonist or reporter.

Special Events Fridays

All events at 12:30 p.m.

- April 8 **A Creative Career** Xiang Gao, UD Professor of Music
- April 15 **Fort Ritchie, MD — Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow** Landon Grove, Dir., Fort Ritchie History Museum
- April 22 **Are Biden and Democrats Doomed in the Midterms? Why it's Too Soon to Say** Jill Lawrence, syndicated journalist
- April 29 **Running for President** Sam Hoff, Delaware State University professor
- May 6 **Pandemic and Public Health** Dr. Karyl Rattay, Delaware Division of Public Health

Look for updates and links to these member-only events in the Statewide OLLI Updates.

HOORAY for OLLI VOLUNTEERS

April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month

Linda Kellogg

Our dedicated OLLI staff have contributed many extra hours adapting to changing health conditions, as OLLI slowly develops a mix of online, hybrid and in-person options.

OLLI volunteers have shared their special gifts of talent and time generously with the rest of us to implement running classes in these new modes and to welcome members, new and old. Volunteers are organized by the many committees that make all this possible. As OLLI adapts to the new environment, committees have adapted to meet new needs. Brand new volunteer opportunities were created to see us through.

Please join us in thanking your fellow members for teaching, being virtual classroom assistants and volunteering for committee work. Volunteers make us vibrant and strong.

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Schedule Spring 2022

May 4 **I Love OLLI Day**
May 6 2nd 5-week & 11-week sessions end
 (All locations and online)
May 20, 13-week session ends
 (OLLI Wilmington – in person at Arsht Hall)
May 24 – 27 **UD by the Sea**

Summer 2022

July 5 – July 28 Summer classes
 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings)