



The Tides...

Breaking News from
Lifelong Learning



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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Kent/Sussex County

The Fall Picnic is Back

Over 70 Kent/Sussex OLLI members enjoyed the return of the renewed Fall Picnic.



L-R: Connie Benko, Council Chair, Denise Bridgens, Steve Forestieri, Program Coordinator & Paul Collins, Grill Master.

**See more photos
on page 9.**



*Photos by Lynn
Kroesen, Jay Wheeler &
Sally Cole*



From the Chair

Pumpkins, corn shocks, falling leaves, and chrysanthemums – all signs of fall. The best sign for me as a teacher, is returning to the classroom. It has been so good to see familiar faces at the Open House, in in-person classes, at the Happy Hours, and at the picnic – members that I have not had a chance to see and talk with since covid forced us to shut down. Thank you for returning and making OLLI K/S stronger!

This has been an amazing ramp-up to the fall semester -- 113 courses in Kent and Sussex counties -- in-person, on-line, and hybrid. All three platforms give us the opportunity to “exercise” our brains, learn new things, and remain young and involved. There have been over 89 course proposals from Kent and Sussex counties instructors for the Spring

2023 semester as we keep growing.

Four hundred twenty-one members from Kent and Sussex counties, and 2,026 members statewide are registered for 343 courses, including 20 members from other states. Let's not stop here! Reach out to friends, family, neighbors, and new neighbors and residents to encourage them to join OLLI. Encourage members and instructors who have not rejoined since covid to come back. Tell them how much we have missed them and want to have them in classes with us again.

In case you are new and do not know the history of OLLI, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, was founded by Bernard Osher with an endowment of \$2,000,000. Nationally, there are 125 programs at colleges and universities in all 50 states with 114,399 members nationally. Delaware is one of the largest programs! The Delaware program began in Wilmington in 1976 as the First Academy of Lifelong Learning. The Sussex County program opened as Southern Delaware Academy of Lifelong Learning (SDALL) in 1989 with Kent County joining in 2010. Kent and Sussex County councils merged into a single council with representation from both counties on the council in 2020.

Calendar of Events

- Oct 17-25 -- Drop/add and late registration
- Oct 18 -- Second 5-week classes start
- Oct 20 -- Happy Hour, The Wheelhouse, Lewes, 4-6 p.m.
- Oct 27 -- Happy Hour, Fraizer's Restaurant, Dover, 4:30-6 p.m.
- Nov 8 -- Election Day - No classes, Office closed
- Nov 22 -- Last day of fall classes
- Nov 24-25 -- Thanksgiving Break, Office closed
- Dec 1 - Lewes English Country Dancers Hospitality Afternoon, 1-3 p.m.
- Dec 15 -- Spring 2023 Catalog online

In August you found the beautiful, informative catalog in your mailbox. You asked and we responded. One of my biggest problems was determining in which classes to enroll. There are always two classes I want to take that are offered at the same time. Such difficult decisions! Look for the Spring catalog in your mailbox, at the library, in community centers, senior centers, etc. in late December. The Spring OLLI catalog 2022 won a national award – a special thanks to OLLI staffs who compile the information for the catalog and the UD staff that designs and arranges for the printing.

I would like to thank our OLLI K/S staff – Sally Cole, Steve Forestieri, Lisa Seifert, Trish Dennison, Bill Ashmore, Dan Edwards, and Chet Poslusny for their tireless energy is creating our wonderful program that continues to grow. I would also like to thank the Council chairs and their committees for reaching out and planning our academic, social, and allied activities. You are all stars in our “galaxy”!

Connie Benko

OLLI K/S Council Chair

Dear OLLI friends,



It is hard to believe that we are over halfway through the 2022 Fall Semester! Kicking off the semester with Open House events in the Lewes, Dover and Ocean View facilities, we were delighted by the number of instructors who joined to meet and share their courses with return, former and entirely new members. We welcomed FIVE new instructors to OLLI this semester, and are so pleased that they all plan to teach again in future semesters.

We also welcomed Steve Forestieri as the Program Coordinator of OLLI Kent/Sussex. While Steve has been working almost solely out of the Lewes Trinity Education Building in Lewes given the technical needs of that location, Steve provides leadership to the volunteer membership base throughout Kent and Sussex Counties. There will be more opportunities for members to meet Steve in person as the semester progresses if you have not already had the pleasure!



We have enjoyed hosting more classes in our facilities this fall, and especially seeing more members actually *in* the classrooms. OLLI Kent/Sussex boasts an impressive number of hybrid classes this semester – 24! Volunteers and staff have worked tirelessly to refine this process and to tailor it to the specific needs of each class. We thank the Expanding Horizons donors for making possible the much-needed sound dampening panels throughout the Trinity Education Building which have improved the classroom experience for members both in the classrooms as well as online via Zoom.

We pulled off a Fall Picnic! Members were delighted with the new VENUE - deluxe pavilion accommodations at the American Legion Post 17, the FOOD (special thanks to Grill Master and Mistress Paul Collins and Denise Bridgens, as well as all who contributed additional sides and desserts!), and especially the ENTERTAINMENT. OLLI staffer Chet Poslusny of Acoustic Waves opened the event, but we also heard selections from Roo Brown's Elder Moments Chorus, finishing up the afternoon with music by Oliver Hansen's Slow Jam, which will be meeting once again this Spring in the Trinity Education Building in Lewes. And I would be entirely remiss if I did not mention (and thank!) Nick Simmonds and Harry & Maud Banks for providing the comic relief of the day. Nick and Harry & Maud had been developing and perfecting their comedy routines during Frank Powers' Comedy Station class offered in the first 5-week sessions. *It felt great to laugh with friends.*

In closing, I'd like to recognize and thank **OLLI Kent/Sussex team members Steve Forestieri, Lisa Seifert, Trish Dennison, Dan Edwards, Bill Ashmore, and Chet Poslusny**, as well as the **OLLI Kent/Sussex Council members** who have contributed their time, energy, experience and wisdom to make these opportunities a reality. Our instructors and volunteers and staff never cease to amaze me - the OLLI program would not be what it is if not for their ongoing commitment to the program.

Sincerely yours and always with gratitude,

Sally Cole, Program Manager

www.OLLI.udel.edu/Kent-Sussex/

Thank You to Our Instructors & All Our Volunteers

Thank you to all our volunteers, for your amazing generosity. All our volunteers are special. To our Instructors, we appreciate your on going resiliency, flexibility and dedication to sharing your knowledge, experiences and expertise with fellow lifelong learners.

Amazing Instructors

Cezarina Alzona	Chris Mark
Mike Apgar	Maurice McGrath
Diana Beebe	Mary Kate McKinley
Ralph Begleiter	Karen McKinnon
Dan Billharz	Pam McMillan
Sergei Boboshko	Melanie Moser
Claire Brown	Bobbi Neaton
Deborah Brown	Carol Neild
Roo Brown	Jim O'Leary
Alice Cataldi	Liz Phillips
George Christensen	Carol Pollio
Joseph Cisco	Frank Powers
Burton Cutting	Daniel Pritchett
Joe DeFeo	Michele Procino-Wells
Chris Dodd	Paul Puch
Donald Egan	Debra Roberts
Russ Endo	John Roberts
Peter Feeney	Michael Salvatore
William Fintel	Karen Schaub
Sally Fintel	Maureen Sherlock
Peg Fisk	David Shook
monica fleischmann	Richard Smith
Cade Gibson	Diana Smith
Ray Glick	Harriett Smith
Ann Gorrin	Boyd Sorenson
Veronica Grady	Leland Stanford
Rick Grier-Reynolds	Tamara Steele
Peter Harrigan	Cornelius Sullivan
Bob Heifetz	Eric Terzuolo
Katherine Henn	Patricia Thompson
Bette Kaupa	Rae Tyson
Catherine Kennedy	Richard Ward
Sara Larch	Susan Watkins
Rodney Lau	Marjorie Weber
Gary Letcher	Carol West
Joan Mansperger	Amber B. Woodland
	William Zak

Hybrid Operators & Vas

Connie Benko
 Paul Collins
 Cade Gibson
 Lynn Kroesen
 Joan Mansperger
 Barbee Kiker
 Madeleine Nichols
 Margaret O'Malley
 Diana Pollisino
 Marty Rosesweig
 Karen Schaub
 Trudie Thompson
 Larry Watkins
 Susan Watkins

Office Help

Joan Mansperger
 Diana Pollisino

Flower Pots & Boxes

Rodney Lau

Picnic Set-up & Clean-up

Connie Benko
 Roo Brown
 Paul Collins
 Denise Bridgens
 Oliver Hansen
 Lynn Kroesen
 Joan Mansperger
 Maurice McGrath
 Bette McGrath
 Chet Poslusny
 Diana Smith
 Floyd Smith
 Trudie Thompson

OLLI Gift Certificates Available

With the holiday season approaching, chances are you're in line to receive gift cards for shops, restaurants, or online merchants.

Or perhaps you're looking for the perfect gift card for a friend.

But 42% of Baby Boomers still have one or more unused gift cards from last year, according to a recent article in *USA Today*.

One reason may be that some gift-givers simply don't know which gift cards are most likely to be put to good use.

If family members or friends typically give gift cards for holidays or birthdays, you can guide them toward a practical gift you're certain to enjoy by suggesting an OLLI gift certificate.

And if you're looking for a gift for a friend or neighbor, a gift certificate would be a perfect way to introduce them to OLLI and the learning, socialization, and fun that members enjoy.

Certificates are available in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$250, and may be ordered via email at olli-kent-sussex@udel.edu; by phone at 302-645-4111; or in person at the Trinity Education Building, located at 15516 New Road in Lewes.

An OLLI gift certificate will definitely will be put to good use. It's a gift that will enable any recipient to stay intellectually engaged, socially vibrant, and physically active.

Submitted by Peter Harrigan, Marketing Chair



We Need Your Feedback

Please assist us in offering the highest quality programs by providing feedback. You will be sent an online feedback form. Please complete this form for each course you attended, including courses you may have stopped attending. Your feedback is helpful to the instructor, the Academic Affairs committee and the staff in order to keep our program relevant and exciting.



Trudie Thompson and Trish Dennison displayed information about our program at the Milford Riverwalk Freedom Festival on September 17.

Volunteer Opportunity at the OLLI Kent/Sussex Library

The Library Committee invites interested OLLI Kent/Sussex members to volunteer now for a flexible way to have some fun. If you like reading and being around books, this is a volunteer opportunity you should consider.



As a library volunteer you can:

- ◆ Staff the library at hours that fit your schedule
- ◆ Share ideas on how we can promote the use of our library
- ◆ Participate in planning sessions
- ◆ Lend your individual expertise in organization, communication, and other skills

The library is in the OLLI Kent/Sussex Trinity Education Building, 15516 New Road, Lewes DE 19958). For more information, please contact Madeleine at mmnichols@mindspring.com.

Books added to the library recently:

- ◆ The Liberation Trilogy, about WWII, by noted author and historian Rick Atkinson, volumes 1 and 2 (might anyone have volume 3 to donate, perchance?)
- ◆ Prisoner: My 544 Days in an Iranian Prison, by Jason Rezaian, who is the *Washington Post* Tehran bureau chief arrested in 2014, by Iranian police, accused of spying for America
- ◆ Two Men With a Dream: The Story of Beebe Healthcare, by Pam George
- ◆ The Years of Magical Thinking, by Joan Didion
- ◆ Giants: The Parallel Lives of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, by John Stauffer
- ◆ In Pursuit of Reason: The Life of Thomas Jefferson, by Noble E. Cunningham, Jr.
- ◆ Four additional biographies of Jefferson were received as well, by these authors: Jack McLaughlin, Willard Sterne Randall, Roger Wilkins, and editors Adrienne Kock & William Peden.
- ◆ Leonardo DaVinci, by Walter Isaacson
- ◆ Honorable Justice: The Life of Oliver Wendell Holmes, by Sheldon M. Novick
- ◆ Adaptations: From Short Story to Big Screen: 35 Great Stories That Have Inspired Great Films, by Stephanie Harrison

Submitted by Madeleine Nichols, Library Chair

Committee Seeking New Members

The Academic Affairs Committee is actively seeking new members to assist in outreach to potential new instructors. We are planning information meetings in January for anyone interested in instructing for OLLI. We are also considering a meeting to brainstorm ideas for new courses. Please let us know your suggestions.

If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact us.

Submitted by Debra Roberts & Joan Mansperger, Co-Chairs



This is the first of a 3 article series initiated and formatted by Karen Schaub, Kent/Sussex Finance Chair working with Neil Sullivan. Thank you!

Schemes to Steal and Defraud

Some Prevention Steps

Fraudsters are on the attack, using many methods that we continually need to think about and protect ourselves.



Some Types of Scams

"Common schemes to defraud / steal"	These may include defraud/steal from your person (e.g. while grocery shopping – stealing a wallet from a pocketbook; "found bag w/ money scam" ...).
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Malicious email, text message and telephone scam	These messages are designed to steal (e.g. messages that promise government tax refunds, stimulus checks distributed to eligible individuals).
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Be diligent – do not fall for such common scams. The fact is....

- No business/service can get you a check faster.
- No third party is being used by the IRS to "hold" or sort checks.
- Funds are issued directly from the IRS to you via direct deposit or U.S. postal service mail. Stimulus checks are issued based on how you filed your 2018 or 2019 taxes.
- The IRS will **NOT** ask for your Social Security number, PIN, Passwords. Nor will they ask for confidential access information for credit cards or bank accounts.

Phone Scams

Scammers, posing as IRS agents or financial institution employees, may request or ask you to verify sensitive information, such as bank account credentials, your date of birth, or social security numbers. **NEVER, NEVER** provide this information on the phone, via email or text. Remember, the IRS and financial institutions do not need you to provide this information – only the scammers need it.



Again, **be diligent**...

- Let incoming calls from unknown numbers/callers go directly to voice mail.
- Confirm requests with the alleged business using their official phone number/email as found on their website.
- When asked to return a call, **do not** use the phone number provided in the email and/or voice message. Call a known

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phone number or the one on the organization's official website.

Email and Text Message Scams

An email and/or text may tempt you to click on a link – **NEVER DO IT!** The link may infect your device with malware.

Do not call a number promising urgent news about your stimulus check or asking you to share personal or banking information – it is fake!

These cyberattacks, known as **phishing**, are sometimes created to look like official bank correspondence, using the bank's logo and email style.



What to do with these attacks....

- Do not click on links or open attachments.
- Confirm the message is from a trusted source by using a known phone number or email address.
- Be careful replying to an email supposedly from a financial institution. Instead of replying, open a new email and send a reply/confirmation request to the institution's email address you normally use or the one shown on the organization's official website.
- Scammers regularly copy financial institutions email style, logos, etc. Do not be fooled by the "official" look of the email.
- Forward any suspicious emails or text messages to the named organization. your financial institutions security unit, alerting them to the scam so they might take appropriate action

REMEMBER

Never give out personal information (e.g. DOB, SSN, Name, Address, Telephone #) to anyone unless there is a valid reason **AND** you know the person requesting this information or the person is acting in your capacity.

Never click on an embedded email link that takes you to your data. Access your data, respond to emails using email addresses and website addresses that you normally use for these institutions.



Submitted by Neil Sullivan

The Fall Picnic -- continued from page 1

Over 70 OLLI members and guests gathered at the American Legion Post 17 in Lewes and revived the long standing tradition of the Fall Picnic. The deluxe pavilion with stage, large parking lot, gas grill and optional bar service provided a comfortable venue for all who attended. Burgers, hot dogs and Beyond

Burgers were cooked to perfection by Grill Master and Mistress, Paul Collins and Denise Bridgens. Delicious salads, deviled eggs and desserts were generously provided by attendees.



Entertainment was provided by Chet Poslusny with a guest appearance by Steve Forestieri. Comic relief was courtesy of Council Member Nick Simmonds and members Maud and Harry Banks. Roo Brown and the Elder Moments and Slow Jam made special appearances.

By all accounts, the picnic was a huge success.



Steve Forestieri & Chet Poslusny



Maud & Harry Banks



Above: Bette & Maurice McGrath & Dolores Fiegel

Left: Chris Mark & Trudie Thompson

Photos by Lynn Kroesen , Jay Wheeler, Sally Cole

Open Houses at OLLI Locations Help to Register Members for Fall Semester

Open Houses were held on August 8 in Lewes, August 9 in Dover and August 10 in Ocean View. All 3 locations were well attended by current, former and new members. Attendees were provided with information about the OLLI program, courses offered and registration procedures. Many instructors were on hand to meet students and describe their class offering.



UDairy ice cream was available at all locations.

Photos by Jay Wheeler



Top: Karen McKinnon & Diana Beebe display items from the Craft Circle; **Bottom:** Maurice McGrath & Karen Schaub invite members to Basketry.



Dover Open House

OLLI Dover's successful Open House August 9th, began with a warm welcome by Kent Sussex Chair Connie Benko. Current and prospective members were able to learn about OLLI and to talk directly with instructors about the fall courses being offered. Many present signed up for classes on the spot, ably assisted by Sally Cole, her assistant Trish Dennison, and Kent /Sussex's new Program Coordinator, Steve Forestieri. The enjoyment everyone felt at being together in person was palpable.

MANY thanks to the volunteers who made everything run smoothly, **Marge Felty**, who led the efforts to organize the day, **Jonette Oldham, Joan Mansperger, Susan Salkin, Betsey**



Patterson and instructors **John and Deb Roberts, Mike Apgar, Bob Heifetz, George Christensen, Susan and Larry Watkins, Ronnie Grady, Dan Pritchett, Pat Thompson, Cade Gibson, Russell Endo and Alice Cataldi.**

Left to right - Mike Apgar and Susan Watkins, Pat Thompson and Mary Gardner

Submitted by Wendy Leitch

OLLI Instructor Profiles

By Wendy Leicht

BEHIND THE SCENES-SUSAN SALKIN

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is what are you doing for others?" Martin Luther King

"The most important part of being a leader is the desire to keep on learning"
Brian Koval

Susan Salkin could surely say, "a lot" if answering the question posed by Martin Luther King. This is certainly true of her work at OLLI, where she has applied her prodigious energy, and significant talents in numerous ways, working on OLLI Kent/Sussex Council committees, and now, serving as the Kent/Sussex Council Vice Chair.

Susan's work history, which she labels "checkered", ranged from serving as director of a Food Co-op, and self-help housing program, to managing bookstores, working as executive director of the non-profit Delaware Music School in Kent/Sussex, ending with 21 years at the Delaware Division of the Arts, first as Community Development Coordinator, then as Deputy Director.



After retiring, she wanted to "continue meeting interesting people and be intellectually stimulated." OLLI, which she'd heard about through friends, sounded like a wonderful way to do both, and she joined OLLI Dover, soon after retiring in 2013.

In 2019, she was asked to join the Dover Council as Travel Committee Chair. She planned a trip to the Library of Congress, preceded by a talk by the retired Chief of the Library's Music Division, John Newsom, also a trip to Philadelphia's Revolutionary War Museum, supplemented with 6 pre-trip lunchtime lectures on Revolutionary War era topics, led by OLLI instructors, a trip that was alas, cancelled due to the pandemic.

The Pandemic didn't slow down Susan, who's VP of the Board of the Biggs Museum, and was able to organize a statewide virtual visit to the Museum for OLLI with the curator. Approximately 250 people signed up. When limited in-person gatherings were first allowed in 2021, she set up Walking Tours for the Green class. She hosted (unofficially) bi-weekly Zoom sessions for members of Alice Cataldi's French class.

Susan's also taken on some of the "nitty gritty" jobs, such as chairing the committee to revise the Bylaws for Dover OLLI, then working on the committee to revise bylaws for newly merged Kent/Sussex OLLI. She also served on the committee to draft a new 3 year plan, plus the Statewide Virtual Learning and Socialization Committees.

Susan's enthusiasm for OLLI is unabated after 8 years as a member. She takes many classes, "enjoying the camaraderie of warm, intellectually and creatively curious people" and "Impressive and inspiring instructors". Hats off to Susan, our quietly dynamic new OLLI Vice Chairman, as she works tirelessly and effectively for OLLI.

Learning & Fun in Many Settings



Introduction to Pacific Island Dances



Was Putin Inevitable? Led to discussion.



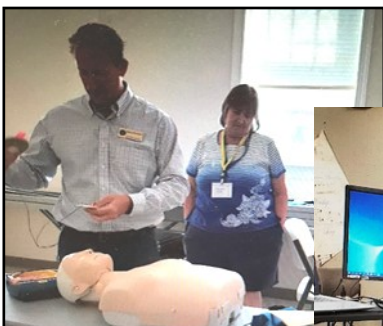
Diane Reed enjoys **Art of Collage** class



Above: **Painting Workshop** attracts our artists

Right: Class spends a day at Story Hill Farm

Photos by Maureen Sherlock, Carol West, Lynn Kroesen



R- Paul Collins demonstrates the use of hybrid equipment. L- Steve Foresteri shows CPR techniques during safety training at OLLI Kent County Instructor Orientation.

Submitted by Wendy Leitch, Photos by Deb Roberts



Opera Delaware "POP UP OPERA" At Mapledale Country Club -- July 26TH

Casual dress, outdoors and free are not words one associates with Opera. Yet, the significant contingent of OLLI members who attended Opera Delaware's Pop Up Opera at the Mapledale Country Club July 26th, were fortunate to experience opera dressed informally, free of charge (thanks to a generous benefactor) in a lovely outdoor setting.

After mixing on the Club's Veranda, everyone proceeded to the Club's Wedding pergola to hear Opera Delaware professionals, accompanied by piano, their powerful voices filling the night air, sing several well loved arias, plus selections from "West Side Story" and Gershwin. Games of trivia between arias, even bubbles blown into the audience, added to the fun.



The audience's standing ovation as the performance ended, was a fitting tribute to these talented artists and to a very special evening. Bravo!

Pictures; Left to right
Opera Delaware
singers and pianist,

Bottom: Some OLLI
members mingle prior
to the performance

Submitted by Wendy
Leicht



John Roberts & Bobbi
Neaton



Barbara Trent

Music at the Mill

Kent and Sussex County OLLI members gathered on July 14 at the Abbott's Mill Nature Center outside of Milford to socialize and attend a concert in the "Music at the Mill" series. Singer and guitar player Garry Cogdell's performance included songs, in his words, "deeply" influenced by music from Chicago, the Mississippi Delta, even 60s London.

ing to the festivities. A warm summer evening, good company, enjoyable music - a beautiful setting, added up to a fine time for all.

Submitted by Wendy Leicht

The Grandpa Mac Food Truck was there and Dogfish Head beers were available for purchase, add-



In Remembrance of

Theresa A. Dupuis, 93, of Dover passed away Friday, August 19, 2022, at Westminster Village. Ms. Dupuis was born in Berlin, New Hampshire.

She received her BS, MPH and MBA in Nursing. In 1966 Ms. Dupuis went to Vietnam for 5 years working as a public nurse/supervisor with the Agency for International Development. She was a consultant for APHA for Central African Republic, Nigeria, and Niger and Western Africa, as well as Cento (Central Treaty Organization), Medical Services Consultants, Inc., in East Africa and DIMPEX Associates, Inc., in Western and Central Africa. Ms.

Dupuis had also worked as a Pediatric RN, School RN and Public Health RN.

In 1972 she started as a State Nursing Director for the State of Delaware retiring in 1991. As the director she was responsible for establishing policy, guidelines, and procedures for all public health nurses in the state of Delaware.

After retirement she worked as a Tax Preparer for H&R Block and a consultant for International Health Specialists, Inc. She was a board member for Shepherd's Place, a lifetime Master Gardener and a member of OLLI in Dover.

OLLI HERE, THERE EVERYWHERE

You never know when or where you'll meet an OLLI fan, or how widespread OLLI is in the US, as Dover OLLI member Mary Jane Olden-Marraffini discovered when she spotted this bumper sticker while visiting Monument Valley, Utah. The sticker's owners were enthusiastic OLLI members from Arizona.



**Oct 20 -- The Wheelhouse,
Lewes, 4-6 p.m.**

**Oct 27 -- Fraizer's Restaurant,
Dover, 4:30-6 p.m.**

Options for Giving to OLLI Kent/Sussex in 2022-2023

As a member of OLLI Kent/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 72 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.