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Lunch at OLLI—A Learning Partnership

Kim Turner, Communications Director, Food Bank of Delaware

The Food Bank of Delaware is proud to partner with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) to provide students an opportunity to purchase lunch each week! This new partnership enables the Food Bank to provide hands-on training opportunities to its culinary students out of its Newark and Milford facilities, while also raising money to support student scholarships.

In addition to providing food assistance to neighbors in need, the Food Bank of Delaware also works to provide long-term solutions to poverty and food insecurity through workforce development programs. The Culinary School is a 14-week job training program that prepares students for careers in the food service industry. Students learn basic and high-end kitchen skills and participate in a two-week paid work experience. Students also have the opportunity to earn ServSafe® certification.

In addition to accelerated training programs needed to start new careers in just a few months, the Food Bank also provides students with:

- Job placement
- Transportation (students are picked up or student drivers receive gas cards)
- Uniforms and supplies
- Paid work experience
- Textbooks

The Food Bank of Delaware launched a new training program, The Kitchen School, in October 2022. In partnership with the Delaware Restaurant Association, this new program offers specialized training to prepare adults with disabilities for employment opportunities in the food and hospitality industries.

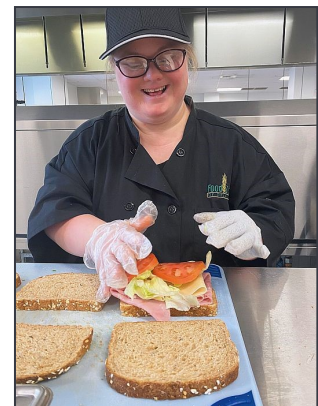
The 12-week curriculum includes eight weeks of group instruction and individualized training in the Food Bank’s kitchen. After that, an additional four weeks are spent transitioning to permanent employment through on-site job coaching provided by Food Bank employees.

The partnership with OLLI enables the Food Bank to provide students from both classes with real-world experience. Under the close supervision of professionally-trained chefs, the students help to prepare a variety of sandwiches and salads each week. In addition to this food, the Food Bank’s culinary training program also offers catering services to the general public and runs the culinary alumni-run Discover Café at its facility in Newark.

To learn more about the Food Bank of Delaware and its workforce training programs, please visit www.fbd.org.

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Left: Culinary School student Geremy Hampton helps serve lunch in the Discover Café. Right: Kitchen School student Jordan Taylor helps assemble a sandwich

New OLLI-W Council Members

Gerri Sanchez



Glenn Rill

I am excited to announce that on March 13, OLLI Wilmington Council elected Glenn Rill as Council Chair and Jean Youkers as Executive Vice Chair. In addition to their new roles on council, both Glenn and Jean are instructors, members of several committees, and valuable OLLI volunteers who are always willing to donate their time! Thank you to **Phil Weinberg** for leading the Officer Selection Committee, along with Linda Kellogg and Becky Worley.



Jean Youkers

At the same meeting, five members were elected to serve on OLLI-Wilmington Council from 2023 to 2026. They are Christopher Bassett, Martin Cohen, Rose Greer, Craig Lewis, and Sherry Rogers. In addition, Shiela Smith was appointed to complete the remaining two-year term of a resigning council member. Their photos and bios are shown below.

We appreciate the efforts of the Nominating Committee, whose work started last fall, to find us an enthusiastic slate of new members. The Committee consisted of Mike Walsh, Chair, joined by Neil Cullen, Linda Kellogg, Lew Martin, Glenn Rill, and Karen Stanley.

I am grateful to the departing council members who have completed their three-year Council terms: Linda Kellogg, Lew Martin, Gerri Sanchez, Mike Walsh, and Phil Weinberg. Their untiring efforts have left OLLI a better place for all of us.

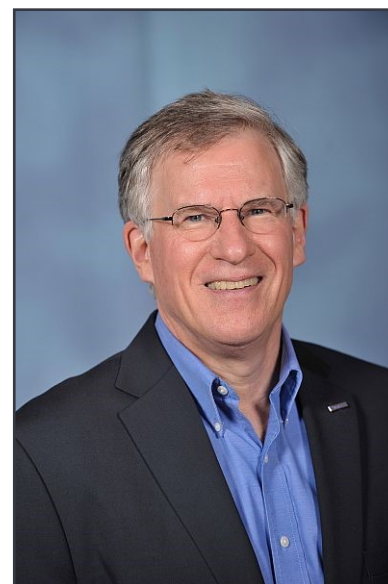
Congratulations and best wishes to all new elected Council members. Thank you for volunteering to serve OLLI!

Christopher Bassett

Chris joined OLLI in 2015 and immediately used his used the knowledge gained from a class about traveling in Italy when he visited Tuscany and Rome later that year. At OLLI, he has taught two summer courses with others classes planned but shelved due to the pandemic. This semester he joined the Wireless Device Registration team. He’s excited to be back for in-person classes, but appreciates the opportunities that on-line classes present, especially from our Kent and Sussex colleagues.

A retired and recovering marketer, his career involved positions in financial and telecommunications technology in advertising and product development. A New Hampshire native, a job transfer with one of the regional banks brought him to Delaware in the mid-90s. He holds a B.A in Communications from the University of New Hampshire and an MBA in Marketing Management from Goldey-Beacom College.

Chris also is an avid skier and currently is the president of the Wilmington Ski Club.

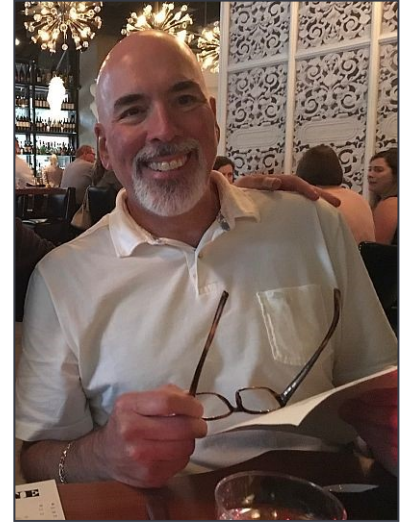


Marty Cohen

Marty retired in 2020 and he and his wife, Sally, moved to Kennett Square to be closer to their daughter and son-in-law who live in South Philly. He joined OLLI as a volunteer instructor in 2021's January Explorations. Marty continues as an instructor as well as taking numerous classes. He is Chair of OLLI-Wilmington's Marketing Committee and is a member of OLLI's Statewide Marketing Task Force. Both groups are charged with increasing and retaining OLLI membership.

Marty grew up in Brooklyn and, before moving to Kennett Square, lived his entire life in and around the New York Metropolitan area. His entire career was in Marketing, with several different major consumer appliance companies, specializing in innovation and new product/business development. He travelled to China over 150 times during the latter part of his career which he deems as a fascinating part of his career journey.

Marty enjoys reading, travel, cooking and spectator sports. You'll see Marty wearing his NY Giants or NY Yankees caps around Arsht Hall, depending on the season.



Rose Greer

Rose has been a member of OLLI since 2013. Even before her own retirement, she knew that she wanted to take advantage of all the invigorating lifelong learning options that OLLI offered. It did not take long before she knew that she also wanted to contribute by teaching as well. She assumed the instruction of one of OLLI's original legacy classes called Yesterday For Tomorrow and has developed and taught other classes as well.

Rose graduated from The College of Notre Dame in Baltimore, Maryland, with a degree in Biology. She later went on to earn a master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Delaware and a master's degree in Guidance and Counseling from Loyola College in Baltimore, Maryland.

As a middle school science teacher in Cecil County Public Schools in Maryland, Rose took advantage of the many and varied opportunities offered to enrich her own learning. So it was only fitting that she joined OLLI, with much enthusiasm, when she retired. Here, she has enjoyed continuing lifelong learning through OLLI's extensive and diverse offerings, while at the same time connecting with its vibrant and harmonious community.



Craig Lewis

Craig Lewis is a Double Del alum (UD designation for a couple who are both UD alums) of the University of Delaware. He graduated with a BS, MS in computer science. He worked at Bell Laboratories on the large software system that supported the communication networks, Mars Inc. (yes, the candy and snack giant), on large-scale projects to vertically integrate automated order entry, inventory management, accounts payable, shipping and billing. And onto Mars Electronics managing engineering of payments systems for vending machines, mass transit and gaming (slot machines). He switched to marketing, finally working for Crane Merchandising, and retiring as Marketing Director. He has wide interests in cinema, theater, astronomy, ecology, finance and investing.

As a member of Council his personal goal is to apply his marketing background to grow UD's OLLI program by meeting its members' needs and desires giving them deep satisfaction.



Sherry Rogers

Sherry became a member of OLLI in 2018 and, shortly thereafter, joined the marketing committee as the recording secretary. She has been the Co-Chair for the past three OLLI Open Houses welcoming new members and greeting returning members. Sherry recently acted as the interim recording secretary for OLLI Council.

Sherry has a masters degree in nursing and spent 10 years as a trauma nurse. After attending law school, she practiced for 42 years as a defense trial attorney handling medical malpractice cases in Seattle.

As a committed animal advocate, Sherry helped to draft and pass anti-cruelty legislation in Washington state and helped manage a large feline rescue for many years. She is currently a board member and hard-working kennel volunteers for a dog rescue, Angel's Retreat, in PA. Besides her animal advocacy, Sherry is a member of P.E.O and a board member of STEHM, Inc.

Sherry is committed to promoting the value and legacy of OLLI statewide for both our members and new prospective members. She supports expanding our membership, our instructor base and developing new opportunities for everyone at a vibrant OLLI community.

Shiela Smith

In the summer of 2018, Shiela joined OLLI to take French and a young adult reading class and has not missed one semester since joining. According to her it has been a wonderful opportunity to become a student again.

Shiela graduated from SUNY Albany with a B.A. in Secondary English Education. She continued graduate work at West Chester University.

For two years Shiela taught in upstate New York and spent 33 years in the West Chester Area School District (WCASD), where for five years she served as department chair: two years at East High School and three at Bayard Rustin High School. Throughout her tenure in the WCASD, she was a staunch supporter of the West Chester Area Education Association, where she served as a rep council member, secretary, and secondary-vice president. She retired in 2009.

Since retirement, Shiela has traveled with friends and family, volunteered at Lombardy Elementary and tutored children at the Mother Church in Wilmington, Delaware. Shiela enjoys traveling with her five sisters and various friends. She attends movies, theater, and her wonderful book group and looks forward to giving back to OLLI by serving on the OLLI Council.



Shiela is inviting class members to take a train to Harlem in the course *New York City: 10 Unique Views*.



Craig Lewis will be bring *Live from New York: The Ed Sullivan Show* to the course *New York City: 10 Unique Views*.

Volunteer Spotlight

Jean Youkers

Sylvia Bachman

For more than 20 years, volunteer Sylvia Bachman's outgoing presence and winning smile have brightened the day for many OLLI-W participants.

When she joined OLLI-W, Sylvia decided to try just one course. She was immediately hooked and signed up for five classes the following semester! She manned the welcome desk for years. t, before online registration, she was in charge of the Registration Committee for about 12 years. She describes how much fun the volunteers had doing this job in person, with 36 members on the committee at one point. Currently, Sylvia volunteers for various jobs as needed, such as giving tours at recent Open Houses.

Sylvia was born in Erie, PA, grew up in Kentucky, and attended nursing school in Owensboro, Kentucky. She was employed as a hospital nurse, then worked part-time in a pediatric practice for 20 years. Her late husband's work at DuPont led to moves, including to Ireland in 1974. The family returned to Wilmington in 1977 and later moved to Landenberg. She has three children and six grandchildren. Her son, Todd, often attends OLLI-W classes with Sylvia.

Sylvia is a member of the Junior Board of Christiana Care. She enjoys crafts, card-making, gardening, home decorating, and her two mini-golden doodle puppies.

Volunteering at OLLI-W has been "wonderful," says Sylvia. It helps one to understand the dynamics of the organization, while getting to know people and establishing close friendships.

Sylvia's attitude is encapsulated in her comment, "I love life and take every day as a gift." Coming to OLLI "is a gift."

For your longstanding leadership and friendship to OLLI-W, we thank you, Sylvia.



Sylvia Bachman



Gerri Sanchez

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Gerri Sanchez, OLLI-W Council Chair 2022 - 2023, began her extensive volunteer career at OLLI-W almost immediately after joining the program in 2017. She started with the Social Committee, then

experienced "a ripple effect" that catapulted her to participation on Book Sale, Reception, and Curriculum Committees, and teaching. She served on the Statewide Online Committee that facilitated the transition to Zoom, the Nominating Committee and chaired January Explorations. Gerri joined Council in 2020 and was Executive Vice Chair 2021 - 2022.

With her term as Chair ending in March, this enthusiastic volunteer has no intention of slowing down, as she will continue to be an ex officio Council member, a volunteer for several committees, and an instructor for extracurricular courses.

Gerri was born and grew up in New Jersey. She earned a B.A. in economics and finance at Rutgers University, where she also met her husband, Al. They have two children and three grandchildren. Gerri retired from Vanguard as a certified pension consultant in 2016. Her interests include travel, community volunteering, online games, Toastmasters, biking, and Disney.

Gerri has enjoyed meeting many wonderful people at OLLI-W, while refreshing skills, teaching, and learning new things. "I'm living the retirement I envisioned—living the dream," she says. "And when you volunteer, you just feel good. It's gratifying to give back to an organization that has given so much to me."

Thank you, Gerri, for contributing your time, expertise, and boundless enthusiasm. And for being a wonderful role model of service and positivity for all of us.

The Big Apple Comes to OLLI

Sharon Rosen

One of the most popular new courses of this school year, fall and spring, has been “New York City: 10 Unique Views.” This spring, that online course is an OLLI first, presented jointly by instructors from all three Delaware counties.

This online course is believed to be an OLLI first, being jointly presented by OLLI member/ instructors from all three Delaware counties.

It began as the germ of an idea when two OLLI Wilmington members and New York natives, Tom Powderly and Sharon Rosen, discovered that they were both born in the same hospital in the Bronx. Tom has taught a number of Broadway-related classes at OLLI. Sharon has been his virtual assistant. They both knew other OLLI members with various connections to New York City via family, college or work experience and wondered if these connections could be woven into an OLLI course.

Tom had previously taken the online course, *New York Over and Under*, about New York’s bridges and tunnels, taught by Pete Harrigan, another New York native, living in Rehoboth. Tom invited Pete to join them. Pete enthusiastically came aboard and after a number of brainstorming sessions *New York City: 10 Unique Views* was born.

Their original idea was to recruit an additional seven New York natives and have them each present one class on some aspect of New York life related to their experience or expertise. Finding expertise beyond the ranks of NYC natives, the original team consisted of eight native and two “honorary” New Yorkers. Seven of the original presenters were from OLLI Wilmington, one from Kent and two from Sussex

Fall semester topics included New York’s engineering marvels, the city’s oldest restaurants and pubs, Brooklyn, the Bronx and uptown Manhattan, the Shubert Theatre and New York in the Roaring Twenties. The course was popular far beyond expectations, being the most requested class of the fall semester. Each presenter had a personal perspective and the classes were enthusiastically received. The open discussions after each class session were filled with personal anecdotes from the class members.

Because the course had a long waiting list of members interested in the course, instructors recorded all the class sessions and worked with Lew Martin and the distance viewing committee to make the course available “on demand” this spring semester. And almost 250 OLLI members registered for this “on demand” class. One OLLI member reported that he “binge watched” all ten sessions during the first weekend of this semester.

has a long waiting list and is being recorded for “on demand” viewing next semester. This spring semester’s topics include Central Park, Rockefeller Center, New York skyscrapers, the New York Yankees and the Ed Sullivan Show. Volume 3 is planned for the fall semester with most of this semester’s presenters returning with new views of the Big Apple.

If you have a New York topic you would like to present contact Pete Harrigan in Rehoboth or Tom Powderly or Sharon Rosen in Wilmington. We’ll probably neither run out of interesting views of New York City nor OLLI members who want to learn about them any time soon.



OLLI-W Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

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 (FY2024) begins on July 1 and ends on June 30, 2024.

Overview

The last fiscal year was, like the previous two years, much different than we had experienced in the years prior to the Covid-19 pandemic. Fortunately, we had a successful two semesters and the summer 2022. In the Fall and Spring, we continued to offer classes both on-line and in-person, and continued to add more hybrid classes each semester. Sharing classes (on-line and hybrid) with the Kent and Sussex County OLLI groups has benefitted members of both OLLI organizations.

FY 2024 vs. FY 2023

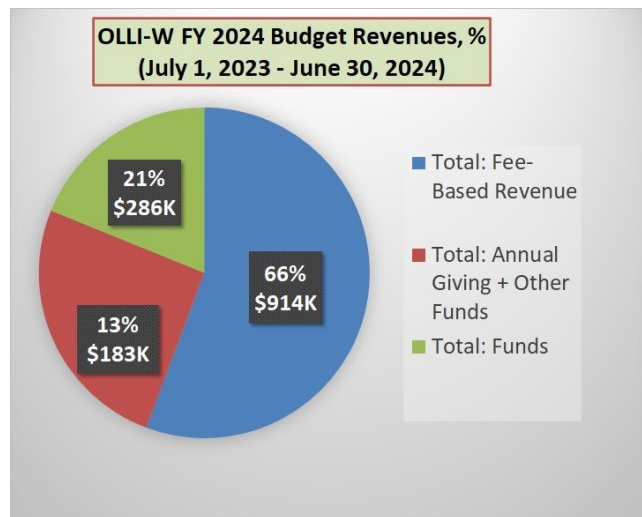
Budgets are usually developed in late Fall. This lead time requires some long-range predictions. Since Covid is still upon us, forecasting for FY 2024 has not been made easy. However, we have finally prepared a budget that we think is workable and reflects our best thinking of what we expect for the coming year.

FY2024 (see Pie Charts and Table)

Revenue - Attendance and revenues are still significantly lower than prior to the pandemic. **To reach the pre-pandemic higher levels, we very much need our current members to encourage others to join and increase our enrollment, maximizing the portion of our revenue that comes from membership fees.** Unfortunately, due to inflationary pressures, we may have to increase our enrollment fee for FY2024. Most comparable cooperatives have fewer members and depend almost solely on enrollment fees. Next year for OLLI, total fee-based revenues are estimated to be about \$914K. Additional revenue from all other sources are budgeted at \$469K (gift and scholarship funds-\$179K, endowment income-\$286K, and

misc.-\$4K) resulting in total revenue of approximately \$1,383K. We should pause to note how fortunate we are at OLLI-W to enjoy such a high portion of revenue coming from gifts and endowment income. However, we need more members, as we cannot assume that gifts and endowment income usage can continue to be available to balance our budget forever.

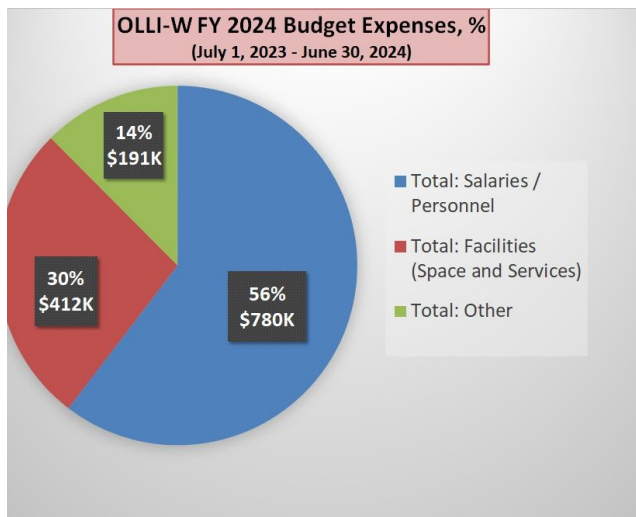
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OLLI-W -- FY 2024 Budget		
(July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)		
Approved by Council: Date - 11/28/2022		
Revenue & Expense Summary		
Revenues		% of Total
Membership Fees	\$ 913,950	66.1%
Annual Giving (Contrib. to Opers)	\$ 179,441	13.0%
Fund Income (Contrib. to Opers)	\$ 285,909	20.7%
Misc. Revenue	\$ 4,000	0.3%
Total Revenue	\$ 1,383,300	100.0%
Expenses		
Personnel	\$ 780,000	56.4%
Facilities		
a) Capital Reserve/	\$ -	0.0%
b) Facilities/	\$ 412,300	29.8%
Other Expenses	\$ 191,000	13.8%
Total Expenses	\$ 1,383,300	100.0%
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ -	

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Expenses – Our major expense will be personnel (this is our wonderful UD office and technical staff). It is estimated to be \$780K. The next largest expense is for maintaining Arsht Hall and its surroundings. This includes custodial, snow removal, utilities, grounds and maintenance expenses and is expected to cost about \$412K. Other expenses, among which are printing, credit card, audio/visual equipment, office supplies, and misc. others, are estimated to be \$191K. It was decided to forego the annual contribution to our capital expense account (used for future major projects).



Perspective

As mentioned in previous budget statements, 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 pause to note how fortunate we at OLLI are to attract many members (but we need more) 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.

I Heart UD Day at OLLI

You can make donations to OLLI-Wilmington or OLLI-Kent/Sussex. All donations go to projects at your OLLI.

Look in the weekly Updates for more details on how to participate in the day, both in person at Arsht Hall and virtually.

This campaign is about the number of donors, and not necessarily the amount of the contributions. It's not all about the money...it's about the people. There are also hourly Presidential Power Challenges.

In 2022, OLLI Kent/Sussex: won an additional \$5,000 in a Power Challenge for the project The Wind in Our Sails!



UD by the Sea

May 23–26



New Laws Impact Giving from IRAs

New laws include retirement changes, known collectively as “Secure 2.0,” that may affect your saving and your charitable giving. They may even make it easier for you to impact the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Here are three important things to know about Secure 2.0:

1. **It increased the required minimum distribution (RMD) age**

The new law increases the age retirees must begin taking taxable withdrawals to 73 in 2023 and to age 75 by 2033. It does not, however, increase the age when an IRA owner can take a qualified charitable distribution. That remains at 70½.

2. **It adjusts for inflation the \$100,000 annual limit on direct gifts to qualified charities from your IRA**

Are you 70½ or older? If so, you may know about a popular gift option called qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) that allows you to make a gift directly from your IRA to a qualified charity without paying income taxes on the distribution. Historically, the amount you could give was capped at \$100,000 per year. This figure will now be adjusted annually for inflation.

3. **It allows for a distribution from your IRA to fund a life-income gift***

If you are age 70½ or older, you can make a one-time election for a qualified charitable distribution of up to \$50,000 (without being taxed) from your IRA to fund a life-income gift such as a [charitable gift annuity](#), [charitable remainder unitrust](#) or [charitable remainder annuity trust](#).

These types of life-income gifts allow you to make a gift to OLLI and receive lifetime payments to boost your retirement income or provide a lifetime payment for a spouse, family member or other beneficiary.

*Read more about how to make gifts to OLLI [here](#).

<https://giftplanning.udel.edu/why-give/osher-lifelong-learning-legacy-society>



UD Library Annual Dinner


The Friends of the University of Delaware Library would like to invite OLLI members to attend the Friends of the University of Delaware Library 2023 Annual Dinner. The event is on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, from 6-9 p.m. at the Delaware Art Museum. The keynote speaker is award-winning, international best-selling author Sara Paretsky.

In *Books on Fire: The Destruction of Libraries throughout History*, French historian Lucien Polastron details how books, scrolls and more have been burned and destroyed throughout time. When discussing the millions of books destroyed in World War II, Polastron explains that many writers threw up their hands in despair, wondering the point of

writing anything if their words had no impact on public behavior.

Author Sara Paretsky feels the opposite. From book banning to book burning, when books inflame such passion, it is proof they are doing their job—and writers are making an impact. Join Paretsky to explore more about attacks on writers, librarians and libraries while learning about the books that shaped Paretsky and what prompts her to write what she does. She'll speak on the importance of a writer's voice and how she developed her own voice.

Those interested may register [here](https://udel.libcal.com/calendar/events/2023_AnnualDinner).
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2023 Schedule

May 3 I Heart OLLI Giving Day
April 28 11-week sessions end
May 5 2nd 5-week session ends
 (All locations and online)
May 12 13-week session ends
 (OLLI Wilmington – in person at Arsht Hall)
May 23 – 26 **UD by the Sea**

Summer 2023

July 5 – July 27 Summer classes
 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings)

Fall Semester

September 5 **Start of fall semester**