



The Tides...

Breaking News from Lifelong Learning



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Lewes

Formerly Southern Delaware
Academy of Lifelong Learning

Fall 2011

Perfect Day for 14th Annual Homecoming Picnic



The dessert tables were groaning under the weight of so many luscious goodies. If you didn't get enough to eat, including too many desserts to choose from, you had nobody to blame but yourself. If you weren't there you missed a great picnic on a near perfect picnic day - 153 members arrived at the pavilion ready for good eating, drinking, conversation, and socializing... which they did a lot of...



Ahoy, Osher shipmates. We set sail from Rehoboth Beach and dropped anchor in Delaware Bay outside of Lewes. It was a bright sunny day, with a gentle breeze from the east, temp in the high 60s, and a smattering of puffy whites as we disembarked the Lifelong Learning - Lewes (L³) Queen (alas without Katherine Hepburn on board) and headed to the 14th Annual Homecoming Picnic at Cape Henlopen State Park on Monday October 10.

We were greeted with the aromas wafting from the two grills full of burgers, cheese burgers, dogs, onions, multicolor peppers, eggplant, and zucchini; the sounds of soft jazz playing, and the buzz of excitement all around. A site that caught our attention was the grill near the entrance where the carnivores and plant based eaters were co-existing side by side working at the grill ... the picnic supports all members.

The Elder Moments led by Roo Brown were never better as they entertained us with four numbers and after each number were given a rousing applause ... members love their Elder Moments

Please give a round of applause to all the picnic minions who helped set up - food, dessert, and grill tables - cutting veggies, working the grills and the clean up crew... it wouldn't be a successful picnic without your time and effort. Kudos to all for a job well done! Comments from the assembled members included a question of how could we top this picnic in 2012. It will be our 15th so we'll have to put on our thinking caps... gosh, we only have 360 plus days to plan ... anyone interested in helping?

Our next adventure for the L³ Queen will be the November 30th luncheon at the Atlantic Sands Hotel. - more info on theme, on Bulletin Board #3, in the mail; E-Blasts, etc. will be forth coming....

Salty Brine and Cera Belum

The food tables were loaded with baked beans, a multitude of salads, dips, deviled eggs, and on and on.



From the Chair



I didn't mean to scare you, but

For those of you, who missed our picnic, let me clear up some misunderstandings about my October 2 email.

- First, we're not about to be homeless – yet. Our current lease with the school district runs until June 2013. It's been renewed twice and we're hopeful again, but never certain.
- Second, **we did not** receive \$2 million from the Osher Foundation. The University did, but only as an endowment fund. We, our sister organizations in Wilmington and Dover, and the continuing ed folks in Newark, each get a share of the interest income from that fund. If times are good, we hope to see \$10K this year.
- Last year, we received \$5K from this interest and used it to balance our budget. The council decided that was not a prudent way to operate; so we raised our membership fees to balance the budget, and planned to save the Osher interest toward a possible move. For more about that, see my report in the Spring 2011 newsletter on our website.
- But, this fall, our membership was down – as, incidentally, was that of the Wilmington and Dover programs. This gave our budget an \$8000 hit. Now, 87% of our annual \$112K

budget is made up of fixed costs (University-fixed salary & benefits and an administrative fee, and school district-fixed rent) over which we have no control. With the rest – what the Feds call discretionary income – we try to support our (unpaid, by the way) instructors, print our catalogs, and do other mundane stuff like buy stamps, paper, and phone & internet service.

- We've found that people join us most often not because they read or heard an ad, but because a friend or neighbor told them what a "good deal" we offer as a way to reawaken the mind and establish new friendships, now that we all have the time to do both. Please be that friend or neighbor. Tell them about our website – where the Spring catalog will appear in mid-December – and pass their contact information to the office so we can follow up.
- We'd also like you to pick up a few of our advertising "trifold" brochures, which contain a thumbnail description of our program and our address, email, and phone number. Place them – with permission, of course – in places you frequent, like doctors' offices, gyms, and hair salons, and pass them out at community meetings that you attend.
- Finally, as we tiptoe into some small fundraising efforts, we thank you for your support of the "50-50" raffle at the picnic, and hope that you'll support our silent auction at the November 30 luncheon by donating items and, of course, by bidding on them.

Bob Comeau

Calendar of Events

- Oct 18 — Second Session begins
 Nov 21 — Last Day of Class
 Nov 30 — End of Semester Luncheon
 Dec 19-23 — Spring catalogs mailed

YOUR NEWSLETTER

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

New Additions to the Library

During the last few weeks our library has received fantastic contributions to the World War II and History sections. If you enjoyed William Stevenson's writings such as A Man Called Intrepid, then you will be intrigued by his 2007 book Spymistress, the Life of Vera Atkins, the Greatest Female Secret Agent of World War II. (940) = location on library shelf.

Published in 2004, Farewell, Shanghai (a novel) has as its subject the social conditions of Jews in Shanghai, China during 1939-1945. (891) = location on library shelf.

We also received two books by Robert K. Massie: Dreadnought; Britain, Germany, and the Coming of the Great War. (940).; and, Peter the Great; His Life and World. (947) = location on shelf.

Lord John Kinross' book The Ottoman Centuries; The Rise and Fall of the Turkish Empire is certainly appropriate to add more understanding to our current times. (956) = location on shelf.

The Washington Post Book World said of Eisenhower: At War 1943-1945, "The best account of these momentous months that we shall ever see." (973) = location on shelf.

Another interesting title, Must History Repeat the Great Conflicts of this Century? is a box of four audio tapes and a course guidebook made by the Teaching Company. (909) = location on shelf.

For music lovers, we have four audio tapes and a course guidebook on Great masters: Brahms – His Life and Work. (780) = location on shelf, and Great Masters: Liszt – His Life and Work also on four audio tapes by the Teaching Company. (780) = location on shelf

To develop your skills in Rhetoric, Reason and Discourse, you may be interested in the two-boxed set of 12 audio tapes titled Argumentation: the Study of Effective Reason also by the Teaching Company. (808) = location on shelf.

And whether or not you are an artist, you must study carefully the unbelievable pictures of Hieronymus Bosch (759) = location on shelf. This will give you many happy and interesting hours of thinking.

Of course, many items have come into our collection since our catalog was printed in the spring. To check on the new items, look in the front part of our Catalog of Library Materials in the three-ring binder, on the little cabinet.



Fall Classes Bring Enthusiastic Participants

As advertised, the Fall classes offered a broad range of subject matter and earned impressive attendance and enthusiasm from participants. It was interesting to note that total enrollment was comparable to that of the past several years (for example, 433 fall and full-year members this year compared to 436 a year ago), but reflected a significant shift from full-year to single-term. We sincerely hope this does not signal a decline in participation for the Spring term.

We are looking forward to another slate of diverse and fascinating course proposals for that term, and we encourage all who have not enrolled for the full year to participate in the coming semester. As this item is being written, course proposals were not yet due, but a number had already been submitted, including a timely lecture on understanding communications with the Internal Revenue Service, a Tuesday afternoon series of five guest lecturers, and a repeat of Richard Kauffman's very popular class on Religions of the World. Catalogues, which will, of course, give details on all classes, will be completed and mailed out before Christmas, and priority registrations will be due January 12.

We remind everyone that you have the option of registering by mail or in person, as will be explained in the catalogue.

Come one and all and join us!

**Course Proposals For Spring
Due October 20.**

**See Renee for forms or
visit our website to submit an
electronic proposal form**

**Turn Off Those Cell Phones,
PLEASE**



Instructor In the Spotlight

Each newsletter we are going to spotlight one or more of our talented instructors. Learn more about the men and women who prepare and bring us interesting, stimulating and challenging classes.

Dr. Mary Emily Miller is teaching *Maritime History: From Marco Polo to Vasco Da Gama* this fall semester. She has taught maritime history at Lifelong Learning in Lewes and at the Elder Hostel in Rehoboth Beach, off and on since 1997. Mary Emily was born in Wilmington, Delaware to a family with active maritime interests. She received her B.A. in History from the University of Delaware and her M.A. and Ph. D. in History from Boston University. Dr. Miller was Dean of Women and History faculty at Methodist College in Fayetteville, NC and history professor at Salem State College in Salem, MA. She also taught history at the University of Delaware. Her articles on Delaware history have been published and remain valid references to this day. She has received many commendations and teaching awards and recently was inducted into the Maritime Hall of Fame based on her talent as a researcher, educator and writer in the field of Delaware maritime history.



Fall 2011 Orientation



New and returning instructors and students gathered for Fall semester orientation on September 8, 2011. About 75, who braved the rain, enjoyed refreshments, partially

underwritten by Cafe Azafran, and learning how the mechanism of Lifelong Learning - Lewes works and meeting with new members and faculty



Photos by Bernie Fiegel



Governor to Honor Outstanding Volunteers!

On November 3rd, Governor Markell will honor the dedication of more than thirty individuals and groups by presenting the Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Service Awards. Osher Lifelong Learning will be one of the groups honored.

This year's award recipients participate in such diverse activities as educating others, advocating for youth in the court system, and giving hope and help to others through outreach to those in need. "These award recipients are the epitome of volunteerism and represent the many devoted volunteers who make positive contributions to the First State and inspire others to do the same," said Anne Farley, Director of State Service Centers.

The night will consist of dinner followed by ceremony to honor the awardees for their exceptional volunteer and community service to Delaware. This inspirational evening will take place at Dover Downs, in Dover. Members of the community are encouraged to join in the celebration of these special people. To purchase a ticket, which is \$30.00, please call 857-5006 or visit www.volunteerdelaaware.org to download the invitation.



Oklahoma!!!

We were fortunate that the original production of *Oklahoma* was brought back to the newly renovated Arena Stage in Washington, DC. On September 17, 2011 Lewes school members were thrilled to experience this special production.

The choreography was superb. Each and every one of the performers did an excellent job in playing their role. We all came out of the theatre singing the well-known songs of Rogers and Hammerstein. "We Can't Say No" to returning to this venue for their production of *Music Man* on June 9, 2012. See sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Submitted by Joan Sciorra

More Educational Travel Planned

January 12, 2012 - Spy Museum - Washington, DC

June 9, 2012 - Music Man - Arena Theatre - Washington, DC

POTENTIAL TRIPS

Piffaro - December 4, 2011 - Wilmington, DE

The Skin of Our Teeth - PTPP - Newark - April or May, 2012

Van Gogh Exhibit - Phil. Museum - Date to be announced 2012

Library of Congress—Washington, DC - Spring 2012—Date to be announced

Check bulletin board for details



Members Hear Piffaro Band



Members of Cissy Johnson's and Nikki Roberson's "Recorder Playing" class pose holding their recorders this summer. Pictured from left to right: Cissy Johnson, Liz Shea, Cathy Jackerson, Maud Banks, Cornelia Melvin, Myrl Powell, Joanne Ciconte and Nikki Roberson.

On Sunday, October 2, 2011 a bus loaded with early music enthusiasts, among them Win Mroz and Alex Apostolina and members of the recorder playing class from Lifelong Learning and guests traveled to Wilmington to hear a performance of **Piffaro Renaissance Band**.

Piffaro is the nation's finest Renaissance wind band, known for its highly polished performances of Early Music. Piffaro's instrumentation includes shawms, sackbuts, recorders, krumphorns, bagpipes, lutes, guitars, harps, and a variety of percussion — all careful reconstructions of instruments from the period. Founded in 1980, Piffaro recreates music of the peasantry, as well as the elegant sounds of the official, professional wind bands of the Medieval and Renaissance periods. "*An extraordinary musical experience!*"

Submitted by Cissy Johnson

The next Lifelong Learning trip to hear Piffaro in Concert:

Sunday, December 4, 2011 4 pm,
in Wilmington:

Pre-concert Talk: - Piffaro's Artistic Co-Director talks about Piffaro's education programs and introduces Bryan Duerfeldt who will tell about his winning dedication to music performance; 45 minutes before each show; Free to concert ticket holders.

World-renowned soprano Julianne Baird ("A vocal phenomenon joins Piffaro in a celebration of Jewish and Christian seasonal music from early 17th century Italy and Germany. Piffaro's dedication to early music education (honored by their recent Lifetime Achievement Award from Early Music America), is manifest with the addition of special guest Bryan Duerfeldt, winner of Piffaro's 2011 National Recorder Competition, who will join Piffaro as they explore the works of Jewish composer Salamone Rossi.

Check the Bulletin Board for details!

Check Bulletin Boards for
"Happenings"

SILENT AUCTION AT LUNCHEON

With the help of our dedicated membership, we will hold a Silent Auction fund raiser at the **Instructors Recognition luncheon on Nov. 30th.**

WE ASK EVERY MEMBER TO SOLICIT AND/OR CONTRIBUTE ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION. For those not familiar with a silent auction, let's first determine what it is not. It is not a flea market, a yard sale, a rummage sale, or a white elephant sale. It is an array of paintings, clay art, stained glass, jewelry, baskets, gift certificates to various venues (restaurants, fitness centers, car washes, and almost anything a business or person is willing to donate); in short, things of value for which people are willing to bid.

Please deliver donated items promptly to the office for cataloging. We will list donated items and the donors on the bulletin board, update them as new items arrive, and email the list periodically.

See page 7 for a "Donors" form. Please fill out the requested information, give one copy to the donor for tax record use, and bring a second copy to the office with the donated item.

As needed, the proceeds from the auction will be used to cover any shortfall in the current budget, with any remainder placed in the fund to cover a potential future relocation.

Thank you,
Your Lifelong Learning Council



Coast Day Display Promotes Our Program



L-R: Ron Reese, Frank Meredith, Lynn Kroesen, & Ann Reese

Coast Day, October 2, 2011 was sunny although a little cool but attendance was good with many people stopping by our table in the University of Delaware tent. Volunteers

talked to the attendees about our program and many who passed, paused to view our new video. Most of the people who visited our table wished they had more time to take advantage of the interesting classes we offer.

REMINDER

The office is closed on Fridays.

Fall Member Directory Available

The **MEMBER DIRECTORY** for Fall 2011 is now available. To request a free electronic copy, or to order a hard copy for **\$1.00**, contact Renee at Rmoy@udel.edu or call the office at 302-645-4111.

If you are interested in volunteering in the office please contact our new Office Volunteer Coordinator, Ellie Mener, minser34133@comcast.net.

Web address:

www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes/



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

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AUCTION ACQUISITION FORM

The undersigned agrees to donate to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute's auction the following item or service:

Description _____

Value of the item: _____

Donation is: Personal Company Other _____

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Special instructions: _____

Contact person: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

- Donation included with this form.
- Please have a representative call me concerning pick-up or delivery of my donation.
- Please have a committee member call concerning a donation.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM VERY CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY AS THE INFORMATION WILL BE USED IN THE CATALOG. PLEASE MAKE A COPY AS THIS IS YOUR TAX RECEIPT (TAX ID # 51730008F).

Return form to: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, 820A Savannah Road, Lewes, DE 19958

If you have any questions, please feel free to call:

Osher volunteer's name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

14th Annual Homecoming Picnic



Above L-R : Edna Ellett and Joan Sciorra sell 50/50 tickets

L-R: Bob Comeau, Edna Ellett and Maureen Sherlock , winner of \$180 from the 50/50.



What is an Einstein Coat??



Stop in on Wednesday's at 10:45 to see fingers and needles fly.



Instructor, Barbara Duch demonstrates how to finish the coat.