

The Tides...

Breaking News from
Lifelong Learning



Spring 2017

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Lewes/Ocean View

From the Chair



It's April again! Lots going on, in the garden on the ballfields and in our churches and synagogues. Here at OLLI the spring semester is coming to an end. Also ending are the three year terms of three of the nine Council members. Having served one term, **Sabatino Maglione** and I have opted to remain for a second term. **Mary Folan**, completing her second term, is term limited and must leave. Mary has served as Academic Committee co-chair, is currently vice-chair and has been active on the Travel Committee. She also organized the first annual instructor's breakfast, which was a resounding success. Thanks, Mary, for all you have done.

Replacing Mary is **Craig Haggerty** of Millville. She and her husband moved to the area in 2015. She had a 25+ year career teaching special education classes from elementary through middle school. Welcome, Craig. We'll keep you busy.

Last April in this space I alerted you to a membership fee increase to be effective with the fall'16 semester. We tried to be as conservative as possible. I guess we did it right. Record high membership in both recent semesters. The numbers are:

Fall: 570 members, with 109 courses offered.

Spring: 555 members, 90 courses offered.

And—each month Phil Fretz, financial chair, reports to the effect that revenues are above budget projections and expenses below them. How sweet is that?

The beat goes on! Lisa Graf, in her *Cape Gazette* column "Retirement 101", wrote in the February 17, 2017 issue: "One of the best choices I ever made [as a recently retired person] was to sign up for classes at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Lewes....you can feel like you entered college again – only there are no grades and no tests." She goes on to describe classes she took and mentioned our spring'17 schedule.

I sent her a short thank you note. She replied that she knows some personal stories of how much OLLI has helped people. She mentioned one woman who had been through a rough patch in her life... "who now takes 5 classes a week and is

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the happiest she has been in 20 years.”

I hope that story made you feel good. It did me. Thanks to all of you who make this a welcoming place. A smile will encourage others who find us to get the most out of our Program.

You should receive your catalog for the June session near the end of the month. Give it a gander. You will find some neat courses. Enjoy them and then enjoy the rest of the summer. Remember, as congested as it can get and how tough to get around, September and the fall semester will soon be here.

Please read the reports of your committee chairs later in this newsletter.

See pages 13 to 16 for annual reports from the Council chairs.

Bill



Calendar of Events

- April 17-21 — Spring Break - office closed
- April 30 — Opera Delaware to see Cinderella
- May 7 — Opera Delaware to see Semiramide
- May 2- May 5 — NYC trip
- May 11 — Instructor Recognition Brunch
- May 18 — Priority registration for June session closes
- May 29 — Memorial Day - office closed
- June 1 — Faculty Orientation - 10 – 11 a.m.
- June 5 — Classes begin
- June 30 — Last day of classes

Check out Our Member Portal

The Member Portal contains up to date news as well as links to registration, course resources, and lots of other information. From the home page click the Member Portal button to direct to the new site.

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

Lkroesen2@gmail.com or the OLLI office in Lewes.





OSHER Supports RAL's 68th Cottage Tour July 11th & 12th

Volunteer to be a docent at this year's Rehoboth Art League (RAL) "Cottage Tour," which is July 11 and 12, 2017. Being a docent is a great opportunity to meet nice people, see an incredible cottage, help RAL, and promote OLLI to the community.

OLLI and RAL have collaborated for the past 9 years. RAL offers their pottery studio to OLLI for our classes. OLLI sponsors a "Cottage" during their tour. Win – Win!

Join the OLLI students who have signed up to be docents. We need a total of 40 docents this year. You can sign up at the OLLI Luncheon on April 12th.

Or, simply call Renee at the OLLI office. If you have a preference for day and/or shift, let Renee know. They are:

1. July 11, AM (9:45 AM– 12:30 PM)
2. July 11, PM (12:15 - 3:00 PM)
3. July 12, AM (9:45 AM– 12:30 PM)
4. July 12, PM (12:15 - 3:00 PM)



Sign up today!

Be a Docent for one or more shifts. Contact Renee Moy at:

Phone: 302-645-4111

Email: rmoy@udel.edu

George Dellinger and Suzanne Hain, who are coordinating this year, will call to get acquainted, answer questions, provide details, and confirm scheduling.

Being a docent is fun and only takes 3 hours from your summer activities. **Join us to support this worthy collaboration!**

Happy Birthday Ami

Amelie Sloan celebrated her 98th birthday at a party sponsored by Jon Newsom and the Jazz class.

Photo by John Lafferty



In Remembrance



Dr. Winfried L. Mroz (88) passed away March 28, 2017. Win was born in Germany on February 8, 1929. After the usual schooling he attended the University at Bonn, Germany, where he obtained his degree of Doctor of Medicine. In 1956 he immigrated to the United States and continued his post graduate training in White Plains, NY

and Bridgeport, Connecticut. He served two years in the U.S. Air Force at Dover AFB. In 1964 he opened his private practice in Dover. He was a fellow of the Board of OB-GYN, having obtained his specialist certification in 1967. He was a past president of the staff of Kent General Hospital, and a past president of the Kent County Medical Society. He retired in 1995. During his retirement he served as a teacher at the Southern Delaware Academy of Lifelong Learning, (aka Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) teaching history and language classes.

Council Chair Bill Sharkey expressed the sadness of many at OLLI, "Win has meant so much to us. Talk about a Renaissance Man! He has done courses on Ben Franklin, for which on the last day he appeared in costume, doing a wonderful impres-

sion of that wonderful man. He taught about Charlemagne and the Holy Roman Empire. He also taught about resistance to Hitler in WWII Germany. He will always be remembered, of course, for his German language classes and for his long lasting lunch group. How many retired OB-GYN's can claim so many post-partum achievements. Thanks to that cantankerous sui generis."

Win lived with his family on a farm west of Dover, raising horses and running a riding stable where many children learned to ride. He was a life member of the Soaring Society of America with a certificate for single engine planes as well as gliders. He was a co-founder and member of both the Dover Symphony and the Dover English Country Dancers. Dr. Mroz was a member of Christ Church and also Honorary Staff at Kent General Hospital where he served as an active staff member for 31 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years Dr. Edith Maria Mroz. He is survived by his sister, his four children and their spouses, and seven grandchildren.

There was a gathering to pay respects on April 2, 2017 at Pippin Funeral Home in Wyoming, DE. Online condolences may be made via www.pippinfuneralhome.com.



Eleanor A. Knapp, 78, a history lover and beloved wife, mother and grandmother, died Wednesday, April 5, 2017, in Lewes, after a long illness. A graduate of the University of Delaware, Eleanor raised four daughters in her native Wilmington with Laurence (Larry) B. Knapp Jr., 82, whom she married in 1961.

She worked for almost 20 years at the Hagley Museum and Library in Wilmington, first as a volunteer and tour guide, and later as the education coordinator, and then the museum's director of operations. She organized the annual Irish Day and fireworks, among other things, and took enormous pride in

bringing 19th-century history to life in exhibits and programs that highlighted the history of the Du Pont family's gunpowder mills along the banks of Brandywine Creek, as well as stories of the mill-workers and their families who lived there. Eleanor and Larry moved to Lewes in 1998, and began attending classes at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, then called Southern Delaware Academy of Lifelong Learning (SDALL).

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her 4 daughters and eight grandchildren.

A Memorial Service was held Monday, April 10, at the Lewes Yacht Club, where Eleanor and Larry first met at a wedding reception 57 years ago.

Beekeeping Club Learning How to Tend Their Bees

The Lewes Beekeeping Club was formed last year during the inaugural OLLI Beekeeping class taught by Dean Hoover and Tom Lord. Over the course of the past year, the club has grown from an initial 15 members to 21 members. The club has 2 hives located at Black Hog Farmstead on New Road in Lewes. Our initial two hives became one as one hive died in early fall last year but was just recently repopulated by doing a split with the remaining hive which has been thriving and was getting ready to swarm. The split process involves taking roughly half the bees from the crowded hive and putting them into a new hive (resurrected hive in our case). This was just done in the past two weeks and early indications are that this has worked.



The past year has been an interesting and fun experience for the club. Learning how to tend the bees has been an adventure and our first extraction is scheduled for this summer. The club is active with the Delaware Beekeepers Association in both Kent and Sussex counties and has participated at the 2016 Delaware State Fair educating the public about beekeeping. The club provided docents for both the inaugural Lewes Farm and Garden Tour last summer at Black Hog Farmstead as well as at Ed Hynes' garden, also part of the 2016 Lewes Garden Tour. Ed is also a member of the Lewes Beekeeping Club and a Master Gardener. An article about the club written by Dr. Dewey Caron, a retired University of Delaware professor who taught beekeeping, was featured in the March edition of *Bee Culture* magazine, one of the major national beekeeping magazines.

People interested in joining the Lewes Beekeeping Club may call Denise Bridgens at 302-827-2212 or email dlb22.argo@gmail.com.

Story and photo submitted by Denise Bridgens



OLLI Garden Gets Spring Cleaning

We wish to THANK RENEE for hauling the bags of mulch to our OLLI garden at the Fred Thomas Building. Lois & Dave, Mac, Stan, and Eddie spread the mulch to keep our flowers moist and stifle the weeds!

We still need Osher members to weed the pebble area.

Anne Carol Finley, (pictured left) Eric, Barbee Kiker and Eddie Filemyr gave the OLLI garden a Spring facelift.

Submitted by Eddie Filemyr

OLLI Members “Travel” Back to WWII While Touring the Battleship New Jersey



On a rainy Friday, March 31, 2017, 43 very hardy OLLI members and guests journeyed to Camden, New Jersey for a tour of the Battleship New Jersey organized by Richard Ward, instructor of **World War II—Market Garden to VJ Day**. The New Jersey (BB-62) was launched December 7, 1942 by the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and first commissioned at Philadelphia May 23, 1943. The ship saw action during WWII, Korea, Viet Nam and many other areas of conflict until it was decommissioned in 1991. On January 20, 2000, Secretary of the Navy Richard Danzig announced that the battleship would be donated to Home Port Alliance of Camden, N.J., for use as a museum. After a very interesting



docent led tour of the ship, the group enjoyed lunch in the crew's mess and a live USO-style show of music from the WWII era. The rain may have dampened our shoes but could not dampen our enjoyment of this experience.



Above left: Docent George MacCulloch (center) with OLLI members.



Above: Tour participants enjoy lunch and a musical show in the crew's mess.

Photos: Jay Wheeler & Susan Iovino

Above right: Instructor Richard Ward with Tour Guide Supervisor John Stickney (John is Richard's brother-in-law)

Technology Class Has a Drone Experience



Instructor Paul Collins & T.J. Redefer

Drones, the monosyllabic catch-all for remote controlled unmanned aircraft, have captured the imagination of almost everyone in the past decade. But the history of drones goes back more than a century. The members of instructor Paul Collins' **Trends in Computing and Technology** class welcomed guest speaker



Photo of class taken from drone by T. J. Redefer

T.J. Redefer, owner of Rehoboth Bay Realty, a licensed drone pilot with a life time passion for photography. He was an early adopter of drone technology and uses his drone to take pictures of the properties he represents. He also takes photos and videos with his drone that have been used in local advertising, as the cover of the Delaware State Parks Spring 2015 Guide and on the I Love Lewes Facebook page as well as his own Facebook page, SkyJack Pics.

TJ showed OLLI members how much this technology has advanced in a very short time and some of the problems and rules and regulations drone pilots, both hobbyists and professionals need to consider.

Photos by Jay Wheeler

Spring Luncheon Celebrates Successful Semester



Salty Brine's Seaside Chat

AHOY, OLLI shipmates! The OLLI Queen had a busy spring with taking OLLI members on various trips around the Delaware Bay and points of interest, but on good days only! The crew has been very busy of late getting the OLLI Queen shipshape for the OLLI Spring Luncheon. Members and guests, about 130 plus, began boarding about 0900 for the sail down to Rehoboth Beach. The OLLI Queen took in the gangway, weighed anchor, and hoisted the sails on an above norm morning temp of 65°, mix of sun and clouds, winds out of the WSW at about 9 knots giving us a little chop to the Bay as we sailed our way to The OLLI Spring Luncheon/Instructors' Recognition on Wednesday, April 12, 2017. We dropped anchor at the Atlantic Sands Hotel at the Boardwalk and Baltimore Avenue, lowered the gangway, and members and guests disembarked.



Upon arriving at the Swan Ballroom the members and guests were treated to a display of tables dressed in white cloths, blue napkins, and centerpieces of potted, silk hydrangea plants in a variety of colors; of course we can't forget our arts and crafts as there was a steady flow into and out of the Sandpiper Room which had many beautiful arts and crafts displayed by our many talented members...a job well done for all those who exhibited their favorite pieces, and to Peter Feeney, art department chair...!

The festivities began about 11 a.m. as the Elder Moments, under the direction of Roo Brown, went through some vocal gymnastics getting in tune for their performance later in the day; at about the same time members started to belly up (no pun intended) to the bar to begin the making of a festive and fun-filled day...onto the main event the OLLI Downs Spring Luncheon Cup, a \$27 claiming race – Fruit Cup and Apple Dumpling w/Cinnamon Sauce were disqualified because they couldn't get them in their starting gates...now entering the starting gates; and they're off – Margarita Chicken-Crab Cake, ridden by Susan Rice Pilaf, breaks to an early lead with Millet-Stuffed Portobello Mushroom, ridden by Sal Cremini, and Spice Crusted Salmon, ridden by Clams Casino – just behind...on the first turn Chicken-Crab Cake is still in the lead, but Spice Crusted Salmon, is making a move by swimming up on the outside, coming into the back stretch Clams breaks out the whip and Spice Crust Salmon begins to swim away, in the meantime Margarita Chicken-Crab Cake pops a move on the rail and passes Millet-Stuffed Portobello Mushroom and is gaining on Spice Crusted Salmon; into the home stretch Spice Salmon finally moves ahead of Margarita Chicken-Crab Cake to cross the finish line half a fin ahead of Margarita Chicken-Crab Cake, and Millet-Stuffed Mushroom fades to finish a distant third...what a race, what a finish, ...the odds at post time were Spice Crusted Salmon at 1 to 2, Margarita Chicken-Crab Cake at 3 to 1, Millet-Stuffed Portobello Mushroom at 20 to 1; sorry, there were no winners of the trifecta...if you missed this luncheon you missed another good one as we heard it over and over; maybe even better than the 2016, OLLI fall luncheon...Salty would agree!

Salty would like to give a tip of his hat and a bravo to the social team for all their hard work, overall coordinating effort, patience, and enthusiasm, well done team!

The Elder Moments were in good voices and entertained the members beginning with a song from the operetta *The Mikado*, moving on to *Slap That Bass* accompanied by Bruce Chappelle, ending with *I Found Love* and Roo engaging all the members to sing, on cue, *I Found Love*...applause after applause....

Spring Luncheon Celebrates Successful Semester



Left: The Elder Moments pose with our OLLI logo

Below: Bruce Chappelle plays his bass



Robert (Bob) Duncan (left) was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his many years of teaching **Great Decisions** by Bill Sharkey, Council Chair

Photos by John Lafferty, Lynn Kroesen & Jay Wheeler

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By the time you read this the June 2017, catalog hopefully will be on its way to your mailbox; the beautiful cover "Sailing on the Delaware Bay" was done by an OLLI member, Maria Isola. There are many great and interesting courses for June 2017, sign up early.

Remember to check the June 2017, calendar on the inside, front cover for important events occurring at the Lewes campus. See you in the hallways! Remember, look for us on our web site at www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes and join Salty and the gang for a fun-filled June 2017, session; we'll be getting the OLLI Queen shipshape for the fall 2017, Orientation, at the Ocean View Town Hall, and New Member/New Instructor Orientation at the Lewes campus...anchors aweigh!

Contributing writers – Cera Belum and Clams Casino...

Geology Rocks Students Enjoy Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show

On Saturday, March 4, twenty-three Osher members and friends boarded a bus for the annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show and Symposium held at Arshat Hall at the University of Delaware campus in Wilmington. The trip was organized at the request of Gary Letcher and his "Geology Rocks" students. Upon arrival, Gary obtained our admission bands so we could enter the world of geologists, rock hounds and gemologists. In addition to a dazzling array of rocks, fossils, minerals, gemstones, polished stones, and jewelry, there were fascinating educational displays and a series of informative lectures. It was loads of fun and most of us returned to Lewes with some special treasures.

Story and photos by Joan Mansperger



Anna Promoting OLLI!



Anna gets a photo with Delaware Governor Carney at the Freeman Stage summer entertainment preview.

You Can Be An OLLI Instructor

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Lewes/Ocean View (OLLI) is already looking ahead to our Fall 2017 session. We encourage you to volunteer as an instructor for the Fall program. We look forward to the return of our staff of faithful, dedicated faculty members and welcome new instructors.

You are free to choose your topic. It will typically be a subject you have a high level of interest in, but you do not have to have been trained in. Consider teaming up with someone to be joint instructors for a course.

Classes will be offered in the Fall, beginning September 5, 2017 and concluding November 14, 2017 (no classes October 10). You may offer a five or ten week course. Courses are one and one-half hours in length.

If you are willing to participate as an instructor in the Fall OLLI program, please complete a course proposal form either online or in print. Because of the lead time involved in publishing the Fall catalog, we must have your completed proposal by **May 1, 2017.**

Submitted by Jane McGann & Bud Zimmerman, Academic Affairs Co-Chairs

Register Now for summer classes

Recharge your mind

Make new friends

Intellectual and cultural exploration

Classes designed by members for members

Locations in Lewes & Ocean View

Priority registration deadline

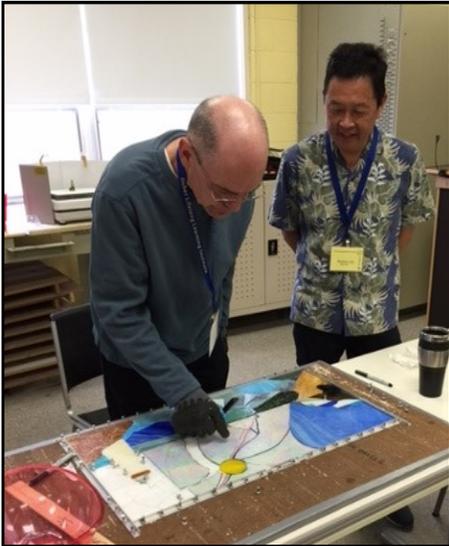
Thursday, May 18

Instructor Orientation,

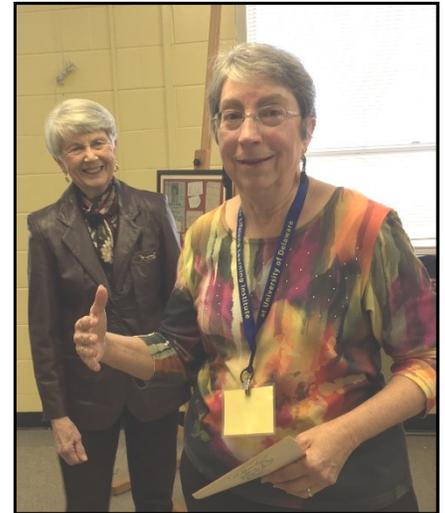
Fred Thomas Building, Lewes:

Thursday, June 1, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

Spring Semester in Review



Left: Rodney Lau; below Paul Puch instructors **Stained Glass Fundamentals**



Above right: Michelle Rumble, **A Delaware Woman's Experiences of WWII**



Above: Oliver Hansen instructor **Traditional Music Slow Jam**



Above : John Ebenreiter instructor, **Blazing a New Nation**



Left: Team teachers Bill Fintel & Joan Mansperger instructors **Dealing with Sea Level Rise** and seated Rae Tyson instructor **Contemporary Environmental Issues**

Photos by John Lafferty and Lynn Kroesen

Spring Semester in Review



Above: Osher English Country dancers enjoy the Dover Ball



Above right: Bill and AnnLyn Martin are dressed for the Dover Ball

Photos by Carol West, Anna Moshier, Lynn Kroesen



*Above: OLLI artists work on projects in **Multimedia Workshop***



Right: OLLI Bridge players gather for games during semester break

Annual Report from the Council



Community Relations Annual Report

The objective of the committee is to promote Osher Lifelong Learning (OLLI). The committee invites members to assist the committee by sharing their positive experience with friends, neighbors, and organizations. We especially need help from those who live in the Ocean View area. Word of mouth really works and if you like, pick up some marketing materials from the office.

Committee Members

Dolores Fiegel, Chair

Stephanie Scales, Milton

Gerri Stephenson, Rehoboth

Valerie Reber, Ocean View

Bud Zimmerman, Millville

We have a new marketing tool. A 4-page flier with courses listed by categories to draw attention to our great course offerings each fall and spring. We are also in the process of updating OLLI brochures.

Displays were mounted each semester to highlight course offerings and to describe and promote the OLLI program. Committee members mounted displays at Lewes, Milton, Rehoboth, and South Coastal libraries and for the first time at Lewes City Hall. Displays were also exhibited at EXPO+ and two Coastal Concerts Perspective programs,

With the assistance of Lewes Library, the committee utilized the inter-library courier system to distribute 850 spring, summer, and fall catalogs to nine libraries.

Brochures serve as a snapshot of the OLLI program; include members' testimonials and maps to OLLI locations in Lewes and Ocean View. Brochures were hand delivered to Lewes, Milton, Rehoboth, and South Coastal Libraries; Lewes City Hall, Active Adult Realty, Plum Beach Dunes Apartment Complex.

At the request of the Lewes Historical Society, OLLI provided 12 docents for the Christmas house tour in December. This has become an annual request and fun project. We hosted a Coastal Concerts perspective program in August and in February partnered with Sussex Academy at a Coastal Concerts perspective musical program held at the Academy. Phil Fretz hosted the Rehoboth Beach Writer's Guild meeting in August, designed and distributed OLLI course listings. Twelve volunteers welcomed visitors to the OLLI booth at EXPO 55 held at Cape Henlopen High School October 22 and 23 and chatted with many potential members.

Submitted by **Dolores Fiegel**, Chair

*Osher Display at Lewes City Hall
Spring Semester*



Annual Report from the Council Continued

Social Committee Annual Report



The Social Committee has the responsibility of arranging special events, Spring and Fall Annual Luncheons, the Homecoming Picnic, and New Member/Instructor receptions. Volunteers are solicited and scheduled for these events.

Members who were interested in serving on this committee indicated their interest on the Member Survey conducted online in February. Those individuals were contacted and met in March to discuss possible new social activities for the membership.

New Member/Instructor Orientation -- The Fall Orientations were held on August 31st in Ocean View and September 1st in Lewes. The Spring Orientations were January 25th in Ocean View and January 26th in Lewes. Receptions with pastries, fresh fruit, and coffee were held for the Lewes orientations. Volunteers helped to set-up and serve the buffet and to answer questions and assist with directions for the new members.

18th Annual Homecoming Picnic was held on October 12th at the Cape Henlopen State Park Pavilion. Members attending paid \$5 to help defray the costs. Each member brought a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. In addition to hamburgers and hot dogs, Portobello mushrooms, onions, zucchini, and bell peppers were purchased to grill. Rolls, lettuce, cheese, condiments, paper supplies, sodas and bottled water were provided. A large group of volunteers assisted with the preparation of the vegetables, grilling, setting up and covering the tables, and clean-up. Entertainment was provided by the English Country Dance class and Elder Moments. University of Delaware maintenance personnel assisted with moving the tables in the pavilion. The attendance was approximately 160.

The OLLI Holiday/Instructors' Recognition Luncheon was held at the Atlantic Sands Hotel Ballroom in Rehoboth Beach on November 30th. Poinsettias were purchased by Bernie Fiegel for centerpieces on the tables. One person seated at each table won the centerpiece. Bernie and Dolores Fiegel chaired this event. The menu options included a plant-based entrée. There was a display of arts and crafts done by members in the adjoining room. Elder Moments entertained the membership. The attendance was approximately 175. Volunteers assisted with set-up, display, and registration.

The OLLI Spring Luncheon was April 12 at the Atlantic Sands Hotel Ballroom. Paul Collins and Denise Bridgens chaired this event. A display of art, basket weaving, stained glass and other art was displayed. Volunteers assisted with set-up, display, and registration.

The Social Committee has met and is exploring new avenues for social activities in 2017-18. An effort is being made to schedule activities that are culturally diverse. New options are being explored to increase attendance at the orientation



Submitted by **Connie Benko**, Social Chair

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Annual Report from the Council Continued

Annual Report for Finance As of March, 2017



The budget proposed for the fiscal year July, 2016 – June, 2017 proved to be on target. As of March, 2017, the projected revenue is above budget, and the expected expenses are on target. The status of the Operations Account is good.

The Scholarship Fund and the Gift Fund have received contributions during the current year. The Activity Fund is self-funding as in the past.

Submitted by **Philip Fretz, Chair**

Annual Report from Communications

The Tides continues to fulfill its purpose to highlight the activities of our members and inform members of future activities. A special edition of *The Tides* was published in May, 2016 to Honor our Instructors. Several articles from *The Tides* have been published in the National Osher Institute Newsletter, the newsletter for the Osher National Resource Center. I appreciate the submissions of pictures and articles and suggestions for future articles.



Submitted by **Lynn Kroesen, Chair**

Travel Report

September 2016—June 2017

The Book that Gave Us Shakespeare - September 18, 2016 — Canceled, not enough people

Grounds For Sculpture - October 14, 2016 — 38 participants

Smithsonian American Art Museum - November 17, 2016 — 40 participants

A day at Bombay Hook — Canceled, park closed for hunting

REP Theatre, Clybourne Park - December 4, 2016 — 39 total participants, 10 from VIA

Fossils, Minerals, etc. show - March 4, 2017 — 23 participants

REP Theatre, The Elephant Man—March 18, 2017 — Canceled, not enough people

Battleship New Jersey - March 31, 2017 — 44 participants

Opera Delaware, Cinderella - April 30, 2017 — 30 participants

New York City - May 5, 2017 — 102 participants

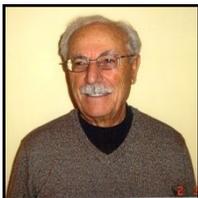
Opera Delaware, Semiramide - May 7, 2017 — 22 participants

Submitted by **Joan Sciorra, Co-Chair**



Annual Report from the Council Continued

Scholarship Committee



During the academic year 2016/2017 eight students were awarded partial scholarships from the The Charmaline K. Kirilla & George Kirilla Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund. These partial scholarships were awarded as follows: three students in Fall 2016; and five students in Spring 2017. The scholarship process adhered to the requirements of Osher Bylaws.

Submitted by **Sabatino Maglione—Chair**

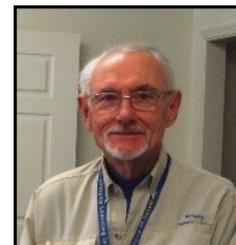
Academic Affairs Annual Report

Statistics for the Fall of 2016: there were 11 Categories with 105 courses. Of these there were 22 classes at Ocean View.

Statistics for the Spring of 2017: there were 12 Categories with 83 courses. Of these there were 16 classes at Ocean View.

Of the 83 courses offered Spring 2017 there were 551 members enrolled. Last Spring 2016 the enrollment was 455 and the last Fall enrollment was 570.

Submitted: **Bud Zimmerman, Co-Chair**



Long Range Planning Annual Report



We have accomplished a lot this past year. Among the outstanding programs are: Completed new Vision and Mission Statements and developed new Strategic Plan that were approved by the Council. Some of the future projects are: improved parking, more diversity - working with the parent University, expansion into western Sussex County, the use of the old Lewes Library for classes, expanding classes on Fridays, and increasing the opportunities at the Ocean View campus. The Council welcomes all suggestions and comments.

Art Department:

This past year we are lucky to have several new art instructors. Among them are: Phil Wescott (Drawing) who brings years of instruction as a University of Delaware professor and Lesley Hellstern with 25 years of art instruction and experience in oil and acrylic painting. Also along with the existing pottery class, in September we will have a Stained Glass program with Rehoboth Art League. Our wood working class produces gallery grade art under the leadership of Joseph DeFeo.

Submitted by **Peter Feeney, Chair**

Library Annual Report

During this year 59 books and DVDs were donated to the OILI library at the Fred Thomas Building. Among members making these fine contributions to the collection were Mary Boyd, John Coleman, Robert Duncan, Anne Carol Finley, John McClenahan, Jon Newsome, Lee Stanford, Barbara and Jeff Stephanie, Elisabeth Stoner, Roz Troupin, and Bud Zimmerman. Also, Lucy Mehl gave a large collection of music and information about folk dancing which has not yet been cataloged.

Since videotapes have not been checked out during the past six years they have been removed from the collection and offered to anyone who has the equipment to play them and wants them. This summer they will be sent to the University of Delaware for proper disposal

Newspaper clippings and other historical materials have been preserved and placed in the archives.

Submitted by **Ruth Barnett Librarian**

