



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

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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute receives Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Award



Representatives from Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware receive a Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Award. Standing below Gov. Jack Markell (center back, in gray suit with red tie) are Ruth Flexman, Osher statewide program coordinator, and Jim Broomall, assistant provost for professional and continuing studies
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Dover, November 3, 2011, Delaware Gov. Jack Markell presented the Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Award in the category of group education to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware.

More than 900 people volunteer in various capacities at UD's Osher Lifelong Learning programs. The positive impact in the community is felt through outreach programs as well as the benefits members themselves gain.

"The University of Delaware is proud that our Osher lifelong learning programs have received the 2011 Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Award," says Jim Broomall, assistant provost for UD's Division of Professional and Continuing Studies, which administers the Delaware Osher programs. "It recognizes the thousands of hours our volunteers contribute to improving the intellectual and cultural quality of life in Delaware."



Our own "super volunteers" Bob Comeau, Council Chair; Joan Ridolfi, instructor & Bernard Fiegel, Catalog Coordinator



From the Chair



Our fall semester was a resounding success, with 433 lifelong learners signed up for 53 courses. We'll be offering 52 courses again in the spring; our catalog is already on our website, and is soon to be delivered to you and to your local libraries. Registration is still by mail or in person at the office, but you may be interested to know that we're working on a system that will permit online credit card registration. As soon as it works for OLLI programs statewide, we'll put it into play. Did I say "OLLI"? Yes, your Council has finally decided to join most of our fellow Osher programs nationwide in adopting this widely-used nickname.

In November, some of us got to enjoy a "grip and grin" with the Governor at his annual volunteer award ceremony in Dover, where our statewide program was honored as a group "Volunteer of the Year." Of course, as we know, the true heroes who earned this award were our instructors – past and present – who spend countless hours preparing and presenting the classes we attend.

This year, we're trying an experiment by hosting a January lecture series on history or humanities on Wednesdays "south of the bridge" at the National Guard training center in Bethany Beach. The deadline for registration was December 12, but as you read this, there may be openings. Check with the office, and on our website.

Our fall semester ended with an exciting luncheon and silent auction—our first ever! The returns were terrific—over \$6000 for our Future Fund, which was created to ensure that we will continue to offer lifelong learning in southern Delaware.

May you have a happy and blessed holiday season—and we'll see you next year!

Calendar of Events

- Dec 19-23 —Spring catalogs mailed
- Jan 4 to 25 — South Coastal Lecture Series
- Jan 12 — Priority Registration closes
- Jan 19 — Class assignments mailed
- Jan 26 — New member/Faculty orientation
- Jan 30 — First day of class
- Feb 20 — School closed—Presidents Day
- Mar 5 — Second five weeks begin
- April 4 — Last Day of classes
- April 24-27 — NYC trip



Got a Bright Idea?

If you have an idea for a course or are willing to serve as an instructor or instructor's helper, write and submit a proposal. If you have questions, contact Diana Beebe or John Coleman of the Academic Affairs committee.



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.

Library News

Some of us remember the series of DVD's which Phil Fretz showed called "Museum Masterpieces from the Metropolitan Museum of Art". In a later course, Phil showed DVD's of the "Museum Masterpieces of The Louvre" in Paris. Dr. Richard Brettell gave these outstanding lectures. If you would like to borrow these DVD's you will find them at 708 on the shelf in our library.

Also produced by the Teaching Company are 12 audio tapes of Robert Solomon's lecture series titled, "No Excuses; Existentialism and the Meaning of Life." You will find this collection at 142.

We have received a wonderful collection of materials for those interested in working with stained glass and mosaics including patterns and designs. They are located at 748 on the shelf. Also see books on pottery at 738.

And for those interested in American history, you must see our most recent acquisition titled Our Nation's Archive; The History of the United States in Documents. Believe it or not, these are articles written in very readable essay form. This book will be a joy to read. American history is located at 973.

I would like to remind everyone that we have a book swap bookcase which is located in front of the counter in Renée's part of the office. Please feel free to take these materials.

Please contact Lou Archdeacon if you have questions about making donations to our regular library; our members have been very generous, and I thank everyone for their donations.

Submitted by: Lou Archdeacon, Librarian-Archivist

Opera Delaware Comes to Lewes

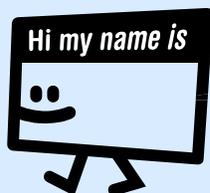


Pictured L-R: Jeffrey Miller, Opera Delaware Music Director; Patricia Mossel, former executive director of Washington National Opera & now instructor of opera at Osher; Alok Kumar, tenor; Dolores Fiegel, Osher event coordinator; Susan Nelson, soprano; Shawn Anderson, baritone; and Robert Comeau, Osher Council Chair

Stars of Opera Delaware came to Cadbury at Lewes for a concert sponsored by Osher Lifelong Learning in Lewes in October. The talented young singers presented a program of opera favorites, including arias from Opera Delaware's current production of Magic Flute. The audience of 100 enthusiastically welcomed and at the end of the concert gave a standing ovation to the performers. The concert was open to Osher members and to Cadbury residents.

BADGES

Everyone is required to wear a badge at all times when in the building, no exceptions. See Renee if you forget yours or you bring a guest.



More Educational Travel Planned

January 12, 2012 - Spy Museum - Washington, DC

Feb. 24, 2012 —Van Gogh Exhibit - Phil. Museum of Art

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

POTENTIAL TRIPS

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

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

Check bulletin board for details

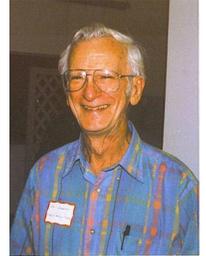




Instructor In the Spotlight

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.

Alex Apostolina has been teaching at Lifelong Learning since we were formed in 1989 (35 semesters). Alex began teaching classes such as “The Living Planet” and helped moderate “Great Decisions”. He was also on the original council for the start-up of SDALL (Southern Delaware Academy of Lifelong Learning). After a wonderful experience at “Pine Woods” he and Edith Mroz (also an original SDALL instructor) founded the Dover English Country Dancers, which still meets monthly, and then brought the dancing fun to Lifelong Learning in the early 1990’s. Alex continues to search for new material and spends several hours listening to the music in preparation for his classes. He says “You have to be aware of the musical phrases so you can call out the steps ahead of the dancers.” Besides playing violin, viola and guitar, Alex also creates reproductions of medieval musical instruments



Joan Ridolfi has been teaching “Walk and Talk” at Lifelong Learning in Lewes for 15 years (30 semesters). Including setting up the various routes, pre-walking the route to check conditions and for the presence of obstacles and guiding the class on the walk, she figured she has walked over 6,000 miles in 15 years. Her interests in nature, outdoor activities and history have her also guiding walks of the area for Road Scholar at Delaware Technical College. She has worked as a docent at the Nanticoke Indian Museum for the past 10 years and has worked as a volunteer with a medical team on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona.

52 Classes Offered for Spring Semester

The Spring 2012 catalogue has been completed, with a varied and interesting array of 52 classes, many of them brand new. The complete catalogue is available on-line, but we will also walk you through it here to highlight how remarkably diverse and interesting the classes promise to be.

Since we are talking Spring (tax season!) it may be timely to begin with a three-hour course by Jack Boettger on dealing with the IRS. Hopefully, that will put your mind at ease so you can enjoy any number of other exciting choices.

Mary Folan has organized a most interesting Speakers Smorgasbord of five lectures at Cadbury, covering widely varied topics and including question-and-answer opportunities. Also at Cadbury, Pat Mossel will conduct five sessions on films based on “The Marriage of Figaro” and “The Barber of Seville”.

Back on campus, Win Mroz will present DVD lectures, CDs and discussions on “Bach and the High Baroque;” Jon Woodyard will examine “The Magic of Mozart;” and Jon Newsom will lead us through music of different times - - the Middle Ages, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical and Romantic - - and different genres - - jazz, musical theater, ballet - - in A Millennium of Western Music: Monument 1.

Lifelong Learning at Lewes is fortunate to have so many talented instructors sharing their knowledge, skills and insights over a vast range of topics. Two new members, Shellie DiLauro and Ellie Menser, will offer Italian Cooking as one of a trio of cooking classes, which will also include in-home sessions with Dorothy Greet in the preparation of plant-based meals, and Seafood Savvy with Doris Hicks.

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In the fields of history, politics and the world, the focus will literally cover the earth, from local to international to the entire planet. Amy Hiller will present a Delaware history, while Ed Soboczenski will give us a short history of the planet earth; Eileen Redden will offer case studies of 4 queens; Mary Boyd will lead a further exploration of constitutional law issues; John Nammack will give us details and insights on the evolution of Brazil as a superpower; Bob Duncan will lead the annual and very popular Great Decisions; and Bill Fintel will follow up his previous class on global warming with a workshop on what can be done about it.

Don't be intimidated by the course title, "Newton's Physics, Quantum Physics and Entanglement," with Doug Hemmick. Dr. Hemmick assures us that you won't need a science background, and in tracing a path through physics history, he promises to keep the pace gentle. Go for it!

Jo-Ann Vega will follow up her highly inter-active and enlightening Fall course with a pair of five-week classes on the power of language. For those who missed it in the Fall, Richard Kauffman will repeat his popular class on Religions of the World, and Robert Haggett will present a course on Practical Spirituality in the Secular World. Joe Lavenia and Toni Worsham will present A New Earth, Eckhart Tolle's explanation of how our ego-based state of consciousness is the key to ending world conflict and suffering. Rick Grier-Reynolds will explore the Power of Non-Violent Change, using videos from the series, "A Force More Powerful", to review historical moments where non-violent techniques helped produce positive change. And Kay and Jim Greene will continue their Images of Ideas presentation with Part 2, centering on world ideas around the Enlightenment.

You can sharpen your skills in picture-taking and filmmaking, with Jon Newsom; computer basics, with Gary Lippe; digital darkroom techniques, with Don Stein; plumbing, heating and cooling, with Tom Warner; and financial acumen, in Derek Clifton's workshop for individual investors.

There will also be numerous classes for honing your skills in the world of art or music. Art classes will include basketry (Elaine Stanhope), pottery (Carmela Coleman and Barbara Crowl), various

painting media (watercolor with Sonia Hunt, oil with Sandy Moore, Carol Halloran and Ellen Watkins, and still life, a new course with Bob Chu, using watercolor, acrylic and other media), and knitting (Barbara Duch and Karen McKinnon). Music classes will include recorder playing for beginners, with Nikki Roberson, or at the intermediate level, with Cissy Johnson; Chorus, with Roo Brown; and English Country Dancing, with Alex Apostolina and John Bochnowski.

If you just want to be entertained, you have many options. Let the always entertaining Doug Yetter lead you through the Hollywood songbook, from Mammy to Moon River. Or sit back and savor films of 4 Broadway musicals toward the end of Broadway's musical golden age, with Don Stein. In what promises to be truly different and fascinating, Don Sturtz will present a series of 5 lectures on the experiences and lives of persons at sea, in hospitals, and in unusual places.

For book lovers, Phil Fretz will lead us through a selection of great American bestsellers. And don't miss out on the next in Gary and Margo Ramage's continuing series on American authors, this one on the lives, novels and films of five of the best Western authors of the twentieth century. Jim DeCatur has selected passages from classics, such as "Gilgamesh", "The Trojan War", and "The Aeneid", for a discussion of the meaning of life in the great myths.

A truly unique cinema experience will be available in Sabatino Maglione's examination of the social, historical and political facets of a series of Spanish-speaking films.

Like to "keep your body moving"? Very highly regarded birding experts, Bill and Sally Fintel and David Weber, will lead nine field birding sessions. Sally will also provide an opportunity to finish learning the complete 37-posture form of Yang Style T'ai Chi. or limber up and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow OLLI members walking and talking with George Palmer and Joan Ridolfi, who can tell you absolutely everything there is to know about Southern Delaware.

So much to choose from. So get busy, narrow your selections, choose your priorities, and let 'er rip!

Submitted by John Coleman



Fall Luncheon/Auction — A Real “Winner”

Salty Brine's Seaside Chat

AHOY, Osher shipmates! If you were AWOL for this luncheon, you missed another "winner." It was a seasonally warm November day when the Lifelong Learning Osher- Lewes Queen (re-christened the LLL-820A Queen OLLI) dropped anchor at the Sands Hotel and disembarked for a day of good food, conversation, refreshments, entertainment, and rumors of a silent auction to attend the Instructor Recognition Luncheon and the first ever Osher Silent Auction (it wasn't a rumor?). A sell out crowd of 250 crossed the gangway into a sea of white and green and with each table adorned with hydrangeas and clear glass squares filled with sand and depicting local sea life.

The sandpiper room and the alcove outside displayed all the “silent auction” items, the majority of which were donated by Osher members, about 100 items all told. Bidding opened at 10 a.m. and Bob [Comeau] rang the large hand-held bell to close the bidding at 12:20 p.m. sharp. There were a number of items that became bidding wars – to the delight of the silent auction committee. All proceeds from the silent auction benefit Osher - Lewes

The multitude of arts/crafts exhibits by talented Osher members improves with each luncheon as does the singing of our very own the *Elder Moments* under the baton of Roo Brown. Lunch - the shrimp and scallop kabob was a runaway winner with 102, roast pork loin placed with 65, plant-based grilled portabella (a first) a surprising show at 58, and veggie lasagna held up the rear with 22. At the conclusion of dessert (which everyone loved) the Instructors were recognized for their volunteer efforts and then everyone was treated to a fashion show by the members of the Knit an Einstein Coat class who were wearing their beautiful knitted coats ... class instructors were Barbara Duch and Karen McKinnon. There were a lot of oohs and aahs from the members as each coat wearer was introduced. Well done ladies! The luncheon concluded with singing by the Elder Moments with Roo Brown at the helm ... it wouldn't be a luncheon or picnic without the Elder Moments; they're very much a part of the lifelong learning fabric.

.....heard members saying..."best luncheon ever"..."what's planned for spring"..."wonderful fashion show" ... "enjoyed bidding, bidding, and bidding some more on the silent auction items"..."arts and crafts were a beautiful delight"..."and so on and so on! They're already saying the November 30, 2011 luncheon will be a hard act to follow. Hopefully Salty and the Queen's dedicated shipmates will be up to the task of another hard to beat luncheon... stay tuned.



Above: Members gather for lunch



Left: Members' crafts exhibited.



Members of the "Knit an Einstein Coat" model their creations.



Above: L-R: George Palmer, Anna Moshier, Lynn Kroesen, & Ron Reese arrange auction items.

Right: Bidding up the price



Photos by Jay Wheeler

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Members are already asking when the spring catalog will be available; hopefully in your mailbox between Christmas and January 1st ... and perhaps sooner - there are over 50 classes to choose from, so don't miss the boat [no pun intended] and sign up early for the spring 2012 semester!!! Look for us on our web site at www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes.

Next port of call for the Queen OLLI will be Lewes for the New Member/New Instructor Orientation Thursday, January 26, 2012; and before you know it - we'll set sail to kick off the June 2012 summer session and on then set sail for the fall luncheon.

To contact Salty send your email to: LLL-Lewes@udel.edu

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To Our Dedicated Instructors

In recognition of our instructors – past and present- who spend countless hours preparing and presenting the classes we attend, we present the following chart that shows the number of semesters many of our instructors have taught at Lifelong Learning since its founding in 1989. This chart gives an idea of the dedication of our volunteers. Watch the bulletin boards for more on the “Wall of Fame”.

Osher Lifelong Learning Instructor Service Recognition

Taught 20 or more semesters (Including Summer Sessions)

Alex	Apostolina	Roo	Brown
David	Bradley	Robert	Chu
Bernard	Fiegel	Bud	Adler
Joan	Ridolfi	Robert	Duncan
Amelie	Sloan	Mary Emily	Miller
Elaine	Stanhope	Don	Stein
Edith	Mroz	Louis	De Catur
Dolores	Fiegel	Lee	Mussoff

Taught 10 to 14 semesters (Including Summer Sessions)

Rosemary	Cummings	Antonia	Bradley
Simon Canon	Mein	Kay	Greene
Patricia	Mossel	Gary	Grunder
Richard	Sciorra	Doris	Hicks
Anita	Stockton	Howard	Maxwell
David	Weber	Sandra	Moore
Jon	Woodyard	David	Shobe
Mary	Brockson	Ken	Skrzesz
Alan	Chalk	Anthony	Egeln
Sally	Fintel	Beverly	Gayhardt
Cissy	Johnson	Barbee	Kiker
Allene	Martinez	Barbara	Lloyd
George	Palmer	Margaret	Martin
Jay	Windsor	Ann	Nolan
Carmela	Coleman	Ellen	Notar
Jeffrey	Gordon	Patricia	Rockett
Betty	Grunder	David	Schultz
Jon	Newsom	Helen	Thompson
Lela	Weston	David	Whalen

Taught 15 to 19 semesters (Including Summer Sessions)

John	Bochnowski	Barbara	Flexer
Wes	Rumble	John	Nammack
Norman	Weston	John	O'Meara
Toni	Worsham	Betty	Deboer
Herb	Archdeacon	James	Greene
Bill	Fintel	Sonia	Hunt
Winfried	Mroz	Ed	Soboczenski
Barbara	Vaughan	Mabes	Morrill
Edward	Day	Margo	Vaughan

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

Elder Moments Perform Concert at Harbor Healthcare



The residents of Harbor Healthcare in Lewes enjoyed a concert from The Elder Moments on Tuesday, November 15.



Here is what Barbara Cowl is doing with all those corks!!



REMINDER
The office is closed on Fridays.

Turn Off Those Cell Phones, PLEASE

PLEASE turn **off** your cell phones while in classes as a courtesy to your fellow students and the instructor.

