



MEET JONI ATKINSON BERO



Joni moved north from Georgia to join our team on September 1 as staff assistant. Her primary responsibility will be preparation of our catalogs.

Joni was born and raised in northwest Florida. She graduated from Auburn University in Alabama with a degree in computer science and worked for 15 years as a computer programmer. Feeling it was time to do something different, she followed her interests and volunteer experience in the outdoors to work as a naturalist with Cobb County, GA Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Dept. She became recreation programmer for Cobb County where her responsibilities included programs that provide outdoor education for elementary students, many of whom have no previous contact with nature.

Joni's husband, Andy Bero, is Sports Administrator for New Castle County. He is from Johnstown, PA and is a UD graduate. They met when they worked together on a tournament hosted by Cobb County.

Joni's interest in the outdoors continues. Her favorite leisure activities include camping, hiking and canoeing. On nice days she may be found during her lunch break in the garden or on the patio. She admits winter will be a challenge after living in the South.

Give Joni the warm welcome she gives to members and instructors. (And please ease her transition by adhering to the course submission deadlines.)

PARKING LOT - THANKS

During the first two weeks of each semester, traffic and parking are more congested than later in the semester. Some reasons for this are: the extra numbers of members who are registering for classes and the increased number of volunteers who are assisting members.

Handicapped spaces, in particular, may be in short supply during these two weeks. The University allows for a significantly increased allotment of "temporary" handicapped spaces (marked by orange cones) above the number required by government regulations. The reserved handicapped spaces across from the main entrance of Arsht Hall are particularly desirable. Some folks arrive very early to obtain one of these spaces. Cars with handicapped parking windshield signs have also been parking in non-handicapped spaces in that front lot. This is perfectly legal and acceptable. Some of these spaces are just as close to the main entrance as those reserved for the handicapped.

It would also be helpful if those who are able to walk the farther distances would leave even more of the closer spaces for others.

Thanks to all for the co-operation given to the volunteers and UD security officers Dennis Anderson and Ryan Welsh who kept traffic moving smoothly. Please thank these officers and volunteers, Tom Desmond, Lee Kaser, Stan Hughes and Alan Twedde.

Parking lot volunteer duty is an opportunity for those who wish to help for short periods, but do not want to be committed for an entire semester. Volunteers serve only before the 9 a.m. classes, from about 8:45 to 9:05 a.m., or between the first two morning classes, from 10:05 to 10:35 a.m. during the first two weeks of each semester. If you are willing to volunteer for one or more days during spring semester, please contact Joe Skwish, Facilities and Safety Committee Chair, skwish@udel.edu.

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Submit articles to rehlich@udel.edu, or place in the newsletter mail box in the Reception Area.

AUDIO VISUAL ASSISTANCE

In order to help the instructors operate A/V equipment more effectively in their classrooms, a group of volunteer assistants is being formed. There are many times when an instructor has difficulty using the audio/visual equipment, which results in a frustrating experience for both the students and the instructor. The availability of this group will enable the instructors to concentrate on their course material. It is also hoped that more people will volunteer to teach courses knowing such AV assistance exists.

Please consider joining the group. If you are interested, contact me at kmulholland37@comcast.net

Kenneth Mulholland
Curriculum Committee

UD COMPUTER ACCOUNTS

Members may obtain a UDeINet Internet and email account by filling out a request form available at the Reception Desk. Processing may take several weeks. You will be given a numerical UDeINet ID and password. The numerical ID should be changed to one with 3-8 lowercase letters at www.udel.edu/network.

Register your mobile device for wireless access at Arsht and elsewhere on the UD campus with your UDeINetID and password at www.udel.edu/network.

Access library resources at www.lib.udel.edu. Use of the catalog, DELCAT, is open to everyone but many useful journals and databases require your UDeINet ID and password.

PUBLIC SAFETY

While I appreciate your eagerness to continue your education and increase your knowledge, please, be careful how you drive on the campus. Even though you may be running late, that is no excuse to speed or to ignore the stop sign in front of Arsht Hall.

Now that 'Bring-a-Friend Week' is over, there is no reason for anyone to park on the grass or other spaces not designated for parking. UD policy specifically forbids this, and it has been established that there is sufficient parking, even if some of the spaces may not be conveniently close to Arsht Hall.

Thank you for honoring the 'Conference Parking Only' signs that are placed at times in Lot #2 (Goodstay Lot). Conferences Services has the right and the need to reserve all or part of this lot for the various groups that pay to rent meeting space in the Goodstay Building. Vehicles parking in the blocked off area can be cited for a 'Reserved Lot or space' violation, under UD policy. I would prefer to issue as few of these tickets as possible.

A reminder to users of handicap spaces: The two 'Guest Speaker only' spaces next to the Student Services building are considered reserved and CANNOT be used as overflow handicap parking spaces.

Many thanks to those of you who properly display your H/C placards and tags, when parking in H/C spaces!

Your friendly UD constable,
Dennis Anderson

COME JOIN THE BOOK CLUB

All members of OLLI are invited to join the extracurricular book group. We read and discuss current and classic books that the group selects each semester.

Nov. 2, the group will discuss **Unbroken** by Laura Hillenbrand and Dec. 7's selection is **Caleb's Crossing** by Geraldine Brooks. We'll start the spring session in February discussing **The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris** by David McCullough.

Mark your calendar and join us the first Wednesday of the month at 3:20 p.m. in Room 224.

Mary Lew Bergman



Sat., Oct. 15: Gettysburg
 Sat., Oct. 22: Washington
 Sat., Oct. 29: *Othello* at the Folger,
 Washington
 Sat., Nov. 5: Apple Festival, Lahaska, PA
 Sat., Nov. 12: *Follies* on Broadway
 Wed., Dec. 7-Sat., Dec. 10: Ogleby resort, WV;
 Holiday Magic, Pittsburgh
 Thu., Jan. 5-Mon., Jan. 16, 2012: Panama
 Canal cruise
 Sat., Apr. 21: *Come Fly Away* at The Kennedy
 Center

For information on these and other trips,
 visit the Travel Desk in the Lobby, Monday
 through Thursday, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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NANTICOKE INDIAN POW WOW TRIP
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2011

After many days of rain, the sun shone
 brightly, and folks gathered at 7:45 a.m. for this
 adventure. The first stop was the Prime Hook
 National Wildlife Refuge on the bay just above
 Lewes.

Glen Garner (of OSHER Lewes), head of
 the Friends group at Prime Hook, provided a
 45-minute introduction to this refuge for
 webless migratory birds, fishing and hunting,
 hiking and canoeing. We enjoyed several hikes
 in the refuge before jumping back on the bus to
 go to lunch in Milton, to feast our eyes and
 taste buds on a catered lunch and a view of the
 Broadkill River from the second floor of the
 Milton Library.

There was an art sale of local artists
 outside on a green and one of our riders made
 a purchase.

At 1 p.m. we boarded the bus once again
 and our experienced driver, Jim, took us to the
 pow wow. We grabbed our chairs from
 underneath the bus, hopped on a tractor-pulled
 jitney and were deposited outside the large
 circle which is the center of action at the pow
 wow. This annual gathering of Native
 Americans features traditional dance and
 music, food and an arts and crafts show. The
 photograph included here was taken by
 photographer Dick Burgess. This is one of

many showing a dance of both men and
 women together. The colorful dress is typical of
 the many dancers who come together at this
 pow wow to renew their traditional practices.



Many of us sat for several hours enjoying
 the dancing, the stories and the flute playing,
 while others wandered the booths of goods for
 sale.

These trips are organized throughout the
 year through the auspices of the Travel
 Committee, at very modest prices. This trip,
 which included the bus travel all the way
 downstate and back and the catered lunch,
 cost \$43 per person. Look for other upcoming
 trips or help to organize one.

Debbie Haskell

GARDEN SPEAKERS

The class meets Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in
 Room 108 and is open to all members.

10/18-Ann Hapka “Growing, Harvesting and
 Preserving Culinary Herbs” -

10/25 Chuck Miller and John Dietz “A
 Hidden Gem: Goodstay Gardens-past, present
 and plans for the future”.

11/1 Gregg Tepper “The Sensory Appeal of
 Native Plants” Gregg, Woods Path
 Horticulturist at Mt. Cuba Center will discuss
 the unique ways in which native plants appeal
 to each of our senses. Learn little-known facts,
 hear entertaining true stories, and see
 outstanding photographs of the wildflowers.

11/8 Craig Rybinski “Garden Lighting”
 Craig, a professional garden designer and
 consultant, combines a background in
 architecture and design with a love of plants
 and horticulture. His designs focus on creating
 a year-round garden experience.

PEOPLE AND PLAQUES

Seven rooms in Arshat Hall display plaques that honor our pioneer members and call up memories of earlier years.

This article uses information compiled from an article by Bill Kennedy reprinted in the March 2005 Newsletter, early Newsletter articles, Council minutes, the oral history interview with Bert Spivey by Cynthia Kuespert and the New York Times.

ROOM 215 – In memory of Charles Blake, 1911-1989.

Bert Spivey declared: "Charles Blake was the architect of our curriculum. He set the framework. He was the primary influence on the way the Academy is organized today." Spivey noted that Blake's search for continuing education after retiring to Delaware led to meetings with Arthur Trabant, UD president, and Jack Murray, head of the Division of Continuing Education which jump-started plans for lifelong learning at UD. UD later awarded Charles with its Medal of Distinction.

Mr. Blake graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT. He worked as an Italian-speaking social worker and county probation officer from 1934 to 1943. He then taught in the New Rochelle schools for 35 years, becoming chairman of adult education for 20 years and supervisor of foreign-language instruction from 1964 to 1978. A speaker of French, Spanish, German, Italian, Russian, Latin, Greek, Hebrew and Swahili he won the Distinguished Teacher Award of NY State from the Association of Foreign Language Teachers.

Charles served on the steering committee that planned the nascent Academy. The declaration of purpose and principle that arose from this planning appears on page 10 of the current catalog.

He became coordinator for languages and literature and also served as chair of curriculum. He taught Spanish and Italian and quickly enlisted instructors for additional languages. "Charles was quite a linguist," Agnes Dignam remembers. "After he came to the Academy, he studied modern Greek on his own. Then he came to my Greek church and gave a talk in flawless Greek."

His standards for curriculum were high. When Council approved a bridge course in his

absence, Bert Spivey noted that Blake "might have misgivings."

His recruiting was not confined to languages. Perceiving a need for economic education he recruited his financial advisor, Gary Gittings. Gary, somewhat reluctant to teach at first, calls Blake his mentor.



Charles Blake and Gary Gittings
(picture courtesy of Gary Gittings)

Do you enjoy Special Events Wednesday?

The first year Charles Blake coordinated the lecture portion of a Wednesday lunch series. This became the Wednesday Enrichment program, the ancestor of SEW. Charles Blake was chair of the Enrichment Committee for many years.

Have you attended ALLSTEL?

In 1982 Blake proposed an "Academy Elderhostel" to take place in Lewes. This developed into the ALLSTEL program, initially run by the Enrichment Committee.

One of his proposals, an Academy Center for the Arts, did not see fruition but we can remember Charles Blake for so much of the gift that we do enjoy.



UD President Trabant recognizes Blake for his work on the steering committee as Louise Conner, UD leader, looks on.

ARSHT AT 20 MEMORY OF ARSHT HALL DEDICATION

A beneficent sun shone in a clear blue sky so brightly that it seemed impossible that a cloudy day would ever happen again, on that day, October 18, 1991, when Arsht Hall formally opened its doors. We left the old Wilmington Country Club/Wilcastle home of Academy of Lifelong Learning (where a palm-sized brass rail beside worn marble steps led to a ballroom/lecture hall) and looked at the beautiful new building almost unbelieving.

On that day of Dedication, then Governor Michael N. Castle, UD President David P. Roselle, and Andrew B. Kirkpatrick, Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees, University of Delaware, with others, officiated. Mr. Kirkpatrick awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree to Sam Arsht in recognition of his long years of service to the legal community of the State of Delaware and to the University. In his graceful acknowledgement Sam thanked the trustees and said, "I thank all of you, my friends, for coming here today to participate with me and to share with me the joy and exhilaration I am experiencing."

He talked of his early career and his mentors Richard S. Rodney and Hugh M. Morris, "giants of the bench and bar in Delaware. I was their protégé." He explained that they both had received the same honor. "The University's conferral on me today of the same degree...makes me proud and happy...I am still walking humbly in their footsteps."

The always disarming Sam Arsht, we remember as a classmate, described his wife Roxana as like Horace Rumpole's Hilda in the PBS series *Rumpole of the Bailey*: "She who must be obeyed." Roxana had admonished him that "a speech to be immortal does not have to be interminable."

Sam told us of an early accomplishment which had not been listed by the Board of Trustees: In 1923, as a 13-year-old Boy Scout, he was champion pup tent pitcher of Delaware and was sent to Washington to compete in the national pup tent pitching contest:

"Like beauty what is important is in the eye of the beholder. I think being a champion pup tent pitcher is really neat and I thank the

trustees for making me the first champion pup tent pitcher to have a beautiful big "pup tent" erected with my name on it and to receive in addition an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree."

We knew you well Sam and we think of you with us here in Arsht Hall – our home.

Rebecca Button

ROXANA ARSHT AND THE DEDICATION

On the eve of the dedication, Roxana Arsht, who with her husband donated \$2 million dollars to the building fund, called the building "a dream come true." "It's all I envisioned and more. At the Academy, we think of ourselves as family, and this really is like a home away from home. It's a building where you won't get lost. You won't feel overwhelmed."

COMPUTERS! COMPUTERS! THE INTERNET AND YOUR PRIVACY

The internet retains all information that is entered into the system. The information about you can include professional honors, charitable work, posted videos, Facebook entries and Twitter messages.

As described in a July 21, 2011 New York Times business article, companies in their background checks on prospective employees consider not only credit reports and criminal backgrounds, but also search the internet for personal material. Newly formed companies, for example, Social Intelligence, are used by businesses to search the internet for any business or social references about prospective employees.

Thus, a person sharing information about him or herself could find that information used in an embarrassing or hostile way by a prospective employer or curious acquaintance. It is sometimes tempting to reveal information about yourself or family members into what appears to be an impersonal site only to regret it later.

Social networking sites and other postings such as videos need to be used with great care. Whatever is put on the internet is there forever and available to any smart hacker.

Kenneth Mulholland
Curriculum Committee



Schedule of Events



SPECIAL EVENTS WEDNESDAYS 12:45-1:45 P.M. IN ROOM 105

Announcements at 12:40 p.m.

These programs are for all members. Feel free to attend each week or select the programs that most interest you. Buy your lunch, bring your lunch, or just come and enjoy.

Oct. 12 The Political Scene—Mike Castle,
Former U.S. Congressman

Oct. 19 Classical Music Selections – NOTU5,
UD Student Wind Quintet

NOTU5 (pronounced **noh-tuhs**), the graduate woodwind quintet at the University of Delaware, is comprised of members Tara Rozanski (flute), Patrick Ketter (oboe), Tierney O'Brien (clarinet), Dan Rocha (french horn), and Nora McDonnell (bassoon). Since the quintet was formed in September of 2010, they were named state representatives in the 2010 Delaware State Music Teachers Association chamber music competition, and also received Honorable Mention at the Music Teachers National Association Eastern Division competition. They have toured local elementary schools with the goals to inspire young students to take interest in classical music and to be involved in their school's music groups.

Oct. 26 Trained Canine Companions –
Tanya MacKeand, Canine Partners for Life

Tanya MacKeand and her canine partner, Elsie will tell us about Canine Partners for Life, a 20-year old non-profit organization located in Southern Chester County, PA. CPL trains and places service and seizure alert dogs nationally, but focuses on the needs within a 250 mile radius of Cochranville, PA. CPL is known for its superb quality of working dogs as well as a comprehensive application and follow-up program.

Nov. 2 Inside Delaware Senior Olympics
Paul Gatti, president of the Delaware Senior Olympics

Nov. 9 Cleopatra: Temptress or Politician
Margaret George

Margaret George's first published novel was "The Autobiography of Henry VIII". Since then she's stuck with characters that she feels the public misunderstands---Mary Queen of Scots, Mary Magdalene, Helen of Troy, Elizabeth I and Cleopatra.

See the Special Events Wednesday bookmark for the remaining schedule.

FALL INTO SPRING AND SUMMER 2012 COURSE PROPOSALS!

Spring course proposals are due Oct. 14.

A four-week summer course is an excellent way to begin teaching at OLLI. Summer course proposal forms will be available Oct. 31 and first call for submissions ends Nov. 22. Proposals will also be accepted from Feb. 6-17.

SOCIALS

Take a break and meet fellow members for coffee, tea, cookies and conversation.. The next social takes place Wed., Oct. 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lobby. If you can volunteer to make cookies for this event, please sign up at the Reception Desk.

CALENDAR

Fri., Oct. 14	Spring course proposals due
Thur., Nov. 24,-Fri., Nov. 25....	Thanksgiving
.....	CLOSED
Fri., Dec. 9.....	Fall semester ends
2012	
Tues, Jan. 3-Fri., Jan. 6 ..	Spring registration
Mon., Feb. 6	Spring semester begins
Mon., March 26 – Fri., March 30	
.....	Spring break, NO CLASSES
Fri., May 11	Spring semester ends