



The Tides...

Breaking News from Lifelong Learning



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Lewes

Spring 2015

From the Chair and the Council



This issue of *The Tides* contains articles written by the Chairs of our several committees in which the milestones of the past year are discussed. (See pages 2 & 3) I hope you will find them interesting. I think you will be impressed with the range, volume and quality of these activities. My hat goes off to those who quietly but persistently work to make our organization more healthy, interesting and fun.

The purpose of OLLI-Lewes is to serve the community with relevant, absorbing and varied lifelong learning experiences. To be successful, we must, and are fortunate to have help from many other organizations. Let's take a little time to say "Thanks." First, although we are a volunteer organization, we depend on a small, but incredibly effective corps of UD employees. Our own Anna, Renee, Ed and Bill (in Ocean View) do back flips to assure our schedules are made, catalogs published, A/V and computer equipment is modern and responsive to our needs, classrooms are assigned and ready, moneys are received and deposited, questions are answered, etc.,etc. **Thank you gang!**

Our parent organization, UD's Professional and Continuing Studies (PCS) has always been most supportive. In fact, there are only two people who have been involved in our program since its inception in 1989-- Renee and Jim Broomall, Associate Vice Provost for PCS. Both have recently turned 60 and are beginning to make noises about retirement. Well, you two are deserving of a long, happy retirement. Just don't start it on my watch. Please!!

We need to thank Superintendent Bob Fulton of the Cape Henlopen School District and his staff for being exemplary landlords and supportive partners. The town of Ocean View has been most gracious in making space available so that we can serve the increasing population along the Rte.26 corridor. The Chamber of Commerce has been most helpful in getting information on our activities out in that area. We also are very blessed to have a long standing relationship with the Rehoboth Art League whose generous sharing of studio space with us has been of enormous value.

Finally, I would like to thank our own volunteers, Council members, Instructors and Committee chairs and members. It takes many hands pulling on the oars in unison to keep the good ship, OLLI-Lewes on course.



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A couple of points of information:

This year vs. last:

2013-2014 Members--1013 (adding the membership of fall and spring semester)

Courses-- 136

Scholarships -- 6

2014-2015 Members-- 996

Courses--136

Scholarships—10

The reduction in membership is not statistically significant. We have had these pauses in our growth in the past. The increase in scholarships is encouraging. It means that we are helping more people to be with us even if their money is a bit tight.

Financial: It appears we will end this fiscal year (June 30) \$3-4 thousand in the black. This is less than in recent years. In January while developing our budget submission for UD, we found that we could only balance the budget--break-even is the goal--by taking about \$6,000 from funds put aside for future needs. To avoid doing this, Council decided to increase the fees for a single semester from \$130 to \$145. Still a good value compared to other, similar programs. The \$225 price for a full year membership will not change.

I've droned on long enough. Enjoy this issue and the milder weather.

Bill Sharkey

Calendar of Events

2015

- Apr 28 - May 1 — NYC trip
- May 11 — Fall course proposals due
- May 14 — Priority registration for June session closes
- May 16 — Opera Delaware "Lakme" trip
- May 21 — June class schedules mailed
- May 25 — Memorial Day - office closed
- May 28 — Instructor orientation
- June 1 — First day of classes
- June 26 — Last day of classes
- June 28 — Kennedy Center trip to see "The Book of Mormon"
- July 20 — Fall catalogs mailed

Committee Reports

Travel

For the 2014-2015 sessions of Osher Lifelong Learning we have had thirteen day trips and our annual three night trip to New York City. This April was our twelfth excursion to Manhattan with 134 participants. Twelve years ago we went for one night with 50 people. This trip has become so very popular that we now travel with three coaches.

Our day trips require a minimum of 35 participants to make them self-supporting. Most trips have from 35 to 48 people. These trips enhance the information learned from classes (art history, opera, humanities, etc).

Submitted by Joan Sciorra, Travel Chair

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Annual Library Report

The Osher at Lewes library has had a busy year. During the summer of 2014 an inventory of the collection was made. This included weeding out 25 books that were in poor condition, outdated or duplicates. Two volunteers assisted in this project.

With a much appreciated grant from the University of Delaware, DVD's from The Teaching Company were purchased to replace older videotapes in several frequently used areas of the collection.

All materials now have large legible labels, and a new stamp has been purchased to identify library books. During the year 125 books, DVD's and CD's were added to the library through donations by instructors and students. The current inventory has 1125 items.

Using the woodworking skills of Dean Hoover, a magazine rack and a shelf for Instructor's Resources were added to the library during the Winter/Spring session.

Newspaper and magazine articles are copied onto acid free paper and placed in plastic sleeves to be stored in the archive notebook called News and Views. Paper copies of the catalog for each session are also added to the archive. Digital materials such as the newsletter and photographs are stored elsewhere.

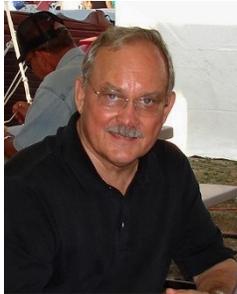
In the spring of 2015 a computer was installed in the library. It contains an accurate database of the collection. The database can be accessed by students and instructors and can be sorted by author, title, or subject heading. A search can be filtered also for a specific item. There is also online access to the Delaware public library collections. We hope to extend this accessibility to Ocean View and Dover locations in the future.

It has been my pleasure to work with the staff, instructors and students at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Submitted by Ruth Barnett, Librarian and Archivist

Remembering.....

Robert "Bo" French



Robert "Bo" French, age 82, of Lewes passed away on Sunday, March 8th, 2015. He was born in Carnegie, PA. He received his B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburg. His career with DuPont lasted over 36 years with assignments in Parkersburg, WV, Geneva, Switzerland and

Wilmington, DE. Bo retired at the end of 1990 as Director Transportation, DuPont Materials and Logistics Department. Bo and his late wife, Peggy, moved to Lewes in 1995.

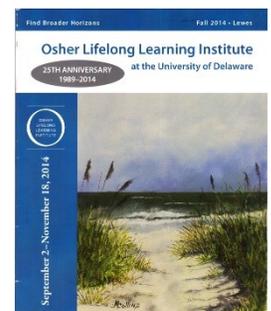
Bo was an active parishioner of St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church and had served on the Osher Lifelong Learning Council since 2012. Bo and Peggy had four children, two boys and two girls.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated on March 13th. Memorial contributions may be made to Osher Lifelong Learning in Lewes.

Mary "Mitzi" Collins

Mary Elizabeth "Mitzi" Collins, 79, of Dagsboro, passed away on April 13, 2015 after a short illness. She grew up in Plainfield, N.J. and married the late William Francis Collins. Together they raised four children primarily in Montville, N.J. Mitzi owned Katie Kellogg, a successful gift store and interior décor business in Montville for 15 years and was a dedicated bridge player. Mitzi was a talented artist. In fact, her painting graced the cover of our Fall 2014 course catalog. She had taken art classes for many years at Osher. Mitzi was active in the Rehoboth Art League and treasurer of the local quilting guild. She is survived by three sons, one daughter, and 7 grandchildren.

Services for her were held on Saturday, April 18 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Ocean View, DE.



Spring Fling Luncheon — Festive & Fun



Salty Brine's Seaside Chat

AHOY, Osher shipmates! It's hard to believe that we had just gotten the OLLI Queen ship shape for the fall luncheon when the next thing we knew we had to make ready for the OLLI Spring Fling Luncheon on Wednesday, April 22, 2015...my how time flies when you're having fun...prior to the OLLI Queen getting underway the deck officer began greeting members as they came across the gangway; approximately 160 members came aboard for the short sail down to Rehoboth Beach. The OLLI Queen took in the gangway at 10:30 a.m. and set sail with the sea sparkling like diamonds, good tail wind, lots of sun, cool temps, and a bright outlook before the OLLI Queen dropped anchor at the Sands Hotel at the Boardwalk and Baltimore Avenue in Rehoboth Beach, the gangway was lowered and the 160 Osher members and their guests began to disembark the OLLI Queen and ready to party...

Upon arriving at the Swan Ballroom the members and guests were treated to a display of tables dressed in white cloths, alternating blue and gold napkins and square glass sand sculptures with a plume of green sea grass, plus the room was bathed in bright sunlight reflecting off the sparkling ocean. As usual the crowd flowed into the Sandpiper Room to view the beautiful arts and crafts created by our many talented members...one member was heard to say "it's just over whelming and awesome." And so one positive comment after another for the arts and crafts...a job well done for all those who exhibited their favorite piece, or pieces of art...! Thanks to all who participated...



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; about 11:15 they started to belly up (no pun intended) to the bar to begin the making of a festive and fun-filled day; when seated for lunch the blessing was given by Faith Duncan. Broiled flounder won by 8 lengths, chicken bianco vino passed pad Thai for second, and pad Thai made a last minute charge to come in third; no matter the selection mem-



bers were pleased with their lunch, especially fresh salad with two dressings on the side and the rolls – who knew - and many smiles at the wedge of chocolate raspberry cake and the bright, fresh fruit cup; a number of comments included...good food, delicious dessert, good service, fun entertainment and pleasant conversation...that about says it all...!

The program concluded with chorus director Roo Brown leading the Elder Moments in "three phases of a child," arrival – Love is a Very Light Thing, followed by growing up - Small Fry, and concluding with marriage - Sunrise, Sunset...beautifully done, as usual...

If you have never attended one of our semester ending luncheons, we have one after each semester, spring and fall (been doing it for the past 20 years) or our annual picnic, since 1998, then you've missed the chance to hear the "velvet tones" of lifelong learning's very own the "Elder Moments" – so mark your calendar for the annual

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picnic in early October and the end of the fall semester luncheon, usually late November or first week in December, to say thanks to our instructors, socialize with your classmates, and sit back and enjoy the mellow tones of the Elder Moments under the direction of Roo Brown, choral director...hope to see you at each! Guarantee you'll leave with a smile and humming one of their songs...



By time you read this you should have your June 2015 catalog with its beautiful cover by member and artist Peter Feeney and a selection of some great courses. Don't forget, look for us on our web site at www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes and join Salty and the gang for a fun-filled June session ... anchors aweigh!

Contributing writer -
Cera Belum.



Photos by Ed Chamberlain & Lynn Kroesen



“Lunch and Learn” Programs Presented

Two “Lunch and Learn” programs were offered in Lewes in March. The Lunch and Learn programs are conducted at 12:20 to 1:15 at the Lewes Campus. The format varies depending on the facilitator.



*Elizabeth Dolan
Instructor–
Writing Poetry*

We celebrated St. Patrick’s Day on March 17th with the reading of poetry from “A Secret of Long Life” by Elizabeth Dolan. Liz’s poetry manuscript has been nominated for the Robert McGovern Prize and will soon be published by Cave Moon Press. Her first poetry collection, was published by March Street. A six-time Pushcart nominee and winner of Best of the Web, she was a finalist for Best of the Net 2014. She has received fellowships from the Delaware Division of the Arts, the Atlantic Center for the Arts and Martha’s Vineyard.

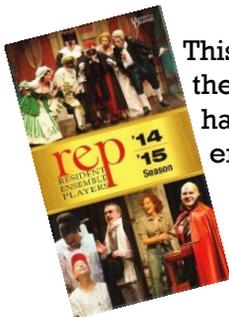
On Wednesday, March 25, Pat Hynes spoke on the plight of 3rd generation Agent Orange-dioxin victims, dioxin contaminated sites, and ecological restoration. Pat is a former environmental engineer and Professor of Environmental Health from Boston University and author/editor of seven books. For her work she has won many national and regional awards, including from the US Environmental Protection Agency and the American Public Health Association. A feminist, peace and environmental justice activist, she directs the Traprock Center for Peace and Justice in western Massachusetts.

*Photos: Ed Chamberlain
& Lynn Kroesen*



*Left to right: Anna Moshier,
Program Coordinator, Pat Hynes,
Edward Hynes*

OLLI Members Enjoy REP Season



This spring OLLI members and their guests have enjoyed traveling to Newark, DE to attend the UNIVERSITY of DELAWARE RESIDENT ENSEMBLE PLAYERS (REP) productions. Everyone has appreciated the convenience of boarding the bus at Lowe’s in Lewes and being delivered to the door of the Roselle Center for the Arts in time to take a seat for the performance.

The Millionaire

We arrived early enough for the Sunday, February 8th matinee to enjoy an interesting presentation about stage makeup narrated by the director, Ian Belknap and demonstrated by actor Lee Ernst.

This comedy written by George Bernard Shaw asks the question, “what’s to be done with people whose talent is for moneymaking?” Ultimately, the play does more to identify the problem than to offer solutions and leaves the audience only wishing the lead character, Epifania, played by Elizabeth Heflin, would find her happiness.

JUNO and the Paycock

Members attended this comedy/tragedy written by Sean O’Casey on March 15, 2015. The play takes place in a tenement apartment in Dublin during the Irish Civil War. Mother Juno is the only working member of her family who tries to keep her family together and must cope with the antics of ne’er-do-well husband. The play was filled with poetry, mysticism and people trying to lift themselves out of poverty. All 14 actors gave a superb performance. This play was written 90 years ago and still is one of the most performed of all works in Ireland.



OLLI Artists' Work on Display at Dover Library



Dover Public Library exhibits art by local artists which rotates every 30 days, ranging from four to 40 pieces. Beginning March 8th members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute presented their artistic accomplishments. Lewes participants included: Beth Griffin, Curt Smith, Eddie Filemyr, Elaine Stanhope, Phil Wescott, Robert Chu, Wayne Kirklin and Carol Wyman.



Photos by Elaine Stanhope

Library News

Where's the Fiction?

When you enter the Lewes Public Library you find yourself surrounded by shelves of fiction, with special arrangements of mysteries, young adult, new titles, and books in large print. When you enter the Osher library you will find Dewey Decimal numbers on all the books. Where is the fiction? In the hallway opposite the library on the "Swap shelves".



R-L: Dean Hoover, Instructor & Ruth Barnett, Librarian. Dean built the Instructor's Resource shelf shown.

Of course this library is based on the subjects taught in Osher classes that are easily classified and most of our donations and purchases support those classes. One of the subject areas, the 800's includes a broad range of literature—poetry, writing techniques, plays, essays, and notable fiction from the United States and other countries. If the instructors include some recommended fiction for their classes then a Dewey number can be assigned in the related subject area, such as alcoholism or autism. These books are circulated during a semester from the Instructor's Resource shelf that is located above the file cabinet.

We are fortunate to have donations made to our small but very interesting collection that are timely and relevant to the classes at Osher. Periodically items that are no longer in demand will be sent to the book sales that are held semiannually at the Lewes Public Library.

So, 'fictionadoes', look at the shelves in the hallway for your fiction—no sign out, just take and enjoy. And a gentle reminder - books signed out during the Winter Session should now be returned to the Osher Library!

Recent donation

One recent donation was "The Logical Foundation of Social Theory" by Cert H. Mueller, Professor of Sociology at American University in Washington, DC. OLLI member Joe Pearce wrote the Preface and the Introduction.

Submitted by Ruth Barnett

Semester in Review



Creative Cards — Instructors: Dianne Keough & Jeanne Walsh



Karen McKinnon, Instructor — Osher Craft Circle & Jim Greene with his Lego earth mover

English Country Dance — Instructors: Alex Apostolina & Carol West



Classes canceled due to snow



Semester in Review

Limited Palette Painting — Robert Chu, Instructor



Michael Burkhart Instructor Hand Tool Basics demonstrates rewiring a lamp.

Pilates Mat Class — Kathleen Jackson, Instructor



Photos by Ed Chamberlain, Lynn Kroesen, Bernie Fiegel, Carol West



**International Dancing for Fun & Fitness
Andrew Montano, Instructor**

Amazing Aircraft Class Visits Dover Museum

On Saturday, April 18, members of the Gil Kaufman's class *Amazing Aircraft* traveled to the Air Mobility Command Museum in Dover, Delaware.

It was "Open Cockpit Day" which meant that all the aircraft was open with a docent at each aircraft to answer questions. Most of the class toured the C-5A Galaxy and the interesting displays inside the main hanger.



Photos by Jay Wheeler

Left seated: Gill Kaufman, Instructor; Elsie Gould. Standing Lynn Kroesen

Register Now for June Classes!!

Classes for our four-week June session will begin June 1 and end June 25. We will offer a total of 36 classes, ranging from 4-week sessions to a single session.

Arts will include Stained Glass, Oil and Acrylic Painting Interactive Workshop and four sessions on Creative Cards.

In Computer Science we have new classes in iPhone Basics, iPad Photos and Creating a Website Using Google Sites.

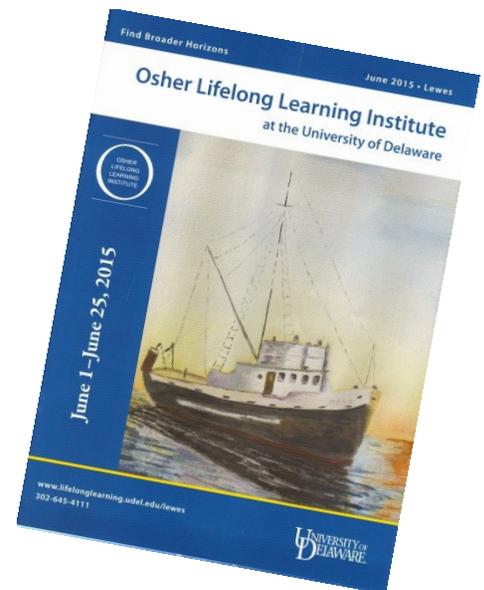
New this session in History, there is a class on Artifacts of the Lightship Service, a class on The Heroes of Virginia...and How Close They Came to Preventing The Civil War, and a class on Local Historical Societies featuring 5 local experts in the field.

In the world of food, Kitchen Kapers XXV will be grilling, as well as a crash class on plant based eating and Chili Sampling. There are new classes in gardening and the AARP Smart Driver Courses—both Basic and Refresher.

Finally in our quest to stay fit, there will be English Country Dancing, Pilates Mat Class and International Dancing for Fun and Fitness.

The registration fee for June classes is \$50 and priority registrations are due by May 14. Catalogs and registration forms are available by calling the office or on-line at www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes.

Submitted by Academic Affairs Committee



OSHER Supports RAL's Cottage Tour, July 7th and 8th



Join the fun of being a docent at this year's Rehoboth Art League's (RAL's) "Cottage Tour." This is a great opportunity to support and promote Osher to the community. Osher and RAL have collaborated for the past 7 years – we sponsor a home on their "Cottage Tour" and they give us access to their pottery studio for classes. Win – Win!

You will have the joy of showing off the "cottage" shown at the right. Join Bernie Fiegel who signed up along with 20 others, who volunteered at the Spring Fling Luncheon <



L—R: **George Dellinger & Bernie Fiegel**

More volunteers are needed to staff all 34 three hour shifts. Call today for the chance to meet and greet your neighbors and support Osher. Your commitment is only three hours. Pick a day – July 7th or 8th and a shift:

Morning Shift: 9:45 AM– Noon

Afternoon Shift: 11:45 - 3:00

Thank you, John and Carmela Coleman, for coordinating this event in past years. We look forward to a smooth transition to George Dellinger and Suzanne Hain who took on the responsibility. After contacting Renee, George and Suzanne will call to get acquainted, answer questions, provide details, and confirm scheduling.

Sign up today!

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

Phone: 302-645-4111

Email: rmoy@udel.edu

Being a Docent is fun and engaging ... especially in representing this year's "cottage," which is absolutely stunning – inside and out.

Submitted by George Dellinger & Suzanne Hain

People in the News

Check out the May, 2015 issue of **Delaware Beach Life**. On page 38 an article profiling **Pat Mossel** highlights her love of opera and the classes she teaches here at OLLI.

On page 81 of the same issue, there is an article about OLLI member **Caryl Ekirch Williams** and the whimsical aspect of her art.

Walking Wisdom??

I still find each day too short for all the thoughts I want to think, all the walks I want to take, all the books I want to read and all the friends I want to see.

By John Burroughs



Web address:

www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes/

NO SENIORITIS HERE

Back to school is really cool
It makes me want to smile
Still love the boys; still love the noise
The classes are worthwhile.

We sit in circles, not in columns
Please shoosh, I want to hear
The handouts and the homework
Make it hard to disappear.

Critiquing happens every class
And very few refuse to share
Compliments and commentary
How well did your assignment fare?

The teachers are terrific, and
Unlike when we were young
They're not so much our elders
More like peer groups having fun.

The topics are as varied as the
Creatures in the sea
Writing, history, feature films
They even have Tai Chi.

It blows my mind to think
I am a student once again
But all the latest literature
Supports more studying 'cuz then

Your brain will grow some new connections
Warding off dementia
So grab a notebook, sign up now
And tell them "Patty sentcha."

By Patty Perreault Bennett

Spring garden Clean-up

Anna, Sue Claire Harper, George Dellinger and Eddie Filemyr did a mini Spring clean-up in our garden. They removed the



leaves, cut-off sedum heads and weeded. The bulbs have been delightful. A butterfly bush, new small variety, was added at George's suggestion. We uncovered a baby rabbit nest in the leaves!

Watch for a May weeding day!

Submitted by Eddie Filemyr

Instructors/Potential Instructors

WE NEED YOU!! We are beginning to plan for our Fall 2015 session. The deadline for course proposals for the Fall session is **May 11**. The proposal form is on our website, www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu/lewes or call Renee at the Lewes office 302-645-4111.

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 Lifelong Learning office in Lewes.