January 22 found us back in the groove. I am glad to be back in the community of OLLI. I find this to be a community of interesting and interested people. We are all capable of critical thinking and practice it most of the time. We have enough work experience and life experience to know better than to equate education with intelligence. We know that learning is a lifelong adventure that grows from curiosity. Who knew learning could be so much fun?

The Thursday noontime speaker series started with Zoe Bakoru-Bakoko talking to us about surviving war in Africa. Truly, one half doesn’t know how the other half lives. Her talk was a moving experience. The other February speakers are:

Feb. 1, Edward Adom-Speaker from Ghana

February 8, Hilary Welliver, Delaware Library Programs available to the public

February 15, Doug Miller, The Second Amendment and the Founding Fathers’ Intent

February 22, Don Blakey, Delaware’s Royal Family-the Redding Family

These all promise to be interesting talks. The noontime speaker series seems to draw a larger audience with each term. Bring your lunch and enjoy the talk.

Have you found a class that you find particularly enjoyable? I have been an OLLI member since 2012 and have loved almost every class; this term is no different. We know a lot about JFK but Dan Pritchett is showing me what a large part Bobby played in Jack’s success. The Kennedys’ could be a series of classes by themselves. Pat Weaver was sick the day of the open house and I did the promo for his “Documentaries and Short Subjects” without knowing anything about it. If the first two classes are an indication of what is to come I’m sure glad I signed up. Do you have a story you would like to tell? Write a few lines and drop it in the NEWSLETTER MAILBOX in the common area and we will pass it on.
Mark your calendar for March 15th at 2:20 PM. Roll fifty years off your life by channeling your inner Hippie. Sue Letavish will lead the celebration and take us back to a time when things were very different; Hair-The Musical Experience. Don’t miss it. Bring snacks to share and your own beverages to enjoy after the program. If you were stoned and missed the last half of the sixties there will be people on hand to help you create the memories you never had.