



The Tides...

Breaking News from Lifelong Learning



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Lewes

Fall 2012

From the Chair



As we await the approach of Hurricane Sandy, I'm pleased to report that the sun is shining on us this fall – much brighter than it was a year ago. You have done well in spreading the lifelong learning message to your friends and neighbors, because 90 of them have joined us for the first time, bringing our membership to 511 – a new high! Our expanded program in Bethany Beach has attracted 124, with students coming from both sides of the bridge.

Next spring, we'll offer about 60 courses in Lewes, Rehoboth and Bethany Beach. That's a new high for spring, so all of you "snowbirds" stick around for some or all of the semester.

We've test-driven our online registration system, and plan to begin using it for the spring semester. Catalogs should be in the mail to you during the week after Thanksgiving.

After a masterful job of organizing, cataloging, and expanding our library and establishing our archives, Lou Archdeacon has earned our admiration and thanks as she takes a well-deserved retirement. I've appointed Ruth Barnett as her replacement. Also, in anticipation of next spring's election of three council members, I've appointed Donna Beecher as nominating committee chair.

Next month, I'll be attending the National OLLI Conference in Colorado – not on our dime, but on that of the Osher Foundation and the University of Delaware. I'll share our successes with others and hope to bring back some ideas to make our program even better.

Bob Comeau, Chair

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Video/Privacy Policy

The School is aware of the importance of protecting the privacy of its members.

When in 2009 we acquired a high-definition video camera and began instructing teachers and students in its use, we initiated procedures to inform members of the possible use of cameras and recording devices in classes and at school events. When students enroll, they are now asked to sign a standard release form that, we hope, will alert students to our efforts to document our activities and build a film archive that might serve in promoting our institution and give them a chance to participate.

Not all students wish to be filmed and it is their right to decline to be filmed, photographed, or recorded without their written consent.

Before filming any school activity, we must assure that all participants have consciously and willingly signed our release form and that instructors have given their oral consent for filming and recording a particular class or event at a particular time.

Moreover, it will be the responsibility of individuals doing the actual filming to inform those who are

being filmed that they are about to be on-camera. Any request not to be filmed will be honored on-the-spot. Furthermore, we will honor the request of any student or instructor who feels, after being filmed, that the contents of the film may be embarrassing to themselves or others, to delete the relevant portions of the film in question.

In the course of filming school activities, we want participants in those activities to act naturally and to be confident that they will not lose control of audiovisual materials that document their participation in school activities.

At present, Jon Newsom is the principal instructor in the use of the school's video camera. Any student wishing to use the camera to record school activities may do so with his approval. However, it is important that prospective users of the camera (or any other devices that may be used to record school events) notify him each time before classroom recording begins. He will make sure that the provisions of the above statement of policies and procedures are followed. You can reach him by e-mail (jonnewsom@mac.com) or phone (302-645-0748)

REMINDER

The office is closed on Fridays.

Calendar of Events

- Nov 6 — No classes - Election day
- Nov 12 — No classes - Veteran's Day
- Nov 20 — Last day of classes
- Nov 21-23 — Thanksgiving break (office closed)
- Nov 28 — Instructor recognition Luncheon
- Nov 26-30 — Spring catalogs mailed



Mark Your Calendar

**Instructors' Recognition Luncheon
Wednesday, November 28, 2012**

**at the Rehoboth Beach Yacht &
Country Club!**

The festivities begin about 11 a.m.



Highlights of the Upcoming Spring Semester

We have a full array of over sixty courses coming up in the Spring Semester. You will find something for everyone! There are many of our old favorites, including Basketry, Walk and Talk, Great Decisions, Opera Masterpieces, Religions of the World and more. There is also an exciting list of over twenty new offerings. Many of these classes provide hands-on experience in everything from basic auto and truck repair and maintenance, learning how to enhance your presentations with PowerPoint, how to use your i-phone, to "Simplifying the Complexities of Retirement Planning." If you love history, consider a course in the Causes of WWI, taught by Rob Morgan; Cold War Through the Eyes of a Longtime Broadcast Reporter, taught by Richard Rosse; Shaka and the Zulu Nation, taught by Ed Soboczenski; or The Arab Spring, Before and After, taught by David Shobe. If you love literature and the arts, try Gary and Margo Ramage's new class on William Styron, Don Stein's class on The Musicals of Oscar Hammerstein, or Louis DeCatur's class on the Comedies of Shakespeare. There are also several new classes on health and wellness, including a class by Dorothy Greet on Plant Based Dining—In/Out/and On the Road, and a class by Mary Anne La Torre on Complementary Approaches to Health and Wellness.

Our recently formed Ad Hoc Computer/Technology Committee has started an attempt to standardize the introduction and intermediate computer classes. A survey was developed and sent to members to find out what people are interested in learning and what services they might want, such as reviving the lunch-time problem solving sessions of the past. Our hope is to have regularly scheduled classes and to have more instructors! Please send your comments and suggestions about: Interest in teaching a computer class with materials provided or suggestions for regular lunch meetings or interest in being coordinator to Barbee Kiker at bjkik@comcast.net.



The new catalogue will be available on line and on paper shortly after Thanksgiving.

Submitted by Academic Affairs

Remembering "Sadako"

Sata Wada Davis "Sadako", age 89 of Rehoboth Beach, DE. passed away on Sunday October 14, 2012 at Cadbury in Lewes. Mrs. Davis was born on Feb. 10, 1923 in Yamagata, Japan. For many years she was a teacher and librarian for the Zama American School in Camp Zama, Japan. It was here she met her late husband Frank H. Davis who passed in 1998.



Mrs. Davis was an avid artist and was very active in the Rehoboth Art League and many other art interests in the Rehoboth area. Right up until her passing she was active with the Osher Life Long Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Lewes. An avid gardener, she reveled in the beauty of nature and the great joy that each day brought to her.

Graveside services will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at Epworth Methodist Cemetery in Rehoboth Beach.



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.

Roo Brown moved to Lewes in July of 1995. A neighbor, also with the last name of Brown, told her about a class on the Civil War at Lifelong Learning in Lewes. Roo has been interested in the Civil War since she was a teenager and started to read her great, great grandmother's diary from the time of that war. She was also drawn to join the small (not more than 10 members, as she remembers) chorus. In 1998 she volunteered to lead the chorus and has done so almost every semester since – a total of 29 semesters. Roo not only leads the chorus but she also arranges many of the songs they perform. Recently the members of the Elder Moments counted over 60 arrangements she has done specifically for their performances and she has 3 more ready for our upcoming Fall luncheon. Roo also sings with the Delaware Choral Society and the St. Peter's Episcopal Church choir. For an in-depth story on Roo, check out the article in the September 2012 issue of *Delaware Beach Life*.



OLLI Members Have a Great Experience in Bethany Beach



Attending classes at the Bethany Beach Town Hall was a delight! The faculty was excellent and the classes fantastic. OLLI members from Lewes/Rehoboth and new

members from the Bethany Beach area took a variety of classes held in the Town Hall Chambers which had plenty of auditorium style seating for a full class and a raised projection screen which made it easy and comfortable to see from any seat. Seats were comfortable (although narrow), parking was easy—

there is both street parking and a gravel lot just a short half block away. The boardwalk is just a few blocks away so breaks between classes could be taken outdoors at the beach or in the beautiful Wi-Fi enabled mini park adjacent to the town hall. I enjoyed the lovely deck overlooking the foundation garden and chatting with other classmates.

I took "How to look at and appreciate Great Art", "Introduction to Conversational Spanish", and "Never insult an alligator ... at study of little known proverbs". Each class was different but excellent in its own way. I look forward to the opportunity to attend more OLLI classes in the Bethany Beach Town Hall.

Photos and story submitted by Maureen Sherlock

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.



Turn Off Those Cell Phones

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



Field Birding Class Takes a Cruise



Right:

Sally Fintel helps class members identify birds.



The OLLI Field Birding Class field trip on October 3rd was on Cape Water Taxi's boat the Mummichog, with Captain Dave and Captain Ryan. We boarded at Fisherman's wharf in Lewes and slowly cruised up the canal to Roosevelt Inlet, and then went on up the Broadkill River to where Oyster Rocks Road meets the river and Prime Hook NWR begins. Raptors were the highlight of the trip, with an adult Bald Eagle flying across the river right in front of our boat early on. Other raptors included several close Osprey, a perched and later hunting Red-tailed Hawk, a distant Northern Harrier, an American Kestrel, and a perched Peregrine Falcon that everyone saw with binoculars, and most people even got to view it through a spotting scope. Other birding highlights were about 6 Belted Kingfishers, probably a dozen or more Great Blue Herons, some quite close, a couple of distant Caspian Terns, and two Seaside Sparrows. A marsh plant

called Salicornia was in full fall colors of a rich red, and High Tide bushes with their soft white flowers were in bloom along the banks. Fortunately the weather also cooperated, so our outing was a very enjoyable experience for all 17 participants. For more info and photos, see <http://www.capewatertaxi.com>.

Submitted by Bill Fintel

Photos by: Frank Meredith

A Musical Journey With Piffaro

A good wine is praiseworthy. Piffaro's music resembles berry and plum flavors with a soft, velvety finish. On October 21st in Wilmington, we had the pleasure of hearing the awesome music played by a wonderful ensemble. Prior to the concert the Artistic Co-Directors, Joan Kimball and Bob Wiemken, introduced the audience to the wide range of instruments to be played that day, plus the unveiling of their newest instrument. Multi-instrumentalists, Grant Herreid, Joan Kimball, Christa Patton, Priscilla Smith, Bob Wiemken, Tom Zajac, and guest, Annette Bauer, wowed the audience playing German Renaissance music for towns, courts and cathedrals on recorders, shawms, bagpipes, sackbuts, krumphorns, lute and harp. During intermission, the audience mingled with the musicians on stage to view the instruments up close and talk to the players. Next Spring, please join our merry band of Piffaro followers and hear Piffaro play with great joy and devotion more German Renaissance Music. You won't regret it!

Submitted by Nikki Robenson

Coast Day Display Promotes Program

Osher Life-long Learning in Lewes participated in the Coast Day 2012 activities at the University of Delaware campus in Lewes on October 7, 2012. The



display was staffed by Bob Comeau, Donna Beecher, Diana Beebe, Lynn Kroesen, Bo French, Joan Sciora, and Frank Meredith. The visitors to the display, which was situated in the University of Delaware tent seemed attentive and interested in the Lifelong Learning Institute's offerings. We obtained approximately 25 - 30 names of interested parties to add to our mailing lists. The number of visitors seemed to be good in spite of the threatening weather.

Submitted by Frank Meredith

Our Visit to the Barnes Art Museum

Remember the theme from the old TV show Gilligan's Island – "Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale, a tale of a fateful trip ... five passengers set sail that day for a three hour tour, ..." Well, now read a tale of 45 passengers who set out at 8:30 am on September 28th in a JorLin bus for a trip to Philadelphia to tour the art collection at The Barnes Foundation. (No! we did NOT get stranded on a deserted island).

Between 1912 and 1951, Albert C. Barnes assembled one of the world's most important holdings of post-impressionist and early modern art, acquiring works by avant-garde European and American artists. Barnes continually experimented with the display of his collection, arranging and rearranging the works in ensembles. In 1922 he established his foundation to showcase his large collection of post-impressionist and early modern paintings, African and Asian sculpture, Pennsylvania German furniture, wrought iron objects and other objects and to develop an educational program that would stimulate discussion of aesthetics and art criticism. The number and quality of the pieces is truly staggering and we all left the museum with "Renoir overload" (there are over 180 paintings and objects by Renoir displayed).

Promptly at 3pm we boarded the bus for Lewes. A count of passengers found one missing. After a search of the museum and unanswered phone calls, we were told that someone had been taken to Hahnemann Hospital by ambulance after collapsing

in the museum. Being caring people, we checked at the hospital and were glad to find that our missing person was NOT at the hospital. Finally we received word from our missing traveler and our driver was able to circle through the traffic of Philadelphia back to the Barnes for retrieval.

On the road again, our leader, Sandy Moore provided interesting commentary on the sites of Philadelphia as we made our way out of the city. All went well until the traffic began to slow on Route 1 just north of Smyrna. As we inched along Route 1 with miles of stopped vehicles ahead and behind, many theories were discussed including

the fact that it was a big Race weekend at Dover Downs. Finally after an hour and a half we found out that a propane leak from a tractor trailer had forced DNREC to close both lanes of the highway near Smyrna.

Our patient bus driver quickly made a U-turn and headed back to the next exit ramp. As we headed into Middletown, a "pit-stop" was requested. After a "refreshing" stop, a good stretch, and fortification with sugar, salt and caffeine, we re-boarded the bus and began our trip down the back roads of Delaware and back onto Route 1, arriving in Lewes at 9:15 – only about 3 hours later than planned!



Check Bulletin Boards for "Happenings"

Don't forget to check our Bulletin Boards in the hallway for information and many "happenings" in and around the Lewes/Rehoboth area.

If you wish to have a flyer posted on our bulletin board, kindly give it to our office staff so our bulletin board committee will be able to exercise some semblance of order with posting the infor-

Corks Needed

I am still collecting corks. The collection container is in the office, on top of the microwave. People may think I have already built my ark but I'm still working on it!!!!

Thank you,
Barbara Crowl





AHOY, Osher shipmates!

The OLLI Queen is getting sea worthy for its next voyage – in late November we'll weigh anchor and set sail down Rehoboth Bay and drop anchor at the Rehoboth Beach Yacht & Country Club ... and why you ask are we dropping anchor there ... well mates we'll be there to greet the many OLLI members attending the **Instructors' Recognition Luncheon** ... so mark your ship's log for **Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at the Rehoboth Beach Yacht & Country Club!**

The festivities begin about 11 a.m. and we'll have arts and crafts by OLLI members on display, singing by the *Elder Moments* led by our very own choral director Roo Brown; and how about a sneak preview of the luncheon menu ... vegetable vegetarian soup, broiled fillet of flounder; Dijon crust-
ed pork loin; grilled portabella stuffed with baby spinach and artichoke hearts on roasted red pepper coulis; Boston cream pie or fresh fruit cup, rolls, coffee, tea, etc. Hope we've whet your appetite and you'll join up with the rest of your mates to be part of this festive day. Watch for updates on Bulletin Board #3 at school and watch for the luncheon flyer in your mail box soon. Oh! There's scuttlebutt (slang for rumor) of a 50/50 – a chance to win a few bucks and help Lifelong Learning - Lewes.

To contact Salty send an email to: LLL-Lewes@udel.edu with Salty in the subject line.

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Plant Based Dinner at Hobos

On Monday night, October 8, 2012, 44 Osher members and their guests attended a plant-based, no added oil dinner at Hobos Restaurant in Rehoboth on Baltimore Avenue. The organizers of this event, Sally Fintel, Dorothy Greet and Carmela and John Coleman, wanted to provide an opportunity to go out on the town for a heart healthy meal and good cheer with like-minded, plant eating friends. All in attendance agreed that the evening was a smashing success. Executive chef and owner of Hobos, Gretchen Hanson, was very enthusiastic about hosting our group at her restaurant and offered us a choice of four appetizers, four entrees and a surprise (and gratis) sweet treat dessert to end the evening. The top choice for an entree was the Eggplant Napoleon, which was served on a bed of potatoes, topped with eggplant (prepared with no oil!), topped with fresh asparagus perfectly cooked, topped with vegan mozzarella cheese made from tapioca. All agreed it was an absolutely delish dish. All entrees served were generous portions and some guests took home Doggy Bags. Another super hit was the Spaghetti squash marinara served with zucchini ribbons. Others put forward a case that the red chili tofu Buddha bowl couldn't be topped. Those who had the Quinoa and tofu stir fry put forth a good case that their choice was definitely the best. Lots of taste sharing occurred at all the tables. How did Chef Gretchen make such taste bud tingling and eye-appealing dishes? We all wanted to know her secrets and she promised to put the recipes up on her blog...what a chef! Many attendees enjoyed a bit of libation from the bar prior to being seated. The organizers plan more evenings out on the town and announcement of our planned event for November will be made through an e-blast sent to all current Osher members.

Submitted by Sally Fintel

Photos by Dorothy Greet



Members Participate in Many Activities



Fall orientation was very well attended by both new members and new and returning instructors.



Below: "Walk and Talk" members visit Barratt's Chapel & Museum in Frederica and the Children's' Beach House in Lewes .



Above: Eileen Buoni leads her Conversational Spanish class in the Bethany Beach Town Hall.



Photos by: Bernie Fiegel, Maureen Sherlock, & Jay Wheeler.