



# OLLI DOVER NEWS



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Hi Friends,

Thank you so much for your warm welcome as I engage in my new position as Manager, Osher Learning Centers for Kent and Sussex Counties. An even bigger thank you and job well done goes to our own Diana Faison and Paula Wood who have gone above and beyond their job responsibilities to make sure the OLLI program has continued to operate during this time of transition. We have now hired two new folks who will be supporting instructors in the classroom. Please be sure to welcome Joe Zito and Wayne Kling.

Check out the “Did You Know?” section of this newsletter. These changes were made as a result of your suggestions and the hard work of volunteers and staff. Please be patient as we continue to make changes to improve our program and space. These things take time and money!

Please wear your name badge. This is how we know that you are a member and also helps for those of us who forget names easily. Staff will be reminding you to wear them, so please do. The colors have meaning – green is a new member, yellow is a volunteer instructor, blue is a volunteer council member and white for all other members.

Finally, we are working on the catalog for the spring 2018 semester. Your course development team, led by Ronnie Grady, has an impressive selection of courses for you to choose from. Details to follow in the next newsletter.

Enjoy the rest of your semester,

Anna Moshier

## FALL 2017 CALENDAR

**October 20 – Bus Trip to Gettysburg, PA**

**November 13 – Last day of classes**

**November 14 – End of semester celebration at Biggs Museum of American Art**

**(Please note the change of date and location)**

**SPRING 2018 SEMESTER – January 22 – March 29**

## OLLI Dover Paint Night Fundraiser

*Submitted by Rosemary Engle*



**The first Paint Night Fundraiser  
All responses were positive  
They want to do it again!**

**Thank you from the  
Special Events Team**



## Faculty Relations Team

*Submitted by Phyllis Handler*

At the August OLLI Open House/Orientation, the Faculty Relations Team presented three sessions for new and experienced instructors. Alice Cataldi, a French instructor at Dover OLLI since its inaugural year, presented *Preparation and Planning of Classes*. Alice encouraged instructors to use their students' prior knowledge and experiences to inform instruction. She modeled this method by engaging instructors with content and activities from their own classes, such as poetry and art. Alice's enthusiasm for the OLLI program was contagious and inspired everyone to conduct great classes.

Paula Wood presented sessions before and after Alice's presentations. The first, *Use of Technology*, explained and illustrated step-by-step instruction for using the campus computers and interactive boards. Paula even had a technical glitch but remained calm and corrected the problem. Her remark that it happens to everyone and that help is nearby was a real confidence builder for the group.

Paula's second session, *Use of PowerPoint*, was funny and informative. She showed the video "Life After Death by PowerPoint 2010" by Don McMillan, which can be found on YouTube. If you haven't seen it and want to learn and laugh, check it out. Paula would be happy to share her presentations via email. *Use of Technology* would be especially helpful to view again at your own pace.

Thank you to all OLLI instructors, both new and experienced. Your passion and knowledge make our program possible.

## OLLI DOVER ADOPTS NEW BYLAWS

*Submitted by Phyllis Handler*

Earlier this year the OLLI Council approved the writing and adoption of a Bylaws document to replace the original Operating Policy document which had been in place since the start of OLLI Dover. Phyllis Handler, John Grady, Madelyn Wright and Anna Moshier drafted and revised the Bylaws which are similar to those used in Wilmington and Lewes. Council discussed and approved the Bylaws at its August meeting.

Articles included in the Bylaws include Mission, Relationship to the University, Membership, Council Purposes, Council Membership, Council Timeline, Meetings, Teams and Amendments. The complete document can be viewed on the bulletin board in the common area of the OLLI Dover campus.

## DID YOU KNOW?

*Submitted by Anna Moshier*

- There are now vending machines located in the hallway near the entrance of the building. Healthier snack options are coming soon.
- Additional restrooms are located in the hallway near the entrance to the building. This includes handicapped restroom facilities.
- Automatic door openers will be installed soon, making our building more accessible.
- We have hired two new part-time staff members. Joe Zito and Wayne Kling will be assisting instructors in the classrooms. Please stop by and welcome them.
- Additional storage has been given to the art instructors allowing them to clear some of the Art Room. The room is now more accessible and comfortable.
- OLLI has hired custodians that come each Friday to beautify our space, but please continue to pick up after yourself.
- There will be a new bench installed outside.
- You can invite a friend to visit for free on one day during the semester. Just make sure to check with your instructor if it is okay with them.

**DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH THE FRONT DOOR?  
UNTIL THE NEW AUTOMATIC DOOR OPENERS ARE INSTALLED  
A DOOR BELL IS AVAILABLE TO CALL FOR ASSISTANCE ON  
THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE OF THE MAIN DOOR.**



## DOVER OLLI A/V PROBLEMS

Entropy is defined as “the gradual decline into disorder, the lack of order or predictability”. This term could be used to describe the behavior of children in their teenage years (and maybe also for those in their retirement years). Here at Dover OLLI, the term also applies to our computers and A/V equipment. Whether due to night time gremlin parties, automatic software updates, or other mysterious forces, we are often struggling to control equipment that does not seem to care that we exist or facing screens with images sent from unknown sources that make no sense. At least this is our situation, until the equipment is convinced by Paula Wood, Wayne Kling, or hopefully Joe Zito to cooperate with us.

### **! WARNING – THIS IS TOP SECRET!**

What is their secret for success? It is to apply a technique we all know...what is the word for it? ...oh, yes (...wait for it)...the secret technique is *applying patience*.

Please continue to applaud, smile, and congratulate us while you are joining us in applying this technique when problems arise. It is helping immensely and we think things can get worse without it!

Best Regards,  
Wayne Kling and Paula Wood

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Linda Medunick, a member and instructor in the OLLI Dover Art Department, is now the Dover Public Library Art Gallery Coordinator, has been elected the President of the Holly Branch Chapter of Delaware of the National League of American Pen Women and was elected Asst. Chaplain of the Kent County Crime Watch.

### MEMBER VOICES

Learning things without a test  
Makes OLLI classes just the best  
Making friends, some old, some new  
Is just why OLLI needs people like you  
We are all in this together  
Gaining knowledge in all kinds of weather  
We all seem anxious to come to learn  
At times, the weather can be a concern  
Diana and Paula have found their call  
While our instructors give it their all  
Taking their own time to get ready to teach  
So their knowledge gets within our reach  
Thanks to everyone who makes it happen  
It is lots of fun to be a student again!

*Submitted by Ann Kemmerle*

## ALONG THE TRACKS

*By Joe Bailey*

As I was driving along State College Road a few weeks ago, I noticed a low spot in the curbing as if a road was going to be put in at that point. The spot is just east of the Delaware State University sports complex building. That is about where a dirt track went through a small patch of woods and opened into a clearing back in the 1950's. At the back of the clearing sat two low frame structures with shed roofs. These were used to launch clay pigeons for shotgun target practice. A series of pipes came out of the back of these structures for a distance of about twenty feet and connected to a vertical pipe. Pushing the vertical pipe forward cocked the clay pigeon launcher and pulling it back fired the launcher. I suppose this area belonged to a sportsmen's club which used it on weekends.

Summer was for discovery and for boys on summer vacation from school it was another great find. We were all about twelve to fourteen years old. We did not have shotguns and no one is good enough with a BB gun to hit a moving clay target. We would scourer the fields looking for survivors. We took these intact clay pigeons back to the launching shacks and gave them another flight. One boy would sit in the shack and load the launcher, then yell to his buddy to pull the handle and away it would go.

Before continuing with the story I may need to bring everyone to the same point. Many of you readers are women. If you never had brothers or sons you may have not known boys were idiots until you started dating. If you think they were idiots then, you should have known them when they were thirteen.

As I stood looking at a pile of broken and complete clay pigeons I thought, "There must be something I can make with this. Maybe it could be melted and made into something neat."

I gathered the stuff and put it in the basket on my bicycle and pedaled home. I have no memory of what I hoped to create with this stuff. Mom was working in the garden so I figured I had some time alone in the kitchen. I selected a saucepan and put it on the gas stove. I turned on the fire and added a few pieces of clay pigeon. I don't know what they are made of but I think asphalt was involved. The smell was reminiscent of the tar pots located near commercial roofing projects.

It was about here that Mom came in. My mother never used foul language, which explains why she didn't say anything for a few seconds. Her mind was no doubt editing those words out of what she was about to say. Her face seemed to say, "Could anything this stupid have come from my body? It has to be the Bailey genes."

And so the summer passed. Mom harvested the beets and was cooking them to make pickled beets that she put up in pint Mason jars. I never liked the smell of beets cooking. It always smelled like dirt cooking. It doesn't seem so bad this year.



## THIS MONTH AT OLLI Sept. 2017

The fall term is underway. We have the ever popular art creation classes and a few art appreciation classes. Maybe you are more the music appreciation type. I recommend Gilbert and Sullivan or perhaps you are looking for American sound. That would be George Christensen's class. Bob Heifetz will show you how songs changed America. Hey! There is a class on English Country Dancing.

Languages anyone - French, Spanish? We have that. Do you remember Person to Person with Edward R. Murrow on Sunday nights back in the fifties? The chain smoking Ed interviews many interesting people. It's all right here now in Dan Pritchett's class. Ray Glick comes up from Lewes each Wednesday to teach a class called "Warriors on Four Legs". It is about horses and mules and how they were used in war. This class is getting rave reviews even from people who have little love for horses.

This is only a tiny sampling of our program. There are dozens more. We also have a Thursday speaker series that has been planned in advance plus some others that pop up on Tuesdays. These are forty-five minute lunchtime lectures. Bring your lunch and eat while you learn. We have had a talk on Delaware State Parks. Not only are they nice places to visit but they are a bargain for the over sixty-five crowd. The talk by the Honorable Robert Young retired Superior Court of Delaware judge drew quite a crowd. Bob's Tuesday lunchtime program on Troubadours of the Folk Era played to a packed house.

Sadly you are too late for this term, but the winter session is just around the corner. Get on our email list and you will be treated like a member even before you become one. And then next term for a small membership fee this will all be yours. Scholarships are available. Meet new and fun people. Learn stuff without the drag of homework and grades. Would you like to attend a sample class at no cost? Contact us. See you soon.

*Submitted by Joe Bailey*



## **Special Speaker Thursdays**

**Noon -- 12:50 p.m.**

**Join us on Thursdays for interesting special speakers on a wide array of topics. These programs are free for members. You are welcome to attend every program or select the ones that most interest you. Bring a lunch, bring a friend and enjoy.**

**For the full schedule of speakers, see the Fall 2017 catalog or check the bulletin board in the hallway.**

### **WHAT DID YOU DO IN THE WAR DADDY?**

**Did your relatives have a story about what they did in the war? Funny, serious, educational, perhaps even true, that you would like to share during a lunch time presentation?**

**Doesn't need to be a long story, 5, 10, or 15 minutes, we plan to have a group of folks who will cover the hour with their stories. I have a story about my father-in-law who by happenstance ended the war at the Nuremburg trials. What is your story?**

**Please contact me at [pweaver42@hotmail.com](mailto:pweaver42@hotmail.com) to tell me you have a story you are willing to tell to your OLLI friends.**

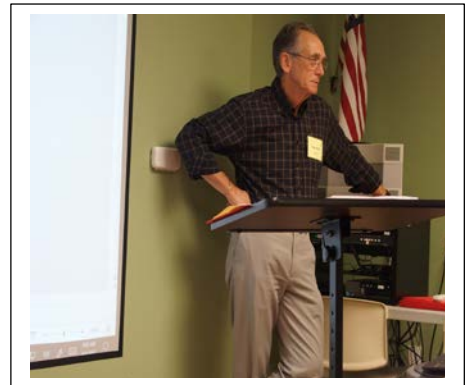
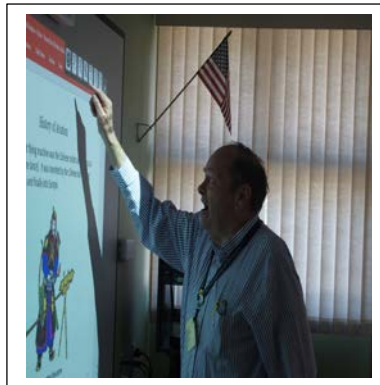
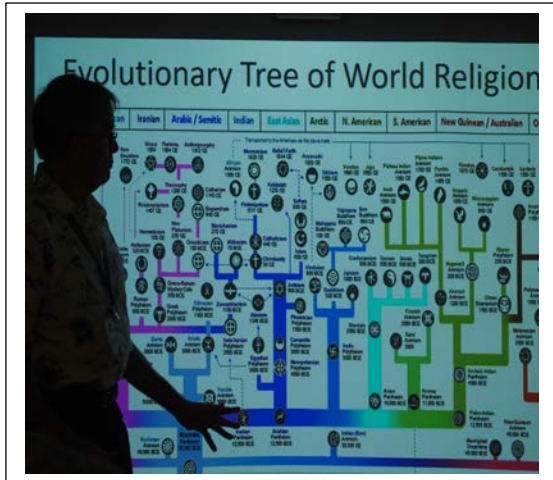
*Submitted by Pat Weaver*

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

The Biggs Museum of Art is offering an opportunity for our members to volunteer beginning this fall. Hours are flexible, with no minimum hours required. Training will be provided by Regina Lynch, the Biggs Fellow for Education. She can be contacted at the Biggs, phone number 302 674-2111 ext, 110.

*Submitted by Art McLaughlin*

## CAMPUS CAMERA – OLLI INSTRUCTORS



**We will include more instructor photos in the next newsletter.**



## OSHER DOVER NEWS

The *Osher Dover News* is published for the information and enjoyment of the members and those interested in lifelong learning by the Community Relations Team.

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