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FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Happy Holidays everyone, especially all our dedicated Osher (OLLI-Dover) members.

The luncheon at the Biggs Museum was fantastic! Those of you present that day enjoyed a great meal and “eye” feast touring the beautiful art works at the Biggs Museum. It was a wonder stimulus for members who needed an idea for a gift to give friends or family members 50+ for their 2018 enjoyment. Consider giving a 2018 OLLI-Dover membership!! Come in to the Dover office and Diana will process an OLLI-Dover gift certificate for you to give.

The 2018 Spring catalog will be available around mid-December and will include all the Spring offerings. What a wonderful present.

Cheryl Moore, Council President

The Dover OLLI office will follow the University of Delaware’s holiday closing schedule:

December 25 – January 1

The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 2.

FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

Hi Friends,

Since you have finished the fall semester the offices and classrooms have been abuzz with changes. The office areas have been reconfigured to allow staff to complete work uninterrupted and for the flow of traffic to be easier. The furniture has been rearranged in a few classrooms, giving more seating and aiding in room changeovers for the staff. No more stacking those heavy chairs with the desk arms. This means, though, that some of you will not have a desk top to use. I hope you adapt easily. Instructors now have real mailboxes. They are located outside of room 107. Finally, we have added additional seating and lunchroom tables in the sitting area. This has been a request for quite a while and we have now met those needs. Coming soon are room darkening shades for the front of room 107, making video and presentation watching easier.

Stop by if you have a chance and check it out. Our office hours between semesters are Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Look for your catalogs in the mail the week of December 11th. Hope to see you all at the open house/walk-in registration on January 10th.

Stay warm and have a happy and healthy holiday season.

Anna Moshier
Manager, OLLI in Kent and Sussex Counties

DID YOU NOTICE IN THE SMALL PRINT...?

Submitted by Betsy Patterson

In most of the articles written about OLLI, be it advertising, letterhead or catalog, in the small print OLLI calls itself a “learning cooperative”. What does that mean?

Unlike most educational systems, overseen by a large group of professional educators in major and minor roles, OLLI, under the mantle of the U of D, is staffed by a much smaller percentage of professional, paid staff. They, of course, ensure a sound educational base, practices and procedures. Our Dover administrative staff is critical for the myriad of print materials, schedules and catalogs vital to our everyday operation, and Technical staff keep instructors from destroying our audiovisual equipment! Our office is so lucky to have Anna, Diana, Paula, Wayne and Joe in those key positions. Please say “thank you” when you see them.

Then, behind all of us sitting and absorbing old and new knowledge, are volunteers. They start with the instructors who spend time and unseen effort preparing classes for you. No, there is no pay, but the satisfaction comes with sharing a topic they love. They want to wake you up to new knowledge of something that may turn your interest in a new direction or reignite the fire of long buried talent. They especially deserve your words of appreciation. We love our instructors! Tell them you do too.

Next are the students sitting among you who are the wheels on the OLLI train in each location. Teams coordinate various aspects of the program. Look at the inside of your catalog cover or online at all the folks who are working behind the scenes—voluntarily—developing and sustaining courses, recruiting new members and satisfying your learning wishes. They are manning-or womaning-the reception desk, helping keep up with the endless filing of registrations, surveys and piles of information, digital or written, that must be recorded. Diana and Paula could not function without these angels. Faculty, Communications, which includes our newsletter, advertising, an outreach for an inclusive student body, Special Events, Curriculum, Travel, and a Member Relations team, who works hard to keep you comfortable. The coffee just doesn’t appear, the cookies don’t fall out of the sky and the cleanup—oh the cleanup—most of these volunteers may miss a portion of a class they signed up for, to complete their tasks. All we need are more volunteers, dependable people who believe little jobs stay little if enough people share it.

A member of each of our many teams is a member present at a monthly Council meeting. Council is a body required by OLLI to oversee the operation of the organization on the local level that follow policies and procedures set at U of D and national OLLI levels. It might be noted here that OLLI has maintained programs in Wilmington for 37 years and Sussex County for 28 years. Dover is the newest program, being 8 years old. Our Council has elected officers (also listed in our catalog or on our website) with specific terms and duties determined in a set of by-laws. The Council’s focus is to sustain the program and represent the interest of our evolving membership and offer the Kent County community the adult educational opportunity we enjoy.

“Learning Cooperative” is not a static concept. We do it with and for each other.

Dover is “the new kid on the block”. We are proud of our program; and with your enthusiasm and ‘cooperative’ support, hope to make it even better. Bring new members, volunteer on a team. We need your help to continue cooperative learning that never ends.

Betsy

DID YOU KNOW?

OLLI Scholarships Are Available

Submitted by Betsy Patterson

OLLI wants to ensure that everyone with a desire to learn has an opportunity to attend our program. In the hope that a small scholarship or loan may allow students with limited income to meet the costs of the program, we have established an application procedure.

A request form for financial assistance is completed, stating the student's reason for application and submitted with a goodwill payment toward the full tuition amount. Applicants are expected to pay some portion of the fee that they can comfortably afford within their personal budget. Scholarship grants cover a single 10-week semester. The amount granted depends on the total amount available in our scholarship fund and the number of grants requested each semester.

All application information is confidential.

Scholarships are available due to the generosity of OLLI members who donate money to a program they want to share with other students who might otherwise not be able to participate. There is an opportunity to donate right on the OLLI registration form. Your small, medium or large donation will allow more students to enjoy the OLLI program that many of us take for granted.



OLLI gift certificates make great gifts!

The gift of OLLI membership is great for retirements,
birthdays, anniversaries and holidays!

For more information, contact us at 302-736-7450 or visit
www.lifelonglearning.udel.edu

MEMBER VOICES

French Coffee Hour – Learning doesn't stop at the end of the term when you take French with Alice Cataldi. When Osher is not in session members of the French classes get together at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Governor's Café. It is an informal time to practice speaking and listening to French. There is no agenda, just a social time to help us carry on with our French so that we are ready when the next term begins.

Submitted by Connie Bailey

First-time members were asked to comment on their experience at OLLI. Here are some of the responses we received.

As a newcomer to OLLI in the fall of 2017, I was greeted warmly by everyone, including teachers and members. It was fun starting art again. Don't miss Cade and Jan's classes! I attended the art show at Dover Library. I had a wonderful trip to the Biggs Museum with a small group. See you next semester.

Submitted by Joyce Banschbach

The 5 week class that I signed up for was very informative and very educational. My disappointments are that I did not sign up for more classes! However, I will do so in the future. We were challenged to do some historical research based upon the class subject and I did that and found what I was missing out on.

Submitted by Dave Evans

OLLI is a new chapter in my life. There are no words that could possibly describe how much I have enjoyed the classes, the wonderful instruction and, of course, the staff and participants. I am anxiously awaiting the Spring catalog and will be one of the first ones to register.

Submitted by Marietta Darden

I was a new member this semester. I still find the concept of OLLI a truly good one and will be looking to re-enroll somewhere down the line.

Submitted by George Cestero

SPRING 2018 CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 10: Open House/Walk-in Registration, 10 a.m. – noon

Thursday, January 11: Priority Registration Deadline, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, January 17: Instructor and New Member Orientation

Monday, January 22: First day of classes

Monday, February 26: Second session begins

Thursday, March 15: Hair: The Musical Experience, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Friday, March 23: End of semester celebration

Thursday, March 29: Last day of classes

Thursday, April 19: Trip to National Aquarium in Baltimore, Maryland

Thank you to our dedicated and faithful instructors who helped to make our Fall 2017 semester a success!

Mike Apgar

Dan “Master Lee” Cagle

Alice Cataldi

George Christensen

Kathleen Dunn

Russ Endo

Ken Garber

Jack Gardner

Cade Gibson

Ray Glick

John Grady

Ronnie Grady

Ray Hain

Ann Happoldt

Bob Heifetz

Katherine Henn

Elizabeth Jelich

Ann Kemmerle

Rita Klepner

Jackie McCabe

Art McLaughlin

Susan McLaughlin

Linda Medunick

Doug Miller

Jan Miller

Carol Neild

Julie Price

Dan Pritchett

Clive Sadler

Phyllis Shier

Patricia Thompson

Liisa Trala

Carmen Walston

Tom Welch

ALONG THE TRACKS R AND R

*By Joe Bailey
October 11, 2017*

Growing up in Dover, DE, in the 1950's I lived at three different addresses on two different streets, but in only one house. The house that never moved had a rural delivery route number first. Then it had a house number on North Queen Street and finally 609 Fairview Ave. One and one half blocks north of that house the street dead ended at Walker Road. Walker Road is 1.6 miles long and is crossed by a railroad track.

By 1950 Dover standards the Richardson who lived on the north side of Walker Road were rich. They lived in two big brick mansions on Silver Lake accessed by a quarter mile long private road. They named the area along the lake Richardson Park. I think the park was first known as Fairview Park. The patriarch of the family was Alden B. Richardson who moved to Wilmington from Massachusetts and started a tin ware business. About 1853 he moved to Dover and continued his business.

There were a number of produce growers in Kent County and Mr. Richardson and his partner, James Robbins, another tinsmith saw a business opportunity if they could preserve the fruit for storage and shipment. Tin cans provided the solution. They had a plan for success. There were several failures before a suitable can was produced. The business grew fast. They outgrew a couple of locations before settling on Kings Highway and building their factory. They made cans, cooked and canned the fruit, and shipped it all from under one roof.

The business grew and grew. Mr. Richardson said he didn't want to be the lowest priced producer. He wanted to produce the best quality. Over the years he and Mr. Robbins grew the business internationally. They processed chickens and hams from their downtown location. They had a good canned plum pudding. It was a popular dish at fall holiday dinners. In what must have been a real blow to the French they produced a liver pate' that they marketed in France at half the price of the local pate'.

This downtown factory and chicken processing plant was operated by the Richardson family until 1959 when it was sold to the William Underwood Co. The factory was closed not long after that. Parts of the original building are still visible in the DNREC building which currently occupies the site. The family also built a luxury hotel, The Hotel Richardson, almost across the street from the factory. The hotel sat on a triangle shaped plot of land where Kings Highway joins South State Street. The hotel was razed in the 1950's. A bank occupies the space today.

The Richardson influence is still present in Dover. On the northwest corner of State and Lockerman Streets stands a building made of orange bricks with cooper trim along the top floor and roof. On the Lockerman Street side near the top of the building are two large cooper plates naming the building Priscilla Block after Pricilla Richardson the daughter in law of Alden Richardson. Alden's son, Harry, probably had the building built and named it to honor his wife. Harry was a business man and politician who served as one of Delaware's United States Senators from 1907 until 1913. Alden B. Richardson III still lives along Silver Lake in Dover, though not in one of the mansions. He is about ninety-three year old and a retired CPA. His ancestors are buried in Lakeside Cemetery on North State Street.

I didn't know any of the Richardsons, but my friends and I used to ride our bicycles up their lane and around the circular driveway. No one ever chased us away. The owners of the business when I was young were probably the grandchildren or great-grandchildren of the original Alden Richardson. Our neighbor, Paul Baker, was an accountant for the company and he spoke highly of them. They treated their employees well; in fact Mr. Richardson left Mr. Baker his 1936 or maybe it was 1939 Cadillac sedan. I don't know what the car was worth, but the license plate number 199 was valuable in this state.

In Paul Harvey, "Rest of the Story" fashion, when Connie and I moved into our current home twenty-nine years ago, I found that my childhood neighbors, the Bakers' lived just around the corner. They still had the Cadillac with the tag number 199. They have both since died and their daughter Eleanor lives in the house. The Cadillac is long gone and tag 199 is now on Eleanor's small sensible vehicle.



Russell C. Holmes captured this view of Dover's main intersection in the early 1920s. The Hotel Richardson is on the right and the Priscilla Block on the left with the awning across the Lookerman Street side. The "go-slow" traffic sign in the center of Lookerman Street was sufficient to control the automobile traffic of that day.

From Dover – A Pictorial History by G. Daniel Blagg 1980

MUSINGS OF A NOT HIGHLY MOTIVATED STUDENT

Submitted by Joe Bailey

At my fiftieth high school reunion our valedictorian told me that is how he remembered me. He was a master of understatement. Now I am sad to see each term end and anxious for the next one to start. Even I can't always believe it is me. Teachers, once the bane of my existence are now my greatest joy. Where else could I pay one price and take all the classes that I can fit into a week? I can usually find nine or ten classes that interest me but other commitments and waning energy force me to pare it down to five or six.

For me, the fall term had a lot of great choices and I loved every class I took. Surprisingly a class called "Warriors on Four Legs" really grabbed me. Ray Glick came up from Georgetown to teach the class. I am not a big fan of horses and have never ridden one, nor do I intend to, but they have played a big part in our history. In the summer session I took a writing class from Rae Tyson who also came up from Sussex County. They come from Middletown, Wilmington, and other places to help us learn.

The dedication of our teachers is a great gift. These people are working for free. Some are retired teachers who just love teaching, and we are a teacher's dream. A class full of students that want to learn. We participate, and we don't fight. If it is a one o'clock class and the lights are turned off some of us may nod off. Naps are important too. Many of our teachers were not professional teachers but experts in other fields. Others just want to share their special knowledge. We should never miss the chance to thank these great people.

Behind this group of teachers are Ronnie Grady and her team of course development magicians. They make a difficult job look easy and we the members are the beneficiaries. We also have them to thank for the noontime speaker series. Many thanks from us.

Speaking of noontime speakers, I was able to attend most of them and they were great. In addition to speakers that came to us, Pat Weaver hosted one titled, "Daddy, What Did You Do in the War" featuring our own homegrown speakers. Connie Bailey and Caroline Baxter told their fathers' stories. And Pat spoke about his father in law, who after the war was at the Nuremberg Trials. At the end of the program Irv told us about his Hungarian Jewish immigrant parents. There are a lot of untold stories out there that could be subjects for other noontime talks. What do you think?

The spring term is just around the corner. The course catalog (wish books) should hit the mailboxes by the middle to December. There are about fifty-five courses listed. Let the paring and juggling begin.

Rosemary Engle and her team always do a bang up job with special events, but they hit it out of the park with the end of term luncheon. Step on was the venue, the Biggs Museum. What a great place for the event. The folks at the Biggs are super. We are lucky to have this museum in Dover. A few people had never been to the Biggs before and seemed to be impressed. Upon entering we were guided to Ann Kemmerle to sign in. Steven, Ann's husband, acted as expediter to keep the guests moving. Marietta Darden put colored dots on us to designate what tour group we were with. The guides are excellent and bring history, period art and furniture to life. If you haven't been to the Biggs Museum it is free the first Saturday of each month. Check it out.

Our own Art McLaughlin made art interesting, even if you knew little about art. He explained how the artist used shading, color and angles to create areas in order to draw the viewer's eye. Art is a man of many talents, not the least of which is making learning fun.

An awesome lunch was provided by 33 West Alehouse and Grill.

Way to go Special Events Team, you really did make this a special event.



Thanks to our photographer Larry Klepner for these views from the November 13 luncheon.



Thanks to Paula Wood for the candid shots of members having fun.



ART GALLERY OF THE DOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

JURIED PUBLIC ART SHOW

November 6, 2017 through January 5, 2018

Submitted by Linda Medunick

Best in Show

Aqua Luna
Marcia Smythe (25)

**Oil and
Acrylic**

First Place

*Curl Up with
a Good Book*
Jan C. Miller (42)

Second Place

Sacred Dance
Adriana Lopez (43)

Third Place

Playing on the Beach
Adriana Lopez (46)

**Mixed
Media**

First Place

*Evening Sunset
through the Reeds*
Linda Medunick (62)

Second Place

Hallelujah Requiem
N. Taylor Collins (55)

Third Place

Harbor Scene
Don Zalenski (12)

**Drawing, Ink,
Pencil, and
Charcoal**

First Place

Checkmate
Jan C. Miller (41)

Second Place

Black Maned Lion
Kathleen Mann (19)

Third Place

Indian
Linda Luciano (22)

Watercolor

First Place

The Geese Are Calling
Alice Mozart
Kobialka (37)

Second Place

Tug Boat
Richard Chinery (15)

Third Place

*Old Mill,
Wyoming Pond*
Winifred Way (51)

Pastel

First Place

Moo-therhood
Adriana Lopex (45)

Second Place

Geronimo
Linda Luciano (21)

Third Place

*Isaiah 66:13
(Kittens)*
Kathleen Mann (18)

Literary Award

First Place

Symphony for One
Marcia Smythe (27)

STUDENT AWARDS

- 1. Pat Beckmann**
- 2. Joyce Banschback**
- 3. J. Ivan Cohen**

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