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FROM THE COUNCIL

Hello OLLI members. Hope your summer has been great. By now you should have received the Fall 2017 catalog with all the fantastic offerings which definitely underscore the statement on the front cover – Curiosity has no age limit! Fill your schedule for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and ENJOY!

Cheryl Moore
Chair, OLLI Council

FALL 2017 CALENDAR

- August 17 – Priority Registration Deadline
- August 23 – Instructor/Member Orientation
9:30 a.m. – Noon
- September 5 – First day of classes
- September 13 – OLLI Dover Paint Party
Fundraiser
- October 20 – Bus Trip to Gettysburg, PA
- November 3 – End of semester celebration
- November 13 – Last day of classes

OLLI Wine & Cheese Summer Social

Submitted by Rosemary Engle

On June 15 OLLI members enjoyed our first wine and cheese social. We had a successful party consisting of a wonderful assortment of cheeses, crackers and various snacks to munch, and members also shared their favorite wines to enjoy. What a great way to kick off our first summer session. Thanks to all who came ready to meet old and new friends and “party” away. Your Special Events Team



THE JUNE TERM

Submitted by Joe Bailey

If you have ever owned a boat you know that first time on the water is likely to be a disaster. Prior to the launch of our first June program maybe that is what the OLLI staff and Ronnie Grady and her course development team feared. If anything went wrong it wasn't obvious. We didn't have as many people as during the school year but we weren't expecting we would.

As usual the art department was a hit. I heard one person say, "I always wanted to be able to draw, but never thought I would be any good. I took a class and looked at my finished piece and said, Wow! I did that?" Tim Plimpton may be developing a following with his music class. Could he be looking for a back-up band for Steffi and Tim? Gerri Street held a class on elder law. We are fortunate to have professionals from the legal and medical communities to help us navigate issues that come with age. We had a well done series from the Delaware Department of Agriculture, art, history and business bookkeeping; we have it all here at OLLI.

And speaking of art there is Art McLaughlin who along with Bob Heifetz got Osher Lifelong Learning to come to Dover. Before I ever took one of his classes a friend of mine said, "If Art McLaughlin taught a class on the Manhattan Yellow Pages I'd take it because somehow he would make it fun". I could say the same thing about Dan Pritchett and his history classes. In the eighth grade I had a social studies teacher who spent the year showing World War II battle films and polishing his chair with the seat of his pants. Dan brings history to life. He helps us see why America is great and will always be great. We may make mistakes but we can forgive ourselves and move one.

We the students of OLLI must give something back. In spite of the fame and princely salaries, our instructors still strive for excellence. If you have ever taken a class with Bob Heifetz you have heard him say countless times, "Thoughts, questions, comments?". He is seeking feedback in order to make his teaching more meaningful. We need to give them fair and honest feedback in order that they may tweak their courses to make them better. Be sure to always fill out the course evaluations and tell your friends to join you for the most fun they ever had learning.

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 and enjoy.

For the full schedule of speakers see the Fall 2017 catalog.

ALONG THE TRACKS

By Joe Bailey

State College Road was not always wide with a big curve in it. Sixty years ago it was straight with a one-lane bridge that crossed the head waters of Silver Lake. You probably never noticed but there is still a bridge on the road. It was on that bridge that I had a religious experience. The old road went through the woods and had but few houses on it. The west end of the road ended at Kenton Road as it still does. Fox Hall had more foxes than people. Going east State College Road ended at the DuPont Highway (Rt. 13). The area occupied by Dover Downs and the Dover Mall was an airport in the early 1950's.

I was sixteen years old and sitting directly behind the driver. The car was a 1959 Chevrolet Impala that belonged to my mother. My mother was a devout Methodist and had dragged my brother and me to Sunday school and church for as long as I could remember. That religious training would come in handy on this day. My mother was not driving; my friend Jack was. My mother was not in the car. In fact my mother said I was never to let anyone drive the car. But Jack was probably the best driver in our high school class. He was a farm boy. He had been driving tractors and farm machinery since he was eight years old. Jack was a good driver and he wanted to drive the car. I was sixteen with all the wisdom and good judgement that comes by that age.

I don't know if there were one or two other boys in the car; the guy riding shotgun must have been a good friend for me to give up that seat. What I do know is we were eastbound going fast. Coming westbound was a green 1956 Buick and we were going to be on that one-lane bridge at the same time. Dear Lord..., a 1959 Chevrolet had a wide flat hood that from where I sat was going to have a 1956 green Buick split it about midway in a few seconds from now...please let me die in this crash. I know it will be easier to face you than to face Mom.

We missed the Buick and the guardrail with a good millimeter or millimeter and a half to spare. Mom went to her grave without ever hearing a word of this from me. She had a strong relationship with God. If He told her what I did, I may not be out of the woods yet.



MEMBER VOICES

Submitted by Betty Ipnar

Meet Messer's Franklin, Lincoln, Roosevelt and Kennedy. I did for four days and I'm still immersed in thoughts of how much these four leaders gave to our country. Each contributed and was dedicated to their absolute beliefs in our future. Their words and deeds still ring true today. Thanks Dan Pritchett for asking us to listen and learn from these four leaders in their time and keep their vision going. I really think that this was a class that got our thoughts going and was so touching. I am still immersed in things that were brought out. Just awesome!



MEMBER VOICES

Submitted by Ann Kemmerle

Let me start out by saying that I am not an artist by any means! However, the OLLI art courses in Dover have taught me a great deal. When I first began, I took color and composition, which is a very interesting course. This piqued my interest in trying other art courses.

I began with a drawing class, but I couldn't quite get the hang of it. No matter how much I tried, I found this type of drawing quite frustrating. Not ready to give up, I took a summer course of color pencils and found that I loved it! Apparently color pencils and gel pens are my niche.

I also took two beginning oil painting sessions in the summer at OLLI as well. Guess What! I had fun doing that also! I am so glad that I went on to trying other mediums before I threw in the towel about taking art courses. OLLI in Dover has some very competent and patient art instructors. So my advice is – Don't quit before all options are explored...TRY IT...YOU MIGHT LIKE IT and AMAZE YOURSELF!

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

TRAVEL COMMITTEE NEWS

Submitted by Madelyn Wright

OLLI Dover is planning a one-day trip to Gettysburg National Military Park on Friday, October 20, 2017. We will leave the OLLI parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and upon arrival at the park, we will view the cyclorama of the battlefield, see a film and explore the museum. After lunch in the cafeteria, we will be given a comfortable guided bus tour of the entire battlefield. Join us for the chance to understand the heritage and lasting significance of Gettysburg. The cost is \$60 for members and \$65 for guests.



The People's Garden

On Thursday, June 15, at lunch time OLLI had guest speakers from our neighbor across the parking lot, the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. They operate a community garden on the east side of the parking lot. Art Walker and Eileen Campbell spoke on the People's Garden Initiative started in 2009 to celebrate the 150 anniversary of the Department of Agriculture by challenging employees to establish gardens at USDA facilities worldwide or help communities create gardens. They invited OLLI members who are interested in learning, helping or in need of fresh picked garden vegetables or herbs to contact them (302-678-4183).



CAMPUS CAMERA



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AFTERWORDS

Look to the skies – August's eclipse will be a rare but memorable experience for Delawareans. We will be able to see the sun move from a full disk to a crescent to a full disk again between 1:30 and 4 p.m. on August 21 as the moon partially covers the face of the sun. This will be the first total eclipse visible from the mainland United States since 1979. This will be the first since 1918 to sweep across the entire country. Enjoy but be careful viewing.

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