



FROM THE COUNCIL

Dear Fellow Members,

On behalf of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Dover, I would like to thank you for your membership in the Osher program and inform you that we are planning a very exciting program for the fall semester.

Before I get into the fall program, I would like to thank Peggy Abbott who served as council chair for the past two years and George Fisher and Ann Kemmerle who recently left the council. They really did a great job in offering the council and the program their ideas, recommendations and insight. I would also like to thank Bob Heifetz for agreeing to stay on the council for another three years.

It also gives me great pleasure to let you know that Tim Plimpton has accepted the position of program coordinator for the Osher Lifelong Institute at the University of Delaware in Dover and is now in charge of running the Dover program's operations with the very capable assistance of Diana Faison. Tim joined us in January of this year as a technical support specialist and provided outstanding assistance to the instructors and membership. Both Diana and Tim will continue to provide the membership with the superior service they have given us in the past.

Also, I would like to thank Anna Moshier for the notable job she did in running the Dover program for the past fall and spring terms. She not only was great here in Dover, but she also successfully ran the Lewes program at the same time. Anna will now spend all of her time running both the Lewes and new Ocean View programs and significantly reduce the number of Route 1 miles she has to drive each week. Her presence, leadership and charisma will be fondly remembered in Dover for a long time.

Now to the fall program. We are increasing the number of classes for the fall by 52% from our spring 2014 semester. We have great instructors returning, and you will see new faces in the front of many classes. In addition to our strong programs in literature, history, French and art, we will have offerings on digital photography, science and music. We also have a great group of presenters lined up for the "Thursday Special Speaker Series." You will receive the fall brochure, listing the classes, instructors and class schedules in mid-July.

Again, I would like to thank all of you for being members of the Osher program. Your active participation in our classes makes teaching a delight for the instructors. If you have a concern, suggestion, issue, or just want to talk, please let the staff or me know. My contact numbers are 734-223-5288 (cell) or 302-514-9044. My email address is kevin_mcgrath103@comcast.net. Your membership in the Osher program is greatly valued and your input is critical to continuously improving our program.

Very truly yours,
Kevin J McGrath

WE NEED YOU

Osher Dover is experiencing a growth spurt! Osher Lifelong Learning is an educational cooperative that is members driven and run by the council/committee structure. We need your ACTIVE participation, not only by taking classes, but providing your skills and talents in the planning of dynamic and robust Osher courses and special events. We are currently seeking volunteers for the following committees:

- Curriculum Committee – recruitment, selection, approval of instructors and courses
- Public Relations Committee – connect with broader community to attract new members and maintain continuing members through publicity releases and distributing promotional information
- Member Relations Committee – welcome members and communicate with members about special opportunities, program offerings, etc.
- Special Events/Travel Committee – plan and implement programs other than classes

Can we count on YOU? Please contact Tim (plimptm@udel.edu) or Diana (dsfaison@udel.edu) in the Dover Office at 302-736-7450.

Submitted by Diana Faison

OPEN HOUSE

AUGUST 12

10 a.m. to noon

BE A FRIEND, **BRING A FRIEND!**

2014-2015 COUNCIL ROSTER (with term end dates)

Council Chair – Kevin McGrath (May 2015)

Vice Chair - James Brown (May 2016)

Secretary - Caroline Baxter (May 2017)

Council Members:

Peggy Abbott (May 2015)

Ila Beebe (May 2016)

Bob Heifetz (May 2017)

Janice Hess (May 2015)

Betty Ipnar (May 2017)

Liisa Trala (May 2016)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mid-July – Fall catalogs will be mailed

August 12 – 10 a.m. to noon – Open House

August 26 – 1 p.m. & 2 p.m. – Member Welcome Sessions

September 2 – Classes begin

OSHER ART

We are thrilled to share that two of our art students and one of our art instructors have won awards at recent art shows. Linda Medunick's pastel work *A Bermuda Vacation* won third place at the Delaware Technical Community College Adult Plus Annual Statewide Senior Art Exhibit. Linda's pencil drawing entitled *Wharf at West Palm Beach Zoo* won second place at the same exhibit, as well as third place at the Holly Branch of National League of American Pen Women's recent exhibit. Sue Letavish's graphite drawing, *Umbrellas of Summer* won first prize at the Delaware Technical Community College Exhibit and second place at the Holly Branch Pen Women's exhibit. Jan Miller's oil painting, *Forrest of Enlightened* won first place at the Holly Branch Pen Women's exhibit. Congratulations!



1 (left to right) Jan Miller, Sue Letavish and Linda Medunick display their award winning works. Photo by Larry Klepner.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

When the members of the Public Relations committee were asked to identify the #1 goal of the group, the answer was unanimous: recruit more students. Lots of ways to do this were suggested, but it was agreed that the most effective way to increase our student numbers is by personal invitation.

YOU know what the program is about. YOU know how much you gain from the “no test, no stress” classes. YOU know the energy of sharing knowledge with instructors and classmates. YOU are the best PR we can have.

Open House will offer opportunities for new visitors to experience Osher and all that it offers. Who do you know who would appreciate continuing knowledge on old and new interests? Who do you know who would like to meet new people who have those same interests? And who do you know who will miss it if YOU don't bring them to Open House?

Submitted by Betsy Patterson

SPECIAL EVENTS/TRAVEL COMMITTEE

The committee is planning a fall bus trip to:

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
October 8, 2014

Please consider joining us for a day at one of our national monuments to freedom and history.

Caroline Baxter - editor

MEMBER VOICES

“The courses and special programs at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Dover are top-notch on every level. Both the instructors and fellow students make the courses fascinating and stimulating. There is a great selection of course topics to please everyone. I was fortunate to be able to select excellent courses this past year on Supreme Court cases, psychology of the brain and three incredible history courses which were taught by Robert Mahaffey. Mr. Mahaffey combined his knowledge, organization and enthusiasm for history to provide his students with a memorable experience. This level of instruction and the choices offered at Osher Dover make the courses and special programs a ‘not to be missed’ opportunity.”

Submitted by Cindy Materacky

“The past spring semester was most rewarding for me. My classes filled with students eager to try new techniques. When the students are enthusiastic, eager to have fun and curious about learning something new, teaching is a pleasure. You’ve heard people say they feel guilty getting paid because they love their job so much. I love teaching at Osher so much that I feel guilty about not having volunteered sooner!”

Submitted by Jan Miller

“In the spring semester of 2014 I took a course taught by Art McLaughlin, *How Your Body Works and How it Ages*. I learned much about the human body system because Art is an excellent teacher and makes learning fun. I look forward to attending any course that Art teaches.”

Submitted by Liz Langham

“HAPPENINGS”

Don't forget to check our bulletin boards in the hallways for information and many “happenings” in and around Osher Dover.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware is an all-volunteer organization established by the University of Delaware to provide intellectual and cultural development for people 50 years of age and older. Membership is open to all and is in compliance with the University's Equal Opportunity Policy.