



FROM THE COUNCIL

Dear Fellow Members,

Can you believe that we are more than halfway through the fall semester? It seems like we just had the Open House a week or two ago.

Albert Einstein said that “intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death.” I sincerely hope that you are enjoying the fall semester and that we have provided you the opportunity to learn something special and unique in every class.

The trip to the Holocaust Museum was both memorable and emotional. We owe a great debt to Bob Heifetz for his talk on the museum and its mission during the Thursday Speaker Series on October 2 and his availability to provide advice and answer questions during our visit. The Special Events committee—Betsy Patterson (chair), Rosemary Engle, Marie Isenberg, Ann Kemmerle, and Madelyn Wright—did a great job in creating, publicizing and coordinating the event. They worked all summer to provide us with the opportunity to visit and experience this ‘must see’ exhibit. The museum truly fulfilled its mission, which is:

“to advance and disseminate knowledge about this unprecedented tragedy; to preserve the memory of those who suffered; and to encourage its visitors to reflect upon the moral and spiritual questions raised by the events of the Holocaust as well as their own responsibilities as citizens of democracy.”

The Curriculum Committee is in the process of developing a great program for the spring semester. In addition to your favorite classes, there will be a number of new programs. Registration for the spring semester will start in early December. I hope everyone has the chance to return at that time and register for the classes they want.

I would like to thank our instructors—the core of the Osher Dover program—for the job they do in preparing and presenting excellent classes. We have a great staff, and they are the lifeblood of our program. Our volunteers are special. They design the curriculum and recruit the instructors; ensure the quality of the course offerings; recruit new members and run orientation programs; publicize the program within the community; help with administration; and develop and run special events for the membership.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our year-end luncheon at the Biggs Museum on November 5, 2014.

Very truly yours,

*Kevin J McGrath
Council Chair*



FROM THE STAFF

Dear Members,

I am incredibly excited to share in this milestone with you. Entering its fifth year since inception, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Dover now officially boasts 150 members. This is a testament to the hard work of all of our present council/committee members and instructors, as well as the enthusiasm shared by every one of you who have helped make this program what it is today. Please join us in thanking and congratulating all who have helped bring us to this wonderful place.

While we have much to celebrate, I also invite you to help us in creating together the next chapter of our program. With ever increasing membership comes increasing opportunities for involvement in the program's growth. Our council and committees are carefully strategizing to ensure that we continue to operate healthily as we grow, and the commitment of our members and instructors to provide the highest quality educational experience to as many adults 50+ as possible is a true testament to our role in the community. If you are invested in this program and want to see it serve your grandchildren and their grandchildren the way it serves you today, we invite you to step up and ask, "How can I best help Osher?"

Sincerely,

Tim Plimpton
Program Coordinator

2014-2015 COUNCIL ROSTER

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PATRIOTS DAY COMMEMORATION

On Thursday, September 11, the members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Dover, held a ceremony commemorating contribution of our patriots.

Kevin McGrath delivered the welcoming remarks preceding the presentation of the colors by the Dover High School Air Force JROTC led by SMSgt. Herriman. Steffi Holmes sang our national anthem. The commemoration address was delivered by member Jim Brown, Vietnam War veteran. Carol Neild provided music by Trio Galilei and a reading from *Between War and Here*, both by Carolyn Surrick.

**The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Dover,
in conjunction with the Biggs Museum of American Art, sponsors**

A Day at the Biggs

Wednesday, November 5 • 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

- Presentations by curator (and Osher instructor) Ryan Grover, and Osher instructors Art McLaughlin and Jan Miller
- Guided tour of the permanent museum collection
- End of semester recognition ceremony
- Lunch catered by 33 West Ale House and Grill
- Cost of event is only \$14 per person payable at registration

Registration will be open through October 30



CIVIL RIGHTS ACT ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED IN DOVER

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was signed into law July 2, 1964, by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Beginning July 2 and continuing through mid-September, the Dover Public Library presented a special series of programs commemorating the events that led to this landmark legislation.

At one of the special programs, Osher Dover member James Brown shared stories about his work in the struggle for civil rights. He took part in four bus trips and three sit-ins during 1960 and 1961, journeying from his home in Harlem to various spots in Virginia.

Jim joined many whose actions demonstrated their determination to make a change to the social fabric of America. What he did, and the actions of other nonviolent protestors throughout the country, helped make the Civil Rights legislation possible.

CHECK BULLETIN BOARDS FOR “HAPPENINGS”

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

THURSDAY SPEAKER SERIES

Noon – 12:50 p.m.

Join us on Thursdays for interesting special speakers on a wide array of topics. These programs are free for all members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at University of Delaware in Dover. Participants can bring lunch or just come and enjoy the presentation.

Upcoming programs include:

Oct. 16–Why is Delaware such a funny shape?

Oct. 23–Great Moments in Baseball

Oct. 30–African American Poetry 1773-1927

Nov. 6–Cartoons in American History

MEMBER VOICES

What a Gift –

Osher is a place of learning and sharing. It is a wonderful reprieve from the youth oriented culture of TV, media news and passive entertainment. At Osher we can explore history, literature, art and culture through the lens of time and life experience. We adult learners have lived and worked and survived many things. We continue to hope for the future of the world amid troubling times. We are concerned for future generations. Here we can share that concern, we can continue to look for opportunities to grow and learn and pass on to our children and grandchildren the things that we have learned here. Let us not take this gift of learning at Osher for granted.

Submitted by Ronnie Grady

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.

MEMBER PHOTO GALLERY



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