



## FROM THE COUNCIL

*Dear Fellow Members,*

Thank you for your membership.

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I believe that it would be a good time to extend thanks to all of the incredible people who have made this program successful: you the members; our great, great staff; our outstanding instructors; our generous volunteer members who have shared their time and talent serving on committees and performing other needed tasks; and finally, the unconditional support we receive from the University of Delaware. Thank you all.

We have had a great semester. Some of the highlights of this fall include:

- The highest number of members in our history
- A record number of courses
- The most instructors we have ever had in a semester
- A schedule of outstanding luncheon speakers and events
- A great trip to the Grounds for Sculpture
- A thrilling end-of-semester lunch event at the Delaware Agricultural Museum

I hope that we have exceeded your expectations for the semester. If we have not, please let the staff or me know. The only way we can improve is with your comments and critique. Our goal is to provide you with the best lifelong learning program possible. Let us know when we fall short of achieving that goal.

When I reviewed the catalog for the fall semester, my fear was that we would not be able to improve on it in the upcoming spring semester. I have had the opportunity to view the spring catalog and I feel we indeed have improved. Not only will one of our favorite instructors—Bob Heifetz—return, but we are also adding two highly requested classes, Beginning Spanish and World Religions, back into the class offerings. As I mentioned in the summer newsletter, you will be presented with difficult choices when you register for spring classes. Online registration will be available within the next two weeks, and you can expect a catalog in the mail before the new year. Check your mailboxes—both real and digital—for more updates from the office.

Many of you have asked for some kind of winter program. Art McLaughlin answered. We will have four sessions on the history of painting with water colors starting late January into February. Details on the program will be sent to you shortly.

Hope to see everyone again in February.

*Happy Thanksgiving,*

*Kevin J McGrath  
Council Chair*



### SPRING 2016 DATES

**February 23—April 28**

*Last year, we asked for your input regarding our program calendar. While opinions were varied, there was a strong preference towards a later start of the spring term than that of recent years. These dates reflect a later spring term. Please know that we will continue to seek your input on this and other aspects of our program.*

## TRAVEL COMMITTEE NEWS

On October 5, members who visited The Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, NJ, had a very pleasant day walking through the beautifully landscaped grounds and enjoying the vast collection of sculptures. Most of the work, created by J. Seward Johnson, is life size sculptures depicting famous paintings by artists such as Matisse and Monet, among others. Based upon interest, it could be possible to schedule another visit in the future, preferably during the spring when so many plants would be in bloom, adding to the experience.

Our next trip is scheduled for April 25, 2016, when we will be taking a bus trip to the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Once there, members will have the freedom to plan their own day. The cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for guests.

*-Madelyn Wright*



Alice Cataldi at the Grounds for Sculpture

## 2015-2016 COUNCIL ROSTER

Council Chair – Kevin McGrath

Vice Chair – Jim Brown

Secretary – Caroline Baxter

Council Members:

Ila Beebe

Betty Ipnar

Art McLaughlin

Liisa Trala

Randy Ward

Madelyn Wright

Committee and Chair:

Curriculum – Art McLaughlin

Member Relations – Cheryl Moore

Public Relations – *Vacant*

Special Events – Rosemary

Engle & Liisa Trala

Travel – Betsy Patterson &

Madelyn Wright

## TIME TO TEACH

*“By learning you will teach;  
by teaching you will learn.”*

*-Latin proverb*

It's not too soon to think about course ideas for next fall!

- Do you have a passion you'd like to share with your peers?
- Do you have a unique idea to help enhance our program?
- Do you have a friend or family member with something to share?

We need your help to continue building our curriculum. Contact the curriculum committee or the office with your ideas.

Course proposal forms are available [online](#) and in the office.

*We are pleased to present a new edition of "Now You Know," the profile of an Osher Dover member. This month, we invite you to get to know:*

***Betty Mater***



**NOW YOU KNOW**

*Where are you originally from and what brought you to Dover?*

I am originally from Archbold, Ohio, which is a small town about 40 miles from Toledo, where I became a registered nurse and met my husband of 60 years, Chuck Mater. His job has brought us to Akron, Ohio, Avon Lake, Ohio, Buena Vista, Virginia and Concord, North Carolina, before starting to work at ILC Dover in Frederica in 1983, just after I received my BSN at UNC Charlotte. At 50 years of age we moved away from our three daughters in North Carolina and settled in Dover. However, in 1984 and 1985 two of our daughters married men who worked at ILC and now live within a mile of us. We also spent six months at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in 1956.

*How did you first hear about Osher and how long have you been taking classes with us?*

In the summer of 2014 Carol Neild brought Osher information to the Presbyterian Church of Dover which we attend, and I decided to borrow my daughter's soprano recorder and try to learn how to play it. What a challenge! That fall I also took a class from Dr. Mroz on Charlemagne and two classes by Bob Heifetz as well as going on the Wednesday walks to interesting Delaware areas. In the spring of 2015 I discovered *Basic Communication in French* with Alice Cataldi and *The Road Not Taken* with Bob Heifetz. This fall I am taking *French for Beginners* with Alice Cataldi. I've taken *Recorder Ensemble* with Carol Neild in all three sessions. I wish I could take more of these good classes but my husband had bypass surgery November 2014 and I need to cut back.

*Have you taken classes in a specific area of interest (art, history, literature, language, etc.) or have you mixed your choices?*

I went to a high school with about 200 students and the only language offered was Latin which I took as it was required to become an RN. Our youngest daughter is an MD because she couldn't take Latin which I find amusing. She signed up for it and it was cancelled so she took physics and lived it and years after getting a college degree she went to medical school. I have always wanted to learn another language. I signed up for French my senior year but not enough others did so.

*-Betty Mater*

## MEMBER VOICES

“Why are you in a classroom setting at your age?” is a question frequently asked of me. Why not? The phrase lifelong learning settled over me like a warm coat when I first heard it. Osher has satisfied me in so many ways. From the beginning in two divided rooms five years ago to the present, the program continues to satisfy. We are never too old or should never be too busy to find the time to continue the quest for knowledge, and Osher fulfills that.

*-Betty Ipnar*



Mary Benham and Carol Willey



Randy Ward, "Talkin' Baseball"

## BEHIND THE SCENES

### *How to stay informed and involved*

The program staff knows the importance and value of effective and timely communications with you, our members. We strive to keep you informed. Our intent is to give you all the pertinent information that we have available.

We communicate with you through a variety of mediums, including email (our primary method), telephone, mail, in-class announcements, bulletin boards and even the flashing neon sign that you may have noticed!

It is of great importance to us that you feel informed and connected to the activities of the program. Please be sure to let us know if you get a new email address, phone number or if you move. If you don't feel you are receiving our emails, try checking your spam folder.

Many members have told us that they do receive information though they may only browse or glance at the communication due to busy schedules. Please know that your personal efforts to stay informed will help you be more connected and closely involved in the Osher Dover program. We want **you** to be a vital part of this living organization, which takes mutual effort.

Happy Holidays to you and your families!

*-Diana Faison, Administrative Assistant  
-Tim Plimpton, Program Coordinator*

## OFFICE HOURS

### **Open office hours:**

Tuesday & Thursday, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.  
*Additional times by appointment*

### **Holiday season adjustments:**

Thursday, November 26—CLOSED  
Thursday, December 24—CLOSED  
Tuesday, December 29—CLOSED  
Thursday, December 31—CLOSED

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