



The Tides...

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From the Chair



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, Everyone. I am looking forward to a happy and healthy new year for everyone.

2022 has been an amazing year for OLLI K/S! It has been one filled with great classes (online, in-person, and hybrid) and many exciting, successful Happy Hours held monthly in both Sussex and Kent counties thanks to the efforts of Trudie Thompson and Marge Felty. The Fall Picnic returned to Lewes this year at a new venue, the American Legion picnic facility. In addition to a delicious

variety of food, we were treated to several stand-up comedians who had honed their skills in an OLLI class taught by Frank Powers and a performance by the Elder Moments chorus under the direction of Roo Brown.

In-person classes were available in Dover, Lewes, and Ocean View this fall along with over 200 online and hybrid classes. The hybrid classes permitted some members to be in the classroom and others to participate from home. Everyone was able to choose the type of class presentation that they prefer.

The English Country Dancers performed at St. Peter's Parish Hall in Lewes as part of the Lewes Christmas Merchants Open House gala on Dec. 1st. (See pictures on page 11) Everyone went to the Rose and Crown for a Happy Hour following the performance.

Take a look at the January Explorations offerings on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from January 10 - 19 on ZOOM. These classes are offered at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm and are free. Encourage your friends and family here and out of state to give OLLI a try. They may want to join for the spring semester.

In order to have all of our members involved and knowledgeable about all OLLI K/S has to offer, a Membership Meeting is scheduled for January 13 at 1:00 pm. Members may attend in-person at the Wyoming Church in Dover, Trinity Education Bldg. in Lewes, or online. Watch the OLLI K/S Monday emails for more information.

The catalogs with information about the course offerings for the Spring Semester will be mailed on December 19th. Watch your mailboxes. Additional catalogs will be available at the OLLI offices in Dover and Lewes, public libraries, and other locations where prospective new members may

visit and have an opportunity to learn about OLLI.

The Spring Semester begins on February 6th with over 270 classes. There will be 136 classes being taught by Kent and Sussex instructors – 26 online and 110 in-person, including 31 hybrid. One of my biggest problems will be deciding which classes to take, especially when there are time conflicts!

Calendar of Events

- Dec 15 -- Happy Hour, 4-6 p.m., Wheel house, Lewes
- Dec 15 -- Happy Hour 4:30-6 p.m., Fraizer's, Dover
- Dec 15 -- Spring 2023 Catalog online
- Dec 19 -- Spring 2023 Catalog in mail
- Jan 5 -- Priority Registration for Spring opens, 11 a.m.
- Jan 9 -- Open House, 10 a.m.-noon, Lewes
- Jan 10-19 -- January Explorations, (via Zoom, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday), 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- Jan 11 -- Open House, 10 a.m.- noon, Ocean View
- Jan 12 -- Open House, 10 a.m.-noon, Dover
- Jan 13 -- General Membership Meeting, 1 p.m., in-person, Lewes & Dover & online
- Jan 16 -- MLK Holiday, **OLLI closed**
- Jan 18 -- Priority registration closes, 4 p.m.
- Jan 30 -- Instructor Orientation, 10 a.m., Lewes
- Jan 31 -- Instructor Orientation, 10 a.m., Dover
- Feb 1 -- Instructor Orientation, 10 a.m., Ocean View
- Feb 6 -- First day of classes
- Mar 27-31 -- Spring Break, NO CLASSES, **Office closed**
- Apr 3 -- Second 5 week classes begin
- Apr 28 -- Last day of 11 week classes
- May 5 -- Last day of spring classes

Priority registration runs from January 5th to 18th. There will be staff and members at Trinity Ed. Bldg. and Wyoming Church to assist with registration.

♦ Lewes, Trinity Ed. Bldg. -- January 10th, 12th & 17th 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

♦ Dover, Wyoming Church – January 17th – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Contact Sally Cole if you are willing to assist with registration.

Please join us for Open Houses where you can meet many of the instructors and returning members.

♦ January 9th – Lewes, Trinity Ed. Bldg. – 10:00 a.m. to noon

♦ January 11th – Ocean View, Municipal Building – 10:00 a.m. to noon

♦ January 12th – Dover, Wyoming Church – 10:00 a.m. to noon

Lastly, I would like to thank the staff: Sally, Steve, Lisa, Trish, Bill, Dan, and Chet, for their tireless efforts. Kudos also to Susan Salkin, our Council Vice Chair, and all the Council Committee Chairs who have made OLLI K/S such a success in 2022.

Have a Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing you in-person and online in 2023.

Connie Benko, Council Chairperson OLLI K/S



A Message from Sally



Dear OLLI friends,

Another year has come and gone – and what a year it has been! There is much to celebrate with regard to growth in both membership and programming as well as the return to many of the activities that members have expressed are important to them. Whether you have been a member for decades or are new to OLLI this year – **thank you for contributing to our dynamic learning cooperative as an instructor, volunteer and/or member.**

It was indeed a privilege to work with the Statewide Marketing Committee this fall to assist in the development of **OLLI's all new 2023 Spring Course Preview** that was mailed to over 15 K new Delaware residents at the end November as well as distributed to libraries and community organizations throughout Kent and Sussex counties. We have already begun receiving requests for more information about the OLLI program and are hopeful that we will be welcoming many new members into classrooms this coming February.

Thank you to Committee Chair Pete Harrigan, as well as Connie Benko, Denise Bridgens, Marty Cohen, Paul Collins, Rita Meek, Sherry Rogers, Linda Roop, Nick Simmonds, Jen Merrill, Jenna Cole and Andrea Majewski who contributed to this effort. Thank you also to Nora Zelluk and Cindy Dolan from UD's Marketing team – they have once again wowed us by turning our vision into a reality. The 2023 Spring Course Preview can be viewed online at olli.udel.edu. **Your referral is the greatest compliment you can give to OLLI, so please forward to friends or post on your social media page!**

Thank you again for being a part of the OLLI community this year. I hope you will join staff, council members, instructors and fellow members in celebrating the holiday season at one of the **Happy Hour events being held in both Kent and Sussex counties on Thursday, December 15** – the day the 2023 Spring catalog will be available online! *THAT is certainly cause for celebration!*

Wishing you and your families a safe, healthy, and very Happy Holiday.

Sally Cole, Program Manager

Got a Bright Idea?

OLLI classes are taught or led by volunteers. If you would like to share a special interest with other members and you have an idea for a course or are willing to serve as an instructor or instructor's helper, write and submit a proposal. If you have questions, contact Sally Cole in the Kent/Sussex OLLI office.



December Happy Hours

Thursday, December 15

4-6 PM

The Wheelhouse

7 Anglers Road, Lewes, DE

Hostess: Trudie Thompson, Social Co-Chair

Musical Guest: Chet Poslusny

Thursday, December 15

4:30-6 PM

Fraizer's Restaurant

9 E Loockerman St, Dover, DE

Hostess: Marge Felty, Social Co-Chair

Joan Sciorra, 20 Year OLLI Volunteer



Joan and her late husband Richard joined SDALL (Southern Delaware Academy of Lifelong Learning, now OLLI) in 1997 after seeing a press release about the organization in the *Cape Gazette*. They both soon became very active not only taking classes but also working on the hospitality committee helping with luncheons and the picnic. Richard started organizing a once a year one-day bus trip to New York City that became very popular. Joan took over the work of organizing the trips when Richard was Council Chair. Over the past 20 years the NYC trip grew from one day to 4 days with the Edison Hotel providing the accommodations.

Besides the NYC trip, Joan also organized trips to attend performances of Opera Delaware, the Delaware Symphony, art galleries and museums in Philadelphia, Washington DC, Baltimore and many other places as requested by instructors. These experiences greatly enhanced the class instruction.

Joan's membership in OLLI has never lapsed, even during the pandemic when she reluctantly signed up for 3 or more classes per semester on Zoom.

Besides her 20 year service to OLLI, Joan has also been a volunteer at the Quilters Guild, the Lewes Library and is a past Treasurer of the VIA. Joan will continue to support the Kent/Sussex OLLI program but has turned the chairmanship of the Travel Committee over to others.

Beautiful Student Art Work Displayed In The Trinity Education Building

The OLLI K/S "Art Scene" had a great fall semester with Watercolor, Collage, Painting workshop, Mosaic Wood Art, Stained Glass, Basket Weaving and Craft Circle. The students produced outstanding work. These classes were spread out over Dover, Ocean View, and Lewes.

The main hall in the Lewes Trinity location is filled with student's beautiful artwork. There will be a fine art show at the Lewes Library in March and a statewide virtual show in the spring. Students from all three areas will be able participate. In addition to the current classes, there will be a new acrylic class in the spring.

Many thanks to all the instructors for a fine job this past semester. Without them, none of this fine art would exist.

Submitted by Peter Feeney, Instructor



Many New Classes for Spring -- Many Opportunities to Get Involved



Thank you to our OLLI members, instructors, council, committees, and staff for an outstanding Fall Semester! You are very much appreciated for all you do to make our UD OLLI program a great success!

The opportunities we created this fall, as a learning cooperative, made such a positive impact on the lives of our members and community. Your generosity, sense of community, and love of learning is absolutely inspiring and beyond admirable. Time flies when you're having fun!

We are now looking forward to Spring Semester 2023 and offering many new classes and opportunities for members to become more involved with our learning cooperative. We are offering 136 classes this spring including 31 hybrid classes! We would love to have more

member participation as Hybrid Class Operators to assist with the instructional technology during classes! This is a great way to learn some new technology skills, help fellow members, support the instructors, and enjoy the information that is being presented in class as well. Training will be provided at your convenience to make this an easy process, there would be no obligation, and you can decide if you'd like to commit to a class or two following the training. Another option is to be a Hybrid Operator Support Team member as a substitute when needed. Because of our Hybrid Class Operators, we have been able to provide first class online and distance learning experiences to many of our members. With your help, we can continue to make our classes available to everyone! If you are interested in being a member of the Hybrid Class Operators Team, supporting our amazing classes, and working with us to continue to build our outstanding program, please contact Steve Forestieri at sforest@udel.edu.

Instructor training sessions will take place in January to support current instructors. Members who might be considering teaching a class in the future are encouraged to attend the "Interested in Teaching?" session designed to answer any questions or concerns that they might have. Academic Affairs Committee members and OLLI staff will be on hand for each of these programs to assist both instructors.

Looking to the future, members of the Academic Affairs Committee are eager to hear from OLLI members. Is there a particular course that you would like to see offered? Do you know of someone who might be interested in teaching a course? Please share your thoughts with our K/S committee members: Paul Collins, Rosemary Engle, Peter Feeney, Ronnie Grady, Beth Jelich, Betsy Patterson, John Roberts, Susan Watkins and Carol West.

We hope everyone has a wonderful winter break, a happy holiday season, and a very happy and healthy New Year!

Submitted by Steve Forestieri, Program Coordinator, Joan Mansperger & Deb Roberts,
Academic Affairs Co-Chairs

www.OLLI.udel.edu/Kent-Sussex/

This is the second of a 3 article series initiated and formatted by Karen Schaub, Kent/Sussex Finance Chair working with Neil Sullivan. Thank you!



HOLIDAY SHOPPING SECURITY AWARENESS

The Holiday Shopping Season is time for prime-time scammers and online thieves.

Remember to...

- Update your software
- Think before you click
- Use strong passwords
- Implement multi-factor authentication on your accounts

Protect yourself when shopping – some tips include...

1. Whenever possible, shop with someone else.
2. Park your vehicle under bright lighting.
3. Be alert for anyone acting suspiciously.
4. Lock your vehicle and place gifts out of sight – place them in the trunk not inside the passenger compartment where they may be easily viewed.
5. Do not leave your cell phone / iPad device unlocked.
6. Have a secure network connection at home.
7. Limit your use on public WiFi to window shopping and price comparisons rather than purchases as public WiFi can be hacked.
8. Make sure your apps are downloaded from a trusted site.
9. When you download an app, it will ask for various "permissions". Read them carefully to be sure they make sense.
10. A security app installed on your device is vital for online shopping.
11. Browse wisely using updated devices. Only buy from secure sites.
12. Vet products you buy and businesses you buy from.
13. Shop on familiar websites and apps,
14. Don't share your Social Security Number.
15. Supply as little personal information as you can. Skip autofill.
16. Don't save your credit card information online.
17. A free gift is likely too good to be true.
18. Try to avoid scams. If scammed, file a complaint immediately.
19. The best defense is awareness.
20. Keep track of your online orders.

Remember be vigilant.... keep your cyber information secure.

Enjoy a safe and secure holiday shopping season.

By Neil Sullivan
Osher Instructor



Check Out the OLLI Lewes Library

The library is open during the Lewes-Trinity Education Building walk-in office hours. Volunteers will continue to be on-site to provide assistance on Mondays from 10 am until noon. OLLI -Lewes will be closed between December 22 and January 3, with the schedule subject to change when the Spring semester begins.

Submitted by Madeleine Nichols, Library Chair

Adult Learning At Its Best for OLLI Members



Instructor Ralph Begleiter teaching his morning hybrid **MEDIA AND PUBLIC OPINION IN THE 2022 ELECTIONS** class at Bayside Golf Resort (in this image Ralph was consulting his crystal ball and casting predictions regarding the ultimate election results).



Instructors Bill & Sally Fintel, center, took the class on an amazing adventure through their pictures of **Madagascar, Namibia, Bhutan and More.**



Above: **Beginners Bridge**, instructor Catherine Kennedy and **Advanced Mah Jongg**, instructor Katherine Henn (pictured right) provided learning and fun.



Photos by Trish Dennison, Sally Cole & Lynn Kroesen

More Adult Learning at Its Best



Above: Lisa Seifert and Trish Dennison enjoyed participating in Joe DeFeo's **Mosaic Wood Art class**.

Above right: **The Painting Workshop** gives students an opportunity to exchange ideas.



Right: Instructor Paul Puch, **Stained Glass Fundamentals** is on-hand to give advice and direction.



Photos by: Sally Cole, Trish Dennison, Lynn Kroesen

Members Attend Class Related Performances



Member attendance at class related Opera and Theatre Performances in Dover is growing as 15 -18 members now regularly travel to see area performances followed by dinner.

Pictured: left to right John Roberts, Claudia Young, Debra Roberts, Bob and Sandy Heifetz, John Bolig, Peg Prouse, Kathy Crowell, Stuart and Carolyn Knapp, George Christensen, Barbara Trent, Carol and Gil Neild.

Photo by Chris Crowell

Learning a Language the OLLI Way



*OLLI instructor,
Alice Cataldi*

Many of us recall our high school/college required language courses filled with lots of grammar study, memorizing lists of words with limited speaking in the language.

Not so in Kent County OLLI instructor Alice Cataldi's French classes. In answer to the question, *Est-ce que tu parles francais ?* Alice's students would confidently answer, "Oui". No bland, book focused classroom only learning here however.

Alice says, "classroom studies alone are not enough to truly master a language" Her enthusiastic Francophiles strengthen their language skills by examining French culture, history, cuisine and personalities in myriad ways.

Though she taught French and English for 32 years, Alice respects and draws extensively on the life knowledge and experiences of her OLLI students, often selecting course topics and strategies based on their requests. "Everyone has a stake in the group. I constantly learn new ways of interacting from them." she says.

Class members have arranged numerous class related field trips, such as visits to Lafayette's Headquarters in the Brandywine Valley, the Nemours Dupont House in Wilmington, travel to a Delacroix exhibit in New York City and to

Philadelphia, for a treasure hunt to find a certain painting, then describe why they liked it in French. French art studies continue this December, at the Biggs Museum, with a private class tour of the Art Deco Glass exhibit, which includes many French artists, arranged by Susan Salkin.

Alice's varied offerings including discussion classes on French personalities like Albert Schweitzer, and assignments to describe trips, French neighborhoods, etc., help students "acquire vocabularies and structures new to them" Her classes on phonetics strengthen student's capacity to "meet the challenges of the French sound system."

Thirteen to fifteen class members meet at bi-weekly coffee sessions to discuss an aspect of French culture, in French at venues like La Baguette, in Dover and Tre Sorelle Dolce in Wyoming, DE. They've recently added a monthly French movie viewing at the Dover library to their itinerary.

Christmas parties and dinners featuring French dishes, add to this multifaceted OLLI class experience, resulting in many caring, warm friendships as students pursue ever more successfully, the goal of saying, "Je parle couramment le francais."

Submitted by Wendy Leicht, Communications Co-Chair



Class coffee: LEFT- front to back, Betty Mater, Susan Salkin, Joan Henry, Erv Schleifer, Kris Knarr. RIGHT back to front: Alice Cataldi, Susan Yost, Nancy Frankel, Jennifer Haynes, Mary Jane Marraffini with grand daughter Charlotte, Not pictured-Susan and Larry Watkins and Michael Marraffini.

Kent County Members Gather for Fun and Celebration

A fun time was had by all, as OLLI Kent County members filled a back room at Fraizer's Restaurant in Dover for drinks, dinner and lively conversations, at their socials October 27th and November 17th.



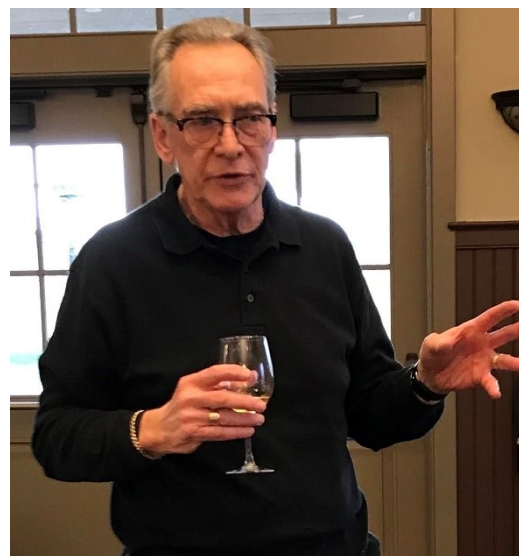
Pictured: Left Members peruse the menu at Fraizer's, Middle Marge Felty and Ronnie Grady, Right: Wendy Picket.



The End of Semester Tradition of Honoring Instructors Continues at Harvest Ridge Winery Gathering on November 15.



Pictured: Left Betsy Patterson and Nancy Gardner, Right: Bob Heifetz



Submitted by Wendy Leicht

OLLI Steps Out into English Country Dance by Karen Schaub

Where can you have fun as you “hands four”, “set”, “turn single”, “poussette”, go “back-to-back”, “cast”, “box the gnat” and “half figure 8”? For those at the inaugural Lewes Friends English Country Dance Open House/Dance Party on Thursday, December 1st, that is just what we did.



OLLI K/S Manager, Sally Cole joined the fun at the Dance Open House

Members of the Lewes Friends English Country Dance Group (a spinoff of the OLLI English Country Dance class) welcomed guests and introduced them to the joy and fun of a style of dance that began in the 1650s or before. That dance is English Country Dance (ECD). Dancers (experienced ones paired with those new to ECD) danced for two hours in the Parish Hall of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in downtown Lewes. Music, lots of laughter and big smiles filled the hall.

Dancers were guided through seven dances by experienced callers – Jackie McCabe of the Dover ECD group, plus our own OLLI ECD callers Carol West, Dan Bilharz and Sallie Ridgway. These callers patiently taught the steps for each dance then turned on the music and called the dances. We all glided through the dances as though we knew what we were doing.

OLLI, along with the Colonel David Hall Chapter of Daughters of The American Revolution, were special guests at the event – each providing refreshments and information about their organizations. The event was organized by Rachael Shapiro, an OLLI member and creator of the Lewes Friends English Country Dance Group.

Once the dancing was complete, dancers gathered at the nearby Rose and Crown, a British pub located in the Hotel Rodney in downtown Lewes, to continue whetting our whistles and enjoying time together.



Happy Hour at The Wheelhouse Drew a Crowd

OLLI and friends gathered at the Wheelhouse Restaurant in Lewes on November 17 for fun and entertainment provided by the Elder Moments and our resident musicians Chet Poslusny and Steve Forestieri. More Happy Hour gatherings are planned for the coming semester.



*Photos by: Trish Dennison &
Lynn Kroesen*

In Remembrance of



Robert (Bob) Bruce Duncan, 87, died Saturday, Nov. 5, when his valiant fight against lung cancer ended. Bob began life in Glen Ridge, N.J. He graduated from East Orange (N.J.) High School in 1953 with honors. Bob attended Princeton University, where he was enrolled in the Woodrow

Wilson School of International Affairs. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa. While a Princeton student, Bob met his future wife, Faith. They were married three years later.

After college, Bob spent two years in the army and was then accepted into the U.S. Foreign Service. Following two years at the State Department, he was assigned to the Arabic Language School in Tangier. Bob and Faith arrived there with a newborn baby and went on with a second child to Rabat, Morocco, where he served as an economic officer. Discovering this preferred area of expertise, Bob continued to serve in Algiers, Algeria.

Back in the states, Bob was selected to attend a

year of studies at Harvard, where he attained a master's degree. He then headed the economic section at the American Embassy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and served as representative to the United Nations Economic Commission in Africa. A tour back in Washington, D.C., led to a year at National War College, followed by four years in Paris as head of the economics section, and later, three years as the third-ranking American diplomat at the embassy in Bangkok, Thailand.

Retirement took Bob to a home he had purchased in Dewey Beach. While there, he joined the Lions Club, volunteered as a French substitute teacher at Cape Henlopen High School, became an active member at Westminster Presbyterian Church, and for friends of the library, and best of all, led a class on foreign affairs at Southern Delaware Lifelong Learning, now OLLI.

An unfortunate fall injuring his knee convinced him that change was needed. Bob and Faith selected a cottage at The Moorings in Lewes for their final home, a place where he has been able to rest and relish the memories of a life well-lived and enjoyed. Bob is survived by his wife of 62 years, Faith S. Duncan; a daughter, a son and a granddaughter.

Options for Giving to OLLI Kent/Sussex in 2022-2023

As a member of OLLI Kent/Sussex County, there are several ways you can give back to your local OLLI program:

Annual Giving

Donors can make an annual gift or pledge payment to OLLI online (<https://ud.alumniq.com/giving/to/ollisouthernde>), by mail (83 E. Main Street, 3rd Floor, Newark, DE 19716), or by phone (302-831-2104).

Planned Giving

Individuals age 72 and older can make direct transfers from IRA accounts to OLLI without having to count the transfers as income for federal income tax purposes. No charitable deduction may be taken, but distributions will qualify for all or part of the IRA owner's required minimum distributions. Donors can also transfer appreciated stock to benefit OLLI. For these giving options, please consult your financial advisor and contact the University of Delaware Development Office at 1-866-535-4504.