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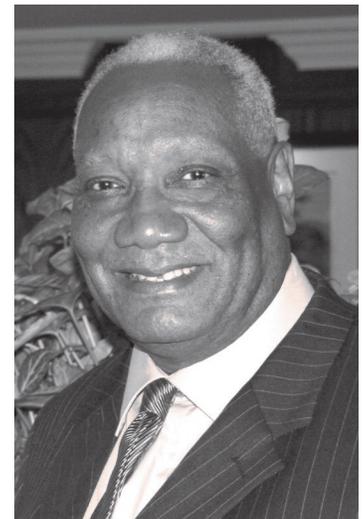
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Welcome George Bryant

George Bryant joined the UW-Milwaukee OSHER chapter a few months ago. Perhaps, you smiled at him as he took your photograph at the recent holiday gala. His photography experience began as a child in the family photography business and he is now willing to share his talents with us as a member of the newly formed Newsletter Committee.

An expertise in photography was not the only lesson George learned from his father. George listened to the 'words of wisdom' his father gave him. His father told him to "earn your own" and not be dependent on other people. Therefore, since he was nine years old, George said he was "never without a job." His father also instilled in him the concept that one should be versed in several fields, to not depend on success in just one area. George graduated from Fenn College with a bachelor's degree in accounting and from, what is known today as, Case Western Reserve University with a degree in chemistry. George has worn many hats throughout his career.



After he graduated from high school George worked in a medical laboratory where he made "patent" medicines, such as liniments and calamine lotion. His college-educated father also worked at the medical laboratory in the only position he was allowed to have at the time – as a porter. Later George worked as an inorganic chemical engineer developing explosives, and then switched to organic chemistry and formulated paints for Glidden. George describes himself as a chemical finishing engineer, which he has been for forty-three years. He determined what manufactured goods would look like and formulated materials so that they were produced well protected and aesthetically pleasing. For example, he developed paints for industrial products, such as automobiles, engines, and tables.

George's work has taken him to many places within and outside the United States. He has traveled to China, Mexico, and Eastern Europe setting up multimillion dollar systems to apply coating to various industrial products. After an operation he designed was set up and operating, he would travel on to the next country to start another system. George has grown in his appreciation for the United States because he has seen so much of the world. He was especially moved by his visits to the "death camps" in Europe. He said it is hard to imagine what people experienced in those places and how human beings did what they did to other human beings. George said that he saw a commandant's office with pictures of his children on a desk and a few feet away thousands of people were being hung.

Throughout his life George has been a photographer. He owned three photography studios in Cleveland and at one time he was the photographer for the first African American mayor of Cleveland. In the 1960s George created the first black Santa Claus *(Continued on page 5)*



School of Continuing Education

President's Greetings

Our Winter/Spring 2012 program is off and running. What an interesting and informative series of presentations we have to look forward to! From the Middle East, to Poland, Scandinavia and Africa, we cover the world. In literature we go from Shakespeare to Tolstoy and George Eliot. And, we have three Potpourri series of presentations and several interesting tours. There certainly is something for everyone and you'll certainly see my wife Kathleen and I at several of the programs and we hope to see you there too.

On another subject, take a good look at our "new and improved" Osher Newsletter that is in your hand. The publication of the Newsletter has been assumed by a group of Osher volunteers led by member Diana Hankes as editor. The group has many plans for improving the Newsletter. One of the most important is that the Newsletter will focus on and encourage member involvement. You will be seeing various suggestions in the Newsletter to that end. It is a true pleasure to see this improved product that serves as our face to the rest of the community and world. We hope you will participate in this important venture.

David Kelling
President



Message from the Executive Director

How exactly do people find out about the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UW-Milwaukee?

There are many different ways. The School of Continuing Education catalog, which goes to over 100,000 homes twice-a-year is one way, but there are others. Over the years, we have had booths at events for older adults, run ads in magazines like 50 Plus or theatre playbills, put information up on the big screens at movie theatres, run public service announcements on radio stations and handed out different tchotchke's with the Osher logo including pens, pill boxes, magnets and note pads. All of them helped in their own way to get the word out. Marketing professionals know that you can't tell someone something just once and expect them to remember your product. Effective marketing requires multiple opportunities to get your message across. And that's what we've been trying to do over the past few years.

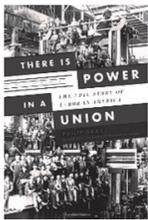
Still, we have come to realize that our best marketing tool is you. Yes, you! I'll prove it to you. The next time you are at an Osher event, just ask the person next to you how they learned about our group. Chances are, more often than not, that they heard about Osher from someone who had a great experience and wanted to share it. I am always amazed that you can spend quite a bit of money on marketing, but what always works best are people who like your product telling other people to take advantage of it.

So, we need your help. We need you to spread the word about Osher. Tell your friends, church or synagogue members, fellow volunteers or family members about the great opportunities at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UWM. And we can help you. We can give you materials that include a one page media flier that lists the current semester classes on the back as well as a tri-fold brochure that gives an overview of our programming and includes a membership form. Just let us know what and how many you need. We'll get them to you.

Working together we can share the rich heritage of lifelong learning here at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. And as they say, "the more the merrier!"
Best Wishes,

Kim C. Beck

Kim C. Beck
Executive Director



There Is Power In A Union: The Epic Story Of Labor In America

By Philip Dray, Publisher: Anchor Books (2010)

A Book Review by John Link

The author in this 675 page book gives a history of the labor movement in the United States. Starting with the organizing of factory women in the textile mills moving through until the present day and questions about the future; this history covers the seemingly never ending struggle and tension between unions and big business. This includes the struggle that labor had with courts and legislative bodies, as well as tension among the various unions.

This very detailed book is character and event driven and introduces or reintroduces us to unforgettable characters: Samuel Gompers, John L. Lewis, Eugene Debs, Joe Hill and Mother Jones, for examples. Important events such as the Pullman Strikes, Triangle Shirtwaist Fire, and Haymarket Massacre are also included. The author uses these characters and events, to describe to us how they shaped labor in America, and the impact on American Society for social change.

When you think about wages, work hours (40 hour work week), workplace safety, bathroom breaks, unlocked doors, and child labor laws; the story of the labor movement becomes more than strikes, boycotts, battles with police and court challenges. Labor made significant changes to the work world.

How timely for us to be reading and discussing this book. The newspapers, radio, and television report about the current challenges to labor in Wisconsin, Ohio, and Indiana. The issues of collective bargain, closed shop (Union) or open shop are as real today as in our past.

This book has lots of pages and seemly endless information; I would not be put off by that. The book reads like a novel and can be engrossing. It does make you think about the impact the labor movement had for American society and you wonder about the future.

Special Interest Group News

Introducing the New Writing SIG!

Are you a writer or an aspiring writer? Do you have memories or stories to share? You are in luck! The Osher Writing Special Interest Group has officially been established. The agenda for the group will be set by the group, but we will share our writing and give each other feedback and encouragement.

Our facilitator will be Maryagnes Luchini who has taught writing classes for Osher in the past. The group will meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 1:30-3:00 at the Hefter Center beginning on March 6th. If members of the group want to meet more often, that could be arranged. To sign up or to get more information, call Beth Waschow at 414-764-9299.

Spoken Thai Anyone?

Before and after the Colonial period, Thai language and culture remain the main elements in Southeast Asia. The interest in Thailand varies from academic interest such as archeology, international politics, and language studies to the domestic topic of retirement haven. Thailand welcomes everyone with hospitality and friendship. One of the tricks the Peace Corps trainees to Thailand practice when they learn to speak Thai is to sing the Thai tones!

Osher member Somchintana Ratarasarn is an anthropologist/business manager who is a veteran Peace Corps instructor in Thai language and culture. She is interested in being a facilitator for a Spoken Thai Special Interest Group that would study both language and culture. Interested? Contact Somchintana at 414-771-9065 or somchintana99@gmail.com for more information. More people, more fun!

Happenings Around UWM

The New School of Freshwater Sciences

Some members have expressed curiosity about a new entity on campus – the “Freshwater School”. Here is a synopsis, but this information and much more is available at <http://www4.uwm.edu/freshwater/>.

Appropriately located near the largest freshwater system on the Earth's surface--the Great Lakes -- the UWM School of Freshwater Sciences (SFS) is the first graduate school in the nation dedicated solely to the study of freshwater. Established in 2009, the UWM SFS was built on a tradition of freshwater science research and expands a tradition of freshwater studies at UWM that began in 1966 with the Center for Great Lakes Studies and continued with the Great Lakes WATER Institute in 1973. The University's Great Lakes WATER Institute, the largest academic aquatic research center on the Great Lakes, has been supplying the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the state Department of Natural Resources with critical data on the health of Lake Michigan for more than 40 years.

Communities, economies and health rely upon freshwater, and we use it for recreation and transportation. While the value of freshwater has never been so clear, never have the global threats to freshwater quality and quantity been so great. The issues and problems in understanding and using our freshwater resources are both profound and complex. Solving them will require bold new ideas, strategies, products, and technologies. Consequently the mission of the School of Freshwater Sciences is to train the next generation of freshwater professionals and to advance fundamental and strategic science to inform policy, improve management, and promote the health and sustainability of freshwater systems worldwide. The research and education programs of SFS are integrated across four major areas: freshwater system dynamics; human and ecosystem health; freshwater technology; and freshwater economics, policy, and management to educate tomorrow's freshwater scientists and professionals.

Australian scientist David E. J. Garman, a specialist in water resources and pollution control, has been named as the founding dean of SFS. His appointment became effective Sept. 1, 2011. Garman comes to UWM from the Environmental Biotechnology Cooperative Research Centre (EBCRC) in Eveleigh, New South Wales, Australia, where he has been executive director since 1996. Garman worked in academia, public service and in private industry prior to joining the EBCRC. He is chairman of an Australian publicly listed company specializing in water environmental technologies, and advises a number of private companies, institutes and water authorities worldwide on research, water resource and pollution-control matters. Garman was leader of a project dealing with provision of safe water services in Bangladesh, and has also worked in Australia and China on remediation of lakes whose oxygen content is depleted by organic nutrients. He has been involved in or associated with remediation projects for more than 100 lakes, from small to large systems. Garman earned both Ph.D. and Master of Science degrees in chemistry from the University of Sydney.

“Dr. Garman brings tremendous experience to our university and represents exactly what we want our new school to become: an international leader in the field of freshwater sciences,” said Chancellor Michael R. Lovell. “David Garman brings a truly global perspective on freshwater science that bridges the public and private sectors. His experience in developing and applying water technology solutions throughout the world is uniquely suited to advancing the School of Freshwater Sciences' goal of being in the forefront of water research globally,” said UWM Provost Johannes Britz.

Diana Hankes, Editor

Women Leaders Conference

Back by popular demand the 2012 Women Leaders Conference returns, March 30, for a day of inspiring education. Hosted by the UWM School of Continuing Education, the event kicks off at the Pfister Hotel in downtown Milwaukee from 8am-5pm. The conference celebrates women who have pioneered their fields and uncovers their proven methods for success. Attendees will learn from accomplished women, discover what inspires them and harness the energy to empower themselves. Highlights of this year's conference include writer, lecturer, editor, and feminist activist, **Gloria Steinem** as the keynote speaker. In addition, Doris Christopher, Founder and Chairman Emeritus, The Pampered Chef and Dr. France Córdova, President of Purdue University will also give keynote presentations. The fee is normally \$289, but Osher Members can register at a reduced fee of \$230. Interested? Contact Kim Beck at 414-227-3321 or kcb@uwm.edu for more details.

Welcome George Bryant *(continued from page 1)*

for Kmart which he called “Soul St. Nick.” He ran the B&M production company that provided fashion, photography, and entertainment shows. Since his move to Milwaukee in 1978 his photography business has serviced weddings, anniversaries, graduations, and civic events. He gives seminars on photography and enjoys inspiring children in developing their skills and learning about pre-digital camera equipment. Currently, George is in the beginning stages of composing a book on the past hundred years of photography as seen through the eyes of four African American photographers.

A major lesson George learned from his father was to help others. George said he would not be where he is today if it were not for the help of mentors along the way. He said he graduated with a degree in chemistry, but it was a chemist at Glidden who taught him what he needed to know. His father was like a “Pied Piper” in his childhood neighborhood. Every Sunday his father would get all the kids in the vicinity and take them to church. Children from the area were always at the family home. It did not matter what ethnicity or religious background the children had. They all had one thing in common – they were poor and neighbors helped one another. When his father died over three hundred young people attended to give him tribute. Although many members of the community have moved away, every August over 700 people attend a reunion in a pavilion built by Cleveland for this community’s events. Some people who once lived in this community are Bob Hope, Halle Berry, and Greg Morris.

George has mentored several young engineers and feels blessed by seeing their success. He has shared his musical talents with others and met his wife of ten years when he directed a church choir. He has given to others throughout his life as he learned from his father. In that spirit of giving he now shares his skills with us.

Genee Brukwitzki, Reporter

Osher’s Driving Force is in High Gear

The program committee, Osher’s driving force, is being challenged to keep up with the institute’s growing membership. The 13-member committee is responsible for developing the programs and curriculum that keeps Osher running.

“We are looking at ways to meet our growing needs,” said Ruth Kurensky, program committee chairperson. Although still in its infancy, the five-year-old institute has almost doubled in size and its rapid growth has prompted discussions about limiting enrollment in classes and offering identical courses for more than one session.

The goal of the program committee, which is currently working on the summer schedule, is to provide unique programming that explores, exposes and educates. Monthly meetings are spent brainstorming ideas that meet the goals, and budgeting once decisions are made. Programming ideas come from the community, other Osher programs, committee members, the membership and presenters.

Volunteer presenters often come with a wealth of knowledge and their own ideas and passions. Many of the presenters are retired teachers who welcome an opportunity to get back in a classroom setting. Others are specialists and experts in various professions and fields of study. The presenters are given an opportunity to choose course content and the place and time of their classes. Most sessions meet at UWM’s Hefter Conference Center week days between 10 a.m and 4 p.m., however, a number of classes meet downtown in the Plankinton Building at the School of Continuing Education.

The most popular of the programs offered is Potpourri, a class with a different lecturer and topic each week throughout the five week session, said Kurensky. The Go Explore program is very popular as well, she added. Field trips are taken to lesser-known places of interest in Milwaukee and sometimes beyond.

Osher’s program committee welcomes hearing from anyone aspiring to become a presenter or who has programming ideas they want to share. Please contact a member of the committee listed on Page 4 of the Winter/Spring 2012 Open New Doors program book.

Leslie Clevert, Reporter

March & April 2012 Osher Calendar

Thursday March 1, 2012

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG
10:30am-12pm The African Experience
1:30-3pm Gold Star Mysteries SIG

Friday March 2, 2012

10am-12pm Films You May Have Missed
1:30-2:45pm Great Questions

Monday March 5, 2012

10:30-11:45am Potpourri I
1-2pm Board of Directors Meeting
3-4:15pm Wonder of the Universe

Tuesday March 6, 2012

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conversation
10:30-11:45am Oceanography II
12-1:30pm Italian SIG
1:30-3pm Writing SIG
3:15-4:20pm Romeo and Juliet

Wednesday March 7, 2012

10:30am-12pm French SIG
10:30-11:45am Italian Folklore

Thursday March 8, 2012

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG
10:30-12pm The African Experience
12-3pm "Going Green" Potluck

Friday March 9, 2012

10am-12pm Films You May Have Missed

Monday March 12, 2012

10:30-11:45am Potpourri I
3-4:15pm Wonder of the Universe

Tuesday March 13, 2012

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conversation SIG
10:30-11:45am Oceanography II
12-1:30pm Italian SIG
1:00-2:30pm German Conversation SIG

Wednesday March 14, 2012

9-10am History SIG
10:30am-12pm Earth Wisdom SIG
10:30am-12pm French SIG
12-1pm Membership Committee
1-2:30pm New Member Orientation
3-4:30pm Wisconsin Politics

Thursday March 15, 2012

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG
10:30-12pm The African Experience

Friday March 16, 2012

10am-12pm Jewish Museum Tour

Monday March 19, 2012

10:30-11:45am Potpourri II
12-2pm Program Committee Meeting
1:30-2:45pm Whispers of the Heart

Tuesday March 20, 2012

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conversation SIG
10am-12pm Book Group SIG
12-1:30pm Italian SIG
1:30-2:45pm G. Eliot's Middlemarch

Wednesday March 21, 2012

10:30am-12pm French SIG
10:30-11:45am Music of World War II

Thursday March 22, 2012

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG
10:30-11:45am The Great War-Part II
12-1:15pm Mobile Robots

Monday March 26, 2012

9-10:30am Leadership & Development
10:30-11:45am Potpourri II
1:30-2:45pm Whispers of the Heart

Tuesday March 27, 2012

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conversation SIG
12-1:30pm Italian SIG
1-2:30pm German Conversation SIG
1:30-2:45pm G. Eliot's Middlemarch

Wednesday March 28, 2012

9-10am History SIG
10:30am-12pm Earth Wisdom SIG
10:30am-12pm French SIG
10:30-11:45am The Music of WW II
7:30-9:30pm The Tempest

Thursday March 29, 2012

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG
10:30-11:45am The Great War
12-1:15pm Mobile Robots

Monday April 2, 2012

10:30-11:45am Potpourri II
1-2pm Board of Directors Meeting
1:30-2:45pm Whispers of the Heart

Tuesday April 3, 2012

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conversation SIG
10:30-11:45am Jeremiah- Part II
12-1:30pm Italian SIG
1:30-3pm Writing SIG
1:30-2:45pm G. Eliot's Middlemarch

Wednesday April 4, 2012

10:30am-12pm French SIG
10:30-11:45am Music of World War II
1:30-2:45pm Ritual, Ceremony & Hol.

Thursday April 5, 2012

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG
10:30-11:45am The Great War- I Part II
12-1:15pm Mobile Robots
1:30-3pm Gold Star Mysteries SIG
3-4:15pm Shakespeare's Tempest

Monday April 9, 2012

10:30-11:45am Potpourri II

Tuesday April 10, 2012

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conversation SIG
10:30-11:45am Jeremiah- Part II
12-1:30pm Italian SIG
1-2:30pm German Conversation SIG
1:30-2:45pm G. Eliot's Middlemarch

Wednesday April 11, 2012

9-10am History SIG
10:30am-12pm Earth Wisdom SIG
10:30am-12pm French SIG
10:30-11:45am Music of World War II
1:30-2:45pm Ritual, Ceremony & Hol.

Thursday April 12, 2012

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG
10:30-11:45am The Great War
12-1:15pm Mobile Robots
3-4:15pm Shakespeare's Tempest

Saturday April 14, 2012

10am-12pm Prospective Member Event

March & April 2012 Osher Calendar *cont.*

Monday April 16, 2012

10:30-11:45am Potpourri II
12-2pm Program Committee

Tuesday April 17, 2012

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conversation SIG
10am-12pm Book Group
10:30-11:45am Jeremiah Part II
12-1:30pm Italian SIG
1:30-2:45pm G. Eliot's Middlemarch

Wednesday April 18, 2012

10:30am-12pm French SIG
10:30-11:45am Tolstoy's Short Stories
1:30-2:45pm Ritual, Ceremony & Hol.

Thursday April 19, 2012

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG
10:30-11:45am The Great War Part II
3-4:15pm Shakespeare's Tempest

Friday April 20, 2012

10:30-12pm Indian Community School

Monday April 23, 2012

9-10:30am Leadership & Development
10:30-11:45am Potpourri II

Tuesday April 24, 2012

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conversation SIG
10:30-11:45am Jeremiah- Part II
12-1:30pm Italian SIG
1-2:30pm German Conversation SIG
1:30-2:45pm G. Eliot's Middlemarch

Wednesday April 25, 2012

9-10am History SIG
10:30am-12pm Earth Wisdom SIG
10:30am-12pm French SIG
10:30-11:45am Tolstoy's Short Stories
1:30-2:45pm Ritual, Ceremony & Hol.

Thursday April 26, 2012

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG
10:30-11:45am The Great War- Part II
3-4:15pm Shakespeare's Tempest

Friday April 27, 2012

1:30-3pm What New Cartoons

Monday April 30, 2012

10:30-11:45am Potpourri II

Special Interest Group Notes March—April, 2012

For more information about Special Interest groups, call the Group Coordinator.

Interest Groups are held at two locations:

UWM Hefter Conference Center, 3271 N. Lake Drive (Hefter)

BOOK GROUP

Cathy Morris-Nelson 414-352-2839
Third Tuesdays, 10:00a.m.–12:00p.m. (Shorewood)
March, 20: "Emily Alone" by Stewart O'Nan
Apr. 17: Poetry, any selection

EARTH WISDOM

Dale Olen 262-255-3628
Second and fourth Wednesdays
10:30a.m.–12:00p.m. (Hefter)

FRENCH

Prof. Martine Meyer 414-964-3717
Every Wednesday, 10:30a.m.–12:00p.m. (Hefter)

GERMAN CONVERSATION

Valerie Brumder, 414-352-4506
Second and fourth Tuesdays 1:00–2:30p.m. (Hefter)

GOLD STAR MYSTERIES

Beverly DeWeese 414-332-7306
First Thursdays, 1:30–3:00 p.m. (Hefter)
March 1: "I'd Know You Anywhere" By Laura Lippman
"Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter" by Tom Franklin
Apr. 5: "Sherlockian" by Graham Moore
"Last Days of Ptolemy Grey" by Walter Mosley

HISTORY

Marilyn Walker 414-332-8255
Second & Fourth Wednesdays
9:00–10:00a.m. (Hefter)
There's Power in a Union by Phillip Dray
March 14: Chapter Nine
March 28: Chapter Ten
April 11: Chapter Eleven
April 25: Guest Speaker

ITALIAN

Silvana Kukuljan 414-935-2958
Every Tuesday, 12:00–1:30p.m. (Hefter)

SPANISH

Tony LoBue 414-364-4936
Every Thursday, 9:30–11:30a.m. (Hefter)

SPANISH CONVERSATION

Simon Arenzon 262-242-2035
Every Tuesday, 9:30–11:30a.m. (Hefter)

WRITING (New!)

Maryagnes Luchini 262-255-1030
First Tuesdays, 1:30–3:00p.m. (Hefter)

Happenings: around Osher around UWM around Town

The editorial staff intends to write about things of interest to Osher members. We need input from you. This first column will inform and suggest a few things, the next columns will be in response to the flood of information we receive from you. Your editorial staff is listed in the last page of the newsletter, you may email any one of us with your ideas, your anecdotes, your suggestions, your compliments on the fine job we are doing. OK, your complaints will also be accepted. We just want to hear from you. Is the newsletter informative, effective, and worthwhile?

One thing that is new around Osher is us. The editorial staff is newly developed, thanks in large part to Linda Nolan. She is a wizard at convincing people that they really do want to do what she suggests. She suggested that if I accept the responsibility of editing this newsletter she would find a staff. She did, you will find two of our staff profiled in this issue. Others will be profiled in later editions. The member profiles have been a mainstay of the newsletter and will remain a central feature. Here is a place where any of you can suggest a “person of interest”, as the police are fond of calling those they seek, to be profiled. The editorial staff will do the interview and create the article. Of course we think all members of Osher are of interest so this should be easy. Let us hear from you.

Another fairly recent happening at Osher was the brainstorming session held at the Hefter Center on November 14, 2011. Facilitated ably by Ron Kuramoto, the well attended session’s goal was to explore four questions for the purpose of Osher improvement. These are the questions.

How we can identify leaders and encourage people to step up to new roles?

How do we maintain membership?

How can we increase membership and broaden the diversity of the group?

What would be a better communication vehicle between the committees and interested members?

Kuramoto divided the group into four smaller groups; each group then discussed “their” question and recorded possible resolutions. These were then traded with each other group respectively, each group asked to further elucidate the previous group’s work. You can find the results of this work on the “Resources” page of the Osher website. The Leadership and Development Committee will use the results to initiate further actions toward improvement. The editorial staff will quarry the information for future articles, surveys and other informational data sharing. Let us know what you think of the process. Your input is always encouraged. Are there ways you can contribute? Do you have resources that would be useful in any of the identified areas?

I believe it will be clear as you read the various articles in this newsletter that we do respond to reader input and have begun to address some of the issues already. For instance, last issue Terry Rozga wrote about her love of books and suggested that the newsletter consider featuring a book report or review in each issue. Look elsewhere in this issue for John Link’s report on the book the History SIG is reading, “There is Power in a Union: The Epic Story of Labor in America”, by Philip Dray. Further happenings around UWM and around town are made known in other areas of this newsletter. Remember, the next issue requires input from you. Until next time, enjoy this issue and help make the next one better.

Diana Hanks, Editor

***The Tempest* at Off The Wall Theatre**

Off The Wall Theatre, one of Milwaukee's most critically acclaimed theaters, is proud to present an exciting new version of William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. With an original score by Glen Quarrie, and a cast that includes Milwaukee legends Dale Gutzman, Marilyn White, Karl Miller, Jeremy Welter, Robert Hirschi, Liz Mistele and others, this exciting production brings out all the potent drama, comedy, music, song and dance of one of the most magical plays ever written.

Join us at a dress rehearsal exclusively for Osher members! Talk back to follow performance.

Wednesday, March 28th, 7:30pm

Off The Wall Theatre, 127 E. Wells Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202

Register as usual with Program No. SPRI:90. Cost is \$20 per ticket.

Parking may be found at nearby M&I Bank for \$3/hr. after 5pm.



You Be the Judge!

Like many Osher members, retirement has given me the opportunity to get involved in projects I never had time for when working.

Having read about the much maligned Milwaukee Public School system, I decided to see if I could be part of a solution for a system that has absorbed major funding cuts and seeks to educate students from the poorest neighborhoods in our community. I was assigned to work with the Science Curriculum Specialists in the Science Dept. at the Central Office. While science has never been my strong suit (to put it mildly), it has been a very rewarding experience. My latest assignment is helping organize the District's Science Fair in May. Schools include elementary through high school. Students exhibit their science inquiry projects in a judged competition. The competition will be held on May 10 in the Peck Welcome Center at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Would you be willing to help MPS acknowledge the student's work this year? We need 100 people to judge this year's competition. You do not need a science background to serve as a judge. Judges will be trained how to assess and score a project. Last year's judges ranged from literacy specialists to real estate assessors, engineers and beyond.

Go to [__http://mpssciencefair.wikispaces.com/__](http://mpssciencefair.wikispaces.com/) to see how a project is judged.

Participating in this year's District Science Fair will give Osher members an opportunity to meet the students and see their enthusiasm for learning. Our MPS students need the community's support and I hope you can volunteer to be a judge or serve in other capacities. For more information call Bridget Bannon at 414-774-0732 or email bannonbe@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

Bridget Bannon, Osher member

Open New Doors Conference September 21, 2012

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute will be holding its next conference "Open New Doors" on September 21, 2012 at the UW-Milwaukee School of Continuing Education.

The opportunity inherent in the growing population of retirees is a key focus of this conference. Our vast life experience combined with a desire to be of service to the community can make a tremendous contribution to society. We will explore how to focus and engage our talent and energy.

With an emphasis on leadership and community involvement, this day-long event will feature a morning key-note address by Sr. Edna Lonergan, President of the St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care .

The morning and afternoon breakout sessions being planned include topics such as Memoir Writing/Story Telling, Social Media - Finding Your Voice in the Information Age, Neuroscience and Aging, Native American Alternative Health and Wellness, Getting Involved in the Political Process and Making a Difference Through Service.

A luncheon will be served followed by a keynote speaker yet to be determined.

Many of you attended the last Osher conference "Grey Matters" in June of 2010. It was an invigorating exploration of ways to improve and enrich our lives while making a difference in the lives of others.

Kathy Brehmer, Leadership and Development Committee

Meet Leslie Clevert



In the fall of 2011, a friend told Leslie Clevert about an OSHER creative writing course. She was intrigued and went as a guest. Leslie has a background in writing, but she was interested in learning new skills and felt the course would inspire her to do more writing. The course was successful in motivating Leslie to write what she calls one of her “best creative endeavors.” Since then she joined the UWM Osher chapter and now is a member of the newly formed newsletter committee.

Leslie’s writing career began early in her life. She remembers writing books on a typewriter as a child. When in college, she had some success writing political commentaries. She enjoyed writing about Nixon’s impeachment and realized how much fun political writing was. While Leslie was at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, earning a bachelor degree in print journalism she worked as an intern at Better Homes & Gardens magazine.

When she graduated she refused a job offer there because she was eager to start her career in a new location. She accepted the position of a journalist at The Milwaukee Journal covering events at the federal building, police activity, and stories for the women’s section. Later she was in charge of the Milwaukee news when the newspaper established specific zones. Through her role in this position she helped in organizing news stories, deciding staff assignments and determining which stories to report. During her

first summer at The Milwaukee Journal Leslie attended the Michele Clark Program for Minority Journalists at Columbia University in New York City. In that three month program she wrote stories about New York City.

Like many women, Leslie took some time off to care for her young children. When she returned to the work force she wrote for the UW Milwaukee News Services and Public Relations Department for five years. She next worked with the public relations team at Junior Achievement. Determined to spend more time with her children she quit and assumed the role of a free lance writer since it gave her more control over her working hours. She wrote for magazines on topics that included the role of minority women, addiction, and shelter for the homeless. Leslie has assisted several community organizations with their newsletters and projects.

Today Leslie is enjoying the role of grandmother for her three grandchildren and spends two days a week caring for the youngest. Leslie’s son, Charles, is a computer technologist at Marquette University and her daughter, Melanie, is a violinist in the Chicago Sinfonietta and teaches at Meritt School of Music.

Leslie is involved in many community organizations. She contributes to the efforts of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority with their altruistic endeavors. She is a member of Milwaukee Links which provides scholarships and tutoring to African American children. St Mark’s African Methodist Episcopal Church has benefitted from her services as a secretary for the Hospitality Ministry and church greeter. Now, the UWM Osher chapter can be added to the list of her endeavors.

Genee Brukwitzki, Reporter

Going Green Potluck

Thursday, March 8th, 12:30-2:30pm

South Shore Park Pavilion, 2900 South Shore Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53207

Get in the spirit of "Going Green." Spring! St. Patrick's! The Environment! Bring an entrée, hors d’oeuvre, or a dessert to share. Please bring on serving plates. Coffee, tea and punch will be served. Earth-friendly paper plates and plastic-ware will be available. You may bring your own alcoholic beverage. There will be **prizes** but you must be present to win. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for donation to Hunger Task Force at this event. There is parking south of the building or on the street but please try to carpool.

There is no charge for this event but please RSVP to Jenny Neale at neale@uwm.edu or call 414-227-3255 before March 1st.

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Save the Date

New Member Orientations

Wednesday, March 14 and Wednesday, May 9 | 1-2:30pm
Lake Park Community Room

Osher Prospective Member Event

Saturday, April 14 | 10am-12Noon
UWM Hefter Center

Spring Luncheon

Wednesday, June 13 | 12Noon-3pm
Milwaukee Yacht Club

Welcome
New Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Members

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