



# Osher Outlook

Because Learning Never Retires

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### Osher Benefits From a China Mission

As the result of attending a number of Osher classes, husband and wife team Jim and Katie Gennrich realized they had something to offer that might be of interest to Osher members. They were right. After presenting their first class on China they were surprised by the large number of people interested and decided to try it again, then again and maybe yet again.

Anyone who has taken a class from the Gennriches undoubtedly finished it with far more knowledge about China than they could have imagined.

Questions did not go unanswered. If one arose that the well-informed presenters could not answer, they contacted sources they met from living, traveling and teaching in East Asia for five years. The presenters almost always received a prompt response and read it directly to the class the following week.



Jim, a retired businessman and CPA, developed an interest in China while working at a West Bend engineering company. The company had a potential competitor in China and sent a team of employees to get a first-hand look at the competition. He was fascinated with what the team learned and following his retirement a year later, he and Katie, a retired educator, traveled to the most populated country in the world to serve as global volunteers for two three-week visits. Jim lectured at a banking university as a visiting businessman, and Katie taught English to working adults.

Then, without hesitation, they agreed to be trained to teach and manage a foreign studies program at Tianjin University, near Beijing, sponsored by the International Business Institute, a United States non-profit organization. Again, Katie taught English and Jim shared his business skills.

Next they traveled to Suzhou University near Shanghai to direct a program that prepared Chinese bi-lingual international trade students for management positions at western international companies in a nearby industrial park. Suzhou University is described by the Gennriches as similar to the University of Wisconsin—Madison. Housing was provided for the couple by the university, and a highlight of their China experience was getting to know students personally and inviting them into their apartment to share American customs, culture and food.

During their time at the university, the Gennriches spent five months in China then returned to the US for seven months each year. After five years of working 10-hour days, six days a week, and travelling between two continents, they decided to

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School of Continuing Education

## President's Greeting

Our Winter/Spring 2012 program...

My, did this Spring semester fly by!! I suppose the fact that summer started in March had something to do with it. Anyway, the weather has returned to somewhat normal but I feel no regrets that we had a pretty mild winter. Although this semester is coming to a close, don't fret. There are plans for summer programming that will include 6 to 8 Go Explore events and at least one Potpourri series. So it should be an active summer.

Time has flown by for me as well. My term as Osher President is coming to an end and it's time to turn the ball over to my successor, Phil Rozga. Being President was very fulfilling and rewarding and I will have many happy memories. I'm very proud of the progress we've made with Osher but certainly realize that these successes were a team effort. I would like to thank the Osher Board, the Committee chairpersons, the SIG coordinators, the Committee members, and Kim Beck and Jenny Neale and the Osher membership for all of your support and cooperation. It's been fun. I'll see you at the next presentation.

All my best.

**David Kelling**  
President

## Message from the Executive Director



Greetings!

Great things are happening at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UW-Milwaukee. Our membership continues to grow, our programs are inspiring and well attended, and all of you are shining examples of the benefits of lifelong learning!

Still, we are always looking for ways to improve our institute. For instance, the newsletter you are currently reading keeps getting better and better. Special thanks to Diana Hankes and her staff for all they do in producing *Osher Outlook*.

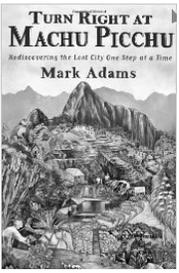
One area we can really use improvement is our list of member email addresses. Right now, we only have email addresses for only about half of you. I know some of you don't have access to email, but I am guessing that there are some of you that just haven't shared that information with us. We regularly send out emails with last minute details or recently added program opportunities. We would like all of you to benefit from that, so please let Jenny Neale or me know your email address if you haven't done so already.

Finally, don't forget to mark your calendar for Friday, September 21 when Osher will present its *Open New Doors* conference. The speakers and workshops we are planning are designed to give you new ideas and information that will inspire you to keep learning, keep growing and opening new doors in your life. Keep an eye open for more details.

Here's to a life full of learning and new doors to open!

Best,

Kim C. Beck  
Executive Director



# Turn Right at Machu Picchu—Rediscovering the Lost City One Step at a Time

By Mark Adams, Publisher: Dutton Press (2011) Pages: 333

A Book Review by John Link

It was the morning of July 24, 1911, when Hiram Bingham III, reached the site of Machu Picchu bringing this wonder to the attention of the world. It was the morning of July 17, 2011, that I huffed and puffed my way up to Machu Picchu. I read this book three weeks after my trip.

The author decided that he wanted to walk in the footsteps of Bingham to Machu Picchu and ended up in places few have traveled. This book describes how a person who has not camped in 30 years fared on a 3 week hike, high altitudes and sun. He hired an Australian born guide by the name John Leivers. Leivers is a character and a highlight of this book. He does not appear to have much of sense of humor. His motto seems to be: “The body and mind only get stronger when they’re traumatized”. However the guide does his part so the author can describe his journey in detail. Such as the use of “Mothers Little Helper of the Andes,” cocoa leaves, to deal with the altitude. I will leave guinea pig dining for you to read.

This book is part travel journal, adventure story and history lesson. One lesson I learned is that there has always been controversy surrounding Bingham; did he really discover Machu Picchu, did he have the proper authority to take Inca items back to Yale? What he did was he determined the importance Machu Picchu, popularized it to the degree that it became protected, and it would not be destroyed by gold seekers. You will also learn about the Inca nation, Peru, and the Spanish conquest of the Incas. This is a readable book for someone going to Machu Picchu or who has been to Machu Picchu. It has good index for references and maps.

What is Machu Picchu? Is it the lost city, a royal retreat, laid out for some astrology purpose, does it have magic powers? The author said that Machu Picchu isn’t just beautiful it’s sublime. I said when I got there this a very cool place.

*Additional commentary from Diana Hanks:*

Machu Piccu is SO cool, it is beyond expectations, as many places are not. The civil engineering of the Inca is hard to comprehend, even when one is looking at it.

I can personally recommend the coca leaf tea, it’s mild stimulation allowed me, like John, to climb the Inca Trail to the Sun Gate. We did have the choice of guinea pig on one dinner menu. I did not partake so cannot report whether it “tastes like chicken”. I can report that it takes several days to recover from coca tea. I appreciate John’s report and highly recommend the book even if you are not interested in exotic travel.

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## Audit Courses at UWM for Free

Looking for additional learning opportunities beyond Osher? Or perhaps the subject of an Osher course has peaked your interest and you would like to dig in deeper? Auditing courses at UWM for *free* is a great opportunity for Wisconsin residents over the age of 60. Permission to audit a course is dependent upon space availability and instructor approval. Auditors do not receive a grade or credit for courses that they take.

For a listing of courses, visit [www.schedule.uwm.edu](http://www.schedule.uwm.edu). To register, visit the Office of Adult and Returning Student Services (OARSS) at Mellencamp Hall Room 212, 2442 E. Kenwood Boulevard. Complete a University Special Student application, provide proof of date of birth with a driver’s license or birth certificate, and provide proof of residency with a driver’s license or piece of mail. On or before the first day of classes, pick up an ADD/DROP form at the OARSS office. This form should be taken to the first class session, signed by the course’s instructor and then returned to the OARSS office. Registration will be completed at that time.

For more information, contact the Office of Adult and Returning Student Services at 414-229-5932 and press 2 at the prompt or email at [oarss@uwm.edu](mailto:oarss@uwm.edu).

## Happenings: around OSHER around UWM around TOWN

Happenings around Osher include our Go Green event at the South Shore Pavilion. It was a beautiful venue and a beautiful day. Those of us who attended were amused and immersed in finding out all kinds of interesting factoids about fellow members. From exotic travels to dog's names to youthful escapades – those of you who did not come really missed out on a fun time and wonderful food as well. Even without our crack photographer George Bryant we were able to field a few pictures so we can relive the moment. We wish more of you had been there. As you heard in the last issue, we want to hear from you, many or all of you. So this time here is a specific query – what would have enticed you to attend the Go Green event? Both the Program and the social Committees would like your input. What attractions or deterrents can you tell us about the scheduling of classes and social events?

John Link has another interesting book report in this issue. John has traveled to Peru, as have I (Diana Hanks). We both found the book a valuable and engrossing enhancement to our travel to Machu Piccu. Lesley Clevert profiles one of our busy married couples this issue. I was surprised to find out that the term “Osher” is a fairly recent development in this organization – Lynn Sager brings us up to date in this issue with a history of Osher in relationship to our group. For those who crave further learning opportunities in the formal classroom, look for Jenny Neale's directions for auditing UWM courses.

All Osher classes have been very well attended; clearly the interest of many members is being reached. The Potpourri series have had much of interest, I most especially liked learning about harmonicas – or “free reed” instruments as I now know to call them. Part of the fun of Potpourri is the surprise element of the content – it is not always what you expect – and that's interesting. Let us know what you like.

UWM is a happening place these days: Last issue you heard about the new School of Freshwater Science, in this issue you can learn something about the “new” School of Public Health. In our demographic (“the demographic that cannot be named” according to some.) descriptive terms such as “elder” “aged” “senior” “golden” are all in some way derogative. In any event, for us mostly retired folk the concepts of public health are important, we are fortunate to have this cooperative venture looking out for the welfare of the public, regardless of age, gender or status.

One thing happening around town is a request from Monica Jeske, Education Manager, Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens (FBBG). The FBBG is seeking a part-time year round plant science educator for their Children's Education Department. The position would report to the FBBG Education Department Manager. If you or someone you know would be interested contact Monica for full details at 414-525-5659, boernerbotanicalgardens.org. FBBG provides all materials, classes are primarily held at Boerner Botanical Gardens. The applicant must be a WI certified teacher. *Experience in science related instruction is preferred.* Must possess a valid/current Wisconsin Drivers License and reliable vehicle and have the ability to work a flexible schedule Monday through Friday.

Help us out, you don't want your new editorial committee to run out of ideas – let us hear from you. Send us stories, ideas, comments. If you enjoyed the book report, if you have read a good book lately, send a report of it to John Link at [jmlink@milwpc.com](mailto:jmlink@milwpc.com)

Diana Hanks, Editor

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## Going Green Potluck on March 8th

A good time was held by all! Thanks to the Social Committee for organizing such a nice event.



## Special Interest Group Profile: Earth Wisdom

In September 2009 Dale Olen taught a short course for Osher on Environmental Ethics (how you behave in and perceive the environment) There was so much to discuss in this course and so little time to do it in three sessions that he invited interested Osher members to continue the conversation in an on-going discussion group.

So, on 11/24/2009, an e-mail came from Cathie Sanders announcing the new OSHER group starting 2/3/2010, with Dale Olen as facilitator. That notice said: *Participants will join Dale Olen to go in search of Earth's wisdom. According to Dale "Together we will discover the lessons Earth has to teach about living cooperatively with one another and with the planet. We will search for wisdom residing in our present day elders (including ourselves), in the history of the human family, in literature, and in Earth itself."* Dale's group thought it worthwhile to use their time twice a month to discuss these issues.

Starting from the premise that much of ethics, and wisdom for that matter, arise from the earth itself, the group tries to observe the workings of nature, reflect on their role and activity and see if they can find the wisdom for living graciously with one another and with Earth itself. Discussions have taken the group from fossils and memory to water and motion to predators, prey and life and death. Talk has been about balance and moderation, time and change, evolution and stability, and almost always about values, beliefs and worldviews. Discussions are a mix of personal experience with nature, the earth sciences, such as ecology, philosophy and ethics, psychology, sociology, anthropology, and most any other field of study. The group finds that discussions are always fun, thought-provoking, insightful, and practical. The entire group numbers about thirteen members. All members were queried for their thoughts on the "wisdom" of the group and asked to tell of their involvement and interest.

One of the original members, **Kathy Banzhaf**, has this to say: "At the time, I was looking for a learning experience that fit my schedule. I have little book-learning about the environment, but understand that natural resources are finite, that many practices of human beings and organizations do damage to the Earth. It sounded pertinent to current issues and also as old as time - an interesting opportunity. So I joined and have attended since the beginning. The content and discussions certainly cause me to think and have expanded my horizons. Dale has a wealth of knowledge that he gladly shares, the skills to lead our conversations down a fascinating variety of paths, he has a great sense of humor, and he clearly cares about the subject and our group. He is a wonderfully creative facilitator! And the compatible and respectful members of - and visitors to - the group contribute information and differing viewpoints that enliven our discussions. After two years, I still look forward to our get-togethers."

Here is what Chris O'Brien and Joan Moore had to say:

**Chris O'Brien:** "I enjoy coming to Earth Wisdom. These are members that love this planet and all the wonders that surround it. We share our concerns and thoughts about keeping this great creation a good place for further generations to come."

**Joan Moore:** "It's not easy to answer the query, but here goes: I joined at the suggestion of a friend, following a lifelong family and personal involvement with the out-of-doors. That involvement (in out-of-doors activities) must change as I get older; the group permits me to broaden it, both intellectually (by following a line of thinking about the earth) and empathetically (by listening to other members)."

**Erika Voss** has also been a part of Earth Wisdom since the beginning. She joined because of an interest in the environment and in the idea of creation and evolution. She says, "At one time in my life I thought I would be an anthropologist because I am fascinated by the beauty and variety of the universe and our earth and would like to explore more about how evolution has brought us and all of creation to our present state of complexity. I enjoy our group and our discussions. Everyone has something to contribute. I also appreciate Dale as our facilitator. He always brings in new information and challenges and stimulates all of us to think about how we fit into today's world with all the positive and negative experiences and events."

Members understand, with Dale, that to heal the environment is a larger task than is possible for any individual but all can be cognizant of the need for careful management and consideration of our fragile planet. We can use our votes for actions toward global awareness, we can encourage government intervention where needed, and perhaps discourage intervention where it is harmful to the environment. Discussions regarding environmental ethics may at least assist us to remain aware of our government's allocation of resources. The group will continue to meet on most second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. They welcome visitors and are happy to share earth's wisdom. Visit the Earth Wisdom Stories web site at <http://www.earthwisdomstories.com/>

# May & June 2012 Osher Calendar

## Tuesday, May 1

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conv. SIG  
12-1:30pm Italian SIG  
1:30-2:45pm Adventures in History  
1:30-3pm Writing SIG

## Wednesday, May 2

10:30am-12pm French SIG  
10:30-11:45am Tolstoy's Short Stories

## Thursday, May 3

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG  
1:30-3pm Gold Star Mysteries SIG

## Sunday, May 6

Week of Learning in D.C.

## Monday, May 7

Week of Learning in D.C.  
10:30-11:45am Potpourri III

## Tuesday, May 8

Week of Learning in D.C.  
9:30-11:30am Spanish Conv. SIG  
12-1:30pm Italian SIG  
1-2:30pm German Conv. SIG  
1:30-2:45pm Adventures in History

## Wednesday, May 9

Week of Learning in D.C.  
9-10am History SIG  
10:30am-12pm Earth Wisdom SIG  
10:30am-12pm French SIG  
10:30-11:45am Tolstoy's Short Stories  
12-1pm Membership Committee Mtng  
1-2:30pm New Member Orientation

## Thursday, May 10

Week of Learning in D.C.  
9:30-11:30 Spanish SIG

## Friday, May 11

Week of Learning in D.C.  
1:30-3:30pm Great African Warrior

## Monday, May 14

10:30-11:45am Potpourri III  
1-2:30pm Board of Directors Mtng

## Tuesday, May 15

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conv. SIG  
10am-12pm Book Group SIG  
10:30-11:45am Scandinavia  
12-1:30pm Italian SIG  
1:30-2:45pm Adventures in History  
1:30-3pm Writing SIG

## Wednesday, May 16

10:30am-12pm French SIG  
10:30-11:45am Tolstoy's Short Stories

## Thursday, May 17

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG

## Monday, May 21

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

## Tuesday, May 22

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conv. SIG  
10:30-11:45am Scandinavia  
12-1:30pm Italian SIG  
1-2:30pm German Conv. SIG  
1:30-2:45pm Fauvism and German Exp.

## Wednesday, May 23

9-10am History SIG  
9:30-11:30am Marquette Go Explore  
10:30am-12pm Earth Wisdom SIG  
10:30am-12pm French SIG

## Thursday, May 24

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG

## Tuesday, May 29

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conv. SIG  
10:30-11:45am Scandinavia  
12-1:30pm Italian SIG  
1:30-2:45pm Fauvism and German Exp.

## Wednesday, May 30

10:30am-12pm French SIG

## Thursday, May 31

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG

## Monday, June 4

1-2:30pm Board of Directors Mtng

## Tuesday, June 5

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conv. SIG  
12-1:30pm Italian SIG  
1:30-2:45pm Fauvism and German Exp.  
1:30-3pm Writing SIG

## Wednesday, June 6th

10:30am-12pm French

## Thursday, June 7

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG  
1:30-3pm Gold Star Mysteries SIG

## Monday, June 11

9:30-11am Newsletter Com. Mtng  
10:30-11:45am Potpourri I

## Tuesday, June 12

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conv. SIG  
12-1:30pm Italian SIG  
1-2:30pm German Conv. SIG

## Wednesday, June 13

10:30am-12pm Earth Wisdom SIG  
10:30am-12pm French SIG  
12-3pm Spring Luncheon

## Thursday, June 14

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG

## Friday, June 15

10am-1:30pm Golda Meir Go Explore

## Monday, June 18

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

## Tuesday, June 19

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conv. SIG  
10am-12pm Book Group SIG  
12-1:30pm Italian SIG  
1:30-3pm Writing SIG  
1:30-3pm Soldiers of Poverty

## Wednesday, June 20

10:30am-12pm French SIG

## Thursday, June 21

9-11:30am Spanish SIG

# May & June 2012 Osher Calendar

## Monday, June 25

9-10:30am Leadership and Dev. Mtng  
10:30-11:45am Potpourri I

## Tuesday, June 26

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conv. SIG  
12-1:30pm Italian SIG  
1-2:30pm German Conv. SIG  
1:30-3pm Wisconsin Cheeses

## Wednesday, June 27

10:30am-12pm Earth Wisdom SIG  
10:30am-12pm French SIG

## Thursday, June 28

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG  
8:30am-5:30pm Chicago Botanic Garden

## Save the Date

### New Member Orientation

Wednesday, May 9 | 1-2:30pm | Lake Park Community Room  
RSVP to Jenny Neale at 414-227-3255 or neale@uwm.edu

### Osher Lecture Series: Great African Warrior and Sweet Thang

Friday, May 11, 1:30-3:30pm | UWM Hefter Center  
Enjoy a lively and interactive presentation of traditional African singing, drumming and storytelling led by prominent Milwaukee singer, Adekola Adedapo.  
Register as usual with Program No. SPRI:66.

### Spring Luncheon

Wednesday, June 13 | 12Noon-3pm | Milwaukee Yacht Club  
Invitations will be mailed to all Osher members during the month of May.

## Special Interest Group Notes May & June, 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)  
Shorewood Senior Resource Center, 3920 N. Murray Ave., lower level (Shorewood)

### BOOK GROUP

Cathy Morris-Nelson 414-352-2839  
Third Tuesdays, 10am-12pm Sept-June (Shorewood)  
May 15: *Destiny of the Republic* by Candice Millard  
June 19: TBA

### EARTH WISDOM

Dale Olen 262-255-3628  
Second and fourth Wednesdays, 10:30am-12pm (Hefter)

### FRENCH

Prof. Martine Meyer 414-964-3717  
Every Wednesday, 10:30am-12pm (Hefter)

### GERMAN CONVERSATION

Valerie Brumder, 414-352-4506  
Second and fourth Tuesdays, 1-2:30pm (Hefter)

### GOLD STAR MYSTERIES

Beverly DeWeese 414-332-7306  
First Thursdays, 1:30-3pm Sept-July (Hefter)  
May 3: *Three Seconds* by Anders Roslund and Borge Hellstrom, *Long Lost* by Harlan Coben  
June 7: *Keeper of Lost Causes* by Jussi Adler-Olson, *Complaints* by Ian Rankin

### HISTORY

Marilyn Walker 414-332-8255  
Second & Fourth Wednesdays, 9-10am Sept-May (Hefter)  
*There's Power in a Union* by Phillip Dray  
May 9: Chapter 11  
May 23: Research reports and group luncheon

### ITALIAN

Silvana Kukuljan 414-935-2958  
Every Tuesday, 12-1:30pm (Hefter)

### SPANISH

Tony LoBue 414-364-4936  
Every Thursday, 9:30-11:30am (Hefter)

### SPANISH CONVERSATION

Simon Arenzon 262-242-2035  
Every Tuesday, 9:30-11:30am (Hefter)

### WRITING (New!)

Maryagnes Luchini 262-255-1030  
First & Third Tuesdays, 1:30-3pm (Hefter)

### The School of Public health – What is it? Who needs it?

As the needs for a sufficient, diverse, and competent public health workforce grow for both Wisconsin and the nation, workforce projections show that these needs will not be met due to large-scale retirement of the existing public health system workforce. Across the United States, more than 100,000 state workers and 165,000 local workers protect and promote the health of the public. It is projected that the nation will need 250,000 more public health workers by 2020 (Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, 2009). To illustrate, nearly one in three workers in the Wisconsin Division of Public Health (DPH) is currently eligible for retirement. In 2010, 41 percent of employees in the Division of Public Health were eligible for retirement within one year; 49 percent would be eligible by 2013 and 55 percent by 2015. Osher, as an institution of (mostly) retired persons, can certainly identify with the need for a viable public health workforce. The new School of Public Health is something we should be aware of.

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Joseph J. Zilber School of Public Health was founded in 2006 to address these issues; to educate the current and future public health workforce and to influence the development of strategies and policies that promote health among diverse and aging populations. Until the university reached an agreement to locate the new School of Public Health in a building at the former Pabst brewery complex in downtown Milwaukee classes were held in Alumni House. The former brewery complex is redeveloped by Zilber Ltd. into a mixed-use urban neighborhood. Zilber contributed \$10 million to the UWM School of Public Health project. The school was officially christened the Joseph J. Zilber School of Public Health (ZSPH) at UW-Milwaukee in honor of the late business, civic and philanthropic leader, whose support was vital in establishing the school. In the words of the founding donor, Joseph J. Zilber, “The school can play a critical role in the future of our city...becoming another sign ...that there is hope and someone does care.”

“This has been very exciting for us in terms of preparations and faculty hiring,” said Stephen Percy, acting dean of the UWM School of Public Health in 2011. “The new facility will give the university the opportunity to create and educate a high quality public health workforce for the state, the region and even the nation.” The school established its first PhD program in the fall of 2009, and started offering undergraduate classes in fall of 2010. Masters of Public Health program launched in the fall of 2011. Classes are tentatively scheduled to begin in the new facility in the fall of 2012. The wet lab science portions of the school will remain on the traditional UWM campus to take advantage of specific facilities and maximize efficiency, Percy said. The school currently has three academic programs (Master of Public Health, Graduate Certificate in Public Health and Ph.D. in Environmental and Occupational Health).

“The downtown location offers tremendous opportunity and access to partners in the area,” Percy said. “We’ve already formed partnerships with the Milwaukee Health Department and plan to pursue partnerships with other local health departments, community organizations, state health agencies, Aurora Health Care and other higher education facilities in the area. We’re working with the Milwaukee Health Department and other community partners to conduct a health impact initiative on healthy birth outcomes in the community,” The UWM School of Public Health is currently working on a collaborative research initiative for the Centers for Disease Control that acts as a good template for the projects the school will do even more of in the future, Percy said.

Richard “Rocky” Marcoux, commissioner for the Milwaukee Department of City Development, feels like the downtown location of the school will be key to its success. “We’re working in collaboration to bring academic expertise into real life situations to help people. It is easy to get to, but is also in close enough proximity to the very neighborhoods where the research and the discussion, and ultimately the solutions that are going to come out of this great institution are going to meet the very people it’s going to impact the most,” Marcoux said. “The new UWM School of Public Health is a great fit for the neighborhood,” he said, “The school’s laboratory is the city itself, and the challenges we face as a city, as a community in health; while daunting, can be resolved and I think this is exactly where those types of answers can come together and be realized.” “We’re very excited about the potential partnerships and engagement that UWM is going to bring to the community. We fully support everything UWM has become and done to help shape Milwaukee’s future in a positive direction.”

The UWM School of Public Health will occupy a 33,000-square-foot building located on the east side of North 10th Street between Juneau Avenue and Winnebago Street. A 23,000-square-foot addition will be added later. The new facility includes several classrooms of varying sizes, an open commons area as well as office space for faculty in all areas of public health. In addition, there will be research space for graduate students and research faculty as well as the administrative offices of the school

and a dedicated area for Milwaukee Health Department employees who will be permanently based there. The Zilber School of Public Health works in partnership with a number of organizations, including the City of Milwaukee Health Department and the Medical College of Wisconsin School of Public Health.

Magda Peck became the founding dean of the Joseph J. Zilber School of Public Health, effective March 1, 2012. Peck, a nationally recognized expert in maternal and child health, comes to UWM from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, where she is professor of pediatrics and public health and associate dean for community engagement and public health practice. Peck's areas of expertise include preventive care and public health for women and children, and the translation of science into effective programs and policies. Peck is a national leader in workforce and leadership development for the public's health. She received her master's and doctoral degrees (1983, 1986) from the Harvard School of Public Health, specializing in maternal and child health and child health policy.

"Dr. Peck brings to UWM and Milwaukee more than 20 years of experience in transforming research and data into action," said UWM Chancellor Michael R. Lovell. "Her prior work at the local, state, national and international levels, particularly on issues impacting women and children, is an excellent fit with the public health needs of Milwaukee and Wisconsin." Peck serves on a CDCP panel helping shape national recommendations on the care of women before pregnancy. In addition, she serves on the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Preventive Services for Women, and she is consulting with several urban communities on reducing infant mortality. She is founding CEO and senior adviser of CityMatCH, a national public health organization dedicated to improving the health and well being of women, children and families in urban communities. Her proven record of working in partnership with other urban public health organizations also make her a good fit for UWM, Chancellor Lovell added.

If you would like to know more about these issues – "On Public Health" is a series of lunch-time seminars for people interested in learning more about public health at UWM. Meet ZSPH faculty and others who will discuss critical public health related research and new developments. Seminars are free and open to the public. Join them and feel free to bring your lunch. Another resource for information about health professional shortage areas and resources for provider recruitment and retention may be found at <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/primarycare/index.htm> on the Department of Health Services website. And the UWM site <http://www4.uwm.edu/publichealth/> provides much more information about the School of Public Health.

Diana Hanks

## Proposed Amendments to the Osher Bylaws

The following amendments to the Osher bylaws were recommended by unanimous vote by the Osher Board of Directors on Monday, April 2nd. According to the bylaws, the proposed amendment may be adopted by a majority vote at the next scheduled annual meeting provided the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at least one month prior to the scheduled meeting date. This article serves as that submission. **Osher members will vote on the amendments at the Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, 12Noon-3pm at Milwaukee Yacht Club.** Unless otherwise stated, the proposed amendment, if adopted, becomes a part of the bylaws upon adoption.

### The Bylaws presently state:

#### Article VII

3. The President shall appoint a Chair or Co-chairs for each Standing Committee, except for the Finance Committee, which shall be chaired by the Treasurer. The appointment shall be for a term of one year. Chairs may serve for successive terms. The Chair becomes a member of the Board of Directors automatically upon appointment.
4. Committee members shall be selected by the Chair.

### Proposed Amendments:

First, in Article VII, #3: Delete the phrase: "Chairs may serve for successive terms" and replace it with "No committee chair shall be eligible to serve for more than three consecutive terms." In Article VII, #4: Add the sentence: "The members shall be eligible to serve for no more than five consecutive years on any one committee."

## Osher Benefits From a China Mission *(Continued from page 1)*

return home in 2005 but not without many precious memories and a wealth of new friends.

The couple returned to China two years ago for a visit and was pleased that many former students were successfully employed with international companies including Deloitte, Price Waterhouse and Black and Decker. Other students worked for large Chinese companies and a few had moved to the US to continue their education.

In addition to being a presenter, Jim has served on the Osher Strategic Planning Committee. The Thiensville couple is well known throughout the area for their lectures and presentations on China. However China is not their only interest, Jim keeps busy as a volunteer for the Department of Natural Resources monitoring water quality and Katie volunteers as a tutor for the Adult Learning Center.

Both were raised and went to school in Wisconsin. She grew up in Whitefish Bay and is an alumna of Mount Mary College. He was graduated from Pius XI high school in Milwaukee and received a MBA from the University of Wisconsin—Madison. Jim and Katie are the parents of four children and five grandchildren. Their daughter, a neurobiologist, lives in California and is taking time away from her career to raise her children. Two sons are mechanical engineers. One makes his home in Madison and the other in San Francisco. A third son is a pediatrician in Texas.

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## Osher – What is it? Who is it?

The Bernard Osher Foundation, headquartered in San Francisco, was founded in 1977. Its eponymous founder was a respected businessman and community leader. The Foundation benefits colleges and universities across the nation with scholarship funding, with special attention to reentry students, and to schools of integrative medicine here and abroad. In the fall of 2000, the Osher Foundation began to consider programs targeted toward more mature students. In early 2001, an endowment grant was given to the University of Southern Maine to improve and extend its excellent programs, and the name “Senior College” was changed to “Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.” Shortly after, a member of the California State University (CSU) system, became a grantee. Both programs progressed admirably, and the Foundation decided to join the “lifelong learning” field in a significant fashion. Now the Foundation supports a growing national lifelong learning network for seasoned adults that operate on the campuses of 121 institutions, including ours.

There is considerable variation among the Osher Institutes but the common threads remain: Non-credit educational programs specifically developed for seasoned adults who are aged 50 and better; university connection and university support; robust volunteer leadership and sound organizational structure; and a diverse repertoire of intellectually stimulating courses. The designation of each grantee as “The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of X” is a condition of the Foundation’s grant-making as is the use of a logo which consists of a simple circle with the words “Osher Lifelong Learning Institute” arranged within.

Osher at UWM has evolved from the UWM Guild for Learning in Retirement that was organized in 1982 with 26 founding members. Martin Haberman, dean of UWM’s Division of Urban Outreach invited a group of persons over the age of 60 that were already auditing courses, to meet with him. The plan of action established by this group included lectures, day trips and special interest groups. The guild name was changed to Guild for Life Long learning in 2006 to open membership to non-retirees. In 2007 the Guild received a grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation and became the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Today UWM’s Osher functions much as the previous UWM Guild with its own Advisory Board and Committees.

Initially, grants of \$100,000 are made on the understanding that, once a lifelong learning institute was launched, the Foundation would consider the renewal of the grant for two or more years with a view to providing an endowment gift of no less than \$1 million should the institute demonstrate potential for success and sustainability. UWM Osher did receive a \$1million grant. We are demonstrating success and sustainability, as required by Osher. Our membership continues to grow; we hope to reach the 1000 member mark and become eligible to receive another substantial grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation. Those of us who are members realize the value of the Osher offerings, let’s all try to bring in the new members necessary to that end.

Lynn Sager, Chair of Membership Committee

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## Books, Books and More Books!

You may recall Terry Rozga's article in the Jan/Feb issue of *Osher Outlook* suggesting that the organization establish a community book shelf. That book shelf is now a reality and is placed in the Osher office at the UWM Hefter Conference Center. Have some unwanted books you would like to share? Drop them off at the Hefter Center office and maybe pick up a "new-to-you" book for yourself. Returning books will be on an honorary system, no books will be tracked nor will time limits be established. Thank you to members who have already donated. We look forward to what new materials will come in!

***Welcome***  
**New Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Members**

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