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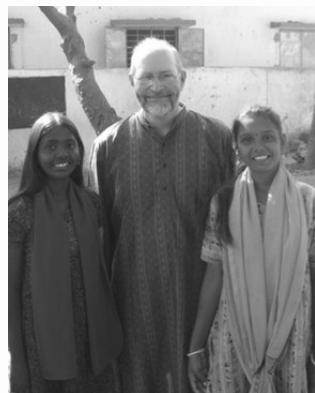
He is the executive director of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. He is a program manager. He is an elected public official. He is an actor, a community volunteer and more. Yet, organizing voyages to exotic spots throughout the world is Kim Beck's passion.

Traveling was never a longing for the youthful Beck. However, when searching for direction after his father died in the early 1980s, he came across an opportunity to go to Alexandria, Egypt, as a world service worker for the YMCA. Beck considered the job an adventure and grasped the opportunity. "I was in Egypt for one year," he said. "It was a life-changing experience. I learned to appreciate how traveling can expand horizons." This realization was later reinforced when he volunteered for the AFS foreign student exchange program and welcomed a German student into his home. Beck was awed by the importance of travel and how exposure to different cultures can influence lives.

tions is the Big Apple. His background in drama helped him snag a position at the Universi-

ty of Wisconsin--Milwaukee as the assistant director in the arts and liberal studies program, a now defunct position. Beck seized a chance to take adult continuing education students to New York City and expose them to the theater scene there. It was his first visit to Broadway and he was hypnotized by the city. He has returned again and again, failing to get enough of New York's magic. Around the same time, Beck organized a theater tour to London and then other travel opportunities began to pop up.

A visit to India was Beck's first exotic stint and soon afterward he began to set up tours with the dean of the School of Architecture and Urban Planning, Robert Greenstreet. One of his



One of Beck's favorite destina-



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## Message from President Phil Rozga

The National Resource Center for the Osher Life-long Learning Institutes publishes a monthly Newsletter regarding the programs and activities of affiliated organizations. The May issue featured an article about the San Francisco State Osher group which held a seminar on "The Golden Age of Radio and Its Times". Osher at UWM has held many courses by Earl Grow on the history of radio. So, I believe there is an interest in old time radio in our group. If you are a fan of classic radio shows like Fibber McGee, Bob Hope, Fred Allen and Lights Out, you can now get almost everything on-line, most of them are free.

Alan Bell, who led the seminar in San Francisco, provided six sites. The first three are streaming radio channels. These are: [www.bobmerrit.com/OTR](http://www.bobmerrit.com/OTR), [radio.macinmind.com](http://radio.macinmind.com) and [www.otrnow.com/otrnow/index.htm](http://www.otrnow.com/otrnow/index.htm). The following three, Bell says, are lending libraries. You choose what you want to listen to, either streaming, or in the case of Archive, streaming or downloading; [www.archive.org/details/oldtimeradio](http://www.archive.org/details/oldtimeradio), [www.radiolovers.com](http://www.radiolovers.com) and [www.otr.net](http://www.otr.net). I'm going to check out some of the old Fred Allen programs.

While I believe that all of our committee chairs do great work, I would like to give special recognition to three stalwarts who are retiring.

**Ruth Kurensky** has provided the Program Committee with outstanding and devoted leadership. **Chris O'Brien** of the Social Committee has made sure that all of our social events run smoothly. **Linda Nolan** of Leadership and Development kept us on the right track.

*Phil Rozga*



Osher committee chairs and the Osher Outlook editorial committee certainly second Phil's comments about Ruth, Chris and Linda. We all appreciate their dedication. Thank you for your service to the organization ladies!

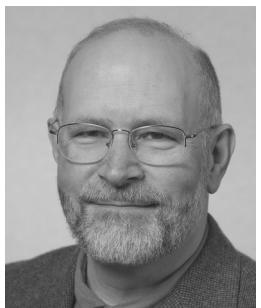
## Message from Executive Director Kim Beck

A few weeks ago my family took the plunge. No, we didn't jump into Lake Michigan together, but we made the decision to get rid of our land phone line. My son, my wife and I all have cell phones and about the only phone calls we were getting on our home phone were from politicians desperate for a vote. It's been a relatively easy transition, but I must admit that when I walk in the house, I still look at where the answering machine used to be. Alas, there are no new messages when you don't have service.

This got me to thinking about how communication has changed over the last 40 to 50 years. I have distinct memories of friends' parents yelling that their child was on

the phone too long. Gosh, I even remember our neighbor having a "party" line. How could you possibly explain to a young person today about having to hang up the phone when someone was already on the line? And never, never eaves drop on the conversation in progress.

I also have distinct memories of looking forward to the mail arriving. In high school it was getting letters with "SWAK" on the envelopes! In college, nothing was better



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# The Floor of Heaven: A True Tale of the Last Frontier and the Yukon Gold Rush

**Author:** Howard Blum

**Publisher:** Crown Books (2011) 420 pages

**Book report by John Link**



I was living in Salina, Kansas in August of 1979, when I had the opportunity to travel to Alaska and the Yukon Territory of Canada. I had to drive to Omaha then flew: Omaha to Denver, Denver to Seattle, Seattle to Juneau, and Juneau to Skagway. I changed planes at each stop and was the only passenger on the flight from Juneau to Skagway. Next morning, I took the White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad to Whitehorse, Yukon. There I met my traveling companions and proceeded to Dawson City, Yukon.



While on this trip I learned, among other things, about the gold rush of 1898, the Chilkoot Pass, and some very remarkable characters: Soapy Smith, George Carmack, and Charles Siringo.

Some thirty years later I am browsing in a bookstore and I find Blum's book. It reacquaints me with the story of the gold rush, the places I visited, and these characters. The book has a map that shows the route I had taken on this trip.

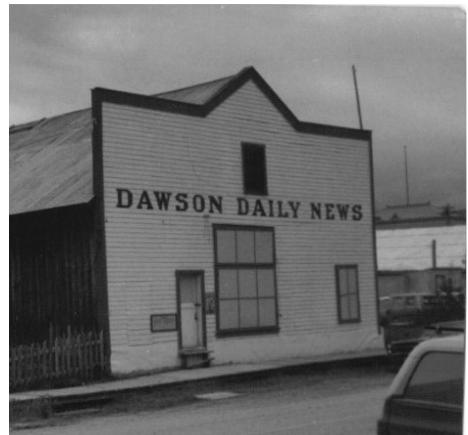


Blum tells the story of three men whose lives intersected in Alaska and the Yukon Territory during the gold rush of 1898. George Carmack, a Marine deserter, discovered the gold that started the stampede. Charles Siringo, a cowboy who became a Pinkerton detective, solved the mystery of gold bar thefts. Jeff "Soapy" Smith, a con artist, was known as the "King of Skagway." Smith got his nickname by conning people into buying soap packages they thought offered a chance to find money in the packages. Smith used a shill and was quite

successful in this scam. He may have been called the "King of Skagway," but he was "encouraged" to leave Skagway by a miners committee after he setup a 3-Card Monty swindle. Smith was killed in shoot out in Skagway and is buried in Skagway.

The author describes the people, the environment and the hardships of living in the frontier. The effort to traverse the Chilkoot Pass is one of the challenges facing prospectors. "The snow was thick underfoot... icy boulders as big as streetcars need to be traversed." "Crawling on all fours like a beaten animal... he left American Alaska and now was standing in Canadian territory at the entry into the vast Yukon. He felt he should let loose with triumphant yell, but ... didn't have the strength."

The author provides a detailed list of sources for his book by many of the people involved in the gold rush days. The author notes there may be issues with their truthfulness. The book is a mystery and travel story and reads like fiction. It is a fun book to read. I, of course, was drawn to it by my travel to the last frontier.



## An Osher Member Travels to a Son's Wedding

In 2007 Osher member Barb Griffith's son Justin met a charming young Korean woman, Dongyoung Shin, when both were attending graduate school at Notre Dame. Their relationship held firm over thousands of miles and many years, nurtured by the Internet and they decided to marry. A big wedding in Seoul was planned as a tribute to her parents since the young couple would primarily be living in the United States. Dongyoung's father is a hard-working pharmacist and has also invested in real estate over the years. His business will keep him in Korea. Here is Barb's story of her son's wedding.

The wedding was scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2013 in Seoul. Dongyoung and Justin arrived together from Dallas, Justin's new home, on March 13 with a whirlwind of activity ahead of them: choosing bridal gowns, rings, making Korean dress, final meal choice and all the choices inherent in a big wedding. My son Eric and I arrived on March 14 so I could be fitted for my Korean dress. On the next afternoon, I went along to a business specializing in wedding preparations. Dongyoung, Justin and I were all fitted for our Korean outfits. I selected blue for the top (the traditional color for the mother of the groom) and a regal orchid for the skirt. My other sons and I toured the city while Justin and Dongyoung finished their preparations.

On the wedding day we all had our hair fixed and were made up-- including the groom. Koreans have no superstition about groom seeing the bride on the big day! The groom



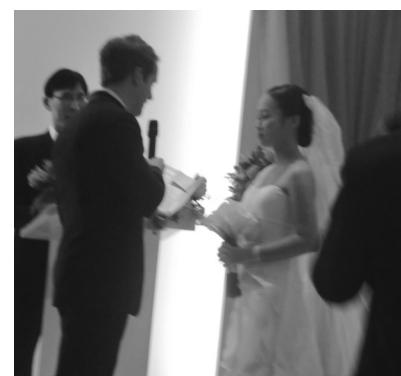
dressed in his tux and Dongyoung in her *first* gown. It was white and a very Western gown, but had no elaborate train.

We got to the hotel at about four. After a quick stop at the prep room at the hotel, the wedding party went to the

hotel atrium for pictures. The wedding had neither bridesmaids nor groomsmen. Instead photos of parents and siblings were more important. Next we came to the banquet room. Outside were two huge flower arrangements with banners in Korean and Chinese. The room held about seventy five guests and was barely large enough. Justin and Dongyoung disappear as the room fills up. In our honor the meal is Western. It begins with tomato stuffed with shrimp and then wild mushroom soup. The main dish is grilled beef tenderloin and rice. As we eat the wedding ceremony is held.



The officiator is neither a priest nor a judge, but a respected elder selected by the family to whom the bride and groom shared their wedding messages. Dongyoung chose Professor Moon-Il Ryoo, her adviser when she earned her master's degree at her university in Korea. He began the ceremony with a blessing and beautiful homily. "This wedding is only the first step of newly married life. The couple is making the first step, because they are



soul mates in Heaven. Justin is a researcher in physics while Dongyoung is a researcher in biology. They met at the University of Notre Dame, while they were graduate students...It is a miracle for me that this couple ties the knot across the border. By this reason, they must be true soul mates... Husband and wife should respect each other's parents...To both sides of parents I dare ask you to help this couple to stand as a new family with your consistent love

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and attention..."

Then her nephew performed a Bach piece on the violin in honor of the couple. A small trio performed music during the whole time. The couple exit for a time and Dongyoung comes back in her **second** gown also in Western fashion. They cut a traditional Western wedding cake for all of us to eat. Then the bride and groom go around greeting all the guests as they finish their meal. They do not have a chance to eat at all.



As the guests begin to leave the bridal couple goes out again. Then we, the closest family, parents and siblings, all go to a different room set up in a traditional Korean fashion. Bride and groom are now dressed in traditional elaborate Korean wedding costumes. Her gown is red and white with beautiful flowers and an apron of embroidered flowers. Justin's in a purple gown with a rampant lion on it.



This section of the ceremony is called Paeback. They sit at a low table with a serving platter overflowing with dried fruit and other goodies. The young couple holds the apron and her parents sit across from them and throw chestnuts that predict how many children they will have. Next it is my turn to sit and throw chestnuts--I land only one in the apron.



Then they formally bow and thank first her parents and then me. Dongyoung's sisters and brother-in-laws line up and the couple formally thanks them. Finally my other sons line up and they bow and thank them as well. There are more pictures in those fantastic garments. Later they reappear in the plainer Korean garments that they will get to keep.

Soon after we all leave. Justin and Dongyoung go to their room where they are served their dinner. My other sons and I go back to our room. I rest to be ready for the next day's trip home and they go to enjoy their last night in Korea in a casino near the hotel. That evening I get my last gift--a beautiful covered platter with many fruit nuts and other candies from the Paeback ceremony to take home. Dongyoung told me that the US Department of Agriculture does not approve of these treats. So at the airport I give some away to others on my flight and sadly discard the food but keep the lovely platter.

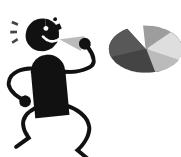
*Osher member Barb Griffith*

## Give a Little – Get a Lot

Every organization needs positive recognition and the infusion of new people with new ideas to give it life, spunk and vitality. Osher is no exception.

You can help the process by volunteering a few hours of your time each month as a member of the Public Relations Committee as a copywriter ... a publications coordinator ... an event co-coordinator ... a presenter ... a letter writer ... or by just chatting with individuals or groups about the benefits of Osher.

You don't need to be an "expert" or an extrovert to join the group ... just bring good ideas, a willingness to contribute, and a desire to work alongside others for a worthy cause and you'll fit right in.



Please contact Mike Roller at [microller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:microller@sbcglobal.net) to indicate your interest.

# July-August 2013 Osher Calendar

**Mon, Jul 1**

1-2:30pm BOD Mtng

**Tue, Jul 2**

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

**Wed, Jul 3**

10:30am-12pm French SIG  
1-3pm Thai SIG

**Thu, Jul 4****Independence Day****Mon, Jul 8**

10-11:15am Potpourri  
1-2:30pm Bod Dylan's "Chronicles"

**Tue, Jul 9**

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

**Wed, Jul 10**

10:30-11:30am Membership Com.  
Mtng  
10:30am-12pm French SIG  
10:30am-12pm Earth Wisdom SIG  
11:30am-1pm New Member Orientation  
1-2:30pm 28 Ways to Get Happy  
1-3pm Thai SIG

**Thu, Jul 11**

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG

**Mon, Jul 15**

10-11:15am Potpourri  
11:30am-1:30pm Program Com. Mtng  
1-2:30pm Bob Dylan's "Chronicles"

**Tue, Jul 16**

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

**Wed, Jul 17**

10:30am-12pm French SIG  
1-2:30pm Behind the Scenes at Miller  
Park  
1-3pm Thai SIG

**Thu, Jul 18**

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG

**Mon, Jul 22**

10-11:15am Potpourri  
12:30-2pm L&D Com. Mtng  
1-2:30pm Bob Dylan's "Chronicles"

**Tue, Jul 23**

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

**Wed, Jul 24**

9:30-11am Pasture-Based Cheeses  
10:30am-12pm Earth Wisdom SIG  
10:30am-12pm French SIG  
1-3pm Thai SIG  
1-3pm St. Francis Seminary Lecture

**Thu, Jul 25**

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG  
1-3pm St. Francis Seminary Tour  
6:30-8:30pm Boerner Summer Concert  
Social

**Mon, Jul 29**

1-2:30pm Weightlifting for Seniors

**Tue, Jul 30**

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conv. SIG  
12-1:30pm Italian SIG  
2-3:30pm Miller Brewery Tour

**Wed, Jul 31**

10:30am-12pm French SIG  
1-2:30pm "Two Gentlemen of Verona"  
Lecture  
1-3pm Thai SIG

**Thu, Aug 1**

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG

**Sat, Aug 3**

11:30am-8:30pm "Two Gentleman of  
Verona" at American Players Theatre

**Mon, Aug 5**

1-2:30pm BOD Mtng  
2-3pm A Visit to the UWM Planetarium

**Tue, Aug 6**

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conv. SIG  
12-1:30pm Italian SIG  
1:30-3pm Writing SIG

**Wed, Aug 7**

10:30am-12pm French SIG  
1-3pm Thai SIG

**Thu, Aug 8**

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG

**Mon, Aug 12**

9:30-11am Newsletter Com. Mtng  
6:30-7:30pm Lake Park Summer Con-  
cert Social

**Tue, Aug 13**

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

**Wed, Aug 14**

10:30am-12pm French SIG  
10:30am-12pm Earth Wisdom SIG  
1-3pm Thai SIG  
3-4:30pm Fall Reception and In-Person  
Registration

**Thu, Aug 15**

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG

**Mon, Aug 19**

11:30am-1:30pm Program Com. Mtng

**Tue, Aug 20**

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conv. SIG  
12-1:30pm Italian SIG  
1:30-3pm Writing SIG

**Wed, Aug 21**

10:30am-12pm French SIG  
11:45am-5pm Brewer's Game  
1-3pm Thai SIG

**Thu, Aug 22**

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG

**Sat, Aug 24**

10am-12pm Prospective Member Event

**Mon, Aug 26**

12:30-2pm L&D Com. Mtng

**Tue, Aug 27**

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

# July-August 2013 Osher Calendar, cont.

## Wed, Aug 28

10-11:30am Lynden Sculpture Garden  
10:30am-12pm Earth Wisdom SIG  
10:30am-12pm French SIG  
1-3pm Thai SIG

## Thu, Aug 29

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG

## SAVE THE DATES

### New Member Orientation

Wednesday, July 10, 11:30am-1pm  
UWM School of Continuing Education  
Open to all new members. Please  
RSVP at [sceosher@uwm.edu](mailto:sceosher@uwm.edu) or  
414-227-3255.

### Boerner Botanical Gardens Summer

**Concert Social**  
Thursday, July 25, 6:30-8:30pm  
Boerner Botanical Gardens  
See insert for details

### Lake Park Summer Concert Social

Monday, August 12, 6:30-7:30pm  
Lake Park  
See insert for details

### Fall Reception and In-Person

**Registration**  
Wednesday, August 14, 3-4:30pm  
UWM School of Continuing Education  
Enjoy conversation and refreshments  
while signing up for Fall courses. Open  
to members and prospective members.  
No RSVP required.

### Brewer's Game

Wednesday, August 21, 11:45am-5pm  
Miller Park  
See insert for details

### Prospective Member Event

Saturday, August 24, 10am-12pm  
UWM Heftter Conference Center  
Attendees will learn more about the organization and have their questions answered. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Contact the Osher office at [sceosher@uwm.edu](mailto:sceosher@uwm.edu) or 414-227-3255 with the names and addresses of anyone who might be interested in attending and s/he will be sent an invitation. There is no charge for the event.

## Special Interest Group Notes July August, 2013

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

Special Interest Groups are held at UWM-School of Continuing Education, 161 W. Wisconsin Ave.

UWM Heftter Conference Center, 3271 N. Lake Dr.

Shorewood Senior Resource Center, 3920 N. Murray Ave., lower level

### BOOK GROUP (*Shorewood*)

Cathy Morris-Nelson 414-352-2839  
Third Tuesdays, 10am-12pm Sept-June

### EARTH WISDOM (*Heftter*)

Dale Olen 262-255-3628  
Second & fourth Wednesdays, 10:30am-12pm

### FRENCH (*Heftter*)

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

### GERMAN CONVERSATION (*Heftter*)

Valerie Brumder, 414-352-4506  
Second & fourth Tuesdays, 1-2:30pm

### GOLD STAR MYSTERIES (*Heftter*)

Beverly DeWeese 414-332-7306  
First Thursdays, 1:30-3pm Sept-July

### HISTORY (*Heftter*)

Marilyn Walker 414-332-8255  
John Link 414-588-5162  
Second & Fourth Wednesdays, 9-10am Sept-May  
September 11, 2013—Summer reading discussion *Prague Winter* by Madeleine Albright .

### ITALIAN (*Heftter*)

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

### SPANISH (*Heftter*)

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

### SPANISH CONVERSATION (*Heftter*)

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

### THAI (*SCE*)

Roger Gremminger (Chair) 262-253-9404  
-771-9065  
Every Wednesday, 1-3pm

### WRITING (*Heftter*)

Nancy Martin 414 228-5228  
First Tuesdays, 1:30-3pm

# What's Been Happening at Osher Lately?

Please notice that Osher has made a number of changes in the processes that make our organization tick.

**Registration System:** As mentioned in the last newsletter, the School of Continuing Education has adopted a new registration system. We greatly appreciate your patience as we make this transition. Here are some important things to know for the next time you register for a course.

**Confirmations:** Course confirmations will be emailed to you from now on, regardless of whether you sign up online, by phone or by mail. If we do not have an email address for you on file, your confirmation will be mailed as usual. If you are expecting a confirmation that you do not receive, please call the Osher office and make sure your email address is up to date.

**Registering for Courses Online:** Immediately after registering online you will see a page notifying you that your registration has been received and lists the courses you just requested. Your order still needs to be entered in our registration system at this point, and is hence not confirmed until you receive your emailed confirmation. For example, the initial page will list all of the courses you ordered, but your emailed confirmation will tell you if you got into a course or if you were put on the waiting list.

**Waiting Lists:** You will now automatically be put on a waiting list if you do not get into a course for which you try to register. Such courses will have "Waitlist" listed under the "Charges" column of your confirmation. If you paid with a credit card, you will see on your confirmation that you are not charged for such courses. If you paid with a check, the fee will be refunded to you via a check that is sent to you in the mail.

**Cancellations/Refunds:** You will receive a full refund if Osher cancels a program for any reason or if you cancel your registration at least two weeks (14 days) prior to the start of a program. If you cancel your registration less

than two weeks prior to the program start, for a program costing *more* than \$35, you may have your fees transferred one time to any other currently available program or refunded minus a 20% administrative fee. If you cancel your registration less than two weeks prior to the program start for a program costing *less* than or equal to \$35, there is no refund available and you may only have your fees transferred to another currently available program. This policy does not apply to Travel programs which have a no refund policy. This information is also available in the beginning of your catalog.

**Bringing Guests:** A Guest Pass may be used for a single session of a Short Course at no charge. It may not be used for Potpourri, Go Explore or Lecture Series. The recipient of the Guest Pass must fill it out and present it to the course facilitator at the beginning of the session. If you would like to invite a friend to Go Explore or Lecture Series, please contact the Osher office. Members receive priority for such courses, therefore, guests are only admitted if there is space available a week before the course is closed to registration. Guests in these cases must pay the course fee as listed in the Osher catalog.

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**Book Suggestions:** At a recent Board meeting President Phil Rozga requested the book group share some of their suggestions for a good read—Here are four non-fiction books, plus one fiction book they suggest:

*Wild* by Cheryl Strayed. True account of a young woman who hiked the 1,100 mile rugged Pacific Crest Trail, and also managed to piece back a life that had gone astray.

*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. Henrietta was a poor black woman whose cells were taken without her knowledge in 1951. These cells became an important tool in medicine for developing the polio vaccine, gene mapping, cloning, and other research.

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### *Destiny of the Republic* by Candace Millard.

Biography of President James Garfield, our 20th president, including little-known information about him and his assassination.

*Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand. Traumatic story of a young runner from California who had hoped to participate in the 1936 Olympics in Germany. He joined the army, became a gunner, and was captured by the Germans. Subjected to all kinds of torture, but was freed at the end of the war.

One recent book of fiction, *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins, deserves mention because of its vast popularity among high school and college students. Some universal themes include economics, personal integrity and human worth. Set in a future society, the games are a fight to the death for the young people chosen by lottery. Katniss is an archetype of a female survivalist.

**AudioVisual Suggestions:** If you prefer your entertainment and learning in audio/video form, here is a list of courses donated by Dale Olen. They are in the Osher office, feel free to borrow them.

### **Video Courses on DVDs**

Biological Anthropology – 24 lectures

Einstein's Relativity & Quantum Revolution – 24 lectures

The Nature of Earth: An Intro. to Geology – 36 lectures

Earth At Crossroads: Ecol. of a Changing Planet -36 lectures

Major Transitions in Evolution – 24 lectures

Physics in Your Life – 36 lectures

How the Earth Works – 48 lectures

My Favorite Universe – 12 lectures

Economics, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition – 36 lectures

### **Audio Courses on CDs**

Questions of Value – 24 lectures

The American Mind – 36 lectures

Big History – 48 lectures

Science in the Twentieth Century – 36 lectures

Earth's Changing Climate – 12 lectures

The African Experience – 36 lectures

Buddhism – 24 lectures

## **Wisconsin Senior Olympics**

Every year, at the end of summer, there is an opportunity for seniors to compete in a variety of athletic games. The Wisconsin Senior Olympics, a non-profit volunteer organization, provides athletic contests for seniors, 50 years and older, to compete with other seniors of the same age and gender. In most sports competition is in increments of 5 years of age and, of course, separate for men and women. While there are some outstanding athletes competing, there are also opportunities for the casual athlete to participate. For example Swimming and some other events, have separate competitions for competitive athletes and casual athletes. For many seniors the events are just fun.

Competitions are held From August 23 to September 15, 2013:

*Archery	*Horseshoes
*Badminton	*Lawn Bowling
*Basketball	*Pickleball
*Bowling	*Powerlifting
*Cycling	*Race Walking
*Free Throw	*Racquetball
*Shooting	*5K Run/Walk
*Golf	*Volleyball

For more information or to receive a brochure contact:

Wisconsin Senior Olympics  
Phone: (262) 424-2149  
E-Mail Address: [info@wiseniorolympics.com](mailto:info@wiseniorolympics.com)  
Website: [www.wiseniorolympics.com](http://www.wiseniorolympics.com)

Or you can call or E-Mail me for information  
Bill Smith (414) 353-4175, [wsmith@milwpc.com](mailto:wsmith@milwpc.com)

most memorable excursions was an Osher tour he led to Tanzania about two years ago that included breathtaking views, safaris and a goat cooked on a spit.

Upcoming travel opportunities are listed in the Osher summer programming catalogue. Unfortunately, a November visit to New York has sold out but a tour to the Land of Lincoln in September hasn't. The December journey to Cuba in spring, 2014, remains open along with trips to India and Birmingham, Alabama. Travel is a good fit for Osher, Beck said. The Osher travel committee is currently planning the travel agenda for the 2014-2015 program year and invites ideas.

Following the retirement of former Osher Executive Director Cathleen Sanders two years ago, Beck was named interim executive director while he continued to serve as director of arts, humanities and sciences in the School of Continuing Education. In July, Beck will become Osher's

full-time executive director. Before coming to UWM he was the cultural and fine arts program manager for the Naperville, Illinois, Park District.

A native of Neenah, Wisconsin, Beck received an undergraduate degree in philosophy from Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, a master's degree in humanities from the University of Wisconsin—Oshkosh and a second master's degree in theater and drama from the University of Wisconsin—Madison. His wife of 24 years, Pamela, is a substitute public school teacher in Mequon.

Beck is looking forward to a summer canoe trip with his 14 year-old son, Benedict, to the Boundary Waters, a wilderness region on the United States and Canadian borders west of Lake Superior, where they will spend a week roughing it.

"I hope people keep traveling, Beck said. It's a great way to experience life."

*Leslie Clevert*

than a note from Mom and Dad with an update on life back home and \$5 or \$10 that might help you survive the week ahead.

How the times have changed! Email, texting, chatting and Skyping are just a few of the new ways to communicate. Add to that online bill paying, PayPal and a host of companies with secure web sites and you realize that the Internet has changed the way we communicate.

Our Osher Institute is not immune from all these changes. Our programs are now online before you get the catalog. Many of you go online to register for classes. Perhaps, you have noticed that if you have an email address you are now receiving electronic confirmations. And many times, when we need to get a message out to you as quickly

as possible, we send out a group email to members.

Now for some of you the thought of doing things over the World Wide Web is intimidating. Some of you have email addresses but don't share them with us because you are concerned about losing your privacy. Well, to those of you with these concerns, I can reassure you that we will continue to communicate with you the old-fashioned way. Still, I would encourage you all to take advantage of all that new technology can do for you. Simply put, you will get more out of your Osher membership if you get on the information Hi-way.

To quote Confucius, "They must often change, who would be constant in happiness or wisdom."

*Kim C. Beck*

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### Did you know that Osher sends "Get Well" cards to our members?

If you know of a member who is in need of cheering up due to an illness or operation, please contact

Membership Co-Chair Beth Waschow.

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## **DIET TIP OF THE WEEK**

Once you lick the frosting off a cupcake it becomes a muffin.... and muffins are healthy.  
You're welcome 😊



## *Welcome*

### New Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Members

Jefferson Aikin	Richard Fitzgerald	Dennis Hafemann	Floriann Martin	Lori Talasek
Paula Anderson	Shirley Fitzgerald	David Hager	Mary McCreary	Jim Walrath
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Thank you to those of you who recently participated in the Osher raffle! Your generous donations totaled \$1,525, establishing a scholarship fund for our members who are unable to pay for their membership and/or courses. Congratulations to Susan Sweeney, the lucky winner of the raffle for two tickets to anywhere that Southwest Airlines flies. Bon voyage!