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Former Air Force Nurse Nurses Osher Programming

It is no wonder Elaine Burns has been named Osher's new chair of the core programming committee. The former air force nurse can access a wealth of programming ideas from her own captivating career and experiences. She has traveled extensively and has landed in the middle of some of the world's most publicized conflicts. A stint in the air force was the best way Burns knew to satisfy her passion for traveling.

Throughout her 17-year career, stops included the Philippines, Turkey, Italy, Hong Kong, Korea, the Pacific, Europe, the Mediterranean and more. One of her favorite countries was Turkey. Burns was there during the Bosnian War in the mid 1990s at Incirlik Air base in Incirlik, Turkey. It was a small base with few beds. When the conflict started, there was a large influx of people and a tent city popped up close to the base. With so many people, it was not unusual for the commissary to run out of food and for Burns to travel to town to purchase food and supplies.

However, Turkey did not have traditional grocery stores. When shopping for a cut of fresh meat, for example, one might find the meat dangling somewhere with flies feasting on it, Burns said. Nevertheless, she found Turkey



challenging, interesting, and a fun place to live.

Chilling experiences were not the norm for Burns throughout her air force career but one of the most memorable occurred while she was based in San Antonio at Wilford Hall Medical Center. It happened during a routine work day. As she entered a stairwell leading to the third floor she was confronted and stopped by an armed guard with a 16mm weapon pointed at her. Shaken, she shared what had occurred with colleagues and learned that the Shah of Iran was hospitalized at the facility. Burns said it occurred to her how easy it would have been for an enemy of the

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Message from President Phil Rozga



My message for this issue covers several topics. First, the stories about Halloween in the last “Outlook” reminded me of the custom on the South-side of Milwaukee in the 40’s. We went trick or treating on the night before Halloween.

It was called Beggars: Night. That way we could party on the holiday with the loot we had collected on the previous night.

New subject: There was an article in the September 4, 2013 “Chicago Tribune” under the heading “Researchers look for clues why some over 80 stay sharp.” Since I fit the age bracket, I felt that had better check for the clues. The article was based on an interview with Emily Rogalski, a neuroscientist at the Alzheimer’s Disease Center at the Northwestern University Medical School. The article pointed out that we have gotten

good at making people live longer with cures for heart disease and strokes. Our life span is increasing and the biggest risk factor for Alzheimers is age. During our lifetime some of our brain cells die. Right now we can’t regenerate them. But our brain is remarkably plastic. It is possible for the brain to make new connections and neurons. Rogalski stated that research suggests that keeping your body and brain active is helpful to the brain cells. If exercise is good for the body, the same is true for the brain. The key to keeping your mind active is finding something that challenges you and that you like to do. Doing crossword puzzles might be challenging, but if you do not enjoy them, the angst outweighs the benefits. The article also suggested that mental agility is a good thing. Don’t always take the same route to a destination. If you always read the newspaper the first thing every morning, break the regimen. Go for a walk

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Message from Executive Director Kim Beck



This you should know about me. I love football. I guess it started when I was growing up in the ‘60’s in Neenah. Everyone cheered for Vince Lombardi and the Packers back then. Then off to college where I had the chance to watch

John Gagliardi, the winingest coach in the history of college football, lead the Saint John’s University Johnnies. My support of the Wisconsin Badgers was cemented when I attend my first and only Rose Bowl in 1994. And now my freshman son is playing football at Homestead High School. Friday nights will never be so enjoyable.

One of my favorite parts of watching my son’s youth football team over the last four years was listening to his coach’s post-game speech. I wasn’t the only one. Every parent crowded

behind the players to listen to Coach Gemas’ “speechifying.” He, like many good coaches, had this ability to translate what happened on the field into the successes and challenges the boys would face throughout their lives. Oh, I know many of the phrases about teamwork and doing your best may sound clichéd to some, but when this coach shared them, it was magical.

Which brings me to Osher. We are doing great things. So great that the Bernard Osher Foundation has said they are willing to double our endowment from \$1 million to \$2 million if we do two things. They want us to have 1,000 members and raise \$15,000. What a fantastic return on investment. We raise \$15,000 and grow to 1,000 members and the Osher Foundation will reward us with another \$1 million.

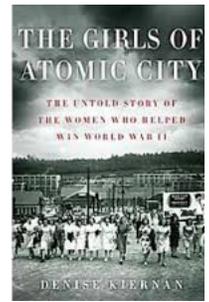
I know we can do this, but (I guess you can say this is my

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The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II

Author: Denise Kiernan, Publisher: Touchstone Books (2013), 320 pages

Book Report by John Link



A huge industrial city complex that appeared on no map was built almost overnight in the mud of Tennessee. Workers were assigned to tasks they were not allowed to talk to anyone about, not even each other. Many of the workers were young women. Although this has all the makings of a of a mystery or spy story it is the true story of how and why Oak Ridge, Tennessee was built, and how the young women employees helped build the atomic bomb.

The author follows and describes the experiences of several of the young women who lived and worked at Oak Ridge. These women had no idea that they were part of the Manhattan Project, had no idea what the knobs did they turned or what the

gauges measured. They were not even aware of the dangers of radiation exposure.

What they were aware of was that security was very important, and that “a sopping sea of mud” was ruining their shoes. They knew their efforts would help end World War II.

The author provides details of the living conditions, the science of building the atomic bomb, and a reminder of encounters of unequal pay and racism. Black workers were segregated from whites, housed in 16-foot by 16-foot “hutments.” Black married couples were not allowed to live together. The discussion of the dangers of radiation and experiments on human subjects with plutonium, with infor-

mation withheld to the workers or subjects is also part of this story.

This author spent seven years researching this book including interviewing the surviving “girls”. Hearing their stories and remembrances adds to the quality of this book. I found it very readable, entertaining, and informative about a little known part of American history.

I had the opportunity to hear Denise Kiernan speak about her book. In attendance were people who themselves or their family members had worked and lived at Oak Ridge. It was interesting and remarkable to hear their stories, 68 years after the first atomic bombs were detonated. What is also remarkable was the “Oak Ridgers had kept the most amazing secret ever.”

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first. I would suggest that in addition to enjoying the Osher classes, if you want to stay sharp, accept the challenge and get active in some of the committees, or write an article for the *Osher Outlook*.

Other thoughts about Osher at UWM: the membership dues and the course charges do not cover the actual expenses of our organization. We are helped by the University and by the amount we receive from endowments. As I stated in my last message, the Osher Foundation wants us to raise \$15,000 annually in addition to maintaining a 1,000 member enrollment as a condition of receiving another \$1,000,000 endowment. Please join the effort!

Phil Rozga

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halftime speech) we need to work as a team to accomplish this! We need every member to play their part. If everyone would recruit just one new member, we would make the membership goal. If those of you that can afford to give what you consider a major gift, and if everyone else could just donate a little bit, we would meet the funding goal.

Every team has a cheer. Some at Badger games cannot be repeated, but ours should be repeated by everyone on “every down.” Here it is: \$15,000 + 1,000 members = \$1 million. I know we can do this, but we need everyone’s support to make it happen. Can I count on you?

Kim Beck

1 THOUSAND 
15 THOUSAND
 1 MILLION

The Bernard Osher Institute is prepared to give us an additional \$1 million dollar endowment if we can sustain 1,000 members and raise \$15,000. This is an important challenge and we will need the help of all members to reach it.

In a few weeks we will be sending out a fund raising letter to all our members. Please help Osher reach our \$15,000 goal by making a significant, tax-deductible gift to Osher. It is not unreasonable that the Osher Institute is asking us to demonstrate our commitment to ourselves before they commit to us.

The additional \$1 million will give us enough revenue to ensure that Osher will be active and accessible for the future generations to enjoy. Osher exists for more than fun and companionship although those are important benefits. Osher literally provides us with food for our brains. We know that using your brain by learning new things keeps us active and healthy. Your contributions will help secure the additional grant that will keep Osher active and healthy for now and into the future.

Please talk to the people you know in Osher about the importance of this fund raising effort. Nothing is better or more effective than a personal contact. Help others know the “hows and whys” of what we are doing and ask them to contribute as well.

Together we can safeguard the future for our organization.

Kathy Brehmer

The Holidays: A Time to Give and Receive

This year the Holiday Party will be held on December 13th, yes it is a Friday! The Hefter Center will be festive and have an added attraction. Holiday season being a time for giving and receiving, we plan a silent auction. Come and bid on items that fellow members have contributed.

We ask that members donate items that others might find fun or useful as presents or mementos. We will display the items on tables at the party and allow you to bid as you eat, drink and be merry.



Remember the lovely Italian cookbook available last year? Perhaps you will have opportunity to obtain a few more. Perhaps members who are artistic can contribute a drawing, a painting, embroidery or other item. Please consider sharing your talents by bringing something for the silent auction.

The proceeds will be a part of raising \$15,000 in order to qualify for the \$1 million dollar endowment, and will be used towards



the enhancement and expansion of our Osher programming.

Any questions? If you have any questions regarding the donation or bidding of items, please call the Osher office at 414-227-3320.



Did You Know About Core Programming?

Have you been to a presentation or class or on a Go Explore trip? I'm happy to say that over 75% of the membership can answer yes. Have you ever wondered what goes into making these happen? The first step is getting ideas to present and instructors. Then the programming committee members contact the presenters to see if they would be willing to present and when they would be available. This can take a lot of back and forth communication to lock in speakers and dates.

Next, Jenny Neale, the programming coordinator downloads this information. She confirms with the speakers that they are available and what they will need to do the class. Then, she will put the information into a catalog format. Once that is completed, the catalog proof is sent to Marketing for editing, returned to Jenny for proofing and finally sent to UWM for printing.

It is a very time intensive process and the committee is working harder than ever to expand the number of classes and presentations that we offer every semester. One of the ways that you as members can help is to offer to present if you are able and have an interesting topic. Another way is to contact us with the name and hopefully contact information for a speaker that you have

heard or know about. We will do the rest. If you have someone in mind, call the OSHER office or me, Elaine Burns at 414-963-9657. Together, we can really make OSHER pop.

Elaine Burns

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Shah to fly a plane into the building.

In 1998, Burns retired and returned home to Milwaukee. She looked back on her career with good memories and warm feelings of past experiences, especially the connection she had with the people she encountered. Although, Burns began a second career teaching, she longed for the people connection experienced in the air force and found it through Osher.

In her new role as chair of the core programming committee, Burn's goal is to foster common interests among Osher members and to offer challenging, thought provoking programming. Most members have similar interest or they wouldn't be in Osher, Burns said. It's amazing how people with similar interests connect, you see it when they take trips together, she noted.

Burns has taught at Cardinal Stritch and Bryant and Stratton colleges and is currently a child birth instructor at St. Mary's Hospital. In addition, she teaches water aerobics at the Wisconsin Athletic Club.

Most recently, Burns was delighted by the birth of a new nephew. But that was not all -- the nephew's family shared his birth with a litter of eight golden retrievers. Hmmm -- how about an Osher class on breeding golden retrievers? Instead Burns opted to facilitate a DVD course entitled, "Great Tours"— traveling through Greece and Turkey, this fall. She has presented Potpourri and short courses in the past as well.

Give Elaine your ideas for programming and let her know what you have enjoyed. The "core" of programming is providing a "World for the Wise" for your life long learning.

Leslie Clevert

November-December 2013 Osher Calendar

LOCATIONS:

UWM Hefter Conference Center (H)
UWM School of Continuing Education
(SCE)
Offsite (O)

FRI, NOV 1

10am-12pm Make 'Em Laugh, (SCE)
12:30-1:45pm In Search of Wisdom, (SCE)

SUN, NOV 3

Daylight Saving Time Ends

MON, NOV 4

10-11:15am Potpourri II, (H)
1-2:30pm BOD Mtng, (H)

TUE, NOV 5

Election Day

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conv. SIG (H)
12-1:30pm Italian SIG (H)
12:30-1:45pm News in the 1930's and
Now (H)
1:30-3pm Writing SIG (H)
2:15-3:30pm The Science of Food and
Cooking (H)

WED, NOV 6

10-11:15am WWII, Part III (DVD Course)
(SCE)
10:30am-12pm French SIG (H)
1-3pm Thai SIG (SCE)
2:15-3:30pm Italians Before Italy, Part II
(DVD Course) (SCE)

THU, NOV 7

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG (H)
10-11:15am Ernest Gaines (H)
12:30-1:45pm The World's Greatest Paint-
ings, Part II (DVD Course) (H)
1:30-3pm Gold Star Mysteries SIG (H)

FRI, NOV 8

10am-12pm Make 'Em Laugh (SCE)
10:30am-12pm Treasures to Behold at St.
Joseph's Chapel (O)

SAT, NOV 9

10am-12pm The Pre-Presidential Career
of Herbert Hoover (H)

MON, NOV 11

Veteran's Day

10-11:15am Potpourri II (H)

TUE, NOV 12

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conv. SIG (H)
12-1:30pm Italian SIG (H)
12:30-1:45pm News in the 1930's and
Now (H)
1-2:30pm German Conv. SIG (H)

WED, NOV 13

9-10am History SIG (H)
10-11:15am WWII, Part III (DVD Course)
(SCE)
10:30am-12pm French SIG (H)
10:30am-12pm Earth Wisdoem SIG (H)
1-3pm Thai SIG (SCE)
2:15-3:30pm Italians Before Italy, Part II
(DVD Course) (SCE)

THU, NOV 14

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG (H)
10-11:15am Earnest Gaines (H)

FRI, NOV 15

10am-12pm Make 'Em Laugh (SCE)

SAT, NOV 16

10:30-11:30am Pieces of History at the
MFD Museum (O)

MON, NOV 18

10-11:15am Potpourri III (H)
11:30am-1:30pm Program Com. Mtng (H)
12:30-1:45pm Taking the Scare Out of
Medicare (H)

TUE, NOV 19

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conv. SIG (H)
10-11:15am Charles Dickens, Our Mutual
Friend (H)
10am-12pm Book Group SIG (O)
12-1:30pm Italian SIG (H)

WED, NOV 20

10:30am-12pm French SIG (H)
11:30am-1pm New Member Orientation
(SCE)
1-3pm Thai SIG (SCE)
2:15-3:30pm The Great Tours: Greece and
Turkey (DVD Course) (SCE)

THU, NOV 21

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG (H)
10:30-11:30am The Artistry of Conrad
Schmitt Studios (O)
12:30-1:45pm The World's Greatest Paint-
ings, Part III (DVD Course) (H)

MON, NOV 25

10-11:15am Potpourri III (H)
12:30-1:45pm Taking the Scare Out of
Medicare (H)
12:30-2pm L&D Com. Mtng (H)

TUE, NOV 26

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conv. SIG (H)
10-11:15am Charles Dickens, Our Mutual
Friend (H)
12-1:30pm Italian SIG (H)
1-2:30pm German Conv. SIG (H)

WED, NOV 27

9-10am History SIG (H)
10:30am-12pm Earth Wisdom SIG (H)
10:30am-12pm French SIG (H)
1-3pm Thai SIG (SCE)

THU, NOV 28

Thanksgiving Day

SAT, NOV 30

Cuba Trip

SUN, DEC 1

Cuba Trip

MON, DEC 2

Cuba Trip
10-11:15am Potpourri III (H)
12:30-1:45pm Taking the Scare Out of
Medicare (H)
1-2:30pm BOD Mtng (H)

TUE, DEC 3

Cuba Trip
9:30-11:30am Spanish Conv. SIG (H)
10-11:15am Charles Dickens, Our Mutual
Friend (H)
10-11:15am Rome, Florence, Milan, Ven-
ice (and in Between) (SCE)
12-1:30pm Italian SIG (H)
1-3pm Writing SIG (H)

WED, DEC 4

Cuba Trip
10:30am-12pm French SIG (H)
1-3pm Thai SIG (SCE)
2:15-3:30pm The Great Tours: Greece and
Turkey (DVD Course) (SCE)

THU, DEC 5

Cuba Trip
9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG (H)

November-December 2013 Osher Calendar, cont.

10-11:15am The Joys of Jazz (H)

12:30-1:45pm The World's Greatest Paintings, Part III (DVD Course) (H)

1:30-3pm Gold Star Mysteries SIG (H)

FRI, DEC 6

Cuba Trip

10:30am-12pm Northwestern Mutual Tour (O)

SAT, DEC 7

Cuba Trip

SUN, DEC 8

Cuba Trip

7:30-9pm University Community Orchestra Winter Concert (O)

MON, DEC 9

9:30-11am Newsletter Com. Mtng (SCE)

10-11:15am Potpourri III (H)

12:30-1:45pm Taking the Scare Out of Medicare (H)

TUE, DEC 10

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conv. SIG (H)

10-11:15am Charles Dickens, Our Mutual Friend (H)

10-11:15am Rome, Florence, Milan, Venice (and in Between) (SCE)

10:30-11:30am The Artistry of Conrad Schmitt Studios (O)

12-1:30pm Italian SIG (H)

1-2:30pm German Conv. SIG (H)

WED, DEC 11

9-10am History SIG (H)

10:30am-12pm French SIG (H)

10:30am-12pm Earth Wisdom SIG (H)

1-3pm Thai SIG (SCE)

2:15-3:30pm The Great Tours: Greece and Turkey (DVD Course) (SCE)

THU, DEC 12

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG (H)

12:30-1:45pm The World's Greatest Paintings, Part III (DVD Course) (H)

FRI, DEC 13

12:30-2:30pm Winter Gala (H)

MON, DEC 16

10-11:15am Potpourri III (H)

11:30am-1:30pm Program Com. Mtng (H)

TUE, DEC 17

9:30-11:30am Spanish Conv. SIG (H)

10-11:15am Charles Dickens, Our Mutual Friend (H)

10-11:15am Rome, Florence, Milan, Venice (and in Between) (SCE)

10am-12pm Book Group SIG (O)

12-1:30pm Italian SIG (H)

WED, DEC 18

10:30am-12pm French SIG (H)

1-3pm Thai SIG (SCE)

2:15-3:30pm The Great Tours: Greece and Turkey (DVD Course) (SCE)

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Special Interest Group Notes

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

BOOK GROUP, *Shorewood*

Cathy Morris-Nelson 414-352-2839

Third Tuesdays, 10am-12pm Sept-June

EARTH WISDOM, *Hefter*

Dale Olen 262-255-3628

Second & fourth Wednesdays,
10:30am-12pm

FRENCH, *Hefter*

Marc McSweeney 414-788-5929

Every Wednesday, 10:30am-12pm

GERMAN CONVERSATION, *Hefter*

Valerie Brumder, 414-352-4506

Second & fourth Tuesdays, 1-2:30pm

GOLD STAR MYSTERIES, *Hefter*

Beverly DeWeese 414-332-7306

First Thursdays, 1:30-3pm Sept-July

Nov 7 *The Rope* by Nevada Barr and
Breakdown by Sara Paretsky

Dec 3 *Trust Your Eyes* by Linwood Barclay and
Dark Winter by David Mark

HISTORY, *Hefter*

Marilyn Walker 414-332-8255

John Link 414-588-5162

Second & Fourth Wednesdays, 9-10am
Sept-May

ITALIAN, *Hefter*

Silvana Kukuljan 414-935-2958

Every Tuesday, 12-1:30pm

SPANISH, *Hefter*

Tony LoBue 414-364-4936

Every Thursday, 9:30-11:30 am

SPANISH CONVERSATION, *Hefter*

Simon Arenzon 262-242-2035

Every Tuesday, 9:30-11:30am

THAI, *SCE*

Somchintana Ratarasarn 414-771-9065

Every Wednesday, 1-3pm

Not meeting until further notice. Please
contact Somchintana if you wish to
receive future updates.

WRITING, *Hefter*

Nancy Martin 414-339-1172

First Tuesdays, 1:30-3pm

LOCATIONS

**UWM School of
Continuing Education**
161 W. Wisconsin Ave.

UWM Hefter Conference Center
3271 N. Lake Dr.

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

What's Happening at Osher Lately?

A Trip to Growing Power



Photo courtesy of Marie Luehring

On a beautiful sunny fall day 19 intrepid Osher Explorers visited the urban farm known as “Growing Power.” Perhaps when you read this it is raining, or even snowing, but that day was splendid.

Growing Power is a national nonprofit organization and land trust supporting people from diverse backgrounds and the environments in which they live by helping to provide equal access to healthy high-quality safe and affordable food for people in all communities.

The three acre site on Silver Spring road in Milwaukee is the starting point for what is now a nationally known, respected and award winning multi-site organization. This site is still zoned for agriculture, the last urban farm in Milwaukee. They raise plants, fish, goats, chickens and other surprising things. The goats will eventually be milked and the milk sent to the Clock Shadow Creamery for artisanal goat cheese. The chickens have lovely outdoor but protected coops and runs. They provide fresh eggs every day.

Josh, the site manager for the Silver Spring site, was the tour guide and a fountain of information. Mostly about poop. Really. Here's how it goes:

Worms (red wigglers) scurry about in bins of wood chips and not so fresh food that has been second harvested from restaurants and grocery donors. Worms eat, worms poop. This is called “worm casts”. Worm casts are good, they are essentially great soil that provides thousands of trays of seedlings with the environment needed for optimal growth. Left over plant matter is returned to compost heaps, eaten by worms and, you guessed it, more poop. Closed system cycling to provide growth without garbage. I

f you think that is interesting just wait.

The fish (lake perch in one tank, tilapia in another) swim, eat and yup – you guessed it. This creates ammonia water which is pumped up to growth beds for plants that break down the ammonia to usable nitrates that can be returned to the fish tanks. Another closed cycle. The group

became so immersed in poop talk, (Kathy Johnson remarked “We are really getting the scoop on poop,”) that later when Josh led the group outside to the goat pens and chicken coops he explained the Quonset hut types of buildings as “hoop buildings” but we thought he said – well it rhymes with “hoop” and of course it was difficult not to imagine what might be stockpiled in those buildings. But, no, not to worry, the buildings are storage for many things; they are not filled with the product of the day.

The population of one of those buildings was even more surprising. The building was a nursery for the South American Black Soldier fly. Fortunately we were not asked in. Why flies you ask? Well you see, flies produce baby flies called maggots. Those fish we mentioned love a juicy maggot, so maggots fed to fish, fish eat maggots, fish... ah well here we go again. You get the idea. Don't worry, the fly cannot exist in Wisconsin, so if any escape they, and their maggots, will die in the cold. All is well in this closed cycle world.

Diana Hanks

Who Do You Know?

As is always true, Osher is a busy organization. Some of the offerings for the Fall have had to be cancelled, we hope to see them back on the schedule for Winter or Spring. The classes and explorations that have been held are always interesting and informative. The Program Committee continues to excel in preparing curriculum. BUT, (always a “but”, right?) We need your help.

Who do you know?

Who do you know that loves the OSHER experience?

Who do you know that enjoys and works well with other people?

Who do you know that's pretty well organized?

Who do you know that loves to dig in ... to take charge?

Who do you know that wants to have an impact on the life and learning of others?



We need YOU to fill key leadership positions in Osher!

Reciprocity Policy

The Osher Board recently approved a new Reciprocity Policy for those members visiting from other Osher institutes: Members in good standing in another Osher group may pay the usual event fee and attend any Osher offering while visiting. Those who move here will be considered members until the next annual membership fee is due. They may then pay our dues and continue in good standing.

Tastes of Italy

Silvana Bastianutti was asked to represent the Italian class at the Southeast Wisconsin Festival of Books and talk about the Tastes of Italy cook book. Well done!

A Rocky Trip

Pat Busalacchi is good enough to share her amusing incident on a recent trip—makes you want to travel with Osher!

“As I write this I am still under the influence of jet lag, so I hope it makes sense.

While enjoying a beautiful September tour of Italy, I took my turn stepping into a gondola. I had grasped the gondolier's hand on my right and a pole on my left, but suddenly I was flying through the air and landing on my backside in the boat. The gondola rocked, naturally, and for a few nanoseconds I thought I was going into the canal. My husband meanwhile was watching in horror and feared that I would be caught between the boat and the dock forcing him to continue the trip as a widower. To make matters worse, I was wearing a skirt. No one in the group ever said anything about seeing more of me than I had intended to show, but I'll never know for sure. The wonder is that, despite the fact that my bone density leaves something to be desired, I have only a small bruise on my right hand, a larger one on my posterior and a pulled groin muscle. (That's my diagnosis, anyway.) The rest of the trip included lots of walking and climbing, but ibuprofen got me through.”

Pat Busalacchi

Tales of Seasons Passed

Phil Rozga said the stories about Halloween in the last *Outlook* reminded him of Halloweens past. Speaking of parties here is a story you don't want to miss—although you may not want to experience it!

A Costume Party

“When the invitation to a costume party at



Photo courtesy of Gil Walter

a friend's house arrived, we immediately accepted. We had been going to Halloween costume parties at another friend's house annually for a number of years, but found they had been discontinued. These parties were a highlight of our fall season and we looked forward to planning for new costumes. In the past I had gone as a clown, a strong man with plastic muscles, a tree, and little red riding hood (Edie was the wolf.). Our costumes were all home made—mostly sewn together by Edie.

We didn't want to recycle our old costumes and after some thought decided to go as Caliban (me) and a political campaigner trying to recruit him (Edie). We threw together our costumes and went to the party house at the time suggested. Our hostess was not in costume, but had clearly prepared for a party with lots of snacks and assorted drinks. No other guest had arrived yet, but we assumed they would be fashionably late. And they were. When they finally drifted in about half hour later, we were surprised to find that we were the only ones wearing costumes. We felt like monkeys in zoo, but gradually overcame this feeling with help of a liquid lubricant. The party became enjoyable, but we still left early.

That was our last Halloween costume party. I guess it was the end of an era.”

Gil Walter

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THU, DEC 19

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG (H)
12:30-1:45pm The World's Greatest Paintings, Part III (DVD Course) (H)

MON, DEC 23

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

TUE, DEC 24

Christmas Eve

WED, DEC 25

Christmas Day

THU, DEC 26

9:30-11:30am Spanish SIG (H)

TUE, DEC 31

New Year's Eve

SAVE THE DATES

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Wednesday, November 20

11:30am-1pm

UWM School of Continuing Education

Open to all new members. Please RSVP at sceosher@uwm.edu or 414-227-3320.

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA WINTER CONCERT

Sunday, December 8

7:30-9pm

Helen Bader Concert Hall

2419 E. Kenwood Blvd.

Milwaukee, WI 53211

\$12 for General Tickets

\$8 for Seniors, UWM Faculty and Staff

FREE for Students and Majors

Buy tickets online at www.arts.uwm.edu/tickets, by phone at 414-229-4308 or in person at the UWM Helene Zelazo Center for the Performing Arts, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd.

Hear music prepared throughout the fall semester by this intergenerational orchestra.

WINTER GALA

Friday, December 13

12:30-2:30pm

UWM Hefter Conference Center

Invitation to follow in the mail.



The Newsletter Committee Needs You Too!

Please think about providing your ideas for inclusion in the newsletter, most especially we would value your "review" of any class or Go Explore or other trip that Osher provides. Let other members know what's been enjoyable for you.

If you would like to submit a review of a book that would be of interest to our membership John Link would be most happy to give you the space for it. If you have an idea for an interesting person for our profile Leslie Clevert would like to hear it. Page 12 lists the members of the editorial staff, email one of us with ideas and submissions.

Spring 2014 Catalog Coming Soon!



The Spring 2014 catalog will be mailed to Osher members in mid January. Classes begin the first week of February. In the meantime, keep an eye out for the posting of the Osher catalog on our website, sce-osher.uwm.edu.

View the interactive catalog pdf or click on "Programs and Activities" to view individual course listings.

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