Fervent about history, Irv Gottschalk and wife, Reesa, were browsing history in books at Boswell Book Company last fall when a publication caught their attention. It was a biography of former US Secretary of Labor, Frances Perkins. The Gottschalks learned that the book was being read by the Osher Special Interest Group book club and not knowing much about Osher, joined to participate in the discussions of Perkins.

Frances Perkins was of interest especially to Gottschalk, not because he was a history major or because he studied political science in graduate school, but because he chose a similar professional path. Gottschalk retired two years ago as regional director of the National Labor Relations Board’s Milwaukee regional office after being with the NLRB for 37 years. He oversaw investigative and union election work, decided which cases were appropriate for litigation and approved the settlement of cases throughout Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

After Gottschalk earned his Bachelor’s degree in history from San Diego State University and a Master’s degree from the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee in political science, he did not envision a career in labor relations. He was preparing to become a college professor and served as a teaching assistant while at UWM. When faced with the decision to teach or not to teach, he realized that the research requirements necessary for a professorship did not appeal to him.

It was by happenstance that Gottschalk became involved with the NLRB. He took an aptitude test and results showed that he would do well in investigative work. When offered a posi-
The phrase “If you don’t know where you’re going any road will get you there” has often been attributed to the above passage, but never actually appeared in Lewis Carroll’s writings. The phrase and passage seem very apt, however, as we consider the past, present and most importantly the future of the Osher Life Long Learning Institute at UWM.

With the above in mind, it’s been several years now since the OLLI Board has taken stock of where the Institute has been and where it’s going and I’m very pleased to tell you that the process has begun anew with a recent “first meeting” of the newly formed Strategic Planning Committee.

The Committee’s first order of business is to examine and, if appropriate, to fine tune the Vision of what we want the organization to be, or become, by the year 2020. The Committee started working on this phase of the process in its first meeting.

Once the Vision is firmly in place the Committee will move on to re-examine the Institute’s purpose as well as the supporting roles of all other committees. The Committee’s next order of business will be to lay out the major paths or strategies the Institute will take to become the organization described in its vision statement. Each committee will then provide supporting strategies, objectives and action plans with timetables.

If the above approach seems like simple process, it’s not, for the Committee has to take into account myriad stakeholder needs, issues and other factors at every step. Needless to say the Committee will be at the process for a while. And, I intend to keep you abreast of developments as they unfold.

So who’s on this committee? Well there’s me in my role as Board President; David Georgenson as President elect; Beth Waschow the Chair of the curriculum committee; Barbara Gross a member with solid strategic planning skills and experience; Elizabeth Price a newer member with loads of adult program knowledge and experience; Ressa Gottschalk also a newer member with solid business and strategic planning skills; Jayna Hintz our newly situated Program Coordinator with loads of volunteer and program experience and skills; and last but certainly not least our Executive Director Kim Beck.

Several Committee members have extensive business, organizational and administrative skills and have operated successful consultancies offering strategic planning guidance. Several more have excellent program and adult education experience. Some are relative “newbees” who bring a fresh new prospective. Others have been members or have been associated with the Institute for a good long while. All are computer literate and well positioned to examine the role technology may play in the future.

You have a part in the planning process as well. We need your ideas for how the Institute can be made even better. Please send them to me or to another Committee member. We’ll give every one of them serious consideration.
One question, asked frequently in the years I have worked with Osher, is why should Osher be part of UWM? For some it’s not exactly clear what the university provides that is of benefit to members. The following facts can help provide a clear picture of the benefits UWM brings to Osher.

- First, The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute wouldn’t exist at all if it hadn’t been for the initiative of UWM Dean of Urban Outreach Martin Haberman to establish an older adult learning program in 1982. What was then the Guild for Learning in Retirement was one of the first of its kind anywhere in the country.

- The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University Wisconsin-Milwaukee is the only Osher Institute in Wisconsin. Many older adult programs are offered in southeast Wisconsin but only one of them is a part of the state’s largest urban research university. Being a part of this outstanding university truly sets our institute apart from other older adult programs. Did you know that 91% of our members have some type of college degree? Over 50% have either a master’s or a doctoral degree. I am not sure any other older adult program in the area can say that, but then none are part of UWM!

- The School of Continuing Education charges Osher only a thousand dollars per month administrative fee. In return for that fee, the institute’s classroom space needs are provided at both the Hefter Center and the School of Continuing Education downtown campus. The fee also provides Osher members the services of the SCE registration system and staff. Many marketing services are also provided at no added cost to Osher. These excellent services are quite a bargain and make us the envy of the other nearly 120 Osher Institutes around the country. Add in university services like purchasing, payroll and tech support and, if you are like me, you realize the advantage Osher gains by being part of UWM.

- If further evidence of how much UWM really does for Osher is needed, the university’s School of Continuing Education has covered my entire salary since I became the Executive Director of Osher in 2011. The member care specialist, Kathy Darrington, also had her salary covered by the School of Continuing Education for the past two years.

- Finally, Osher would truly not exist today if it weren’t hosted by the university. The Bernard Osher Foundation would not fund Osher if it were not connected to the university. The foundation only funds older adult learning programs at universities or colleges, not at recreation department or not-for-profit senior programs. You wouldn’t have the benefit of the Osher endowment fund without UWM.

I have no doubt that most Osher members are aware of some or all of these points, however, I hope I have convinced the more skeptical of our members of the many contributions UWM makes to the institute. It’s a terrific relationship and we all benefit from it!

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**Coming this October!!**

**Halloween Potluck hosted by the Osher Social Committee**

Join us for a pleasant afternoon of great food and mingling. Meet other members!

Monday October 26th from 4pm-7pm.

Shorewood Resource Center

3920 N. Murray Ave.

RSVP to by September 16 to Karen Barry at 414-227-3320 or barrykj@uwm.edu
tion with the labor relations board, Gottschalk signed on and his first job was that of a case investigator. From there he became a compliance supervisor, assistant to the regional director, acting regional director and regional director. During his time as a case investigator, he served as National President of the NLRB union for two years.

Looking back, Gottschalk said, it’s hard watching the weakening of labor unions, exacerbated by years of political pile-on in an attempt to undermine them. “Organized labor has been effective in developing employees’ collective voice as well as improving employee wages, benefits and working conditions,” added Gottschalk. “It’s been proven that unions provide an impetus for change that creates and sustains the middle class. There will always be the need for a collective voice.” Gottschalk believes organized labor will survive all attempts to subvert it whether or not it’s in its current form.

A Chicago native, Gottschalk moved to San Diego with his family when he was in seventh grade, He returned to the Midwest with his wife, Reesa, to attend graduate school. Reesa has enjoyed a career in health information management and edited a book on the legal aspects of medical records. The Gottschalk’s daughter, Lauren, is the mother of two children and works as an on-line marketer.

Now that he is retired, Gottschalk has found plenty to occupy his time. He enjoys auditing history classes at UWM and playing the guitar. Making music since his teen years, Gottschalk belongs to a group that provides music for special occasions at a local synagogue.

The Gottschalks enjoy traveling and spending time with their granddaughters. He is a baseball fan, but doesn’t play. “I tried while in high school but the dream outpaced the talent,” he said. Reconnecting with an old friend from Chicago, they enjoy attending baseball games together. Gottschalk visits his friend in Chicago and takes in a White Sox or Cub’s game and his friend comes to Milwaukee to harass the Brewers.

In addition to the SIG book club, during the short time Gottschalk has been with Osher, he has enjoyed the current events salon and is looking forward to working with the SIG development and Lecture Committees that he recently joined.

Leslie Clevert

Register Now!
Ten Chimneys Estate Tour & Kettle Moraine State Forest

Ten Chimneys is the National Historical Landmark estate of 20th Century Broadway legends, Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontaine. Tours focuses on their lives, their friends and their amazing home. Tour the entire estate including the three-story main house, the rustic studio, the enchanting cottage, and restored gardens. The tour is followed by lunch at the Cornerstone Restaurant nearby. We then take a bus tour through the scenic Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest with a short stop at the Forest Headquarters and Visitors Center. Please note: The tour has two plus hours of walking over uneven surfaces. It is not handicap accessible.

Date/Time: Thursday, September 24, 8:15am-5pm
Pick-up at North Shore (Bay Shore) Park ‘n Ride at 8:15am and at State Fair Park ‘n Ride at 8:45am.
Fee: $75 Includes motor coach transportation, lunch and admission
Enrollment Limit: 30
Program Number: Fall:73
The Unsubstantial Air: American Fliers in the First World War
By Samuel Hynes
Review by Marilyn Walker

During these years that mark the centennial of World War I, there is a flood of new books covering that world shattering event. Many of them are broad in scope. Some take a more focused investigation into one phase of the war. This book by a World War II pilot fits into the latter category. It traces the beginnings of the U.S. Air Force through the experiences of its first pilots. It captures the thrill of it all that was a major initial motivation for the young flyers of the day. The book also evidences the darker side of the experience that evolved more slowly.

The U.S. didn’t enter the war until 1917. Young American men, however, clamored to get into the action from its beginnings in 1914. The first volunteers left school and jobs to join the French Foreign Legion or the ambulance service. A few of them became pilots as the combat air war developed. Others were already pilots when they joined the RAF. Still more were trained by the U. S. Air Service branch of the U. S. Army after its entry in the war.

Using contemporary letters and post war memoirs from the aviators, the author leads the reader into the thought processes, ideals and confrontations with the realities of war. The first group of these young men came mostly from privileged backgrounds. They were intrigued by the thrill and romance of flying. The idea of war as a cause appealed to them. They liked the immediate prestige of becoming a pilot. They enjoyed the experience of being in a foreign country.

Training began the sobering process. Battle action was both exciting and stressful. The death of comrades brought grief. Later, coping with the personal aftermath of returning to civilian life became another challenge for these still very young men. They understood that they were the lucky ones who had survived. They were proud of the skills they had mastered, but they also had memories that changed their lives. This is a book worth reading.

Make the Most of Your Osher Membership

New members would you like to learn more about the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute? How do you register for programs? What’s a SIG? Where can you park at the Hefter Center? Find out the answers to these questions and more at the next new member orientation. Take this opportunity to meet other new members, hear words of wisdom from longtime participants and enjoy coffee and snacks.

Saturday, September 19th
10:00-11:00 a.m.
School of Continuing Education
RSVP to by September 16 to Karen Barry at 414-227-3320 or barrykj@uwm.edu
September October 2015 Osher Calendar

O= Offsite/other location
H=Hefter Center
SCE=School of Continuing Ed.

Tue Sep 8
10:00am Greatest Mysteries (H)
12:30pm Youthful Movement (H)

Wed Sep 9
10:00am Nazi Germany (SCE) 10:00am Bay View Tour (O)

Thurs Sep 10
10:00am Memory Loss, etc.(SCE) 10:00am Sign Language (H)
12:30pm Doors Open (H) 12:30pm Brain Games IV (H)

Fri Sep 11
10:30am Travel Committee (SCE)
12:30pm Power of Myth (SCE)

Mon Sep 14
1:00pm Board of Directors (SCE)

Tues Sep 15
10:00am French for Travelers (SCE) 10:00am Lynden Sculpture Gardens (O)
10:00am Greatest Mysteries (H) 12:30pm Medicare (SCE)
12:30pm Youthful Movement (H)

Wed Sep 16
10:00am MOOC’s (SCE) 2:00pm PR & Marketing (SCE)
7:30pm Tartuffe (O)

Thu Sep 17
10:00am Sign Language (H)
2:15pm Brain Games (H)

Fri Sep 18
12:30pm Power of Myth (SCE)

Sat Sep 19
10am New member orientation (SCE)

Mon Sep 21
10:00am Pot: Interfaith (H) 11:30pm Program Committee (H)
12:30pm Confronting Genocide(H) 2:15pm Salvation Army (H)

Tue Sep 22
10:00am Greatest Mysteries (H) 10:00am French for travelers (SCE)
12:30pm Medicare (SCE) 12:30pm Youthful Movement (H)
2:15pm Milwaukee Railroad (H)

Thu Sep 24
8:15am Ten Chimneys(O) 10:00am Buddha (SCE) 10:00am Sign Language (H)
12:30pm County Parks (SCE) 12:30pm Passage (H)
2:15pm Brain Games (H)

Fri Sep 25
12:30am Power of Myth (SCE)

Sat Sep 26
12:30pm Book Binding (H)

Mon Sep 28
10:00am Pot: Assistive Technology (H) 12:30pm Confronting Genocide (H)
12:30pm Leadership & Development

Tues Sep 29
10:00am French for travelers (SCE) 10:00am Greatest Mysteries (H)
12:30pm Youthful Movement (H) 1:30pm Downtown (O)
2:15pm James Madison (H)

Wed Sep 30
10:00am Forests & Humans (SCE) 11:30pm Old World 3rdst. tour (O)
1:00pm “Vamos al cine” (SCE) 1:00pm Poles & Poland (O)

Thurs Oct 1
10:00am Buddha’s 4 Truths (SCE) 10:00am Susie & Harvey (H)
12:15pm Family Wealth Preservation 1:00pm Newsletter Committee (SCE)
2:15pm Music Literacy (H)

Fri Oct 2
12:30pm Power of Myth (SCE)

Sat Oct 3
10:00am POT: Broadway Show Stoppers (H)
12:30pm Storytelling (H) 12:30pm Fiction, Acculturation & Culture (H)
12:30pm Art Lives Here (SCE)
1:00pm Shoreline Erosion (H) 2:15pm Brief History of Time (H)

Mon Oct 5
10:00am POT: Gun Violence (H) 1:00pm Board of Directors (SCE)
2:15pm Shoreline Erosion (H)

Tue Oct 6
10:00am French for Travelers (SCE) 10:00am Greatest Mysteries (H)
12:30pm Cheese Lady (H) 2:15pm James Madison (H)
6:00pm Financial Strategies (SCE)

Wed Oct 7
8:30am Manitowoc (O) 10:00am Forests & Humans (SCE) 12:15 Family Wealth Pres. (H)
12:30am Wildlife Conservation(H) 1:00pm Poles & Poland (O)

Thurs Oct 8
12:30pm Power of Myth (SCE) 2:15pm Travel Committee (SCE)
12:30pm Power of Myth (SCE)

Fri Oct 9
10:30pm Travel Committee (SCE)
12:30pm Power of Myth (SCE)

Mon Oct 12
10am Pot: Broadway Show Stoppers (H) 12:30pm Storytelling (H)
12:30pm Fiction, Acculturation & Culture (H)
12:30pm Art Lives Here (SCE) 1:00pm Newsletter Committee (SCE)
2:15pm Music Literacy (H)

Tues Oct 13
10:00am People of the Sturgeon( H) 12:30pm Shoreline Erosion (H)
1:00pm Shoreline Erosion (H) 2:15pm Brief History of Time (H)

Wed Oct 14
10:00am Forests & Humans (SCE) 1:00pm “Vamos al cine” (SCE)
1:00pm Poles & Poland (O)

Thurs Oct 15
10am Investing in Turbulent Times (H) 10:00am Women that made Milwaukee famous (SCE)
12:15pm Aging Population (H) 2:15pm I’m Retired! Now What (SCE)
7:00pm Meet author Richard Ford (O)
Mon Oct 19
10:00am POT: What does a Symphony Conductor do? (H)
11:30am Program Committee (H)
12:30pm Family Storytelling (H)
12:30pm Fiction, Acculturation & Culture (H)
12:30pm Art Lives Here (H)
2:15pm Music Literacy

Tues Oct 20
10:00am Shakespeare (H)
10:00am Planning travel online (SCE)
12:30pm Brain Games (H)
2:15pm Brief History of Time (H)

Wed Oct 21
10:00am Safety & Justice (SCE)
12:30pm Forests & Humans(SCE)
1:00pm Poles & Poland (O)
2:00pm PR & Marketing (SCE)

Thurs Oct 22
10am Investing in Turbulent Times (H)
10:00am Estabrook Park (O)
12:30pm US Foreign Policy(H)
2:15pm People Places inform Novel (H)
2:15pm I’m Retired (SCE)

Fri Oct 23
10:00am Michael Caine films (SCE)
12:30pm Power of Myth (SCE)

Mon Oct 26
10:00am POT: St. Francis Showstoppers (H)
12:30pm Family Storytelling (H)
12:30pm Fiction, acculturation & Culture (H)
12:30pm Art Lives Here (SCE)
12:30pm L & D Comm. (SCE)
2:15pm Music Literacy(SCE)

Tues Oct 27
10:00am MJS tour (O)
10:00am Shakespeare(H)
10:00am Online Travel (SCE)
12:30pm Brain Games (H)
2:15pm Brief History of Time (H)

Wed Oct 28
10:00am Film Movement (SCE)
1:00pm “Vamos al cine”(SCE)
1:00pm Poles & Poland (O)

Thur Oct 29
10am Investing in Turbulent Times (H)
12:30pm US Foreign Policy (H)
2:15pm I’m retired!! Now What?(SCE)

Fri Oct 31
10:00am Michael Caine Films (SCE)

Special Interest Groups

BOOK GROUP, Shorewood
Cathy Morris-Nelson 414-352-2839
3rd Tuesdays, 10am—12pm Sept-June

CONSCIOUSLY CRAFTING THE NEXT CHAPTER OF LIFE, SCE
David Georgensen, 414-540-5926
3rd Thursday, 10-11:30

FRENCH, Hefter
Marc McSweeney 414-788-5929
Every Wednesday, 10:30am—12pm

GERMAN CONVERSATION, Hefter
Valerie Brumder, 414-352-4506
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 1-2:30pm

GOLD STAR MYSTERIES, Hefter
Beverly DeWeese 414-332-7306
1st Thursday, 1:30–3pm Sept-July

HISTORY, Hefter
John Link 414-588-5162
2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 9-10am

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

SALON: CONVERSATIONS IN CURRENT AFFAIRS. Hefter
Ted Tousman 414-403-2730
ttousman2000@yahoo.com
Marvin Weiner 414 640-6679
3rd Wednesday, 10 a.m.

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

SPANISH CONVERSATION, Hefter
Every Tuesday, 9:30–11:30am

SPANISH FOR TRAVELERS, SCE
Esteban Bell, 414-350-5842
Every Wednesday, 10:30-11:45

WRITING, Hefter
Nancy Martin 414-339-1172
1st and 3rd Tuesday, 1:30–3pm
June 19 Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting

After an appealing lunch interspersed with convivial conversation at the lively tables of eight, President Roller presided over the vote for changes in the bylaws and the new slate of officers for 2015-2016. The by-laws changes were passed unanimously by the membership in attendance, as was the slate of officers. The Osher officers for 2015-2016 are President, Mike Roller, Incoming President David Georgeson and Secretary/Treasurer Diana Hankes.

Roller then introduced Mark Mone, Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Dr. Mone provided a concise overview of current activities and challenges to the University. He expressed his support for the Osher organization and welcomed questions from the audience.

President Mike Roller also recognized four long-time volunteers for outstanding service to Osher: Past President, Phil Rozga, Elaine Burns, chair of Programming, Linda Nolan Leadership and Development Chair and Kathy Brehmer, Secretary and Treasurer.

Explorations in Wholeness

Homework assignment: Take nothing personally and forgive everything. This was how the third of five weeks of the summer class in Explorations in Wholeness ended. The class had been discussing anger, shame, and ways of dealing with adversity.

Some of the major topics in the class were wholeness, balance, flow, peace and happiness. Sitting in a circle to form a new community, the group held discussions and experienced fun activities. In a form of “Pass it On,” students took turns introducing themselves with various gestures or made eye contact with their neighbor while reciting a phrase. In the drum circle some of the drums used were traditional while others were hand-made using picture frames and toilet seats covered in clear packing tape. When hit with a drum stick, they sounded surprisingly real.

Through a wholeness exercise and journaling, students were encouraged to examine their values in light of their priorities and try to bring their lifestyle more in line with what is important to them. After a discussion on labyrinths as a tool for meditation and prayer, students were encouraged to check out some of the labyrinths in the area.

The presenter, Jahmés Tony Finlayson, is an accomplished musician, performing artist, storyteller, composer and workshop facilitator. He related a lot of his own personal experiences to the topics discussed.

A Walk in the Park

On July 14, 2015 the Go Explore group met at Lake Park to hear volunteer Gil Walter speak about and illustrate the history of this Frederick Law Olmstead designed park. Gil not only volunteers for the Friends of Lake Park he is also an Osher member, an example of our “members-4-members” emphasis.

Olmstead, a world famous designer of parks, designed three Milwaukee area parks—Lake, Washington and Riverside. He was instrumental in designing and landscaping the grounds for the “White City” in Chicago that many Go Explore members have traveled to see.

Despite a few rain drops we walked south from the Lake Park Bistro to the North Point Lighthouse and Keepers Quarters. The “whispers” would have come in handy. The separate group, Friends of the Lighthouse, were preparing for a fund raising event on the following day but graciously welcomed our group and provided an informative guided tour of the light station, now a museum depicting lighthouse and shipping history of the area.
Workers were busy repairing the bridge that the infamous delivery truck got stuck on while delivering goods to the Lake Park Bistro. Quite an unbelievable snafu. The famous lion statues that guard the bridge were unharmed and the repairs were progressing. A lesson for us all – use your brains in addition to your navigation system.

The Light Station museum was well worth visiting. Most of the group climbed to the top through all three sections of the structure. A wonderful view was the reward for our efforts.

**Volunteer Initiative**

On June 26th the Leadership & Development Committee, under the able leadership of Chair Dave Georgeson, provided opportunity for almost fifty members, both new and long-standing, to hear about the need for further volunteer involvement. Each committee chair presented a very short synopsis of their respective committees, its requirements and the skills needed for its success. As the UWM Osher Life Long Learning Institute has almost doubled its membership in the past few years the need to maintain an appropriate *ratio* of members to quality programs has occasioned a need for dozens of new volunteer committee members, chairs and presenters.

President Roller provided an overview of volunteering opportunities and benefits including the statistics of current numbers of volunteers who insure a well-functioning constantly growing and improving organization. Realizing the goals of 1) making UWM Osher the premier adult learning organization serving SE Wisconsin and 2) being recognized by the OSHER national foundation as one of the top five institutes in the United States can be seen as new opportunities that require creating a “resource base” for members, partnering with other organizations to “spread the brand” of Osher and acquiring more “friends” of Osher as resource for further funding. The event ended with participants filling out an interest survey.

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**Meet Richard Ford, author of *Let Me Be Frank With You***

*Richard Ford* is the author of the New York Times bestselling novel *Canada*, as well as *The Bascombe Novels*. *In Let Me Be Frank With You*, Ford reinvents Bascome in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. In four richly luminous narratives, Bascombe attempts to reconcile, interpret and console a world undone by calamity. It is a moving, wondrous and extremely funny odyssey through the America we live in.

Thursday October 15, 2015
7:00pm-8:30pm
Boswell Book Company
2559 N. Downer Ave.
Cost: $14.00 *(Special Discounted Fee including Book for Osher Members)*
Register online at uwm.edu/sce-osopher or by phone 414-227-3200
Here is another of our excellent presenter’s thoughts in response to a few of the following questions.

- What motivates you to donate your time and expertise?
- What’s different about teaching for Osher than past teaching experiences you have had?
- What is the most memorable moment you have ever had teaching? (at Osher or otherwise)
- How do you decide on what you will present?
- What is on your bucket list?
- What is something most people don’t know about you?
- Do you have any newly discovered passions?
- What is a hot topic in your field of interest right now?
- What do you enjoy about being an “older adult”?

Here is what Kathy Johnson has to say about the questions she chose.

**What motivates you to donate your time and expertise?**

I had learned about Osher from the SCE catalog and, when I retired, one of the first things I did was to join. It was not long before I decided that I could be a presenter. I worked as a nurse in a variety of settings – patient care, management, performance improvement – and teaching was a major part of every role I had. The sheer enjoyment I receive from my Osher activities motivates me to stay involved. I find both learning and teaching to be very exciting and fulfilling. To participate in these activities with other motivated learners just adds to the enjoyment.

**What's different about teaching for Osher than past teaching experiences you have had?**

The fact that people are attending a class that they have chosen to attend because they want to, not because they have to changes the whole dynamic. They are interested, they are attentive, they ask questions – all of this is sugar to a presenter. That is very motivating.

**How do you decide on what you will present?**

I find that there is something of interest in just about any topic. I read quite a bit, both fiction and nonfiction, and often come across topics that peak my interest. But almost any activity can generate questions and ideas. For example, I enjoy old time American music, and noting a difference in versions of *The Big Rock Candy Mountain* led me to an exploration of hobos and tramps in America after the Civil War; a chance purchase of a CD of the music of Hildegard von Bingen led me to explore the life of that remarkable woman. Pick a topic and start reading about it and there is inevitably something remarkable there.

**What is on your bucket list?**

My bucket list is mostly a list of places to travel to. My husband and I enjoy travel very much. We like to go with tour groups because we appreciate the services of the local guides who provide so much information about the local history and culture. So much better than just reading about it in a guide book.

**Do you have any newly discovered passions?**

This is not related to Osher, but since retiring I have been teaching myself some new crafts and re-engaging in some I did in the past and I get such a sense of satisfaction from them. I have never considered myself to be a very creative person but I find myself being able to just push the boundaries of the patterns or instructions and make something that is unique. Not necessarily very pretty, but certainly unique.

**What is a hot topic in your field of interest right now?**

I can tell you what I am starting to work on now in preparation for two classes next spring. Paula Friedemann and I will work together on a class about the Roma people, formerly known as gypsies, who have a long history and who have been much maligned. I may also do a lecture or Potpourri about Julius and Ethel Rosenberg as the 65th anniversary of their death sentence is in April 2016.

**What do you enjoy about being an "older adult”?**

The freedom of being an “older adult” is magnificent. The freedom to explore, to travel, to do what I want with my time and resources. The freedom to get up when I want to get up. What could be better than that?
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