Member Profile: Darlene Roberts

By Gene Brutwitzki

Throughout her life, Darlene Roberts has had a passion for education. Whether as an elementary school educator or as a member of Osher’s short course program committee, Darlene has reveled in teaching and learning activities.

As a first grade teacher, Darlene taught reading, spelling, writing, penmanship, science and social studies. She stimulated students’ learning by integrating art activities into every subject. For example, students would draw a picture of what they read about in a story. Darlene amazed students when she would tell them about the magical power of letters and words and the infinite possibilities of what those words became in poetry, stories, music, etc.

Darlene has been a member of the Osher Short Course Program Committee since its inception. She recalls working with Bill Murphy, whom she describes as a "witty, adorable leprechaun." Together they met with UW Milwaukee academic liaisons and the UWM Guild presidents to develop short courses for Guild members. She has remained on the committee since that time, serving as the chair for ten years and then as the co-chair with Ruth Kurensky until this past December.

Darlene describes the short course committee team as wonderful. She says the members bring their unique talents and make the committee's efforts successful. Their tasks include obtaining presenters, evaluating course presentations, and preparing catalog information. As coordinators for courses, the committee members share responsibility for introducing presenters, taking attendance, and distributing course handouts.

Darlene’s parents were immigrants from Yugoslavia, who lived in Mayville, WI until their grocery store was destroyed by fire. Next, the family moved to West Allis and later to Milwaukee. Darlene attended Seaforth Grade School, McKinley High School, and graduated from West Division High School. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts

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President’s Letter

By the time you read this, the Super Bowl will be completed and the results known. I don’t know them yet, but sure am hoping. Indulge me for couple of minutes, I want to talk FOOTBALL!! After the holidays in Wisconsin, it’s usually the January doldrums. This year however, thanks to the Green Bay Packers, it has been anything but. From the holidays on, the Pack has taken us on one trip after another, and what trips they were!!! Led by likes of Tramon Williams, B.J. Raji and Erik Walden (who?) and the others, they defeated Philadelphia, Atlanta, Chicago and it’s on to Super Bowl XLV.

Wow, that certainly filled the Osher semester gap and blew away the dreary January doldrums. But now it’s over and hopefully we’re the world champions. So, while that’s a tough act to follow, Osher has an interesting and stimulating program for the remainder of the winter and the spring. The agenda includes courses on the Civil War, the Amish, Milwaukee’s Irish immigrants and American Broadcasting (a favorite of mine).

So, there’s something for everybody and subjects interesting enough to make you forget about the Green Bay Packers!! Well, until next fall maybe. So, come join us, we’re looking forward to seeing you. Finally, just a little reminder that we still have volunteer opportunities for our various committees and for leadership positions on the Osher board. Hope to see you soon.

Dave Kelling

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State College. A life-long learner, she continued her education in summer classes and workshops at UW-Milwaukee, Cardinal Stritch University, Alverno College, and Viterbo College. In addition to parenting two children, Darlene taught in local elementary schools, including twenty years in the Grafton school system.

Darlene enjoys reading and traveling. She has spent multiple summers in Porto Santo Stefano, Italy, where she visited her married daughter and grandson. Most recently she has traveled to Turkey, which she describes as an “amazing, amazing experience.”

About her involvement in Osher, Darlene states, “I have met wonderful people.” She speaks fondly of the many members she has known and has worked with through the years such as Len Shore, Bill Felton, Jack Thompson and Ted Ulman. She has enjoyed sharing her interest in learning activities with others. Darlene credits her father as the source of her passion for education. She stresses the importance of an education for all children worldwide. Darlene Roberts has lived these values in her career and in her Osher committee endeavors.
Special Interest Group Notes
March—April, 2011

For more information about Special Interest groups, call the Group Coordinator.
Interest Groups are held at two locations:
UWM Hefter Conference Center, 3271 N. Lake Drive (Hefter)
Shorewood Public Library, lower level, 3920 N. Murray Ave. (SPL)

BOOK GROUP:
Cathy Morris-Nelson  414-352-2839
Third Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (SPL)
Mar. 15: “Island Beneath the Sea” by Isabel Allende
Apr. 19: Poetry, any selection

COMPUTER USERS’ GROUP:
Peter Lee  414-202-6312
Every Friday, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. (SPL)

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

FRENCH:
Prof. Martine Meyer 414-964-3717
Every Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (Hefter)
At this time the French Interest Group is not taking new members. It has reached capacity. The office is taking names for a wait list. Call 414-227-3222.

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

GOLD STAR MYSTERIES:
Beverly DeWeese  414-332-7306
First Thursdays, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. (Hefter)
Mar. 3: “Beekeeper’s Apprentice” by Laurie King;
“Art of Detection” by Laurie King
Apr. 7: “Beat the Reaper” by Josh Bazell;
“Blood Lies” by Daniel Kalla.

HISTORY:
Marilyn Walker  414-332-8255
Second & Fourth Wednesdays
9:00–10:00 a.m. (Hefter)
“Desert Queen: The Extraordinary Life of Gertrude Bell” by Janet Wallach
Mar. 23: pp 107-166  Apr. 27: pp 218-261

ITALIAN:
Silvana Kukuljan  414-332-4427
Every Tuesday, 12:00–1:15p.m. (Hefter)
At this time the Italian Interest Group is not taking new members. It has reached capacity. The Osher office is taking names for a wait list. Call 414-227-3222.

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

SPANISH CONVERSATION:
Simon Arenzon 262-242-2035
Every Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. (Hefter)
Osher Members Gear up for Spring Classes

About thirty Osher members registered for Spring Semester classes at the In-Person Registration Event. Held at the North Shore Presbyterian Church on January 26, members enjoyed snacks and coffee as they mingled with other members and discussed plans for the upcoming semester. Members had the opportunity to chat with Executive Director Cathie Sanders as she helped them select and register for classes. Archaeologist Raynelle Heil was present and shared information about her Osher course “Wonders Beneath the Surface: Prehistoric Indians of Wisconsin” that will run from April 7 until May 5.
“No man [or woman] is an island”

If an Osher member is experiencing health problems or the loss of a loved one, we want to make sure they know that their fellow Osher members care, and have not forgotten about them.

If you know someone that could use a little ray of sunshine, please contact one of the chairs of the Membership Committee and they will send an appropriate card.

Lynn Sager 414-964-5940 or ILSAG10@yahoo.com
Phil Rozga 414-332-4052 or PROZGA@sbcglobal.net

Out and About ---

Notes from the Executive Director:

--Please fill out the membership profile survey. This survey is a great place to suggest members either as a committee member or a course presenter. If, you haven’t received a survey just call the office and request one to be mailed, or go to the following link and fill out the survey online.

https://milwaukee.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_eguyCgJ0yWFBsUs

--We will be offering courses during the summer months, so watch your mail for the summer programs catalog that will be mailed in May.

--What committee would you like to join? We encourage members to get more involved in the organization. Call me at 414-227-3366 and I can answer your questions about responsibilities and time commitments. and also to let us know what skills you are interested in sharing with Osher.

— Let’s all think spring!

Cheers,

Cathie Sanders
Director
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Saturday 16
Go Explore
10:30-Noon
The Shepherd Expres(C)
The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) offers area residents a variety of unique educational experiences. Unless otherwise indicated, events are free. For a full schedule of UWM events, you can go to www.uwm.edu. Click on the “Quicklinks” button at the top of the page and go to Event Calendar. In the meantime, here’s a sampling of events to whet your appetite.

Art

38th Annual Juried Art Show
Friday-Saturday, April 22-30, 2011
UWM Union Art Gallery
Milwaukee student artists present work in a variety of mediums.
Contact: 414-229-4308

Great Books Roundtable Discussions

Roundtable Discussion
Wednesday, March 30, 2011; 7-9pm
Golda Meir Library, Special Collections, 4th floor, 2311 E. Hartford Ave.
Willa Cather: "Paul's Case" & "A Wagner Matinee"; and Susan Glaspell: "A Jury of Her Peers"
Website: http://www4.uwm.edu/libraries/special/currentevents/greatbooks/general_info2.cfm
Contact: 414-229-4345

Roundtable Discussion
Wednesday, April 27, 2011; 7-9pm
Golda Meir Library, Special Collections, 4th floor; 2311 E. Hartford Ave
John Stuart Mill: From Utilitarianism, Chapter 1 ("General Remarks") and Chapter 2 ("What Utilitarianism Is")
Website: http://www4.uwm.edu/libraries/special/currentevents/greatbooks/general_info2.cfm
Contact: 414-229-4345

Music

University Community Orchestra Spring Session
Wednesdays, March 9 16, 23 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2011, 7-9:30pm
Zelazo Center for the Performing Arts, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd, Room 280
No audition necessary. Culminates in a concert on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at 2:00 pm.
Fee: $99 on or before February 2, after which it is $109. Community members should sign up through the UWM School of Continuing Education by calling 414-227-3200, or online at: sce-registration.uwm.edu.
Contact: PSOA Box Office: 414-229-4308

Opera Scenes
Wednesday-Friday, March 16-18 2011; 7:30pm
Peck School of the Arts Recital Hall, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd, Milwaukee
Opera performance including works from Mozart, Donizetti and Bizet. Artistic Director: Teresa Seidl. Musical Director: Jamie Johns.
Fee: $12 general/$10 seniors, faculty and alumni/ $8 students
Contact: Box office: 414-229-4308

Chamber Orchestra Concert
Friday, April 1, 2011, 7:30pm
Bader Concert Hall, Zelazo Center, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd., Milwaukee
The Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Professor Margery Deutsch will present a Chamber Orchestra concert featuring soloist Stefan Kartman on cello.
Tickets: $10 general/$7 seniors and UWM students, faculty and alumni
Contact: Box office: 414-229-4308
Concert with Trumpeter Jon Faddis. Presented by the Bob Kames Foundation, in partnership with Jazz Studies at UWM
Saturday, April 2, 2011, 7:30pm
Helen Bader Concert Hall
The Bob Kames Foundation Jazz Festival, in partnership with Jazz Studies at UWM, presents a performance by world renowned trumpeter Jon Faddis and the Milwaukee Jazz Ensemble
Tickets: $28 general/$25 seniors, students, UWM faculty, staff and alumni
Contact: Box office: 414-229-4308

Percussion Ensemble with guest artist Bob Becker
Thursday, April 21, 2011, 7:30pm
Helen Bader Concert Hall
Bob Becker is revered around the world for his virtuosic ability on a variety of percussion instruments used in various musical genres from the Americas, Europe, Africa
Tickets: $17 general/$12 seniors, faculty, and alumni/$10 students.
Contact: PSOA Box Office: 414-229-4308

Theater

UWM Mainstage Theatre Series: The Last Days of Judas Iscariot
Thursday-Sunday, March 10-13, 2011, 7:30pm; Sunday 2pm
Mainstage Theatre
In a courtroom in present-day purgatory, the Bible's most unexplained villain is on trial, and everyone from Mother Teresa to Satan is called to testify. Both comedic and touching, Stephen Adly Guirgis' "street-poetic" play, "The Last Days of Judas Iscariot," asks if we are capable of true forgiveness and real compassion. It features dizzying, bountiful dialogue characteristic of the playwright’s hit plays, which meld street slang, rapturous poetry, rude comedy and literary references to Thomas Merton and W.H. Auden in a unique, thrilling way. UWM Theater Students will question their own values and test their skills in a play that is in its own way a prayer.” Director: Rebecca Holderness.
Tickets: $17 general/$12 seniors, faculty, alumni/ $10 students
Contact: LeRoy Stoner, lstoner@uwm.edu, 414-229-3913

Films

Fortune and Men's Eyes," with David Rothenberg
Friday, April 8, 2011, 7:30pm
Arts Center Lecture Hall
Film screening of of "Fortune and Men's Eyes," a prison drama produced by theatrical agent of David Rothenberg, a theatrical agent for Broadway and Off-Broadway productions in 1967. Rothenberg used his own money to produce the play, written by an obscure Canadian writer. As preparation for the play, Rothenberg and the actors visited Rikers Island, New York City’s main jail complex, an experience that led to Rothenberg's creation of the Fortune Society.
Contact: LeRoy Stoner, lstoner@uwm.edu, 414-229-3913

Lectures

UWM's Academic Adventurers: "A Peek at the Puzzles of Persia: Tales of Some Ordinary Iranians in Two Eras"
Friday, April 8, 2011, 3pm
Golda Meir Library, AGS Library, 3rd floor, east wing, 2311 E. Hartford Ave
Presented by Theodore von Briesen, American Geographical Society Library. UWM's Academic Adventurers is a continuing series of informal Friday afternoon programs which give members of the UWM community the opportunity to hear of their colleagues adventures abroad and afield.
Tea and talk afterwards, courtesy of the Friends of Golda Meir Library. All programs are held in the AGSL and are free and open to the public
Contact: 414-229-6282. Website: http://www4.uwm.edu/libraries/AGSL/even.cfm#AASeries

Friends of the Golda Meir Library Used Book Sale
Golda Meir Library, Conference Center, 4th Floor, 2311 E. Hartford Ave, Milwaukee April 4, noon - 6 p.m. UWM students, faculty and staff only (with valid ID)
April 5, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Open to the public
April 6, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Open to the public
Contact: 414-229-4786
A Fun Raising Idea
From: Terry Rozga, Past President

Do you remember when everyone asked you, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” There are times when I still ponder that question. Right now, however, I’m thinking of what we want our Osher organization to be “when it grows up”. I certainly want to see a continuation of short-term courses, trips and occasional social events. Perhaps each of these might also grow somewhat in scope.

Most of you know that our revenue stream consists of dues, fees from courses and primarily from the interest on our million dollar endowment. These sources provide a great base, but it’s insufficient to maintain even our present level of activities and certainly leaves nothing extra to expand.

I also know that all of us receive frequent phone calls and written appeals from the various groups we’re affiliated with, and even from some that we’ve never heard of. It’s not always easy to say “no,” I can’t support you this year. Relax, I’m not going to ask you for a monetary donation, but I am asking you to make an investment of time. Approach a friend, a family member, a neighbor or any acquaintance and encourage them to join Osher. There will be guest coupons and other incentives to bring anyone interested to various classes and events. Use them. The Osher foundation promises a second grant to those groups who double their membership goal. So, if every current member brings in a member, we could receive an additional million dollars as a secondary grant. This is the easiest, least onerous fund raising system I know. The added endowment would produce added interest and thus help us to make our desired expanded agenda a reality.

Think of this as FUN-raising. Not only would we be able to do more creative planning, we would have additional people with creative ideas participating in the activities. We presently have just over 550 members. We need to reach 1000 to reach this goal. I know of three people I’m going to encourage to become members. Who do you know that wants to join the fun?

Mentors Help Milwaukee Youth “Connect the Dots”

As an Osher member and veteran mentor allow me to introduce you to the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee’s Mentoring Programs. City middle and high school students need mentors – role models, guides, advocates and friends – to nurture their potential so they can “connect the dots” between who they are now and who they can become. Students in the Y’s One on One and Sponsor-A-Scholar programs face challenges in their schools and communities that put them at risk of educational failure. Volunteer mentors provide the critical one-on-one interaction that can make the difference in our young people’s chance for success, both academically and personally. For 22 years, the Y Mentoring Programs, guided by principles of youth development, character development and social responsibility, have made a difference for Milwaukee youth.

Where is there a more worthy reservoir of mentoring talent than within the Osher membership? For more information go to www.ymcamke.org, find “Programs” and click on “Mentoring.” Or call me, Tom Neubauer, 414-617-0012. I welcome your inquiry.
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Chris O’Brien…………… 414-228-8199

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Ruth Kurensky……………414-961-0427
Open Position

New Member Orientation
Wednesday, April 13
1:00-3:00 PM
Lake Park Community Room
3133 N. Newberry Blvd.

Please RSVP by April 8
to Kathy Czerniakowski
414-227-3222
kathycz@uwm.edu
Welcome

**NEW MEMBERS**

Elaine Berke  
Deborah Chesney  
Robert Chesney  
Barbara Drake  
Susan Foley  
Gail Ford  
Bill Ford  
Dolores Frankowiak  
Sally Hensel  
Catherine Hoelter  
Linda Kunz  
Elaine McDermott  
Tom Kutchera  
David McIntosh  
Jacquelyn Miller  
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Christine Stringfellow  
George Searing  
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Sheryl Van Haren  
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James Wenner  
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