Warning! Never go on the links with John Link. He concedes that he sometimes kicks his golf balls on to the fairway and seldom keeps score. But when writing for Osher Outlook, the newsletter staffer’s book reviews are always on par.

A prolific reader and history buff, Link has been affiliated with Osher for almost five years. He was hooked after enrolling in a history class that was informative and educational, but was equally impressed by another aspect. “It’s fun taking a class and not being required to study for a quiz,” Link said. Recently, when Linda Nolan, Osher’s Leadership and Development Chairperson, approached him and asked if he would be interested in reviewing books and writing for the newsletter, Link accepted the challenge since reading is one of his most desired pastimes.

Link enjoys reading and reviewing all types of books. Mysteries have been favorites for as long as he can remember. But history books are Link’s soul mates. His interest in history stems from childhood when his family took road trips from his home in Omaha, Nebraska, to Civil War battle sites throughout the country. By the time Link reached high school, he took history classes whenever he could.

However, when it was time for college, Link chose Sociology and English as majors at the University of Nebraska. After receiving a bachelor’s degree, he moved to Arizona and enrolled in a master’s program in rehabilitation counseling at the University of Arizona. But one graduate degree wasn’t enough for Link so he pursued a second one in public health from the University of Missouri. This triggered a job that brought him to Milwaukee in 1985 where he was hired as a planning analyst for the Milwaukee County Medical Complex. After County Hospital closed, he took a position with the Milwaukee Department of Health and Human Services and retired nine years later when offered an opportunity to retire early. Boredom settled in and it didn’t take long for Link to find another job. He went back to work doing home rehabilitation studies with a pilot program on weatherization.

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President’s Letter

Hi, I’m Phil Rozga, the newly elected president of Osher at UWM. I was going to start this message with a reference to “the changing of the guard”. Upon further thought, I realized that this was not a good idea. The “guard” usually does not get involved unless something bad is happening. Something is always happening at Osher, but it’s usually good. When I joined Osher about seven years ago we had about 350 members and a handful of courses. Now we have more than doubled the membership and we offer about a hundred courses given across three sessions each year. We have grown for two reasons. First, the Program Committee has developed diverse and appealing courses. The instructors are knowledgeable and enthusiastic. The students have really responded to the excellent offerings. The second reason for our successful growth is the members. They let their friends know about the fun and stimulation they receive through the organization, and then recruitment is easy.

With respect to my personal background, I’m a native Milwaukeean. I graduated from Marquette High and Marquette U. After a short stint in the Army, I worked at the Milwaukee Better Business Bureau for 17 years. Next, I worked at the Wisconsin Department of Banking. This was the state agency that regulated state chartered banks, finance companies, collection agencies and the consumer credit law. That department is now part of the Department of Financial Institutions. I retired in 2000. Since then I have been a volunteer at “Call 4 Action”, a customer assistance program at Channel 4 TV. I also serve on the Boards of Jazz Unlimited and of the Friends of the Domes.

Because I’ve been on the Osher Membership Committee, many of you have met me at the new members’ orientations. Others have been at the May Wine and Cheese parties that have been at our home, and we’ve met there. There was a line in the film “The Year of Living Dangerously” that said, “A stranger is a friend not yet met”. I’m looking forward to meeting all of you strangers this summer at courses, on trips, or at Lake Park on Musical Monday in July, because I need all the friends I can get.

Message from the Executive Director

Summer’s here and school’s out! Or is it? As Osher members, you probably realize that lifelong learning never really takes a holiday. I hope you are taking advantage of the wonderful offerings we have this summer. The Zoo, the Dennis Sullivan, Milwaukee’s Downtown architecture, the American Players Theatre and the Wisconsin Club are just a few of the unique locations we hope will broaden your horizons.

And why do this? You could just take the summer off, but I think each of you knows that learning needs to be always nurtured so it can in turn continually enrich your life. That is one of the things I really enjoy about our institute. I truly am in awe of the zeal that each of you has to feed your curiosity, increase your wisdom and broaden your skills and abilities.

A few months ago, I read a column in the New York Times by Nicolas Kristof. In it, he mentioned that he found the people that were the happiest later in life were those that had learned to lives in the grays. What he meant was that the people who had learned to accept ambiguity and not be fixated on absolutes were able to deal with change and uncertainly in their lives. Thus, they were happier and healthier. I think he’s right and I believe he’s offering one of the best reasons to be a lifelong learner. Eat right, exercise regularly, stay active in your community and never stop learning. These are the ingredients of a long, fulfilling life. Here’s to learning that never retires. Keep opening those new doors!

Kim C. Beck
The History SIG Summer Reads by John Link

The book last year was THE WARMTH OF OTHER SUNS: THE EPIC STORY OF AMERICA’S GREAT MIGRATION, by Isabel Wilkerson. This book focuses on three African-American families. These families are used to represent families of “The Great Migration”, when from 1915-1970 millions of African-Americans moved from the South to the cities of the North. There are many reasons for this migration: Jim Crow laws, poverty, (not many well off share croppers), job opportunities. The families’ described still face discrimination, but also felt greater freedoms to change their lives. The author interviewed 1200 people to create this narrative, which covers decades in the style of a novel.

The book for this summer CALL TO HOME: AFRICAN AMERICANS RECLAIM THE RURAL SOUTH, by Carol Stack. By 1975 the exodus from the South to cities of the North and West was turning back on itself and by 1990 half a million African-Americans had returned to the South. The author also uses families to narrate her story, and focuses on several poor counties in North and South Carolina. The return to the South was not motivated by prospect of better jobs, but it is a call of home and family. The passage of civil right and voting rights also played a part. The book describes importance of families the phrase “kinwork” is used to describe the help the families can gave or receive. This kinwork is a powerful resource that poor families use and have access to. Some of the families returned to the South to help families and never left. Strong communal ties, a place to call home, are profound for the author’s families. I was acquainted with an African-American family, in Milwaukee, who said when they retired they would return home,. They did move “back” to Tennessee. These books present a very interesting event in American history, which is still ongoing.

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The items on our itinerary included educational activities, meetings with some members of our congressional delegation and other local contacts, tourist activities, and entertainment. It was a full schedule but allowed for some time on our own. We also got plenty of exercise as the parking for our motor coach was very limited!

The educational activities were provided by interesting and knowledgeable speakers, experts on their topics, including: A professor at Georgetown University, *An Overview of American Government*, A congressional scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, *What’s Going on in Congress* A staff member from the Federal Elections Commission, *The Role of the Federal Elections Commission*, The Outreach Coordinator for the Center for Responsive Government, *Money and Its Effect on Elections and Public Policy*, The Assistant Director, Budget Analysis Division of the Congressional Budget Office, the budget process and funding for Social Security, The AARP Legislative Counsel and Legislative Policy Director, *Understanding the Role of the Lobbyist*, An intern with the Supreme Court who oriented the group to the Supreme Court Chamber, some history of the court, and the rituals of hierarchy; a short movie gave more history and included comments by former and current Supreme Court Justices.

The speakers provided historical perspectives and balanced views of current events and the state of government. Of note, all of the speakers addressed the current partisan divide in Congress, voicing concern that it is severely hampering the work of government. They were very receptive to the many questions posed by members of the group.

We met with Senator Kohl, Senator Johnson and Representative Sensenbrenner. Our time with Senator Kohl was brief but an aide spoke at some length about the workings of a senator’s office, the role of the aides and how Senator Kohl has approached the job. Senator Johnson greeted small groups and one of his aides also spoke to us. Representative Sensenbrenner met us in the hearing room of the House Judiciary Committee and described his role as a representative.

We also had the opportunity to meet several UWM Alumni who have been working in D.C., including Verna Curtis, a Library Curator at the Library of Congress, and Bob Biersack, a Senior Fellow with the Center for Responsive Government. Our tour concluded with meeting Milwaukee native and author, Sandy Horwitt, who spoke on *Reflections on the Week of Learning*.

We also did some of the sightseeing that is *de rigueur* in the capitol. The docent leading our tour of the Library of Congress told us about the history of the
library and showed us highlights of the library’s vast collections, including a Gutenberg Bible and a re-creation of Thomas Jefferson’s library. Restored in the 1980’s and 1990’s, the interior is nothing less than stunning, filled with the vibrant colors of painted walls and ceilings, representations of figures from mythology, history and literature, carved marble, and colored glass windows.

The Newseum is a relatively new must-see. We were the fortunate recipients of a personal tour of the facility whose mission, as noted on its website, is to educate “the public about the value of a free press in a free society and tell the stories of the world’s important events in unique and engaging ways.”

Throughout its seven levels are permanent and temporary displays and galleries including a piece of the Berlin Wall, an antenna from the top of one of the twin towers, Pulitzer Prize photographs, thousands of newspapers both current and up to hundreds of years old, and a memorial to journalists who died in the course of reporting assignments.

Over several evenings we had the opportunity to visit memorials including the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials. With the assistance of our guide for the evening, one of our group, June Wallace, located the name of a childhood friend on the Viet Nam Memorial Wall. Visiting the memorial is a moving experience at any time but it was even more so at that moment. We also visited the FDR Memorial and the recently installed Martin Luther King Memorial. The weather was lovely during these outdoor times with the rain holding off until we were safely on our way in the bus.

Our week was not all history and current affairs. We were entertained by the National Symphony Orchestra and their guests, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, a New Orleans swing group, at the Kennedy Center. And we enjoyed meals at a variety of restaurants including the Hard Rock Café; Mio, a restaurant serving Latin American cuisine; Carmines, home style Italian food; Sequoia, a new restaurant in Georgetown; and Tortilla Coast.

It was an invigorating trip intellectually and physically, one that created good memories!

Tour members, all former nurses, take a moment to appreciate the Vietnam Nurses Memorial.

Story by Kathy Johnson
Pictures by Kim Beck
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**Save the Dates**

**Fall Reception and In-Person Registration**

Tuesday, August 21 | 2:30-4pm | UWM School of Continuing Education
Enjoy conversation and refreshments in signing up for the Fall catalog. Open to members and prospective members. No RSVP required.

**New Member Orientation**

Wednesday, August 22 | 1-2pm | Lake Park Community Room

**Prospective Member Event**

Saturday, September 15 | 10am-Noon | UWM Hefter Conference Center

**Open New Doors Conference**

Friday, September 21 | UWM School of Continuing Education

**Corrections for Summer 2012 Catalog**

Please note the following corrections on page 20 of the Summer catalog:

- Behind the Scenes at the Milwaukee County Zoo
- **Wednesday, July 11** (NOT July 9 as it is listed)
  - Program No. SUMR:34
- A Visit to the Oshkosh Public Museum and Paine Art Center & Gardens
  - Wednesday, August 1
  - Program No. SUMR:42
  - Fee: $60 (NOT $45 as it is listed)
The OLLI Conference “Open New Doors”
September 21, 2012 at the UW Extension
Conference Center in downtown Milwaukee.

Many of you attended the last Osher conference “Grey Matters” in June of 2010. It was an invigorating exploration of ways to improve and enrich our lives while making a difference in the lives of others. Please join us in making this year’s conference a fun and successful one. With an emphasis on leadership and community involvement, this day-long event will feature a morning keynote address by Sr. Edna Lonergan, President of the St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care.

We have scheduled breakout sessions on Legacy Writing, Technology and Social Media, How to Go Green While Going Grey, and Travel with a Purpose. Other sessions on Genealogy, Neuroscience and Aging, Native American Alternative Health and Wellness, and Getting Involved in the Political Process are in the planning stages.

As we retire with more intellectual and physical vigor than previous generations, many of us want to use this time of life to serve and change and grow. The opportunity inherent in the growing population of retirees is a key focus of this conference. We will explore how to focus and engage our talents and energies to keep ourselves well, be active in our communities and help build a more sustainable world. Hope to see you all there. Kathy Brehmer

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Special Interest Group Notes July/August, 2012
For more information about Special Interest groups, call the Group Coordinator.
Interest Groups are held at two locations:
UWM Hefter Conference Center, 3271 N. Lake Drive (Hefter)
Shorewood Senior Resource Center, 3920 N. Murray Ave., lower level (Shorewood)

BOOK GROUP
Cathy Morris-Nelson  414-352-2839
Third Tuesdays, 10am–12pm Sept-June (Shorewood)
No meeting July/August

EARTH WISDOM
Dale Olen 262-339-5481
Second and fourth Wednesdays, 10:30am–12pm (Hefter)

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

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

GOLD STAR MYSTERIES
Beverly DeWeese  414-332-7306
First Thursdays, 1:30–3pm Sept-June (Hefter)
No meetings July/August

HISTORY
Marilyn Walker  414-332-8255
Second & Fourth Wednesdays, 9-10am Sept-May (Hefter)
No meeting July/August

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

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

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

SPOKEN THAI (Coming soon!)
Somchintana Ratarasarn  414-771-9065
Begins in September 2012

WRITING (New!)
Nancy Martin 414-228-5228
First & Third Tuesdays, 1:30–3pm Aug-June (Hefter)
No meeting July

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An Afternoon in Africa: Adekola Tells Her Story

Those of us who were at the Hefter Center on Thursday, May 11 were transported to another dimension. But first we became all relaxed and supple under the able direction of Adekola. Once our bodies were appropriately shaken and stirred we became transfixed with the story:

Brave African Warrior and Sweet Thang.

I will retell it, the short version without the music and dance. Let’s call them BAW and ST for short. The River Spirit figures prominently in the story as well. BAW and ST lived on opposite sides of an uncrossable river with no bridges. Love being strong even from opposite sides a way had to be found, and with much exchange of gold and sweet songs the River Spirit was convinced to part the waters and allow the lovers to come together. The audience made up the backup singers, thus clearly aiding the course of true love. However, ST’s mama was no pushover for the over the river guy, so more gold and sweet songs were necessary. After a few more complications ST’s family got onboard with the immigration plan and the lovers headed across the parted river. But BAW gave one too many gold bracelets to ST, forgetting he owed one more to River Spirit. River Spirit closed the river over them. They now live with River Spirit at the bottom of river(s). Gifts and appeasements are still given to River Spirit by lovers to clear the way for true lasting devotion. In other words ‘payment must be made’; you can’t get something for nothing.

Adekola’s solo performance of this whole story was enchanting, her musicians were captivating and those of us in the audience were darn fine backup singers. In addition to the lovely story we learned tidbits of history, both Adekola’s and Africa’s. Adekola is a skilled singer, dancer and storyteller. Her jazz renditions are reminiscent of the jazz greats. She moves with grace and precision, chronicling her tales with music and movement. As a child she, unknown to her mother, spend a few hours in her grandfather’s bar each afternoon until her grandmother arrived from work to pick her up. She was given “a whole bunch of quarters and some lemonade” and allowed to listen to the jukebox to her heart’s content. She soaked up music of the great jazz singers. When she was six she surprised her mother by belting out a Billie Holiday song. Music has been part of her life ever since. Her broad base of knowledge about the world’s spiritual concepts grounds her narrative of traditional African lore.

The guitarist Roger Brotherhood was amazingly adept, making the music look so easy you knew he was a real expert. He has performed with Berkley Fudge and others.

Carlos Adames, the drummer, was also beyond expert in providing a strong flexible seductive understructure, just the right beat and tempo for the extremely varied nature of the event. Carlos’s two tall tapering custom drums, a conga and a tumba, were beautiful to look at and beautifully played. It didn’t hurt that Carlos himself is movie star gorgeous. Of course mature citizens never notice. But we all had fun!

Diana Hankes
Hankes Transitions From Nursing To News

You may have noticed that Osher Outlook has made a few changes. It has new content, a new editorial staff, an official photographer, reporters and an editor. The editor, Dr. Diana Hankes, is a retired nurse. Yes, a nurse, and, no, she was not asked to nurse the newsletter back to health but to give it some tender loving care.

This is her first experience editing a newsletter but writing has played a major role throughout a brilliant nursing career. There is a book that claims Hankes as its author, “The Cardiac Surgical Clients Recall and Perceptions.” She has written scholarly articles for text books and journals as well as grant requests and numerous other papers. In addition, Hankes describes herself as a reading addict reading several books a week and spending hours in the public library perusing rare books, physics books and, from time to time, mysteries.

Hankes’ career began when she was graduated from Baraboo High School and moved to Milwaukee to enroll in Mount Sinai Hospital’s nursing school. Following her graduation as a registered nurse, she was hired by the Veterans Administration where she worked in the operating room. In 1969, about ten years into her career, the head nurse at St. Luke’s Hospital called and invited Hankes to join the hospital’s staff and assist with the first heart transplants in Wisconsin.

After 10 years at St. Luke’s and a bachelor’s degree from Alverno College, she enrolled and completed a master’s degree program at Marquette University. However, Hankes wasn’t finished. She continued on to receive a doctoral degree.

This accomplishment led to one of the most unforgettable moments of Hankes life, Hankes received her PhD during the same ceremony that her daughter, Michelle, was granted a bachelor’s degree in 1986.

Following her formal education, Marquette became Hankes’s home for many years where she taught at the College of Nursing. Then Carroll College (now Carroll University) approached and asked if she would help establish and direct its new School of Nursing. The request presented a challenge she could not resist.

Today, with her nursing career behind her, lifelong learning has become Hankes’ passion. In addition to editing the newsletter, she serves on the Leadership and Development Committee, attends Board meetings and is on the Social Committee. A necessity for her newsletter responsibility, she is learning a computer publishing program. In addition, Hankes takes Osher classes regularly, with Potpourri being among her favorite.

For exercise and relaxation Hankes turns to her ancestry and dons the clothing of a Scottish dancer to perform with the Milwaukee Scottish Country Dancers. Regardless of background, she invites all interested Osher member to join the group. We are looking for new members, she said.

Hankes and her husband, Ronald, have two children and three grandchildren. Their son, R.B, is a pilot for Federal Express and their daughter serves as a training consultant at Northwestern Mutual.

Leslie Clevert
tion for the Social Development Commission.

Today, Link is fully retired and keeps busy with swimming at 6:30 a.m. three times a week, tai chi, reading, traveling, church, caring for his home, Osher classes and the newsletter. Link occasionally plays golf but is not sure if he likes the game because he feels compelled to break the rules. When life gets too busy, he might decide to do absolutely nothing. Visiting every state in the nation is one of Link’s goals and he is well on his way with only eight states left to visit. “I’m not a huge world traveler,” Link confesses. But he has been to several fascinating places outside of the USA with historical relevance. Among them are Dawson City in the Yukon, Canada, and he can’t stop talking about Machu Picchu, a historical site in Peru that is almost 8,000 ft. above sea level.

Widowed and without children, Link lost his wife four years ago from cancer. He regularly travels to Omaha to visit his 91-year-old father and 85-year-old mother.

Leslie Clevert

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**Musical Mondays**

**Monday, July 16, 2012  6:30—8 P.M.**

The event is free and no reservation is required. If you like to sit up close to watch and see the group, you might want to come earlier. Bring your chair, picnic supper, including a beverage and join the Osher Life Long Learning group for a free, fun evening listening to the Milwaukee Jazz Quartet, Manty Ellis.

Musical Mondays is located in Picnic Area #3. Turn east at the intersection of Lake Drive and Kenwood Boulevard. You are now on Lincoln Memorial Drive. Head east on Lincoln Memorial Drive and take the first right at the top of the hill so that you are heading South. Follow the road to the end. Parking should be available in the area.

The program goes on rain or shine, but may be moved to the Marcia Coles Lake Park Community Room (located beneath Bartolotta’s Lake Park Bistro) if it doesn't look inviting outside.

Look for our group with some black and white balloons on a couple of tables. We try to get in the middle and just a little ways back. We really cannot reserve too many tables.

Chris O’Brien

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**Recipes in Translation**

With great enthusiasm the SIG Italian class started writing a book about Italian food. It was not to be merely a collection of recipes. The class was interested in the flavors, main staples, unique foods and other intangibles that are part of the way Italians prepare their food.

The book would have been completed a year ago if it were to be just in English. However, when that part was done, the decision was made that it should be bilingual: English - Italian. It made sense since this is the Italian class and there was a lot to learn in translating from one language to the other. The students have been very diligent in this en-

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deavor; it has been an ongoing assignment, and it has taken a lot of time.

Now the translations are almost done. We have two sources that will edit our Italian work. We would be very grateful if there were some from our Osher Organization, perhaps with a writing background, to look over our English writing, especially the Preface, Introduction and a few other narrative parts. We will appreciate any suggestions and help.

If you are interested, please contact Silvana Kukuljian via email at silvanabk@att.net
Welcome
New Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Members

NEW MEMBERS
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These are even newer members, names will be listed in the next issue. Welcome to all - new and newer members.

Prospective members meeting. We hope to see you soon as new members.