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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Greetings! Our 24th Year Welcomes New Initiatives and Special Fall Events—With an Eye Toward 25!

Greetings! As we eagerly await the start of the 24th year of our Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Dayton, it is my pleasure to welcome you this new program year. The excitement is building as we process last minute registrations and prepare for your arrival on campus. With 80 seminars total—53 brand-new offerings—we are off to an incredible start to what will surely be another record-breaking year. Be sure to encourage your friends and neighbors to join you this fall—don't let them miss out on the fun!

Our 24th year will welcome some new initiatives. I've been hard at work behind the scenes this summer to bring to life some of the hopes I've had for our program since the very beginning—including evening seminars and intergenerational opportunities to name a few. We are piloting UDOLLI at Night this year, offering seminars on Tuesday evenings from 6 – 8 p.m. with the hope of making our program available to those adults 50 and better who are working during the day and unable to participate. With the assistance and support of UDOLLI Consultant Tim Hrastar and the University of Dayton Center for International Programs, we are piloting our first Sages & Seekers opportunity and my dream of bringing intergenerational learning to our UDOLLI experience is realized. Read the article in this newsletter regarding this pilot and let me know if you would like to participate in future classes.

In addition, I am preparing now for Fall 2019 when we will kick-off our 25th anniversary of the UDOLLI. Working with the members of our UDOLLI Special Events Committee, we plan to make available ample opportunities to celebrate with a variety of events that will be fun, social, musical, educational, entertaining, and more. Watch for more information in this regard.

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Executive Director's Update (continued)

Speaking of UDOLLI Special Events, join us for our fall events including:

- Sunday, September 16: UDOLLI Fall Program Kick-off
- Thursday, October 11: UDOLLI Classical Guitar Recital featuring Richard Prigozen
- Wednesday, October 17: Lunchtime Poetry Reading with Betsy Hughes
- Thursday, November 1: UDOLLI Legacy Writers Readings

Contact the office of Special Programs and Continuing Education, 937-229-2347, for more information.

Wishing you all the very best as we begin this new program year!

Your Friend in Lifelong Learning, Julie Mitchell



UDOLLI President
Barbara Denison

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to UDOLLI's Fall Term

Welcome to the fall term of UDOLLI. I am excited to be taking a variety of classes and catching up on members' travels over the summer. We extend a special welcome to all new UDOLLI members. Please take advantage of the member benefits including lunching in the cafeteria or patio, relaxing in the Resource Room or strolling through the Reflection Garden. Look for our fall special events: the Richard Prigozen classical guitar concert on October 11, and the Legacy Writers Readings on November 1. Your questions can be answered in the Special Programs and Continuing Education Office, of which UDOLLI is a part.

My personal summer travels included spending most of July in New Zealand visiting our family and taking advantage of the spectacular scenery and wonderful wine country. I celebrated another landmark by attending my 50th college reunion at Denison University. Most of my classmates are retired and it was fun to see how many recommended their OLLI programs as a way to learn new subjects, meet new people and also enjoy getting back to our liberal arts studies of history, geography, art, languages, and music.

As UDOLLI approaches its 25th year next year, the Special Events Committee is working on the celebration. Our Ad Hoc Interactive Learning Committee has been exploring new ways to deliver seminars to our members. In 2019, Paul Cooper will be offering the online course in Aviation History and Don Quigley will offer a hybrid class (half on campus, half online) on Critical Issues in Artificial Intelligence. Meanwhile on the second floor of Daniel J. Curran Place, enjoy the new chairs in two more classrooms. These are part of the three-year plan to replace all of the original chairs. Please feel free to share your ideas with me, Executive Director of Special Programs and Continuing Education Julie Mitchell, or any of the UDOLLI Board of Advisors members.

Have a great fall term!

AMERICA'S HEART AND SOUL WITH SAGES & SEEKERS



You may remember hearing about Sages & Seekers. Here is an explanation about this ground-breaking pilot program that benefits both the University of Dayton and UDOLLI.

America's Heart and Soul with Sages & Seekers is a University of Dayton undergraduate course designed in partnership between UDOLLI and Nicholas Taggart, Director of UD's Intensive English Program for the UD Center for International Programs.

The course, offered through the Center for International Programs, is designed by Jeri Taylor who is an instructor in the Intensive English Program. The course teams up UDOLLI members (Sages) with UD international students (Seekers). The objective is for UDOLLI members to learn from the international students about the students' lives, culture and customs, and for the students to learn from the UDOLLI members about their life experiences, and American culture and customs.

During UD's current fall term, Sages & Seekers are meeting weekly to view 20 minutes of a Disney documentary, *America's Heart & Soul*. Then the two groups participate in activities and discussions about key documentary issues related to culture, customs, religion and spirituality, daily life, and values.

For the final project (exam), the groups will create a digital collage around the theme, "We are more alike, than different." The collage will be a look at what the participants came with, what they learned, and what they are taking away.

"My hope is to continue to build this partnership," says Executive Director Julie Mitchell, "so that we have a regular 'Sages & Seekers' course participation to offer for each UDOLLI program—fall, winter and spring. Although UDOLLI does not currently need additional Sages, if you are interested, contact Julie Mitchell at 937-229-2605 or jmitchell1@udayton.edu and she will gladly add your name to her list.

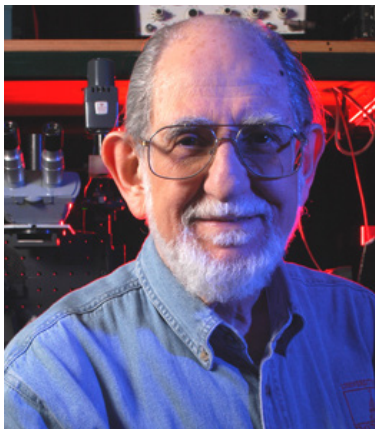


Initial Sages & Seekers meeting at Carillon Park

ANOTHER UDOLLI VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: TECHFEST!



TechFest at Sinclair College



Perry Yaney

One of the missions of UDOLLI's program, Connecting Generations & Cultures, is to identify and promote volunteer opportunities that exist within the UD and Dayton communities. These volunteer opportunities offer UDOLLI members a unique chance to share their life or work experiences and knowledge.

TechFest is one such volunteer opportunity. We talked to Perry Yaney and Jim Solomon about TechFest. Here is what they said:

What is TechFest?

TechFest is a free, two-day event presented in a festival-like setting and held annually at Sinclair Community College. Organized by the Affiliate Societies Council of Dayton since 2003, the event is designed to inspire young students to explore career opportunities in the world of STEM—science, technology, engineering, and mathematics—and encourage parents to help their children to enjoy the STEM studies. Typically, for all ages the event offers more than 70 STEM exhibits and over 30 introductory and fun presentations called “info-tainment.” The exhibitors represent professional societies, universities, colleges, companies, and similar organizations.

What is your UD affiliation both at UD and with TechFest?

Perry: I was one of the founders of the Electro-Optics Graduate Program in the Physics Department at UD and retired in 2004 as Professor Emeritus and continue to research and consult with various faculty and students. For TechFest, from 2003 to 2015, my role as a Core Team member was to plan, organize, and coordinate exhibits.

Around 2014 I renewed my friendship with Jim Solomon. Experiencing the limitations of age, I asked if he would take over coordinating TechFest exhibits—which he has done very well!



Jim Solomon

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Another UDOLLI Volunteer Opportunity: TechFest! (continued)

Jim: I am retired from UD's Research Institute and am now TechFest's exhibit coordinator. My job is to solicit exhibitors that can provide educational STEM hands-on experiences. There is no fee for exhibitors to participate, and the goal is to attract approximately 70 exhibitors. In addition, I help to market TechFest by organizing distribution data for schools, teachers, and students. My other TechFest function is to serve as the official photographer for the Affiliate Societies Council.

What are the volunteer options for UDOLLI members?

TechFest needs assistants in the following categories: fundraising and financial management; exhibitions; volunteer coordination; registration; marketing; program management; graphic art; souvenir store; and office assistance (making and answering calls, using Word, Excel and such, and other general office tasks).

How does a volunteer benefit?

Volunteers benefit through the satisfaction of participating in a program that exposes all ages to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; by seeing our dedicated exhibitors and presenters in action year after year; by seeing the excitement and wonder on the faces of children that experience TechFest; and by knowing that this great program will continue because of their help. Those whose work activities were not in science, technology, engineering or math are encouraged to volunteer.



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How can a UDOLLI member volunteer or obtain additional information?

You can gather information or make contact in several ways:

- ASC website: ascdayton.org
- TechFest website: ascdayton.org/TechFest (Provides details about ASC, TechFest, and the awards program)
- Office phone: 937-224-8513
- Email: office@ascdayton.org

Of note, TechFest organizing work starts in late October with invitations to exhibitors and presenters and the pace picks up in mid-January. TechFest is always the Saturday and Sunday of the weekend preceding Presidents' Day in February; and everything wraps up by April.

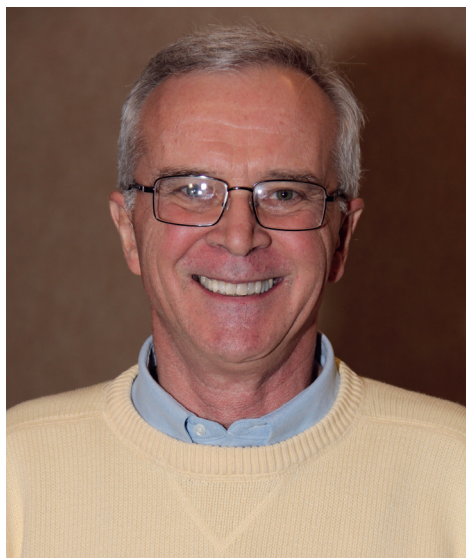


Is there anything additional?

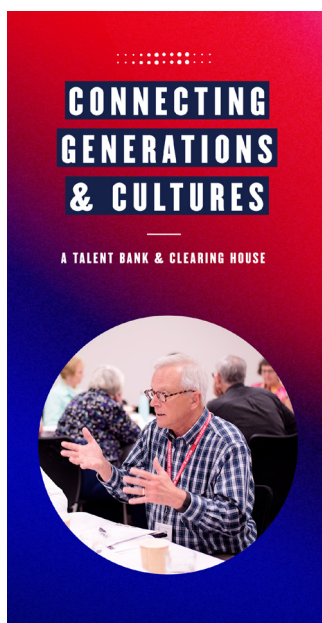
ASC is a nonprofit and the “mother organization” of TechFest and the Outstanding Engineers and Scientists Awards program. The awards program provides recognition for outstanding accomplishments by engineers and scientists in the Miami Valley. It gives organizations a platform to recognize outstanding workers. In many cases there are no other opportunities available for this kind of recognition.

For TechFest to continue, new volunteers are needed to help organize and run the event. The time commitment is relatively small. What a wonderful activity to include in your retirement!

THE CONNECTING GENERATIONS & CULTURES INITIATIVE IS GETTING MORE VISIBLE



Article Contributor and UDOLLI
Past President Tim W. Hrastar



Connecting Generations & Cultures
Brochure

Since 2013 our UDOLLI program has sponsored a unique initiative called Connecting Generations & Cultures. Starting this fall the CGC initiative is becoming more visible. CGC is a “Talent Bank & Clearing House” that connects interested UDOLLI members who want to share their expertise and experience with community organizations in the Miami Valley. The idea is to use your career experience to help local organizations carry out their missions.

How to Register as a CGC Professional Volunteer

It's easy to get involved. Just register as a CGC Professional Volunteer at the UDOLLI website (go.udayton.edu/cgc) and complete a simple application. It will take about two minutes, and you are in our database. You can also get an application form from the office and complete it by hand.

Here's How it Works

When we have a community organization that is looking for expertise in a certain area, we send out an email to all those registered as CGC Professional Volunteers. The email will explain what you need to know about the organization including contact information. If you are interested you just contact the organization directly and you are on your way to a new adventure.

You probably remember receiving about six or eight emails this past year from our partner organizations looking for volunteers. By completing an application for our database only those who are interested will get an email. However, occasionally we will alert our entire membership of various opportunities.

We are continually making contact with community organizations and letting them know about our highly educated, talented, and experienced members we have at UDOLLI. You may be a senior, but you're not done yet!

Become a CGC Professional Volunteer now!

Go to the website (go.udayton.edu/cgc) or pick up a brochure at the office to learn more about the Connecting Generations & Cultures initiative. Volunteer applications can also be found at the office.

HOW MANY UDOLLI RETREAT ATTENDEES CAN YOU RECOGNIZE?

This photo identifies the UDOLLI Officers, Board of Advisors, and Consultants along with SP&CE Executive Director Julie Mitchell and Associate Provost, Graduate Academic Affairs, Paul Vanderburgh. The photo was taken during the annual UDOLLI weekend retreat which was held this year at Deer Creek State Park in central Ohio on May 22 – 23, 2018—a working retreat (with a little fun time thrown in). A framed photo of the group also appears in the UDOLLI Resource Room.

You are apt to see these dedicated individuals at UDOLLI special events or in attendance at your seminars. Scroll through the photo—How many UDOLLI retreat attendees can you recognize?



BACK ROW (from left to right): Tim Hrastar, Bill Schaff, Carl Nichols, Dave Borchers, David Vomacka, Don Quigley, Cheryl Kern, George Kibler
MIDDLE ROW (from left to right): Barbara Denison, Denise Brecht, Priscilla Mutter, Franklin Lewis, Laureene Bollinger, Carol Bucklew, Roger Fortman
FRONT ROW (from left to right): Jim Miller, Fred George, Julie Mitchell, Paul Vanderburgh, Jude Walsh Whelley, Gary Ruff, Mary Ann Gasior

JULIA PATTERSON'S "A FINE GARDEN"



In the spring 2018 term at UDOLLI, a new seminar was offered called “Time and Place”—Julia Patterson’s “A Fine Garden.”

The moderator was Mike Schumacher, and the purpose was to rediscover the 1850s kitchen and herb garden at the Patterson Homestead on Brown Street. During the summer of 2017, UDOLLI students helped recreate this garden with 50+ different types of plants. As a followup to that venture, the 2018 session continued to explore Dayton’s history, as well as comparing the Patterson effort to such other historic garden sites as Monticello, Colonial Williamsburg, and Adena. Mrs. Hope Taft, former First Lady of Ohio, also shared her experiences creating the Heritage Garden at the Governor’s Residence in Columbus.



Mike Schumacher, retired after 36 years as a lab researcher and environmental manager at Wright-Patterson AFB, has also served as a Greene County Master Gardener. He helped create the Diabetic Clinic Gardens at the Wright-Patt Medical Center, which won an International Master Gardener Excellence Award. A co-founder of the Little Miami Watershed Network, Schumacher is an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist, and a member of Dayton History. In July 2017, he was Conservationist of the Year for the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District.

On April 2 of this year, Schumacher emailed a message to his students that reflect his joy in the

work he does. The message reported that a swallowtail chrysalis had been found in dried herb stalks that were being kept in his home office. The plan was to feed the butterfly and release it outside when the weather was warm enough. Thanks to the Patterson Homestead garden project, food and shelter were provided to this fragile being. Schumacher reported that his naturalist friends were jealous of the butterfly in his office.

Asking the participants to think about what they see as the purpose of gardens for the next class, the email continued to list some of the possible answers: project power, wealth, and social status, provide historical and educational information, relax and soothe humans, serve as places of beauty and solace, or just allow us to hang out or get some exercise.

Do you enjoy gardening and history (or maybe want to learn more about both)? Then this may be the seminar for you next time it’s offered. Who knows? Maybe that grateful black swallowtail butterfly will even show up at the Patterson Homestead.

SAMUEL LAUBER'S PHOTOGRAPHS: NOW ON EXHIBIT!



Exhibiting Photographer and UDOLLI Member Samuel Lauber

UDOLLI and member Samuel Lauber invite you to enjoy Sam's photography exhibit now on display in the UDOLLI Resource Room, second floor of Daniel J. Curran Place. The exhibit of 10 photographs depicts mostly landmarks and will show now through November 2018.

Sam Lauber is a native Belgian and speaks French fluently. He spent 36 years with the military: 4 years active duty with the US Air Force and 32 years as a government employee working with the US Army, US Navy, and US Air Force. Of the 32 years, he spent 17 years working with the US Army in both Germany and Holland. He holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in social work with specialization in community organization (program development and teaching mental health related issues).

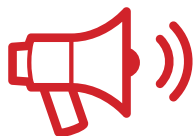
UDOLLI REMEMBERS ENRIQUE ROMAGUERA

"... A special gift to UDOLLI," is the way Executive Director Julie Mitchell described Enrique Romaguera who died in May 2018. Enrique was a professor at the University of Dayton for 36 years, until his retirement in 2005. He continued to employ his considerable skills when he began moderating in 2000 at UDOLLI. He was a "distinguished moderator," teaching 35 courses over 17 years.

A native of Puerto Rico, Enrique earned a master's degree at Ohio University and language certificates in French and Russian from McGill University in Canada and The University of Leningrad in Russia.

In addition to his special interest in language, Enrique Romaguera moderated UDOLLI courses in other areas of particular interest, including, "Navigating Among the Stars", and "The Charting of Time/Space and Human Endeavors". He was the author of five plays and he directed over 80 plays in many languages.

Enrique was a founding member of Queen of Apostles Catholic Church and he will be greatly missed by members of that community. He will also be sorely missed by the members of UD's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, whose lives were enriched by the ideas presented in Enrique Romaguera's classes.



ITEMS GOOD TO KNOW

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON SPEAKER SERIES

The 2018 – 19 University of Dayton Speaker Series is free and open to the public. No ticket required, and seating is first-come, first-served. For more information on the Series, visit go.udayton.edu/speakerseries.

UD'S CHAPEL CHOIR LOOKING FOR MEMBERS

Join UD's Chapel Choir. All singers and instrumentalists are welcome. Sing and play for the weekly Sunday 10 a.m. Mass, in addition to large liturgical events throughout the year. Rehearsals are each Sunday morning before Mass, no rehearsals during the week. For more information, contact Scott Paepflow at spaepflow1@udayton.edu or 937-229-2052.

UDOLLI'S ONLINE REGISTRATION "PRACTICE" SITE

UDOLLI has created an online "practice" site to clarify how to register online for UDOLLI seminars. Using the site demonstrates how the online registration process works. While all the seminars on the site are "fake," the site functions in the same manner as "live" registration. Page displays, security parameters, and seminar selections work as if the site was live, however, it does not ask for credit card payment. For more information, contact the Special Programs and Continuing Education Office at dquillen1@udayton.edu or 937-229-2347.

DAYTON SEWING COLLABORATIVE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The non-profit Dayton Sewing Collaborative (daytonsewing.com) is a 3000 square foot sewing facility that provides: entrepreneurial support services; small run manufacturing; workforce development training; and shared collaboration space for area sewists. The collaborative is looking for expert volunteers to help out in two areas: volunteer coordination, and marketing and communication. Time commitment is about eight hours a week, with most tasks performed remotely. For more information, contact Brenda Rex at daytonsewing@gmail.com or 937-476-1455.

A CALL FOR UDOLLI MODERATORS

UDOLLI plans its curriculum throughout the year and is always looking for moderators to lead seminars. If you have information, gained either through work or life experiences, that you would like to share, contact Executive Director Julie Mitchell at jmitchell1@udayton.edu or 937-229-2605. Moderators and their spouses can take seminars throughout the academic year at no charge, in addition to benefitting from many campus privileges.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

UDOLLI ANNUAL KICK-OFF

Sunday, September 16, 2018, Daniel J. Curran Dining Room, 1:30 – 4 p.m.
Prayer Service, followed by an ice cream social with the Miami Valley Music
Men barbershop group. Call 937-229-2347 for reservations.

UDOLLI FALL PROGRAM

September 20 – November 9, 2018. There's still time to register.
Call 937-229-2347.

UDOLLI WINTER PROGRAM

January 14 – February 25, 2019.

UDOLLI SPRING PROGRAM

March 18 – May 3, 2019.

UDOLLI SUMMER PROGRAM – DAY 1

May 9, 2019, Includes UDOLLI Annual Meeting and Moderator Appreciation Luncheon.

UDOLLI SUMMER PROGRAM – DAY 2

June 13, 2019.

FREE DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

"I Can Only Be Mary Lane" (60 min.), an 82 year old Chicago Blues singer still pursuing
her dreams. Q&A to follow: Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 7 p.m.,
Sears Recital Hall. UD Filmmaker Jesseca Simmons.

UDOLLI FALL FOOD DRIVE

Monday, October 15 through Friday, October 19, 2018. Donation bins are in the UDOLLI
Resource Room, second floor of Daniel J. Curran Place. Donate non-perishable food
items, paper products, household cleaning supplies, pet food and supplies, personal
grooming items, and baby supplies. Monetary donations are wonderful. Make checks
out to Dayton Food Bank.

CLASSICAL GUITAR MUSICAL

Thursday, October 11, 2018. Bring a friend. More details to come.

UDOLLI'S FALL BUS TRIP TO KEENELAND RACE TRACK IN LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

Thursday, October 18, 2018. Cost is \$60 per person and includes: All transportation,
including driver's tip; Keeneland general admission, taxes and program; and buffet
dinner in the Phoenix Dining Room. Register online at: udayton.eventsair.com/udolli/keen101818 or call 937-229-2347.

LEGACY WRITERS READINGS:

Thursday, November 1, 2018. Bring a friend. More details to come.